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Soil spectroscopy
training workshops

Unlocking the Science of Soil and Plant Diagnostics at CIFOR-ICRAF's State-of-the-Art Laboratory



**Online
webinars**

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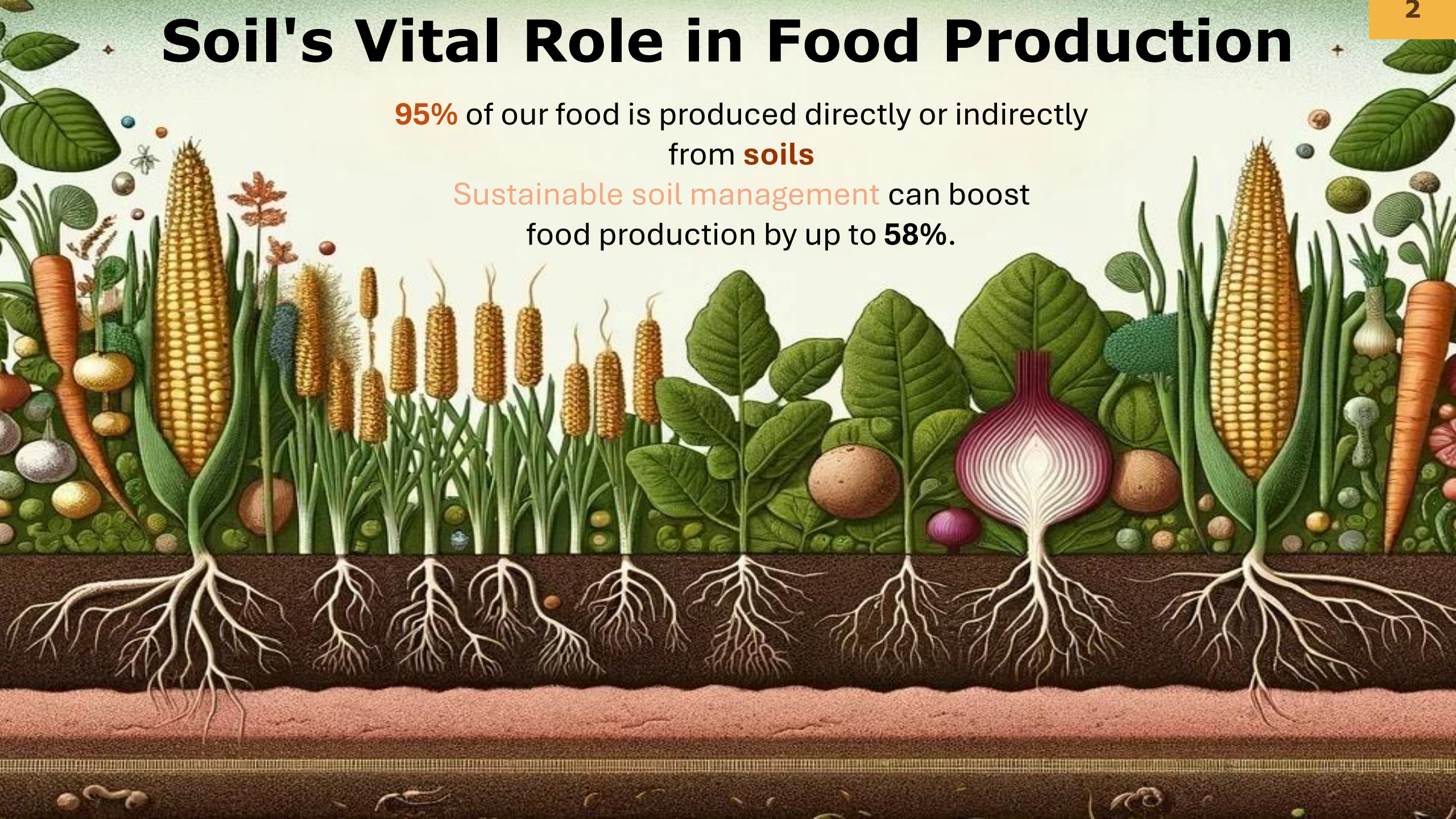


**GLOBAL SOIL
PARTNERSHIP**

Soil's Vital Role in Food Production

95% of our food is produced directly or indirectly from **soils**

Sustainable soil management can boost food production by up to **58%**.

