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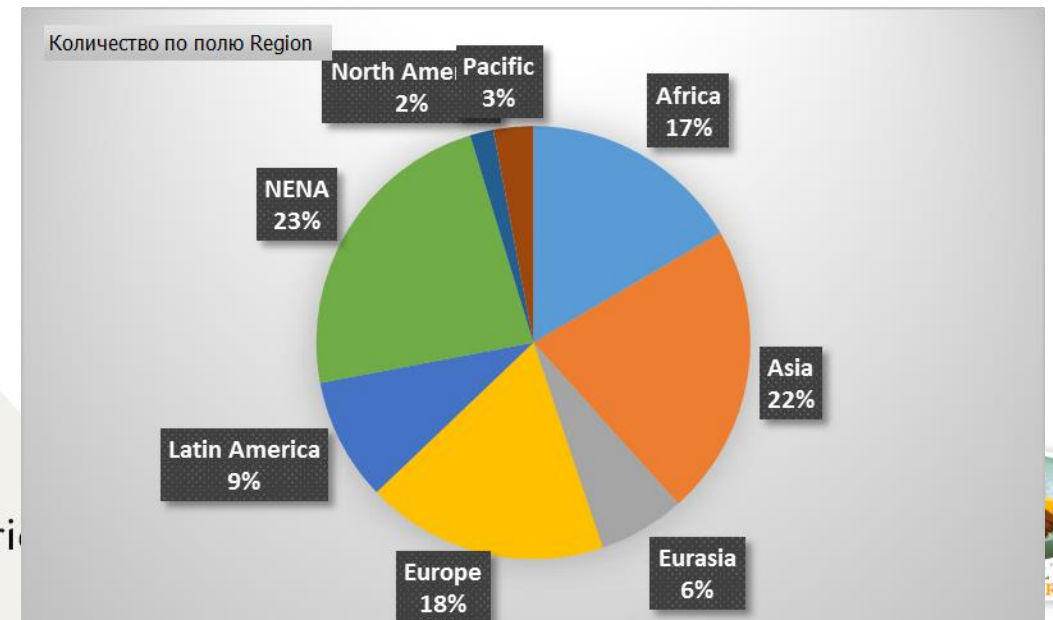
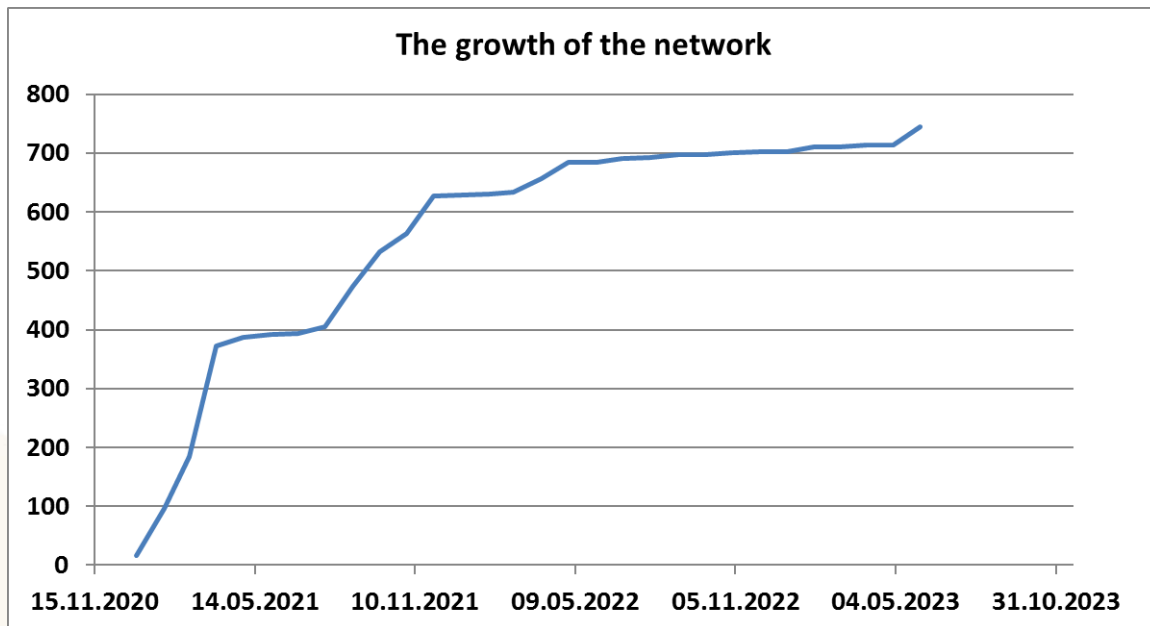
GLOSOLAN and the FAO's International Network on Salt- Affected Soils (INSAS)

