



# Global Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Potential Map

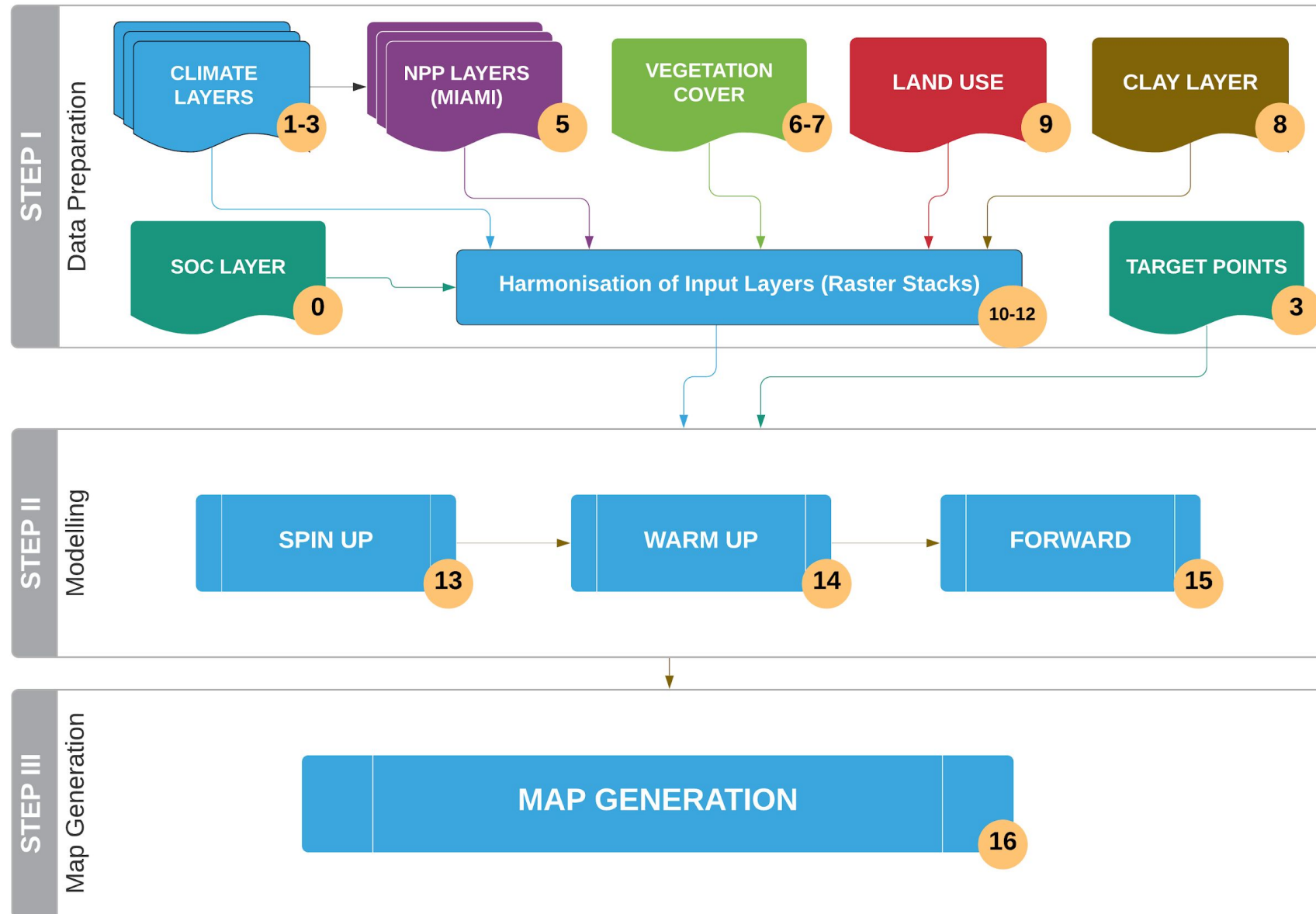
## GSOCseq