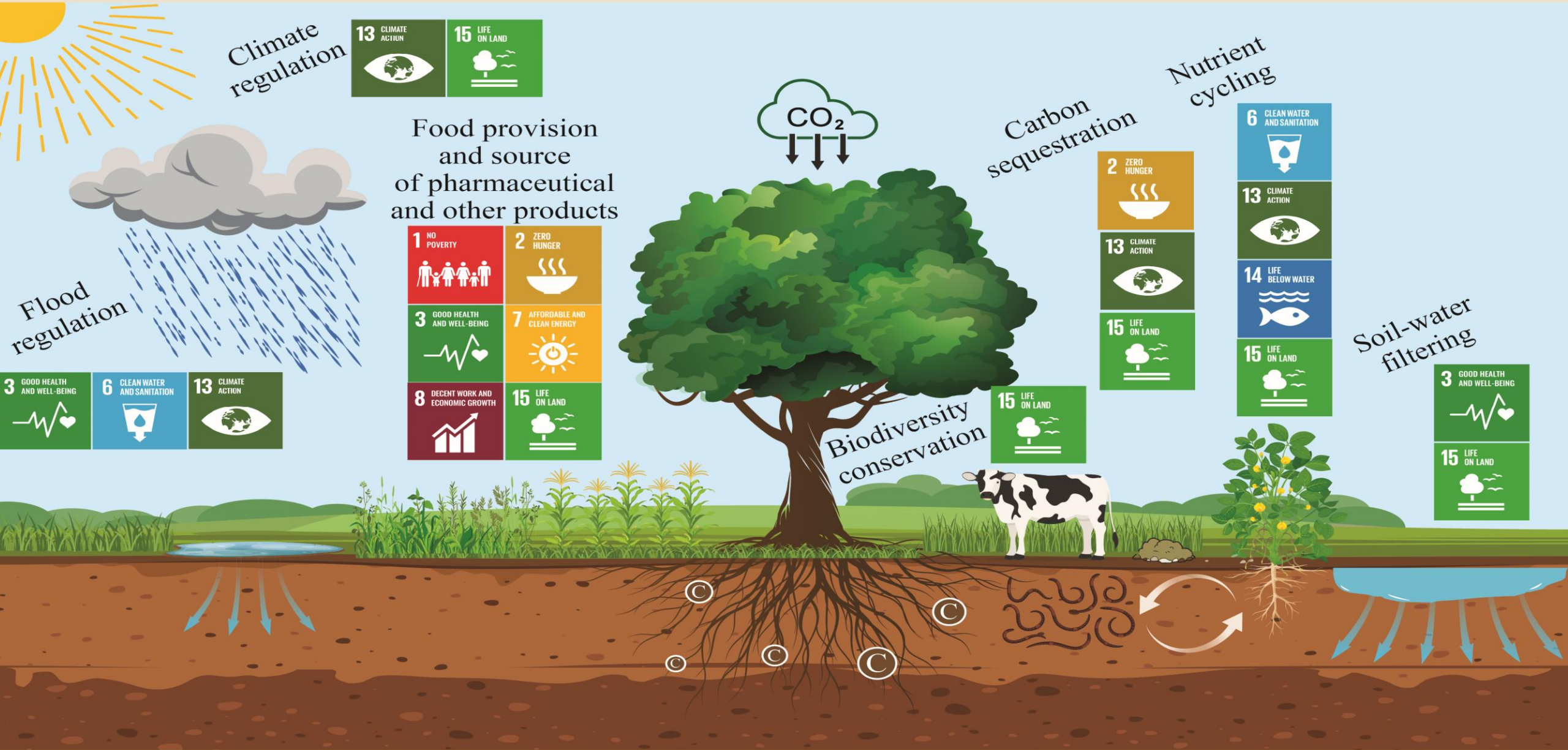


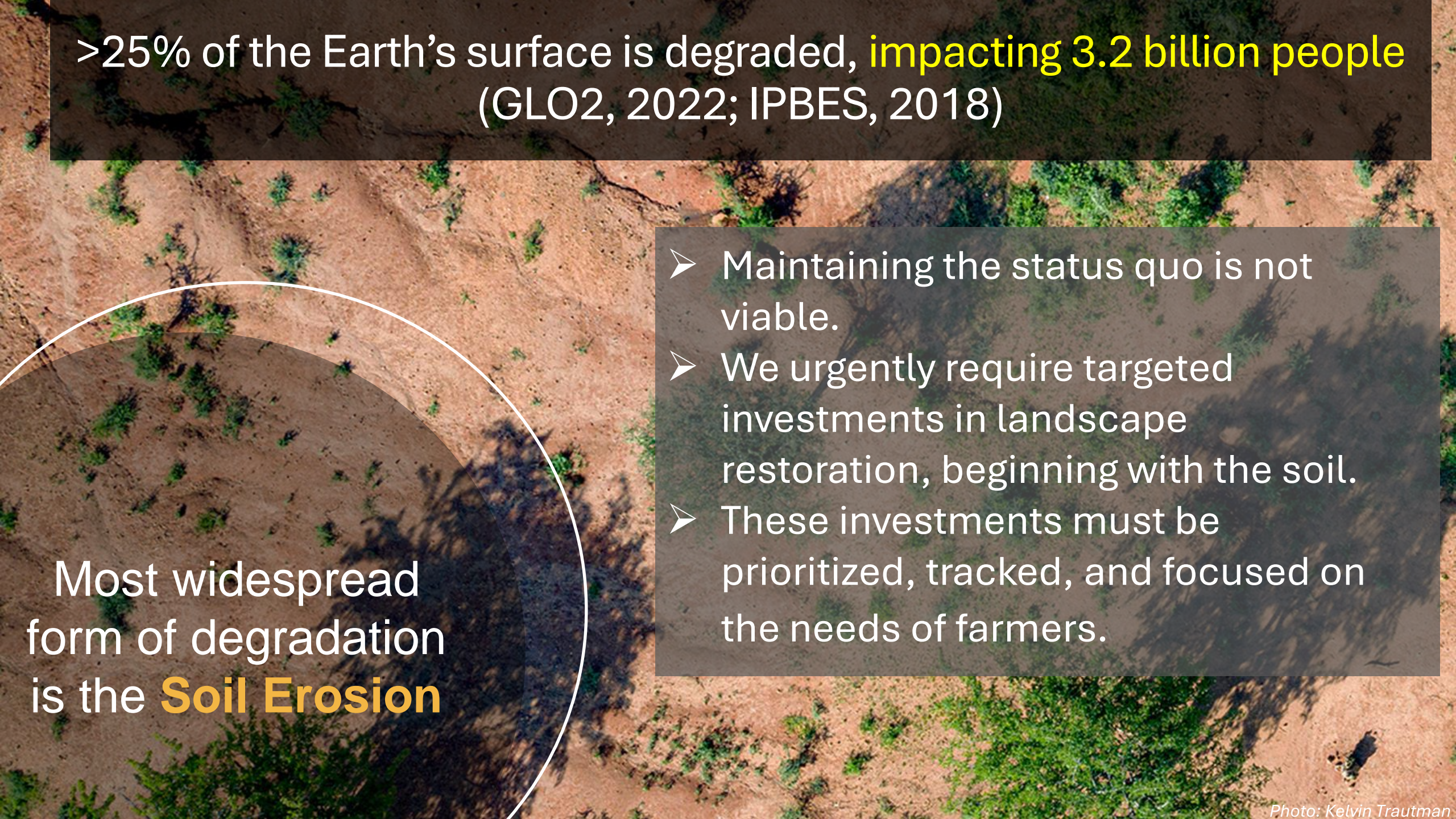


Healthy soil is the ability of the soil to sustain the productivity, diversity, and environmental services of terrestrial ecosystems.”

(Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils, 2020)

Soil health is the bedrock of sustainable development, grounding our aspirations for a better world through the achievement of the SDGs



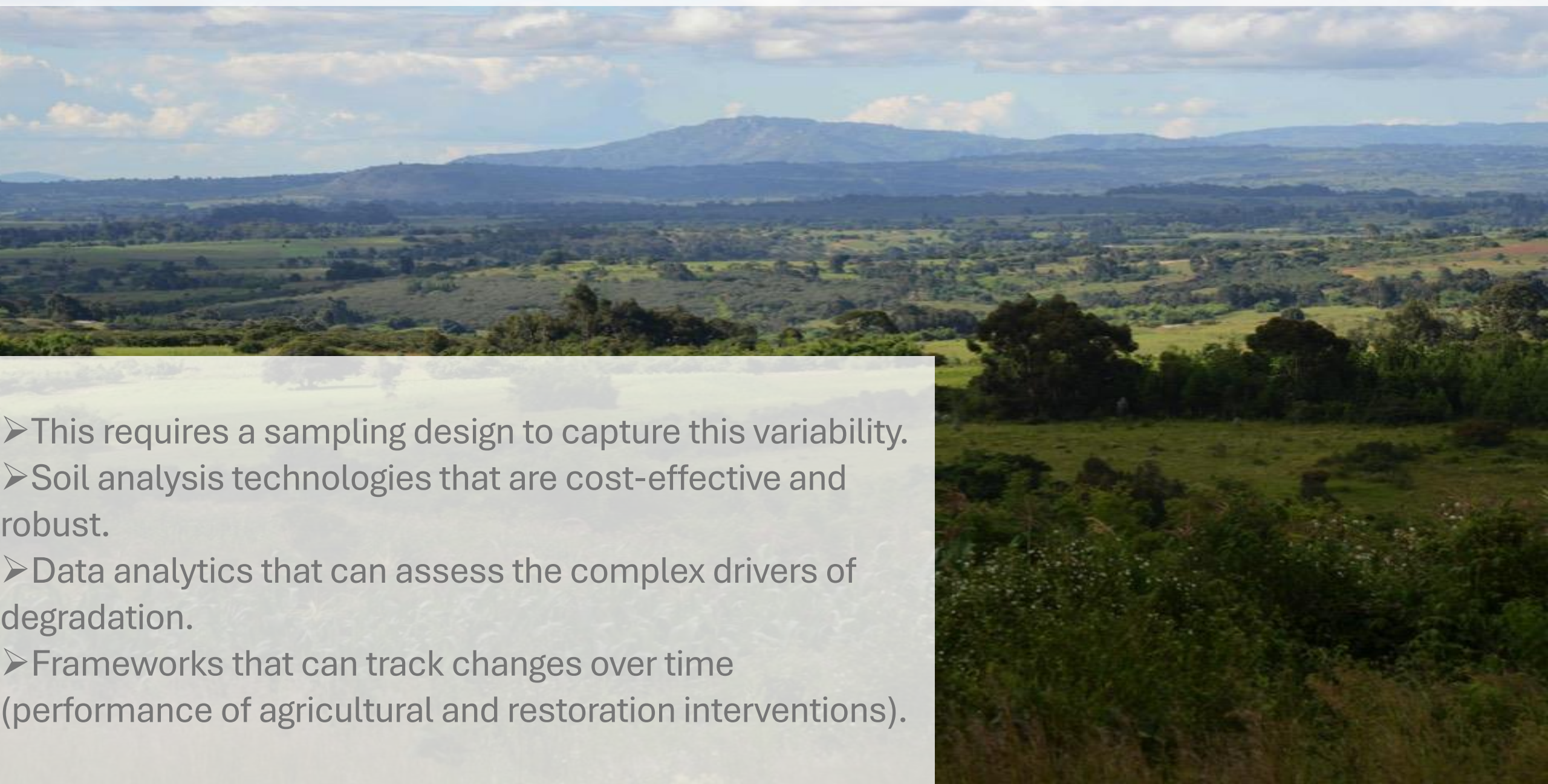


>25% of the Earth's surface is degraded, **impacting 3.2 billion people**
(GLO2, 2022; IPBES, 2018)

Most widespread
form of degradation
is the **Soil Erosion**

- Maintaining the status quo is not viable.
- We urgently require targeted investments in landscape restoration, beginning with the soil.
- These investments must be prioritized, tracked, and focused on the needs of farmers.

Landscapes are diverse

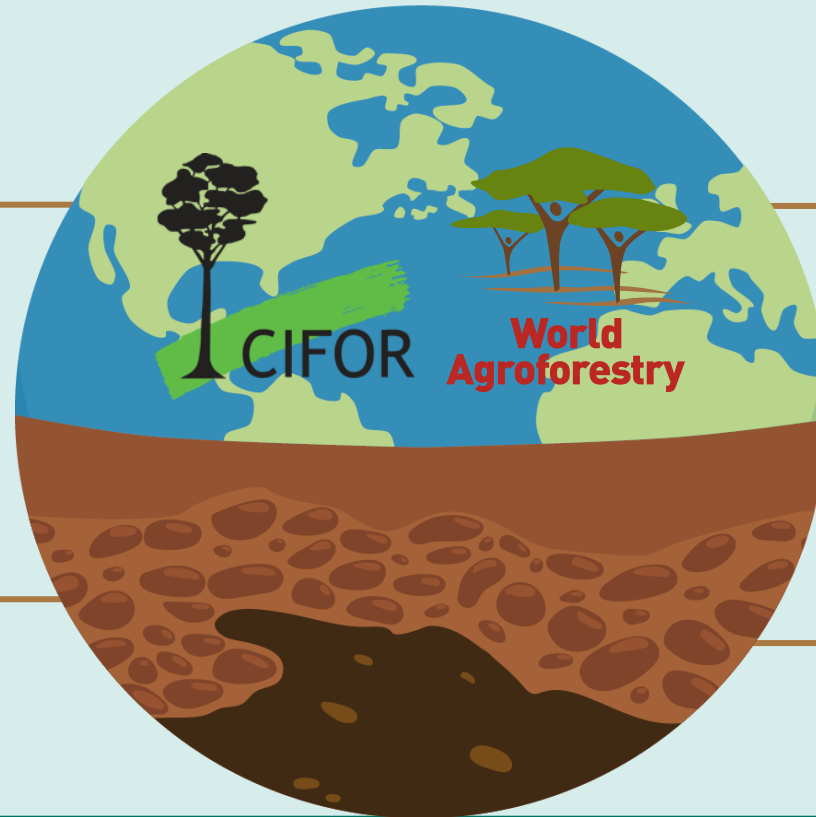
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- This requires a sampling design to capture this variability.
 - Soil analysis technologies that are cost-effective and robust.
 - Data analytics that can assess the complex drivers of degradation.
 - Frameworks that can track changes over time (performance of agricultural and restoration interventions).

Soil and Land Health Theme:

Four Main Objectives to address pressing global challenges, broken food systems, environmental degradation, accelerating climate change and biodiversity loss.

Science: Soil and land health monitoring over time including **soil organic carbon** accounting for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Policy: To contribute to and inform **national & global agendas** on ecosystem restoration, food system transformation and soil health based on state-of-the-art science.



Innovation: Advance the development, application and **scaling of soil and land health assessments** using soil spectroscopy, soil biology, remote sensing, machine learning.




Scaling: Investing in **learning to scale** healthy soil practices and track changes overtime, incl opportunities to integrate soil health into policies.

