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Sustainable Soil Management implementation activities

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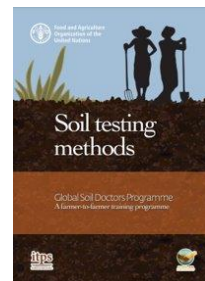
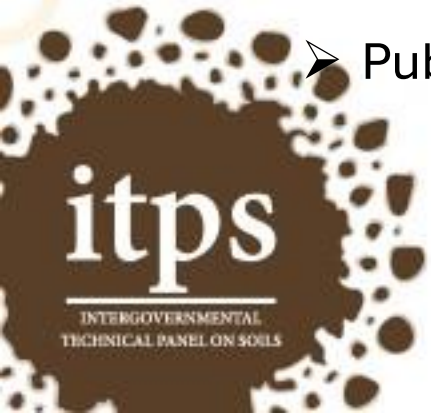
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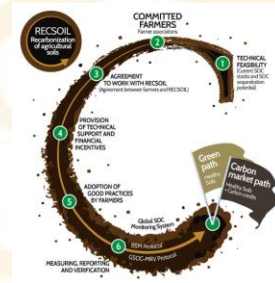
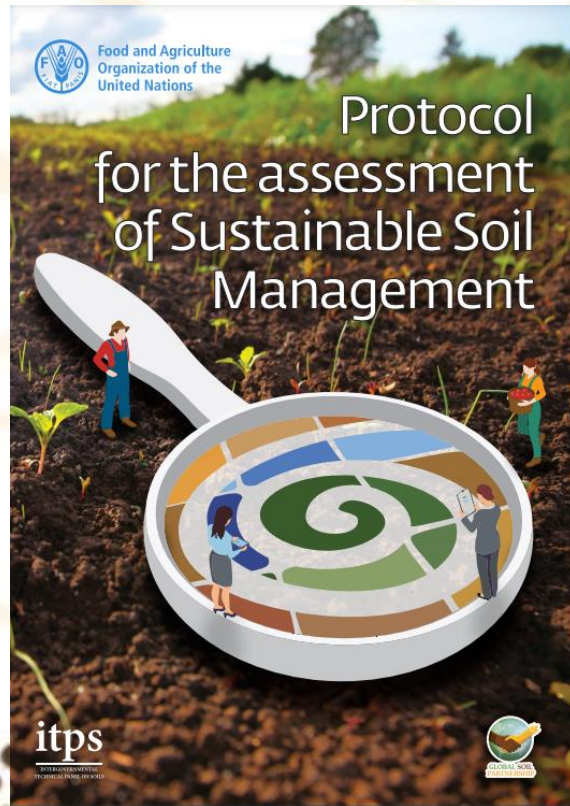
- Promotional video: [Saving soils and empowering farmers through the GSDP](#)
- Financial resources invested by the national governments, FAO projects, GEF projects, private sector
- New materials: Video tutorials, online training report
- 21 countries implementing the Programme
- New trainings: Nigeria, Uzbekistan, Mozambique, Soils 4 Nutrition project in Mexico, Colombia and Burkina Faso, Turkmenistan, Panama, Chile phase 2, Cambodia
- New procurement process: survey on the educational kit
- Publications to update with the ITPS support



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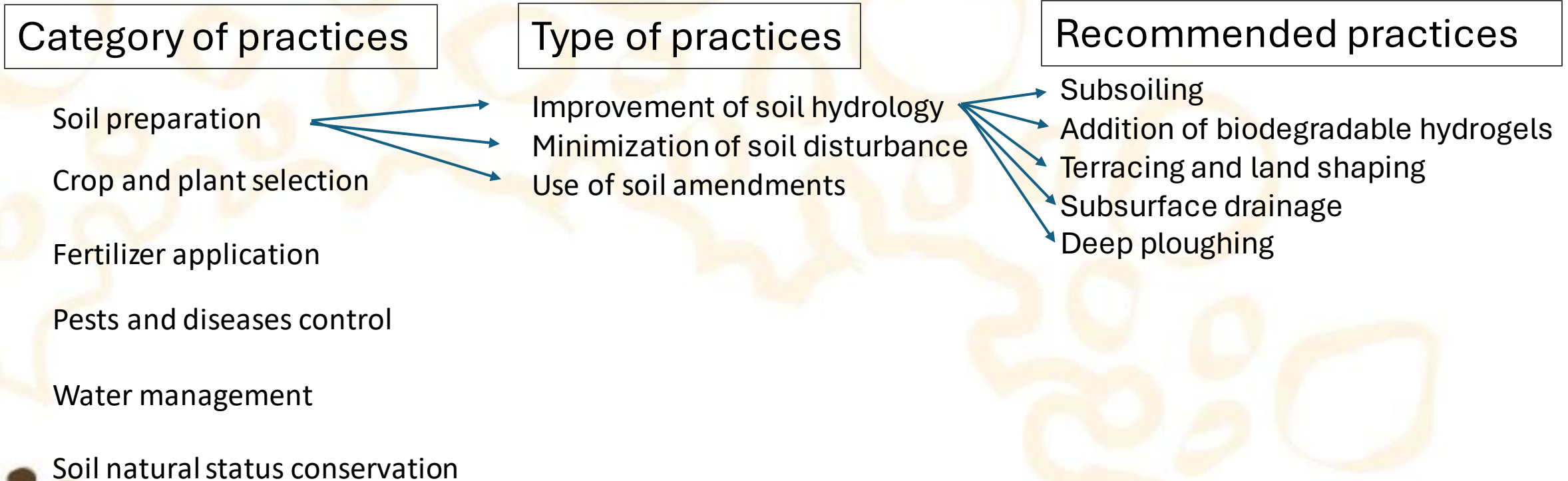


RECSOIL green path

LAC region pilot:

User guide for the LAC region, based on field trials in Nicaragua. Sampling method recommended using baseline measurements and control plots.