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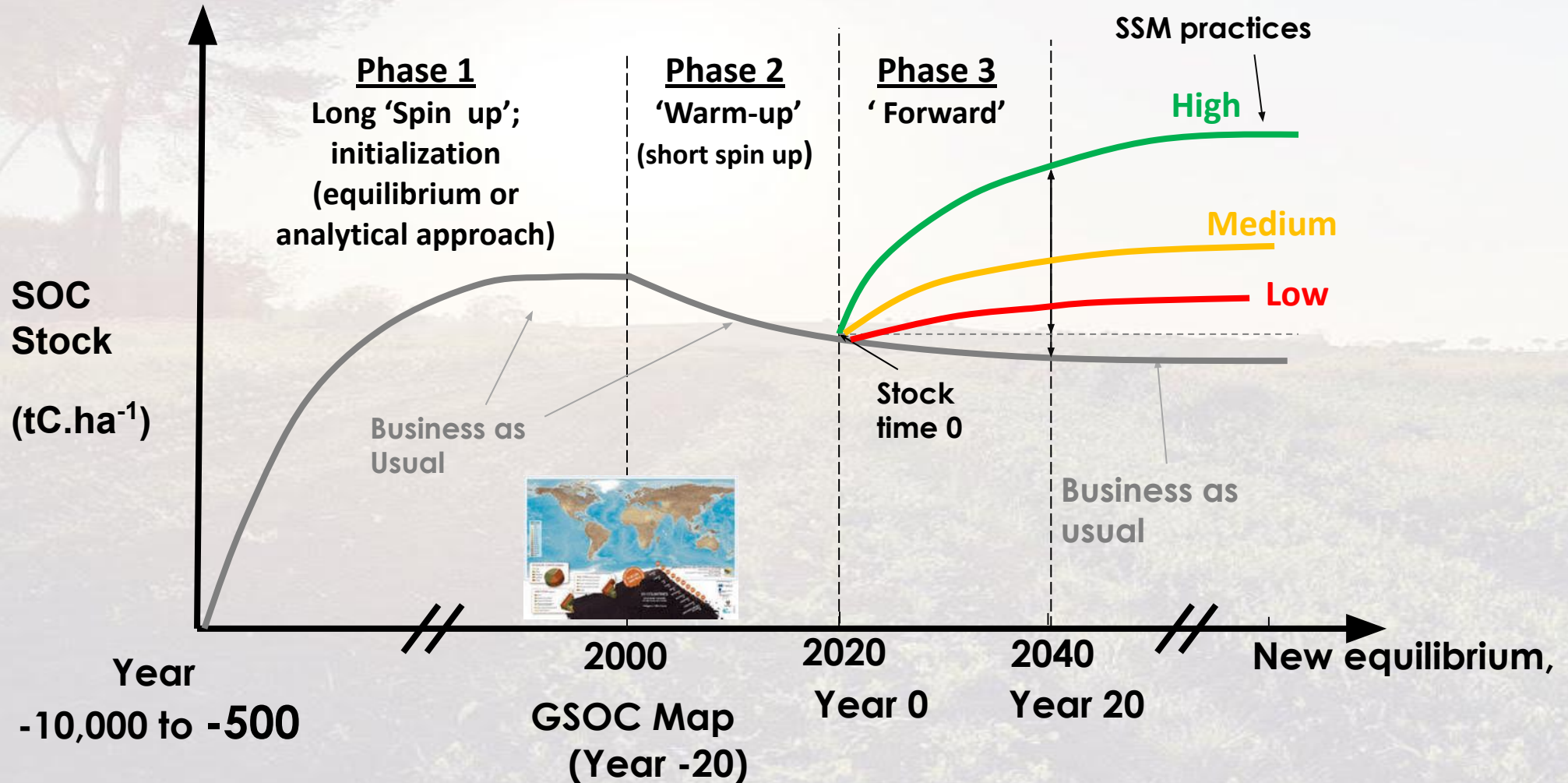
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# scripts