From farm to lab to global landscapes



Geographic Scope of Soil and Land Health Theme Projects

Contributing to
30 projects and
leading 14 projects
from **16 donors**

-  Projects led by Soils
-  Projects where Soils Theme is Contributing
-  Recently ended but still engaging

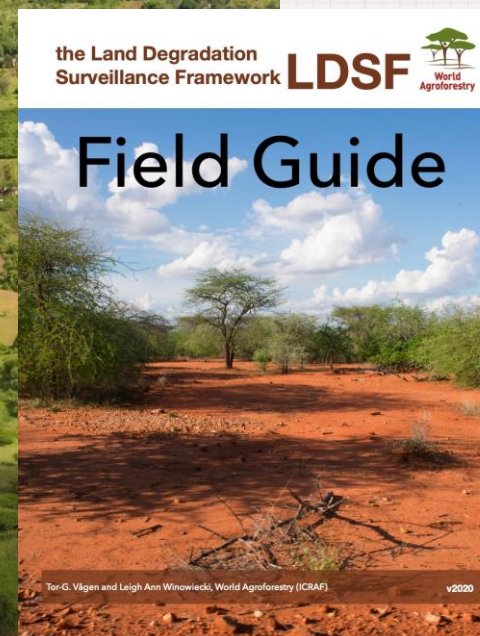


LAND HEALTH INDICATORS

COLLECTED BY THE LAND DEGRADATION SURVEILLANCE FRAMEWORK (LDSF)

Understanding the multiple dimensions of soil health for ecosystem restoration, climate change and food & nutrition security

- 1) Application of a systematic sampling framework
- 2) Use of innovative methods for soil analysis
- 3) Coupled with statistical analysis to generate predictive maps



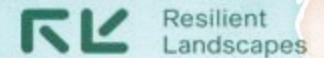
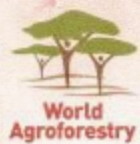
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Robust and rapid monitoring systems across diverse landscapes: The Land Degradation Surveillance Framework (LDSF)

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Data-driven network of LDSF sites (each site is 100 km², with 160 sampling plots). One systematic framework across multiple projects, donors, initiatives.

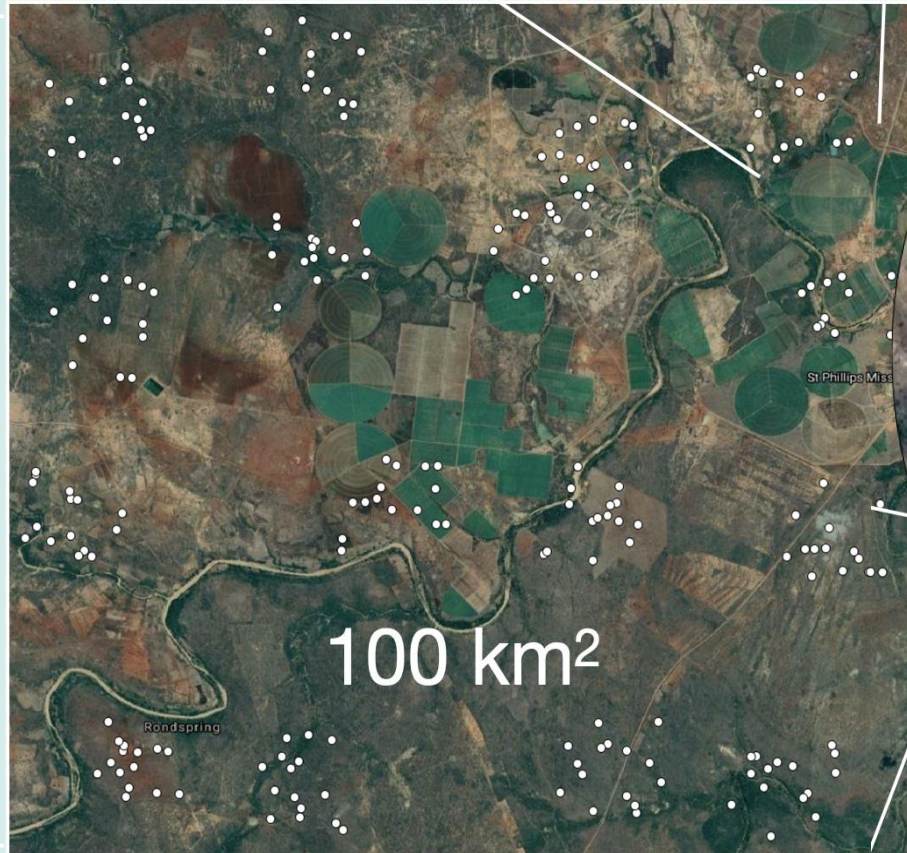




What makes the LDSF uniquely valuable?

- Consistently applied across landscapes and context
- Low-tech equipment
- Hierarchical sampling design
- Enabled by advancements in soil spectroscopy
- Multiple indicators of soil and land health measured at geo-referenced locations

LDSF: Nested Sampling Scales

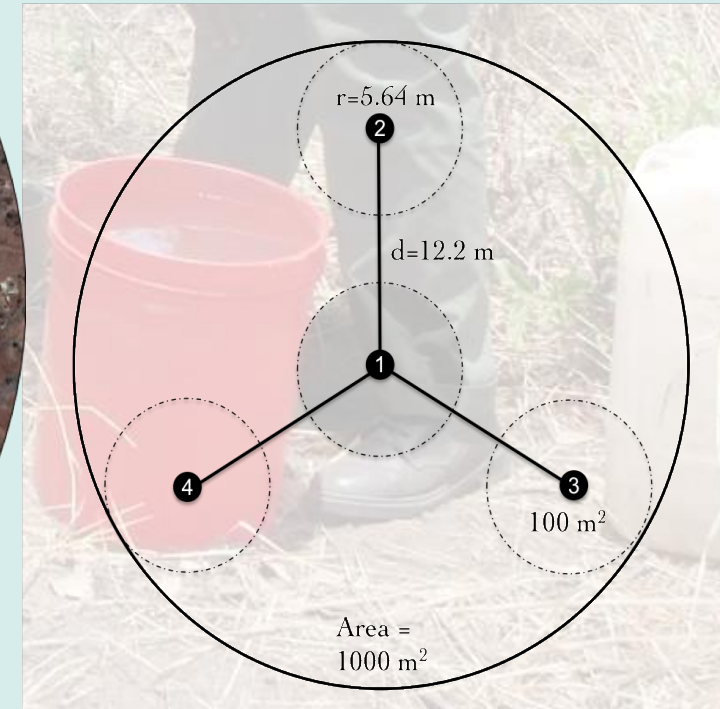


Site Level (10km * 10km)



Cluster Level 16-
1km² per site

Unbiased sampling



Plot Level
10-1000m² per cluster

Soil sampling in the LDSF

- Soil samples are taken from each subplot (n=4) and composited at the plot level at two depths:
 - ❑ 160 topsoil (0-20 cm) samples per site
 - ❑ 160 subsoil (20-50 cm) samples per site
- All soil samples are analyzed using mid-infrared spectroscopy
- Reference soil samples (10%) are analyzed using wet chemistry for pH, **organic carbon & total nitrogen (using dry combustion)**, base cations, texture, etc).
- Predictions are made using the spectra and wet chemistry data 1) 70% for calibration model and 2) 30% for validation models.

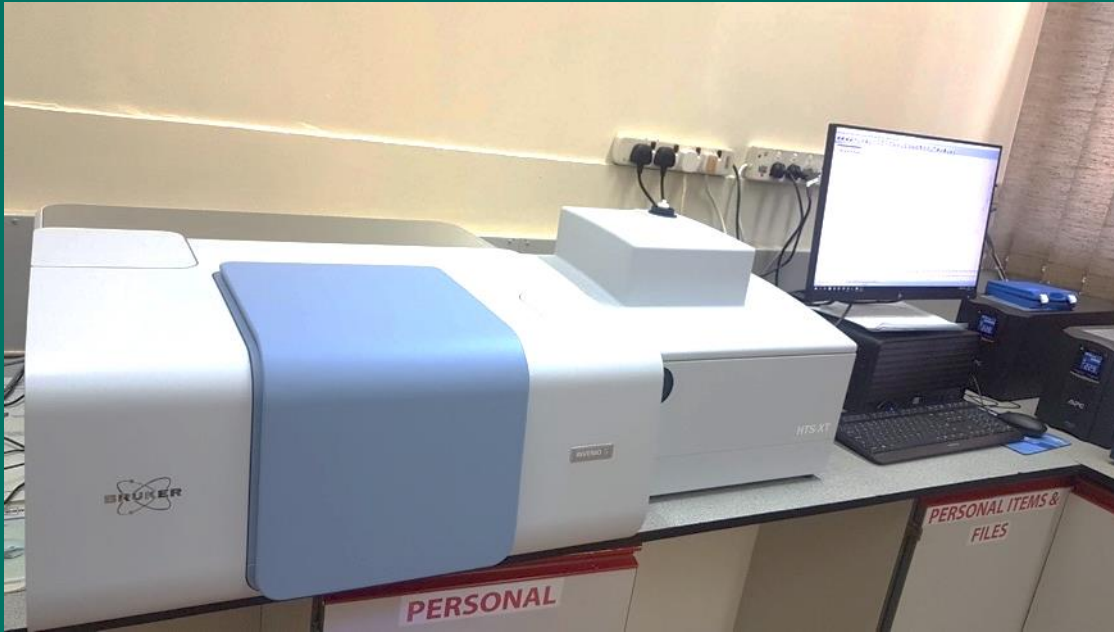
This landscape scale sampling is enabled by soil spectroscopy

