



Introduction to FAOLEX

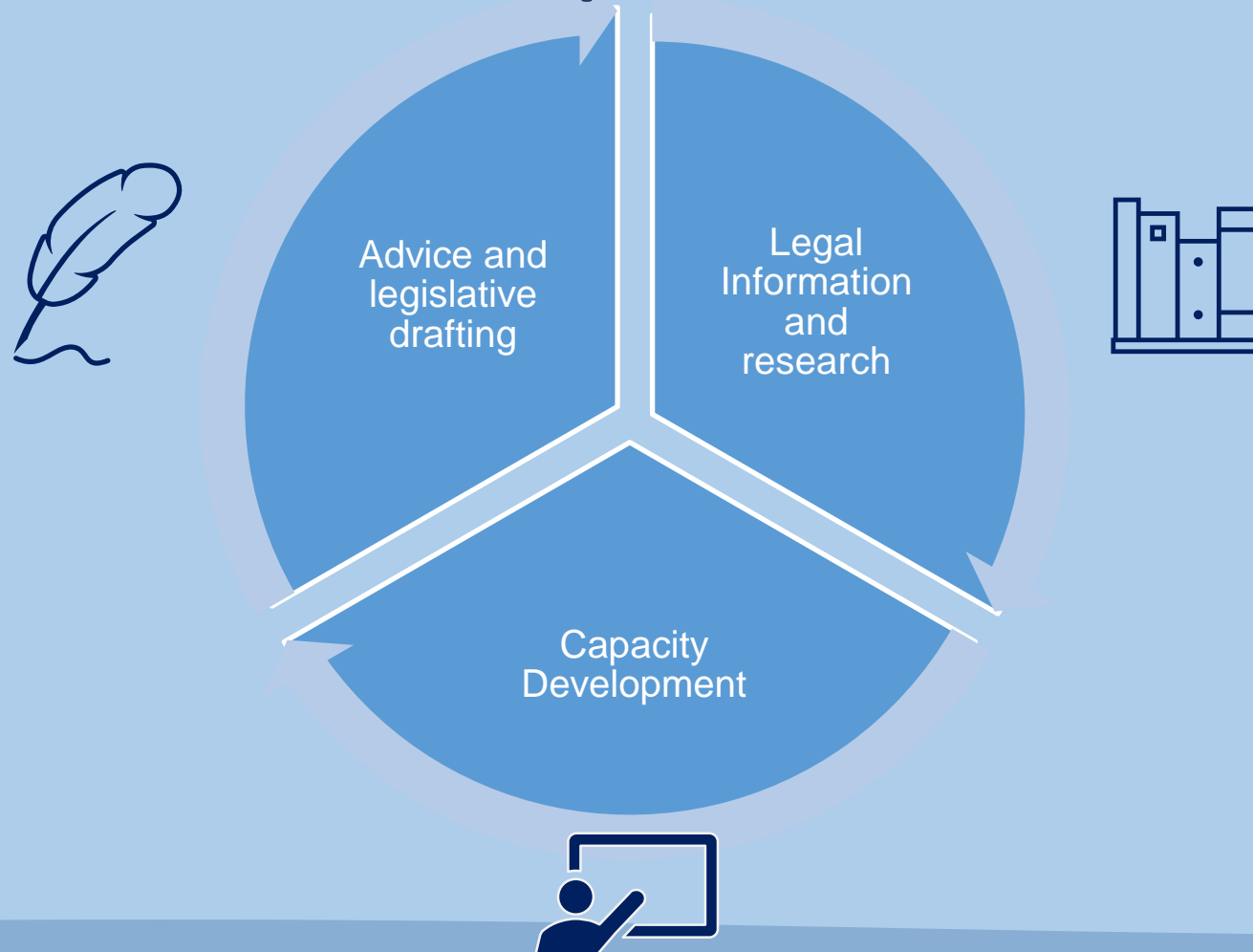
**INSOP Monitoring working group meeting on national legal instruments on
the prevention, monitoring and/or remediation of soil pollution**

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The Role of Development Law Service (LEGN)





FAO Mandate in Legal Information Dissemination

- FAO's core function to “assemble, analyse, monitor and improve access to data and information, in areas related to FAO's mandate” (Article I, FAO Constitution 1945).
- Article XI, FAO Constitution 1945
 - Reports by Member Nations and Associate Members*
 1. *All Member Nations and Associate Members shall communicate regularly to the Director-General, on publication, the texts of laws and regulations pertaining to matters within the competence of the Organization which the Director-General considers useful for the purposes of the Organization.*
- Publishing and disseminating legal information for over 70 years.



FAOLEX Factsheet: An Overview

Largest free access repository of official laws, regulations and policies on food, agriculture and natural resources.