SSM recommended practices



SSM recommended practices

Category of Practices	Type	Type of practices	Code	Practices
Soil preparation	1	Improvement of soil hydrology	1	Subsoiling
Soil preparation	1	Improvement of soil hydrology	2	Addition of biodegradable hydrogels
Soil preparation	1	Improvement of soil hydrology	3	Terracing and land shaping
Soil preparation	1	Improvement of soil hydrology	4	Subsurface drainage
Soil preparation	1	Improvement of soil hydrology	5	Deep ploughing
Soil preparation	2	Minimization of soil disturbance	6	Use of reduced tillage
Soil preparation	2	Minimization of soil disturbance	7	Controlled traffic farming
Soil preparation	2	Minimization of soil disturbance	8	Fallow
Soil preparation	2	Minimization of soil disturbance	9	Cover cropping
Soil preparation	3	Use of soil amendments	10	Mulching
Soil preparation	3	Use of soil amendments	11	Biochar
Soil preparation	3	Use of soil amendments	12	Liming

SSM recommended practices

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Crop and plant selection	4	Crop and plant adaptation	13	Use of adapted crops (crop suitability)
Crop and plant selection	5	Crop and plant diversification	14	Use of green barriers
Crop and plant selection	5	Crop and plant diversification	15	Crop rotations
Crop and plant selection	5	Crop and plant diversification	16	Multiple cropping
Crop and plant selection	6	Soil remediation	17	Use of phytoremediation
Crop and plant selection	6	Soil remediation	18	Use of microbial bioremediation
Fertilizer application	7	Improvement of fertilizer use efficiency	19	Addition of mineral fertilizers according to soil and crop needs
Fertilizer application	7	Improvement of fertilizer use efficiency	20	Context specific fertilizer application method
Fertilizer application	7	Improvement of fertilizer use efficiency	21	Use of biofertilizers
Fertilizer application	7	Improvement of fertilizer use efficiency	22	Use of enhanced efficiency fertilizers
Fertilizer application	7	Improvement of fertilizer use efficiency	23	Use of biostimulants
Fertilizer application	7	Improvement of fertilizer use efficiency	24	Fertigation
Fertilizer application	8	Use of organic fertilizers	25	Use of manure digestates
Fertilizer application	8	Use of organic fertilizers	26	Use of organic liquid fertilizers
Fertilizer application	8	Use of organic fertilizers	27	Use of animal manure
Fertilizer application	8	Use of organic fertilizers	28	Use of green manure
Fertilizer application	8	Use of organic fertilizers	29	Compost application
Fertilizer application	8	Use of organic fertilizers	30	Residue retention

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Pests and diseases control	9	Integrated pest control	31	Use of biocontrol organisms
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Water management	10	Irrigation practices	33	Use of sprinklers and sprays
Water management	10	Irrigation practices	34	Use of drip irrigation
Water management	10	Irrigation practices	35	Subsurface irrigation
Water management	11	Improvement of water use efficiency	36	Water harvesting and storage
Water management	11	Improvement of water use efficiency	37	Construction of water circulation channels
Water management	11	Improvement of water use efficiency	38	Surface scraping
Soil natural status conservation	12	Maintenance of original ecosystem	39	Avoid soil transformation (drainage, layer removal, deforestation)
Soil natural status conservation	13	Restoration of original ecosystem	40	Restore original vegetation before land use changes

Practices description



Reference (s)

SSM recommended practices – case studies

Case studies template

Description of the context

Information	Value	Comments
Country (List)		
Nearest Location (municipality name)		
X Coordinates (Longitude; decimal degrees, 6 decimals)		
Y Coordinates (Latitude; decimal degrees, 6 decimals)		
Climate type IPCC (List)		
Mean Total annual rainfall (mm) *optional		
Mean Annual temperature (°C) *optional		
Mean total annual evapotranspiration (mm) *optional		
Elevation (m)		
Predominant Slope class (List)		
Soil Type (List)		
Soil Texture (List)		
Land use (List)		
Main Crop(s) (List)		
Number of hectares		

- Description of the context
- Recommended practice included in the case study
- Equipment, tools and materials needed to implement the recommended practice
- Description of the profile or labour needed
- Item (laboratory analysis, machinery rental, etc)
- Step description
- SSM indicator
- Additional indicator
- Other expected benefits of the recommended practice
- Other expected applications of the recommended practice
- Barriers identified for the implementation of the recommended practice

SSM recommended practices – format

Category / Type / Practice

Practice description

General description
Relevance
General benefits



Implementation context


Threats involved
Crops
Land Use



Category / Type / Practice


Materials and equipment

Material characteristics
Equipment, Inputs



Step by step

Implementation instructions



Maintenance instructions

Category / Type / Practice

Costs and benefits

Amount to invest \$\$

Results expected%



General results

Yield
SSM Indicators results
Additional indicators



Category / Type / Practice

Case studies (links)

Land Use
Threat
Crop
Country



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