([LDSF Field Guide:](#)

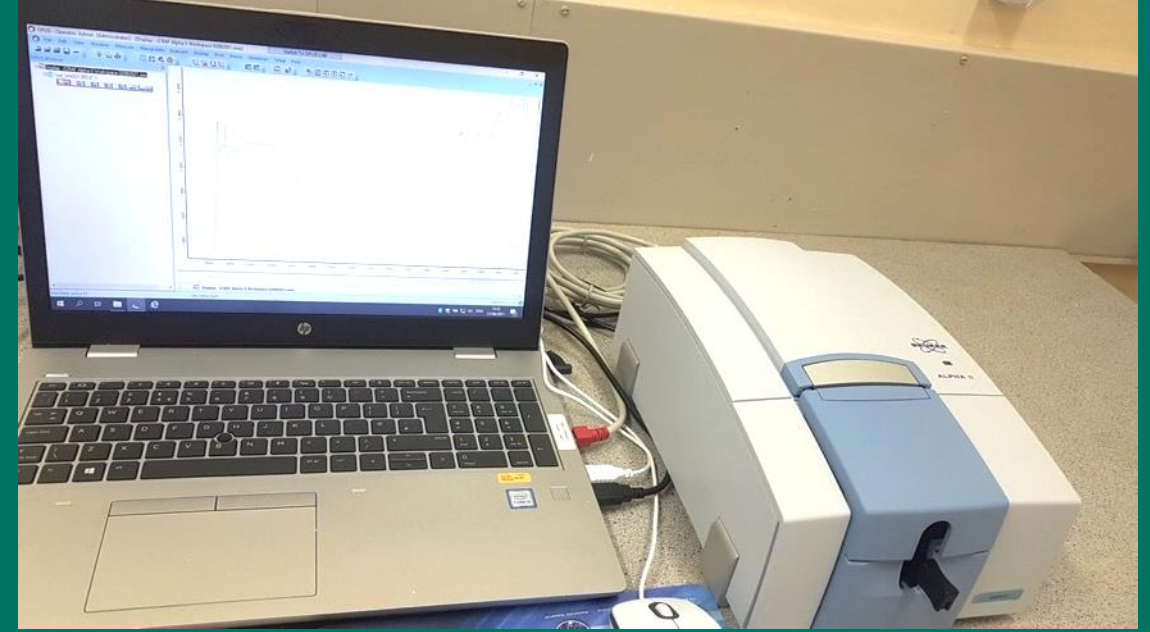
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Advanced Spectral Analytics



The latest is the Bruker Invenios S FT-MIR



The Alpha II ZnSe FT-MIR



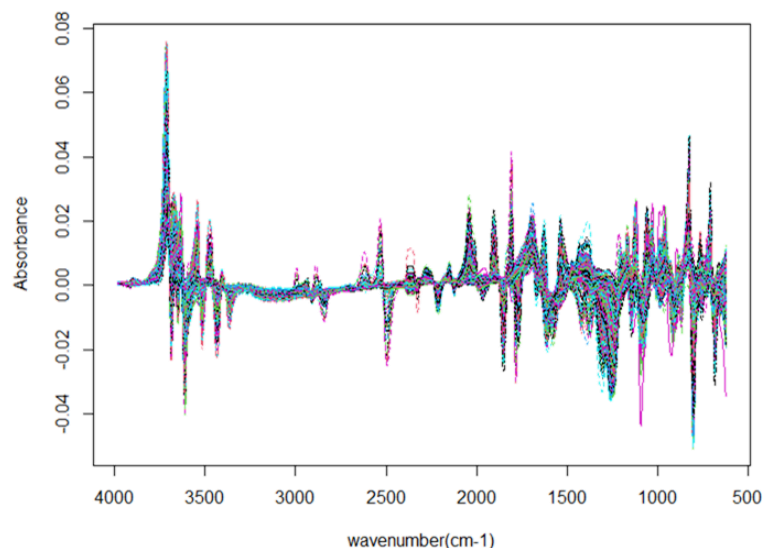
Visit our webpage to learn more about what we are doing: <https://www.cifor-icraf.org/research/theme/soil-and-land-health/>





Innovation: Advance the development, application and scaling of **soil spectroscopy, remote sensing, machine learning** for rapid and accurate assessments of soil health at scale.

Shining a light on soil, plants, food & inputs

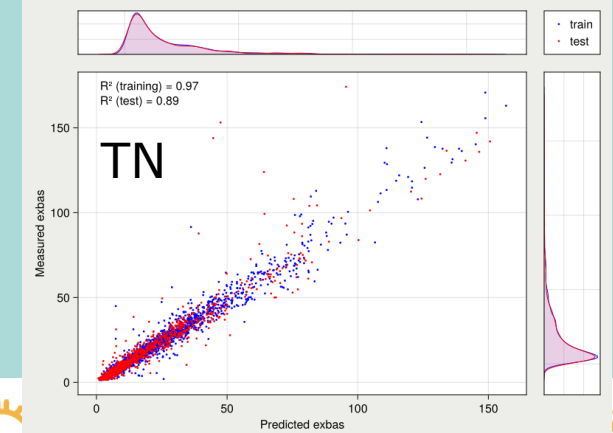
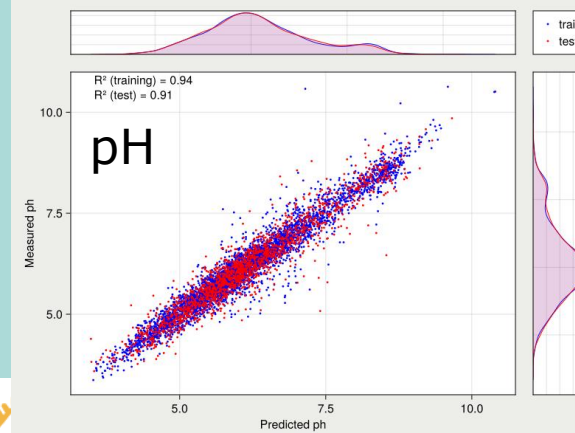
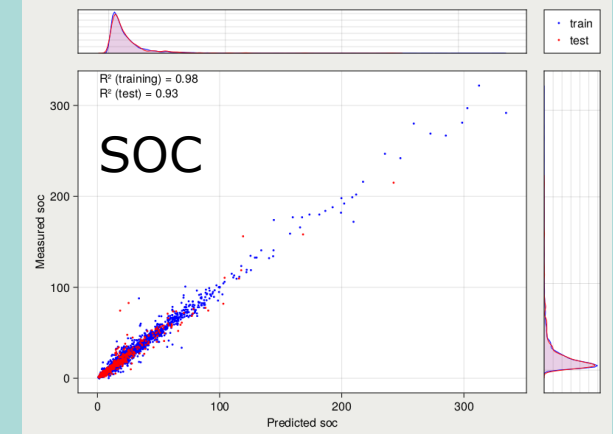
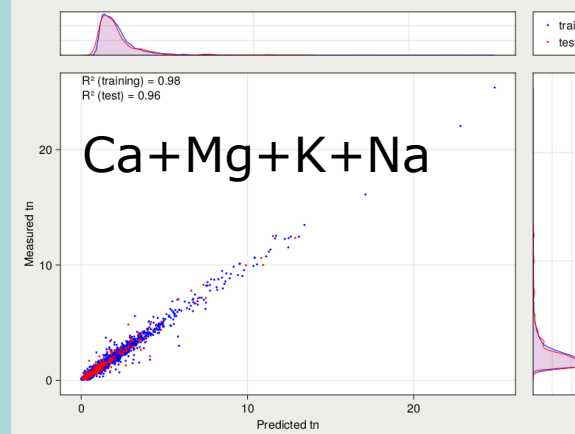
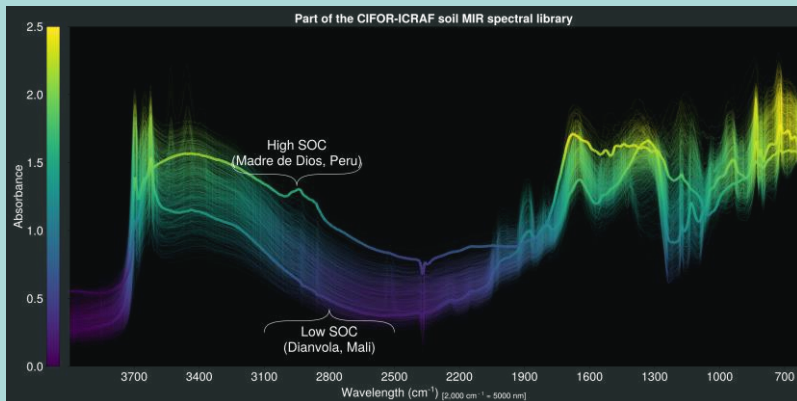


- Leading global lab for **accurate, cost-efficient** and rapid analysis of soil, plants and inputs using spectroscopy.
- Gold standard lab for FAO GLOSOLAN
- Analysing **20,000 soil samples annually**
- Over **200,000 geo-referenced** samples barcoded in our physical archive.



Innovation: Advance the development, application and scaling of **soil spectroscopy, remote sensing, machine learning** for rapid and accurate assessments of soil health at scale.