- ❖ In continuous operation since 1995
- ❖ Over 200,000 official legislative and policy texts
- ❖ 7,000+ entries per year
- ❖ Global coverage: 185 between countries and territories. Includes subnational jurisdictions and regional organizations.
- ❖ Dedicated team of 12+ members
- ❖ Top 5 of the most visited FAO websites, 12,000 avg. users a day
- ❖ Open Data

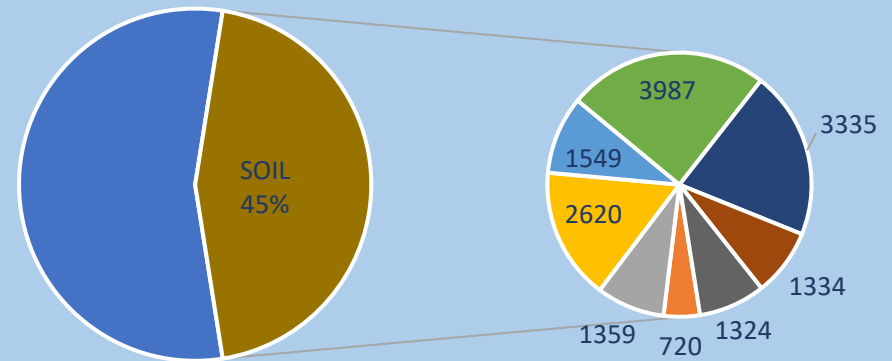


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Primary
Subjects

Food and nutrition	27,200 documents
Environment	26,518
Fisheries and Aquaculture	23,345
Livestock	20,892
Cultivated plants	19,126
Wild species and ecosystems	15,731
Water	14,881
Land and soil	14,700
Agricultural and rural development	13,007
Forestry	9,936
Energy	8,283
Sea	5,823
Mineral resources	4,852
Governance	3,471
Private sector / entrepreneurship	2,849
Health	2,562
National development	2,164
Disaster risk management	2,028
Climate change	1,813
Trade	1,734
Social protection	1,057
Indigenous peoples	619
Gender	586
Employment	460
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FAOLEX: Navigating the Information Landscape