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About INSAS

- INSAS was established in 2019 under the aegis of the Global Soil Partnership with the aim to **facilitate the sustainable and productive use of salt-affected soils** for current and future generations
- **First meeting of INSAS** took place on April 14-15, 2021 (virtual format) where the **governance** of INSAS was established and the **working groups** were formed
- At present, INSAS has **743 members** from **125 countries**



Second meeting of INSAS (Tashkent/Nukus, May 22-26, 2023)

- +170 in-person participants from 24 countries and +370 online participants from 78 countries
- Conference, technical sessions of INSAS working groups, trainings, field excursion to the dried bottom of the Aral Sea and halophyte farm
- The work plan of INSAS for 2023-2024 and onwards have been approved
- The materials of this meeting are available at:
<https://www.fao.org/index.php?id=118216>



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Working groups of INSAS

Working group	Activity	Number of experts	Number of countries represented
SAS&Assessment	Mapping, assessing and monitoring of salt-affected soils	142	59
SAS&SSM	Sustainable management of salt-affected soils (practices, policy)	157	68
SAS&Crops	Halophyte agriculture and salt-tolerant crops and plants	65	33
SAS&Water	Integrated soil and water management under saline/sodic conditions	135	60

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Ongoing activities of INSAS

- **Global report** on the status of salt-affected soils;
- **Standard Operating Procedures** for salt-affected soils (jointly with GLOSOLAN);
- Series of **webinars** covering measurement, sampling, modeling and management of salt-affected soils;
- **Harmonized protocols** for soil salinity/sodicity sampling, mapping and assessment;
- **Database of good practices.**



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Status with the Global Assessment of Salt-Affected Soils

Introduction
Chapter 1. Salt-affected soils: the global perspective
Chapter 2. Drivers of soil salinization and sodification
Chapter 3. Soil salinization and sodification
Chapter 4. Status of salt-affected soils
Chapter 5. Effect of salinization/sodification on food production, food security, and socio-economic situation
Chapter 6. Responses to the challenges
Conclusions

STATUS (as of June 16, 2023):
texts – 16 countries (40 authors)
questionnaire – 50 countries
(91 authors)
national reports – 39 countries
(205 authors)

GSAS questionnaire

Regional coordinators (in alphabetic order):

- Sanjay Arora (Asia),
- Raul Lavado (Latin America and Caribbean),
- Katarzyna Negacz (Europe and Eurasia),
- Stephen Roecker (North America),
- Ahmad Majar (Near East and North Africa),
- Mary Idowu (Africa),
- Ed Lennard-Barrett (Australia and Pacific)

Africa

Benin
Botswana
Cameroon
Djibouti
Ethiopia
Ghana
Kenya
Liberia
Mauritania
Mozambique
Nigeria
Sierra Leone
South Africa
Togo
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania
Zimbabwe

Asia

Bangladesh
China
Malaysia
Pakistan
Thailand
Europe and Eurasia
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Israel
Italy
Kazakhstan
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
Russian Federation
Spain
Ukraine
United Kingdom

Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina
Brazil
Colombia
Mexico
Paraguay

Near East and North Africa

Algeria
Egypt
Iran
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libya
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
Tunisia
United Arab Emirates
Yemen

North America

USA

Timeline

March – September 2022	October 2022	November 2022 – February 2023	March – June 2023	July – August 2023	September – October 2023	November 2023	WSD-2023 (December 5)
Development of ToC and GSAS questionnaire	Call for contributions	Receiving questionnaire responses and chapters	Compiling a draft version	Revision by the editorial board and ITPS	Modification after revision, compiling a final version	FAO publishing system	Launch

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Review of GLOSOLAN Standard Operating Procedures

SOP	Status
Boron by hot water extraction	Reviewed, under publication
pH determination	Reviewed, under publication
Saturated paste extract	review ongoing
Electrical conductivity (1:5)	to be reviewed