- 30 Countries
- N= 15,000 samples with reference samples
- Deep Learning Model
- >0.9 R² on the validation for SOC, TN, Base cations, pH and texture



Sample Collection, Processing and Measurement Workflow

Field Sample Collection



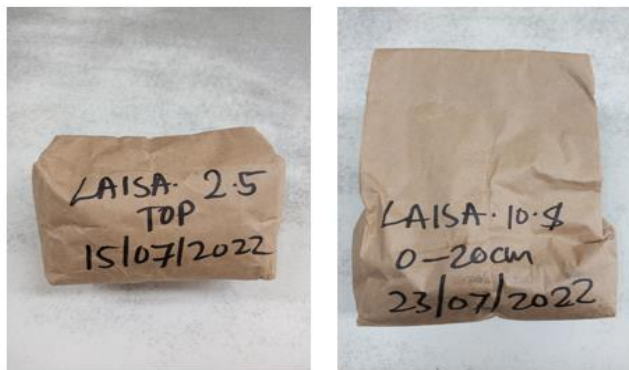
At the field **Land Degradation Surveillance Framework (LDSF)** sampling protocol is used.

It provides **systematic baselines** of soil and ecosystem properties that allow for a **proper assessment of landscape** performance and prediction of change over time.

Labeling is critical!

Site, cluster, plot and depth code and date should be legibly recorded with a permanent marker on the outside of the soil sample bag. A paper label containing the same information (written with a permanent marker or pencil) should be placed inside the bag. Samples should be double-bagged.

A Standard (STD) and Cumulative Mass (CM) Labeled Soil Sample



Fresh wet samples are received at the sample reception and placed in the drying room facility.

Drying Room Facility



The drying room facility is fitted with;

1. Two heaters set at 40°C to dry samples.
2. Dehumidifier to extract moisture released by the drying samples.

Work-Flows of Sample Handling

Sample handling

About **20,000 samples** are handled in our laboratory every year and having a system in place to do this is very critical.

During sample handling, maintaining the integrity of the sample is critical. It can be compromised by **cross contamination** or **sample mix up**.

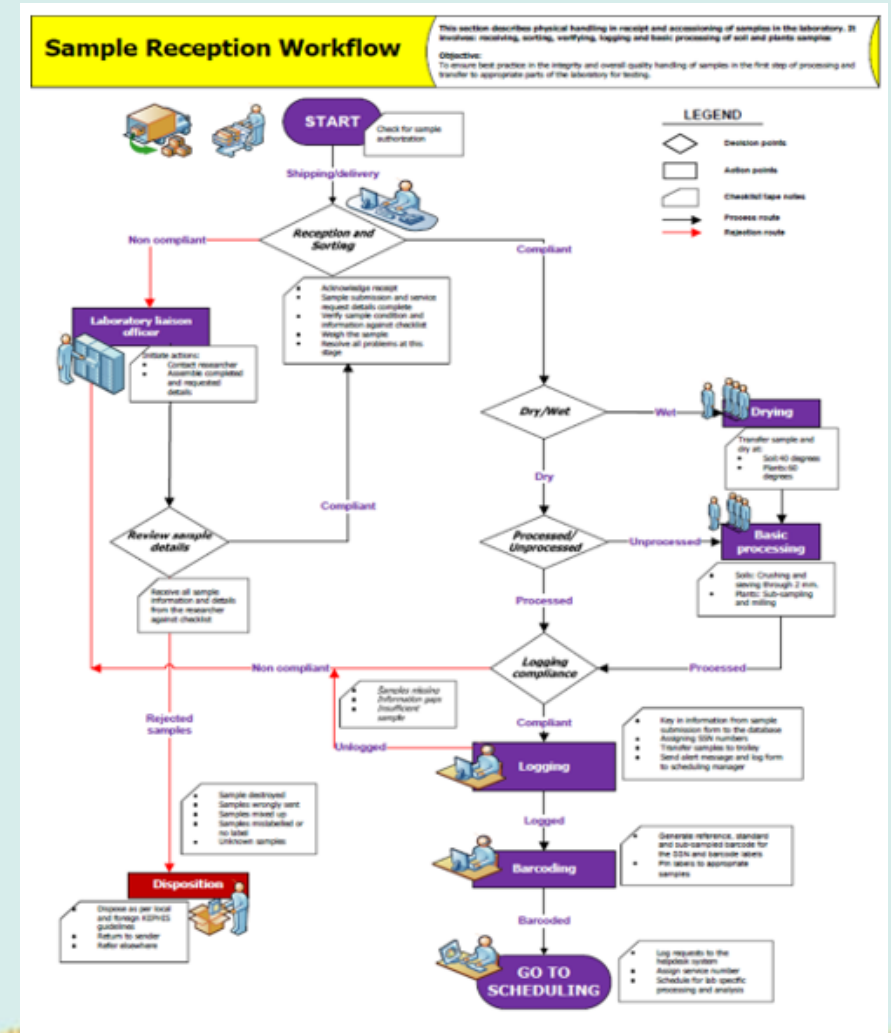
Systems put in place include;

1. Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) - This is a software developed to provide solutions for laboratory operations including a structured workflow and support in data tracking, storage and retrieval.

2. Workflows with Quality Control checks – Step by step designated workstations with SOPs **From the field sampling, sample processing and measurement to data generation and analysis...!**

Examples of workflows include;

- Sample Reception Workflow
- InfraRed Spectroscopy Laboratory Workflow
- X-Ray Fluorescence Laboratory Workflow
- Data Generation and Management Workflow



The Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) Workflow

Welcome to the CIFOR-ICRAF Soil and Land Health Theme

Soil-Plant Spectral Diagnostics Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

Get Started Now By Logging In

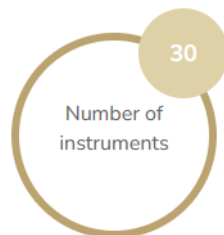
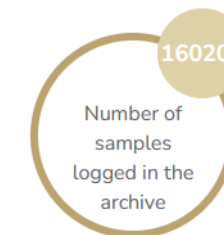
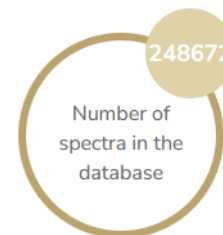


Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) - This is an online access software developed in CIFOR-ICRAF to provide solutions for laboratory operations including a structured workflow and support in data tracking, storage and retrieval.

Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

The CIFOR- ICRAF Soil-Plant Spectral Diagnostics Laboratory is a global leader in spectral data analytics.

We conduct accurate, cost-efficient and rapid analysis of soils, plants and agricultural inputs using dry spectral methods.



[Link to the CIFOR-ICRAF Soil and Land Health Theme LIMS Soil -Plant Spectral Diagnostics Laboratory](#)



Features of LIMS

Features



Sample submission

Sample pricelist and analytical packages, receipt acknowledgement, registration and accessioning



Scheduling and Monitoring of Analyses

Sample tracking at processing, preparation and analysis work stations.



Spectral data

Raw binary data files from the instruments and conversion to processed excel (CSV or xls) files with peak intensities for extraction of soil functional properties



Advanced Instrumentation

Advanced infrared and x-ray spectrometers for rapid, low-cost, high-throughput spectral analyses.



Spectral Predictions

Data analytics based on the spectral library to develop robust spectral calibration and validation models of key functional soil properties.



Archived Soil Sample Curation

Valuable physical repository for systematically collected samples with associated data on location and actual sample weights at CIFOR-ICRAF physical soil archives.

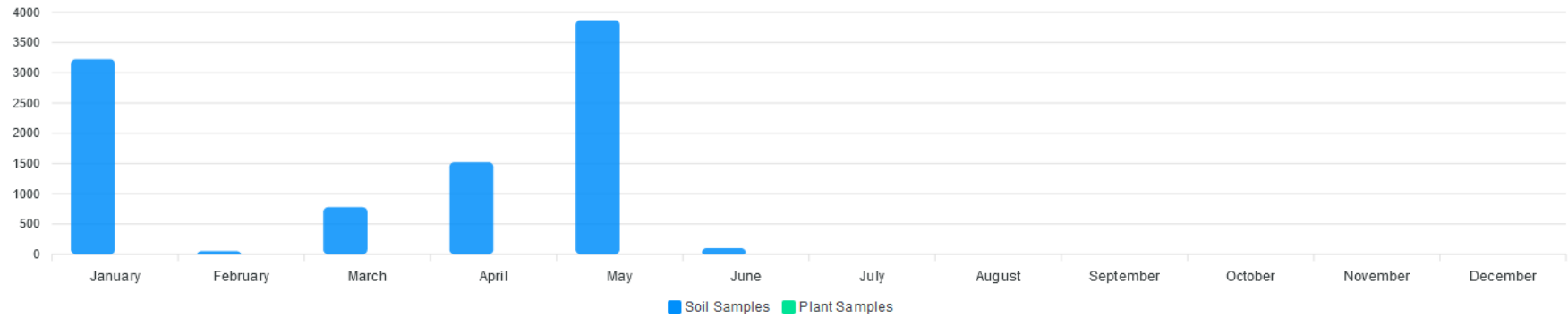
LIMS Dashboard

ICRAF LIMS

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Soil and Plant Sample Reception



HTS XT

Alpha

pXRF

MPA

No. of Invoices

Invoice Amounts



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New Job

- 1 Project and Sampling Info** > Add Project and Sampling Info
- 2 Tests > Select Tests to be Performed

Project Info

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Samples received on <input type="text"/>	