Land and Soil domain: 19,845 documents

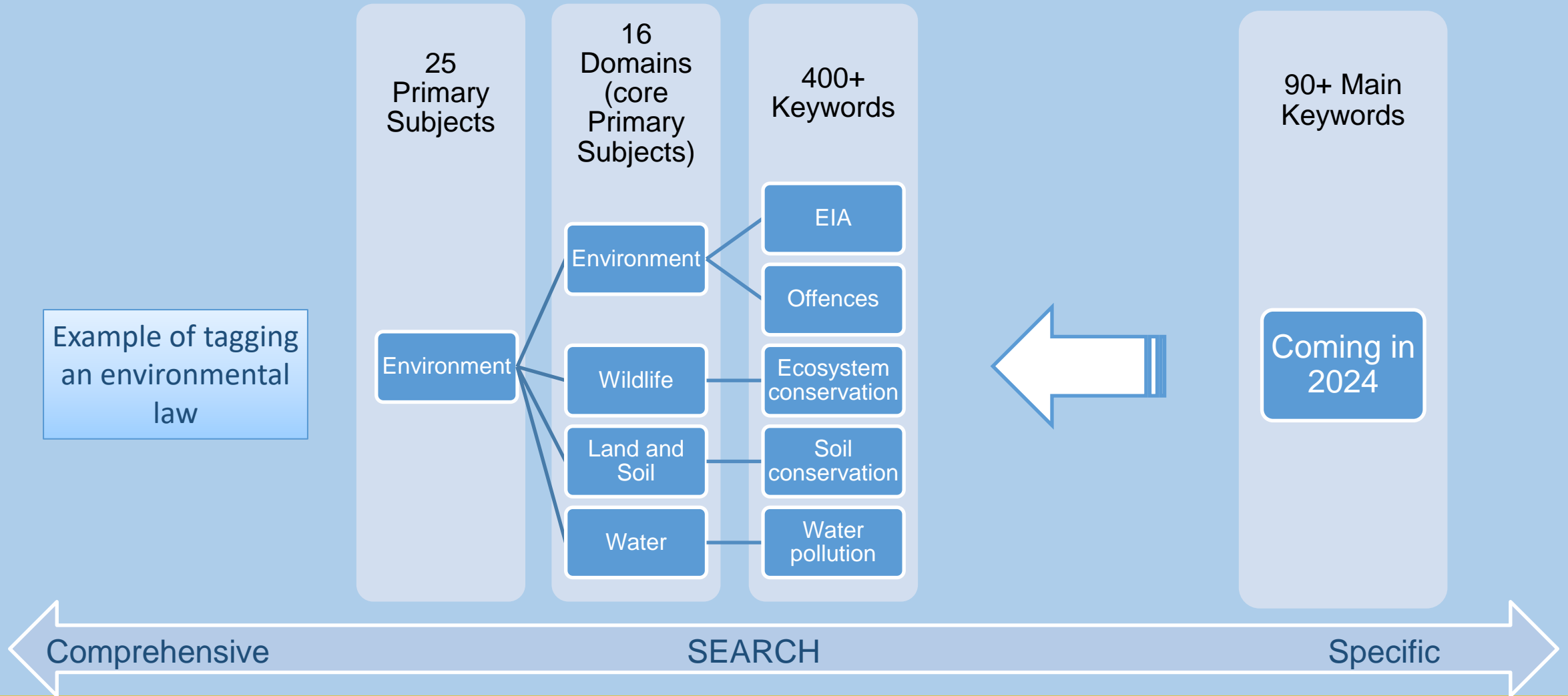


Soil-related Keywords

- desertification
- erosion
- fertilizers/nutrients
- protection forest
- soil conservation/soil improvement
- soil pollution/quality
- soil rehabilitation
- water shortage/drought

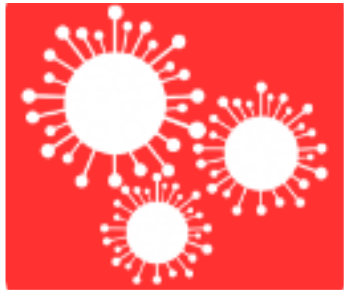


Understanding FAOLEX Subject Matter Metadata





Thematic Databases in the FAOLEX data ecosystem



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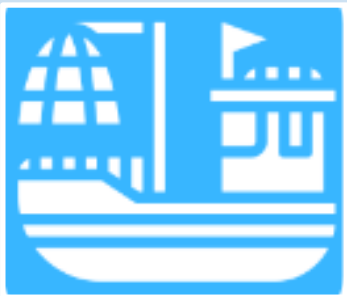
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Gender-Lex



Port-Lex



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SSF-Lex



The Right to Food

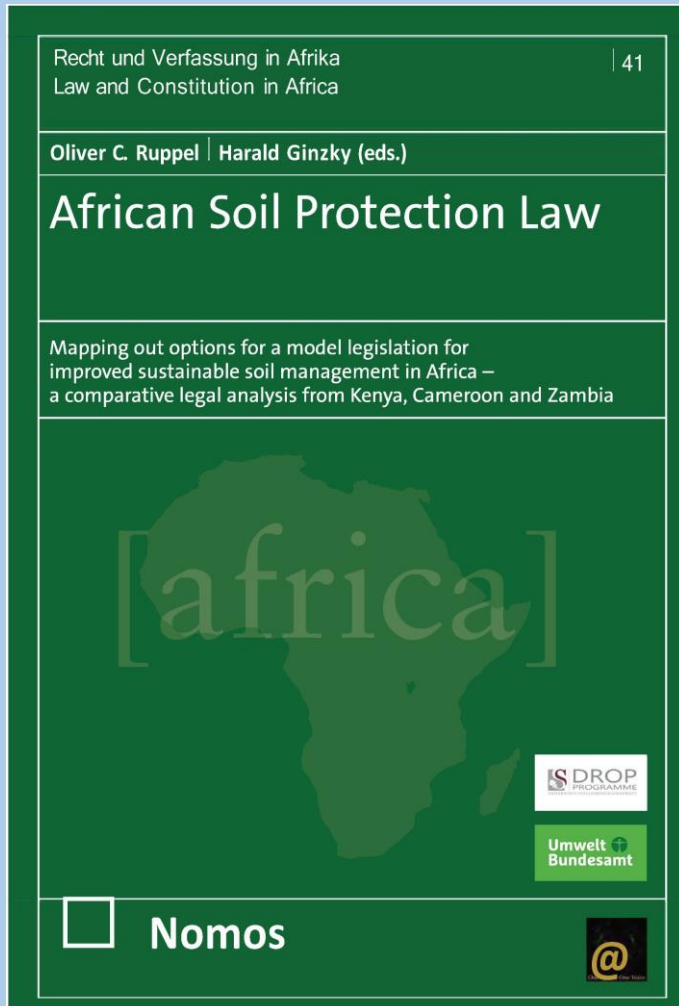


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Thematic Databases: Facilitating Access to FAO-Related Regulatory Areas





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Advancing SoiLex: Pointers for Enhancement



Pointers

Scope

Automated data exchange

Advanced Search

Policies

Leveraging AI



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