

Introduction

 Almost all the continents have black soils of various origins, and thus black soils differ there in properties, potential productivity and management. The combination of such soils constitutes a unique regional status of black soils. In Chapter 3 we provide short characterization of black soils in each FAO region, with some particular case studies.



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- Introduction (2 pages)
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- Europe and Eurasia, Inc. 3 case studies: Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan and Poland (10 pages)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (*in progress*), Inc. 4 case studies on 87 pages to be reviewed.
- Pacific (no texts yet)
- Near East and North Africa, e.g. Syria (2 pages)
- North America, e.g. Canada (3 pages)
- Conclusion (in progress)
- References (7 pages, will be supplemented)



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- December very busy month
- January moderately
- February moderately





(3) most important the request to the member countries contribution (what you need supports from them)

- Latin America and the Caribbean to review and harmonize the texts
- Pacific to fill out the templates