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Sample Status



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ICR-33-2024	Bellah Kauma	NON-LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	MUA BSc. Study	Karura Forest	Approved
ICR-32-2024	T E Weerawardena	LDSF	Sri Lanka	Asia	Knuckles Project	Kandy	Approved
ICR-31-2024	Soerensen Levke and Leigh Winowiecki	NON-LDSF	Madagascar	South Eastern Africa	Madagascar MAP-GIZ Project	Antananarivo	Approved
ICR-30-2024	Cavince Odhiambo	NON-LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	Flux Project	Kisumu	Approved
ICR-29-2024	Dr.Esther Gikonyo	NON-LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	NAVCDP Project	Kitale Kericho Nyeri Machakos	Approved
ICR-28-2024	Leigh Ann Winowiecki	LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	UK Pact Project	Mbooni CM	Approved
ICR-27-2024	Leigh Ann Winowiecki	LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	UK Pact Project	Mbooni Std	Approved
ICR-26-2024	Jules Bayala	LDSF	Burkina Faso	West Africa	Burkina Faso Soils	Ouagadougou	Approved
ICR-25-2024	Sylvia Nyawira	NON-LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	Alliance Bioversity-CIAT Soils	Kiambu and Makueni	Approved
ICR-24-2024	Leigh Ann Winowiecki	LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	UK Pact	Chawia Forest CM	Approved
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ICR-19-2024	Baijuyka Fredrick	NON-LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	IITA Project Soils	KARLO Kibos	Approved



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Job #ICR-31-2024

Country:

Madagascar

Region:

South Eastern Africa

Site:

Antananarivo

Scientist:

Soerensen Levke and Leigh Winoweicki

Created By:

Dickens Ateku

Created:

17 May 2024

Sampling Design:

Non LDSF

Total Samples:

400

Samples received on:

2024-05-16

Tests

- Sub Sampling - **Pending**
- Milling - **Pending**
- Soil Sample processing - **Pending**
- Mid Infrared Spectroscopy (MIR) using the HTs XT for soils/plants/ manure/compost/fertilizers - **In Progress**
- Wet Chemistry Soil Analysis Soil Option 1 - **Pending**
- Mid Infrared Soil/Plant/Manure/Compost and fertilizer Prediction per sample functional property predicted - **Pending**
- CN analysis at Iso-Analytical Laboratory in UK - **Pending**
- Export permit per package - **Pending**
- Courier charges to Iso-Analytical Laboratory UK per package - **Pending**
- Exported sample packaging container costs - **Pending**
- Import permit per package - **Pending**
- Archiving storage charges - **Pending**
- Soil pH - **Pending**



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CIFOR-ICRAF Soil Plant Spectral Diagnostics Laboratory Full Sample Analysis



Alpha ZnSe_FTMIR_Alpha_I



Alpha ZnSe_FTMIR_Alpha_II



HTs XT_FTMIR_Invenio-S



MPA_FT NIR



pXRF



Wet Chem Reference Analysis

CIFOR-ICRAF Living Soils Laboratory Full Sample Analysis



Actinomycetes



AMF colonization in plants roots



Arbuscular Mycorrhiza Fungi



Bacteria



Bacteria: Fungi ratio



Fungi analysis



Nematodes



Soil Aggregates

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



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SSN	Site	Plot	Cluster	SCAN DATE	Lab	Material	Instrument
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- ❑ Converted spectral data can be downloaded (CSV)
- ❑ The spectral files (OPUS) can be downloaded

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Jobs

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ICR-33-2024	Bellah Kauma	NON-LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	MUA BSc. Study	Karura Forest	Spectral Visualization
							Spectral Predicted results
							PDF Report writeup
ICR-32-2024	T E Weerawardena	LDSF	Sri Lanka	Asia	Knuckles Project	Kandy	PDF Report writeup
							Spectral Predicted results
ICR-31-2024	Soerensen Levke and Leigh Winowiecki	NON-LDSF	Madagascar	South Eastern Africa	Madagascar MAP-GIZ Project	Antananarivo	CropNuts Wet chemistry
							Iso-Analytics Carbon and Nitrogen
							Spectral Visualization
ICR-30-2024	Cavince Odhiambo	NON-LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	Flux Project	Kisumu	PDF Report writeup
							Spectral Visualization
ICR-29-2024	Dr.Esther Gikonyo	NON-LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	NAVCDP Project	Kitale Kericho Nyeri Machakos	Spectral Predicted results
							PDF Report writeup
ICR-28-2024	Leigh Ann Winowiecki	LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	UK Pact Project	Mbooni CM	Spectral Visualization
							Spectral Predicted results
							PDF Report writeup
ICR-27-2024	Leigh Ann Winowiecki	LDSF	Kenya	East Africa	UK Pact Project	Mbooni Std	CropNuts Wet chemistry
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ICRAF SOIL ARCHIVE

A Physical Archive of Systematically Collected Soil Samples

Largest Soil Collection

- The ICRAF Soil Archive contains samples from 46 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America collected using a systematic field sampling method, the Land Degradation Surveillance Framework (LDSF).
- The LDSF provides a biophysical baseline at landscape level, and a monitoring and evaluation framework for assessing processes of land degradation and the effectiveness of rehabilitation measures over time.
- The figure on the right shows the location of the LDSF sites collected within various projects and programmes focused on assessing soil and ecosystem health globally.



Map Credit: ICRAF GeoScience Lab/ Tor-G. Vågen

Legacy Archiving Systems

A safe holding custody including a 1.2 km mobile shelving system, metallic cabinets with the capacity to archive over 100,000 samples.



An Unrivalled Resource

- All samples are barcoded to assist information tracking.
- Archived samples can be used as a reference of the state of the soil health, to test new technologies, calibrate new measurement methods and to monitor changes in soil health over time.
- All the soil samples were processed using the ICRAF Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).
- This resource provides opportunities for new collaborations around concepts of ecosystem health, understanding drivers of land degradation, and tracking restoration over time.



Electronic Legacy Database

Each sample has a unique record that provides storage location, associated documentation, grant code and DOI. Also, each sample is accompanied by key data including the LDSF field data (which includes sampling date and GPS coordinates), mid-infrared spectra and reference analysis.














- We have **150,000 soil samples** archived in the facility
- All archived samples are bar-code-enabled to assist in research samples information tracking and data entry error prevention in the LIMS.
- The sample disposition ,archiving and disposal workflow is in place to guide coordination of all the operations involved.

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Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure quality control And tutorials for building capacity

Online SOPs

- <http://worldagroforestry.org/sd/landhealth/soil-plant-spectral-diagnostics-laboratory/sops>
- Having SOPs and tutorials are key for capacity building for scaling soil health assessments and soil spectroscopy
- From sample preparation to instrument set up to spectral processing



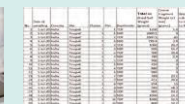
LDSF SOIL SAMPLE PROCESSING PICTORIAL GUIDE



Gather all of the required materials.



Clean all of the materials using 20% ethanol solution.



Log the sample details in to the provided excel login forms.



Place an empty tray on the balance and tare the balance.



Weigh the entire air-dried sample and record the weight (in grams).



Pour and spread the sample on a plastic sheet.



Gently crush the sample using a rolling pin.



Remove any plant materials.



Pass the crushed sample through a 2mm sieve.



Place whatever remains on top of the sieve back on the sheet and crush gently.



Place an empty tray on the balance and tare the balance.



Weigh the coarse fragments and record the weight (in grams).



Package the coarse fragments into a labeled paper bag.



Spread the sieved sample on a plastic sheet and mix thoroughly.



Concure the sample into a conical pile.



Flatten the cone to a height of 1cm.



Divide the pile into four quarters.



Select one pair (e.g. two quarters) as the sample to be retained.



Place the subsample into a labeled bag.



Double pack the soil sample.

More information:

On the LDSF: <http://landscapeportal.org/blog/2015/03/25/the-land-degradation-surveillance-framework-lds/>
On the IORAF Soil-Plant Diagnostics Lab: <http://www.worldagroforestry.org/landhealth>

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Online videos for soil processing

- <https://worldagroforestry.org/output/video-lds-soil-sample-processing-protocol>



• Sample loading and presentation

QR & Bar Codes labelled sample packs



The QR & Bar Codes generated by LIMS

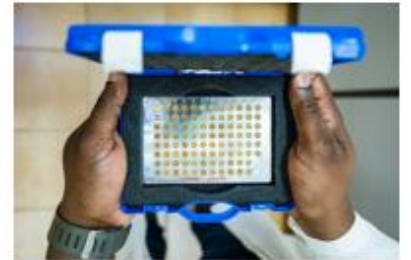
Samples arranged on wooden trays sequentially placed on trolley and shelves



RM 200 Restch machine for grinding 2mm sieved soils to < 0.05 mm



HTS-XT Aluminium Sample Microplate



Alpha ZnSe - Drift Aluminium Sample Cups



MPA Sample Petri Dishes



SSN	Job No	Center	Plot	Length	Study	Scientist	Site	Region	Country	Material	Sampling	
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Recording Sheets

Login Form

Video link of soil grinding using Restch RM200, HTS-XT Aluminium microplate sample loading and MPA petri dish sample loading



Capacity Development

CIFOR - ICRAF has for the last 23 years invested in scaling up spectroscopy technology across the globe through offering :

- Laboratory setup based on ICRAF SOPs and Instrument setup methods.
- Training on, sample log-in, sample processing, and handling in the laboratory.
- Training in Laboratory workflow and LIMS systems.
- Training in Data Processing and Analysis Training based on robust MLA.
- Training on Sample Archiving and Disposal.



Consistent and harmonized instrument methods and SOPs are needed to generate high-quality spectral data outputs!

Global Spectral Lab Network

Country	Lab/Institution
Mauritius	Mauritius Sugarcane Research Institute(NARS)
Cameroon	IITA; ICRAF
Cote D'Ivoire	CNRA; ICRAF:AfricaRice
Ethiopia	ATA/NSTC (5) (NARS); Mekelle University; SARI(NARS),OCP Ethiopia
Ghana	CSRIO-SRI (NARS)
Rwanda	RAB(NARS)
Kenya	KARLO; One Acre Fund; CNLS, ICRAF, Natural State
Madagascar	Antananarivo University(collaborative).
Malawi	CARS/ DARTS (NARS)
Mali	IER(NARS)
Morocco	Mohammed Vi Polytechnic /OCP (in progress)
Mozambique	IAMM (NARS)
Nigeria	Obafemi Awolowo University; IITA; IAR; FDMA&RD (6)(NARS)
South Africa	KwaZulu-Natal Dept of Agriculture, ARC(NARS)
Tanzania	SARI (NARS); Min of Agriculture (4); Sokoine University
Outside Africa	Australia (CSIRO); China (YPC); India (CIMMYT; ISSS-ICAR); Peru (IIAP); UK (Rothamsted Research Institute), Sri Lanka MOI-DEA





2019-2024 Scaling Soil Spectroscopy

Year	Cap Dev Activity	Country/Institution
2019	Spectroscopy Training and Lab Setup	India , Andhra Pradesh-Achyra Ranga University
2020	Spectroscopy Training and Lab Setup	Cote D'Ivoire-ICRAF Sinemantiali Cottoton and Cashew Nuts Board
2020	Spectroscopy Virtual Training and Lab Setup	Cote D'Ivoire-AfricaRice Centre -Bouake
2021	Spectroscopy Physical Training and Lab Setup	Cote D'Ivoire-AfricaRice Centre -Bouake
2021	Laser Diffraction Training	Kenya -CNLS-Nairobi
2021	Sample preparation Virtual Training	India AP RySS
2022	Spectroscopy Training and Lab Setup	Rwanda -RWASIS project
2022	Regional Spectroscopy Full Virtual Training(Sample and Data analysis	Virtual from Kenya HQ(2 Key trainings held and 1 With Instrument suppliers
2022	Spectroscopy Training and Lab Setup	Nigeria -Ministry of Agriculture (4Spectral Labs)
2022	Spectroscopy Training and Lab Setup	South Africa -ARC-Soils4Africa Project
2023	Spectroscopy Training and Lab Setup	Kenya - Natural State -Laikipia
2023	Regional Specroscopy Full Virtual Training(Sample analysis and Data Analysis)	Virtual from Kenya HQ(2 Key trainings held and 2 With Instrument suppliers)
2024	Regional Spectroscopy virtual training on data analysis and lab workflows	Virtual from Kenya HQ(2 Key trainings held and 1 With Instrument suppliers
2024	FAO GLOSOLAN Webinar	Virtual global presentation from Kenya
2024	Regional network engagement on concepts notes and proposals	Virtual meeting from HQ Kenya
2024	Spectroscopy Training and Lab Setup	KALRO NAVCDP Project
2024	Spectroscopy Training and Lab Setup	OCP Ethiopia
2024	Spectroscopy Training and Lab Setup	Srilanka GCF IUCN Project
2024	Spectroscopy Training and Lab Setup	iSDB Project in Senegal, Mali, Gambia, Guinea, SierraLeone

Global Spectral Lab Network

ICRAF is the Regional Champion Lab for SSA in the FAO-led GLOSOLAN: Global Soil Spectroscopy Community Continues to Grow



- Global community investing and scaling soil spectroscopy



New laboratory for spectral analysis of soils and plants in Côte d'Ivoire



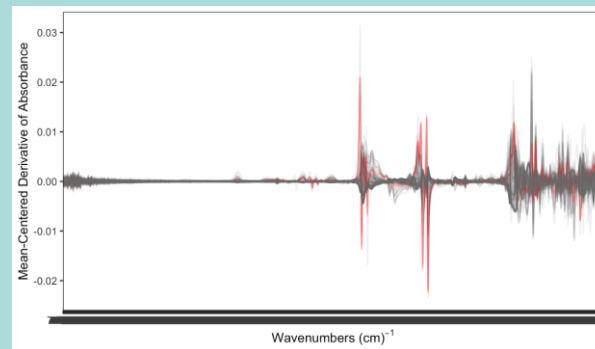
ARC South Africa Physical spectroscopy training





Investing in the next generation: In 2023 we hosted 14 students

Soliver is mentored by Zampela to develop a biochar standard using spectroscopy



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Soil Use and Management WILEY

Effects of planting basins and farmyard manure addition on soil carbon and nitrogen pools under on-farm conditions in Makueni county of Kenya

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Assessing Restoration Potential in Kenya using spatially explicit maps of SOC and Erosion

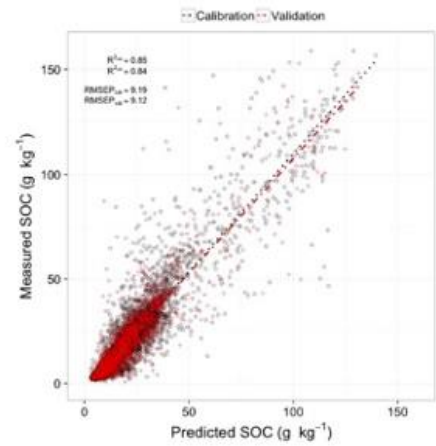
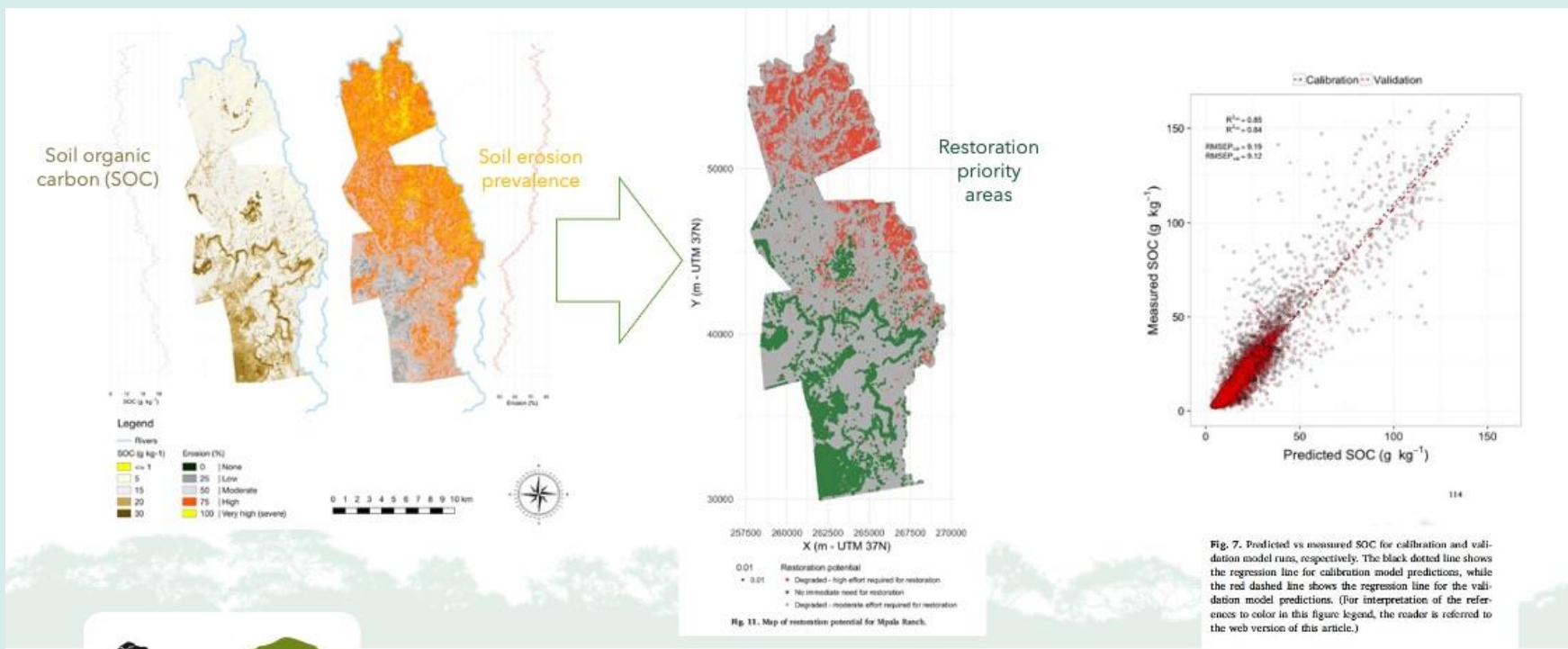


Fig. 7. Predicted vs measured SOC for calibration and validation model runs, respectively. The black dotted line shows the regression line for calibration model predictions, while the red dashed line shows the regression line for the validation model predictions. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

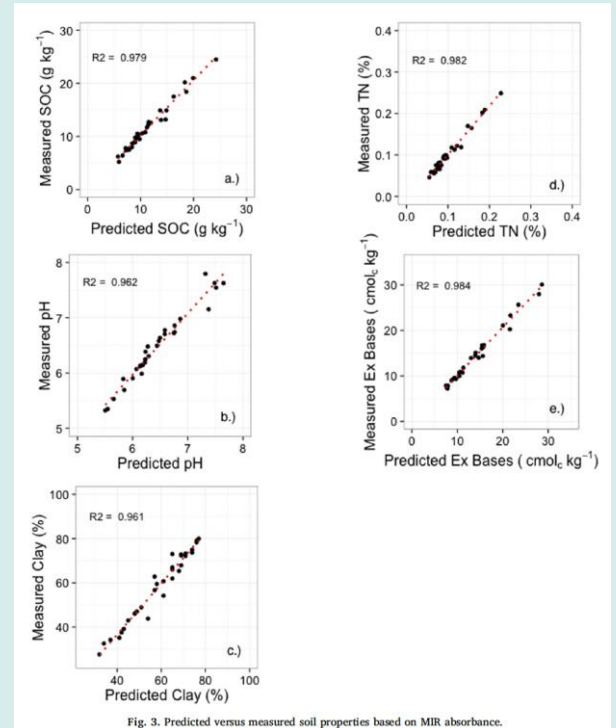
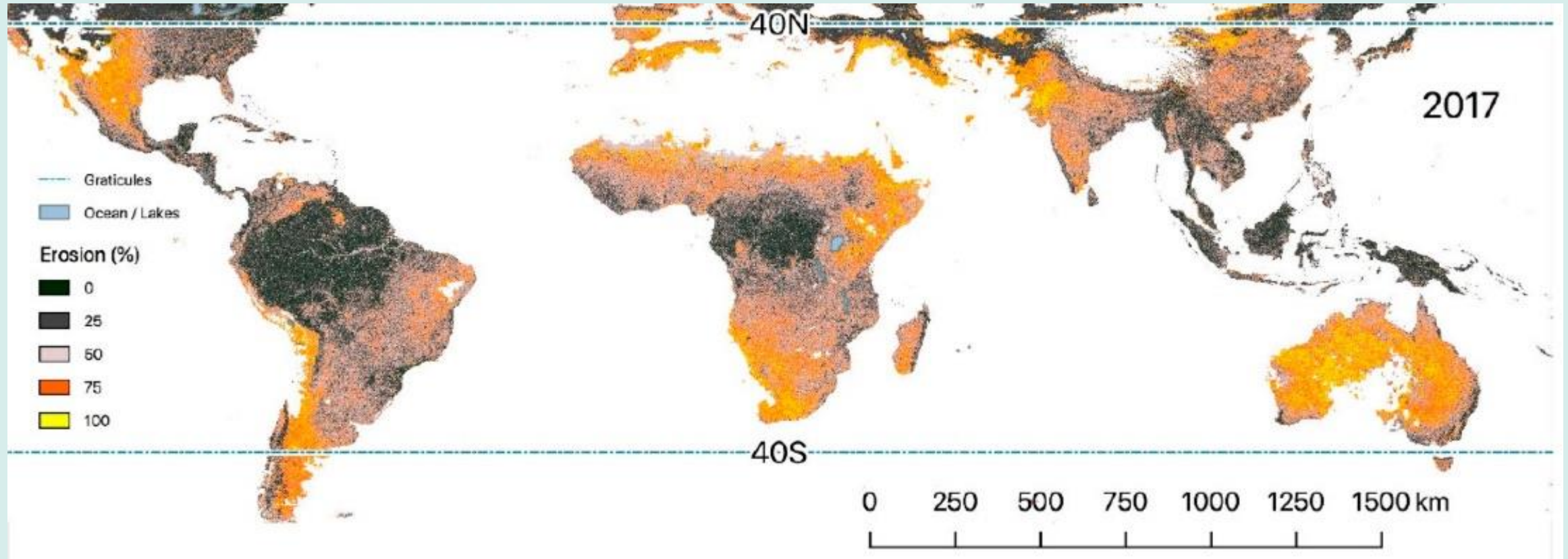


Fig. 3. Predicted versus measured soil properties based on MIR absorbance.

The ICRAF MIR database, which consisted of ca. 4000 soil MIR spectra with matching reference soil samples from 123 LDSF sites was used to develop the soil property prediction models.

Winowiecki, LA., Vågen, T-G., Kinnaird, MF, TG. O'Brien. 2018. Application of systematic monitoring and mapping techniques: Assessing land restoration potential in semi-arid lands of Kenya. Geoderma. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S001670611830510X>

Soil erosion is a key indicator of land degradation: Spatial assessments enable targeting and tracking over time and demonstrate the urgency



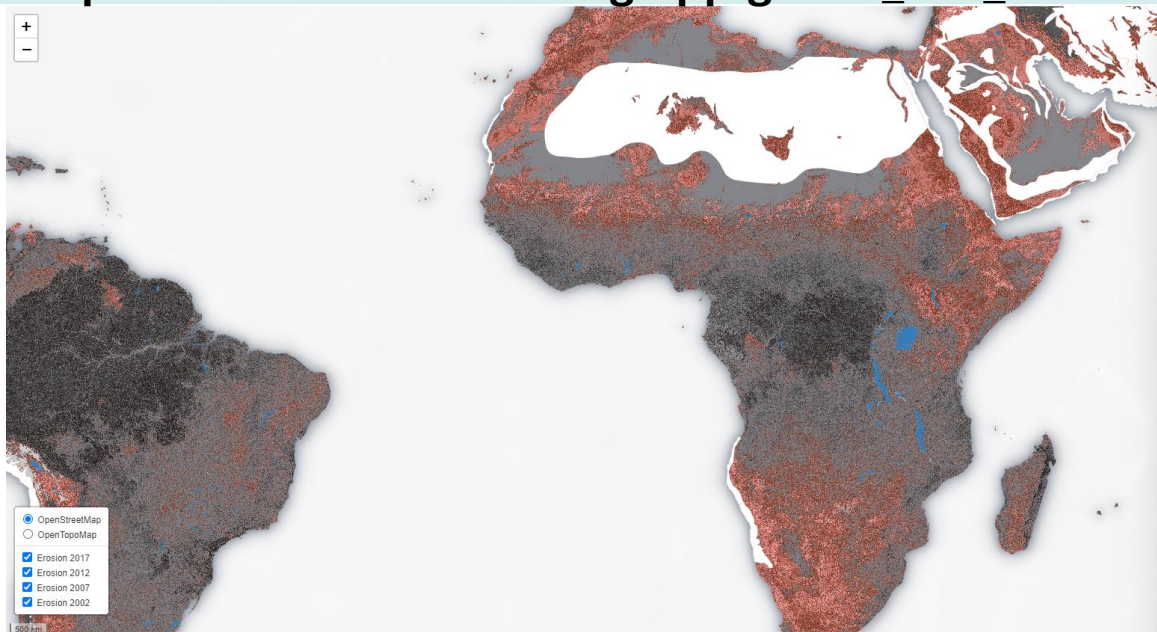
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Global Soil Erosion Application: a combination of EO (MODIS platform) and field data collected using the LDSF

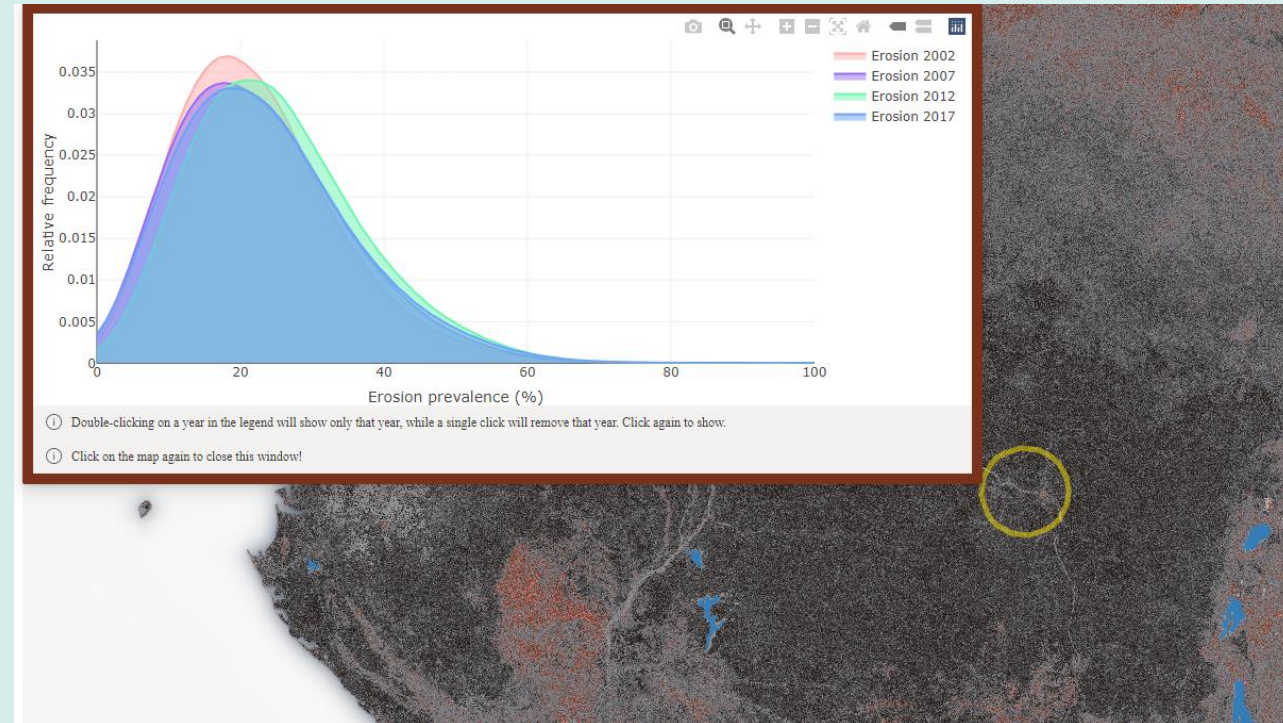
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predict soil erosion prevalence at 500m resolution for the global tropics

Key Messages

1 CIFOR-ICRAF is a global leader in the assessment and monitoring of soil and land health at scale.

2 We have the tools and methods to measure and track changes in soil and land health at scales relevant to multiple stakeholders, including capturing the complex processes of degradation and restoration.

3 Investments in systematic field data collection, capacity development, databases, and data analytics are key.

4 The use of soil spectroscopy will play a key role in enabling landscape scale assessments



Thank you!

Check out CIFOR-ICRAF Soil and Land Health Webpage for videos, brochures, and more!!

<https://worldagroforestry.org/landhealth>

Video: The role of healthy soil for restoration:

<http://worldagroforestry.org/output/healthy-soil-key-functioning-ecosystems>

AlJaZeera Earthrise special: <http://youtu.be/vFMSEHV7Ap4>



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