● Script Number

# For each 1km x 1km pixel:



Approach based on Smith et al 2006; 2008; Gottschalk et al. 2012

# Summary INPUTS

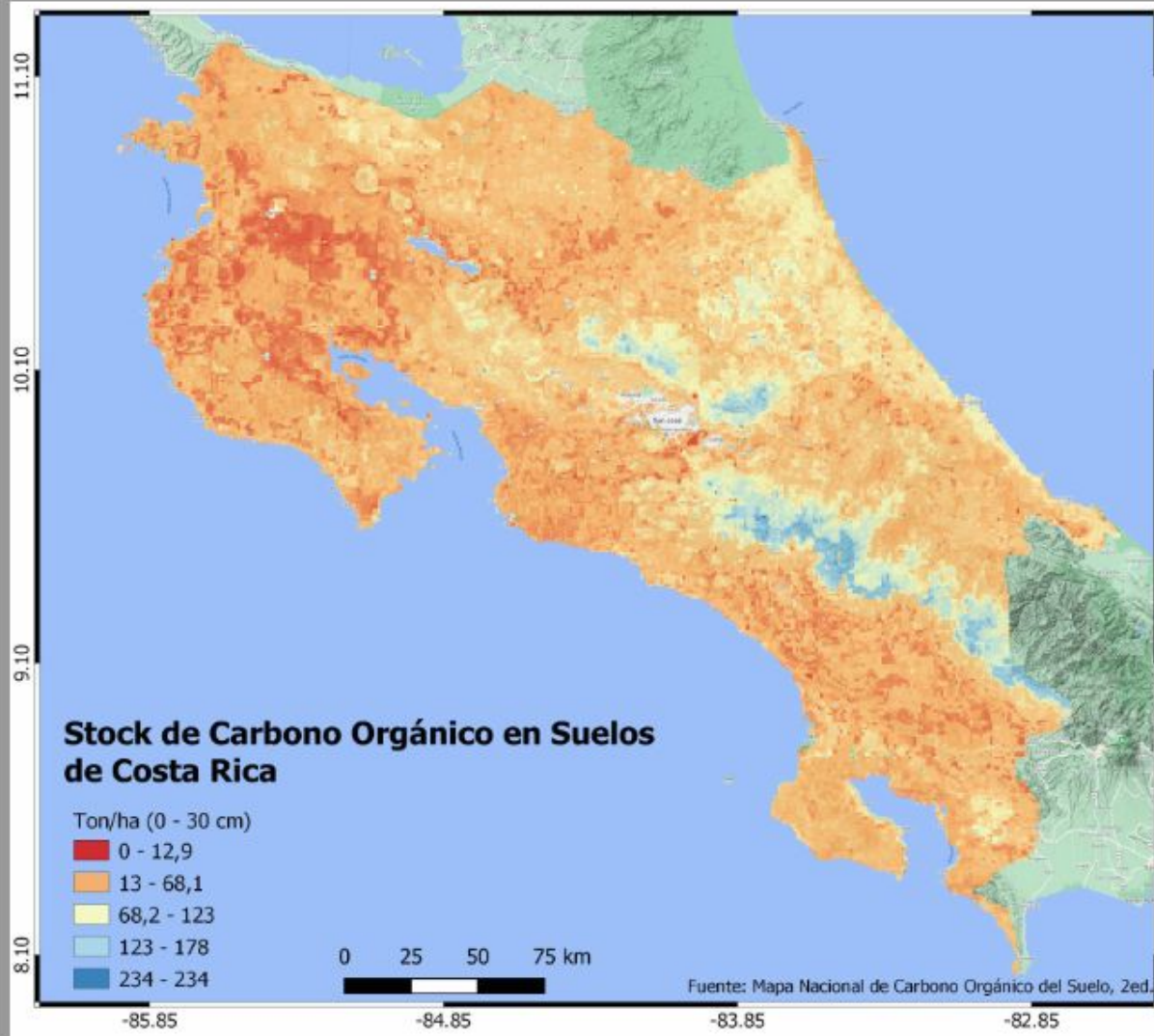
Input data requirements				
Data	Variables	Time series	Units	Type
Climatic data	Monthly air temperature	1980-2000; 2001-2020 (or until last year available)	°C	Raster
	Monthly evapotranspiration (Penman-Monteith)	1980-2000; 2001-2020 (or until last year available)	mm	Raster
	Monthly precipitation + irrigation	1980-2000; 2001-2020 (or until last year available)	mm	Raster
Soil data	Topsoil clay content (0-30 cm)	-	%	Raster
	Current Soil organic carbon stocks (0-30 cm)	Latest version of national FAO-GSOC map	tC ha <sup>-1</sup>	Raster
Land use/cover	Predominant land use/cover, re-classified into: Minimum: 4 default classes required by model: agricultural crops, grassland/shrubland/savannas ; forests; others Optimum: 12 classes defined in the FAO Global Land Cover - SHARE (GLC-SHARE)	Minimum: representative 2000-2020 (or last year available) Optimum: annual land use 2000 to 2020	1-11	Raster
	Monthly vegetation cover. Obtained from national statistics/local expert knowledge; or derived from NDVI or spectral indexes (see section 3.3.4)	Minimum: average 2015- 2020 (or last year available period) Optimum: monthly soil cover 2000 to 2020	0-1	Raster

# Summary

- Global layers (TerraClimate, ISRIC, ESA, etc.)
- National layers when available!

# Example. Costa Rica GSOCseq map

## Initial SOC stocks - GSOC map



### Characteristics

- 2nd edition
- Resolution : 1x1km
- Random forest (49 spatial covariables)
- Data base: Base de datos de Suelos de Costa Rica del Centro de Investigaciones Agronómicas de la UCR

- Last updated version of GSOCmap
- Ideally: Average, Max and Min values for each pixel (based on % uncertainties)
- Use standard % uncertainty coefficients if no uncertainties available

# Example. Costa Rica GSOCseq map Clay Map



## Characteristics

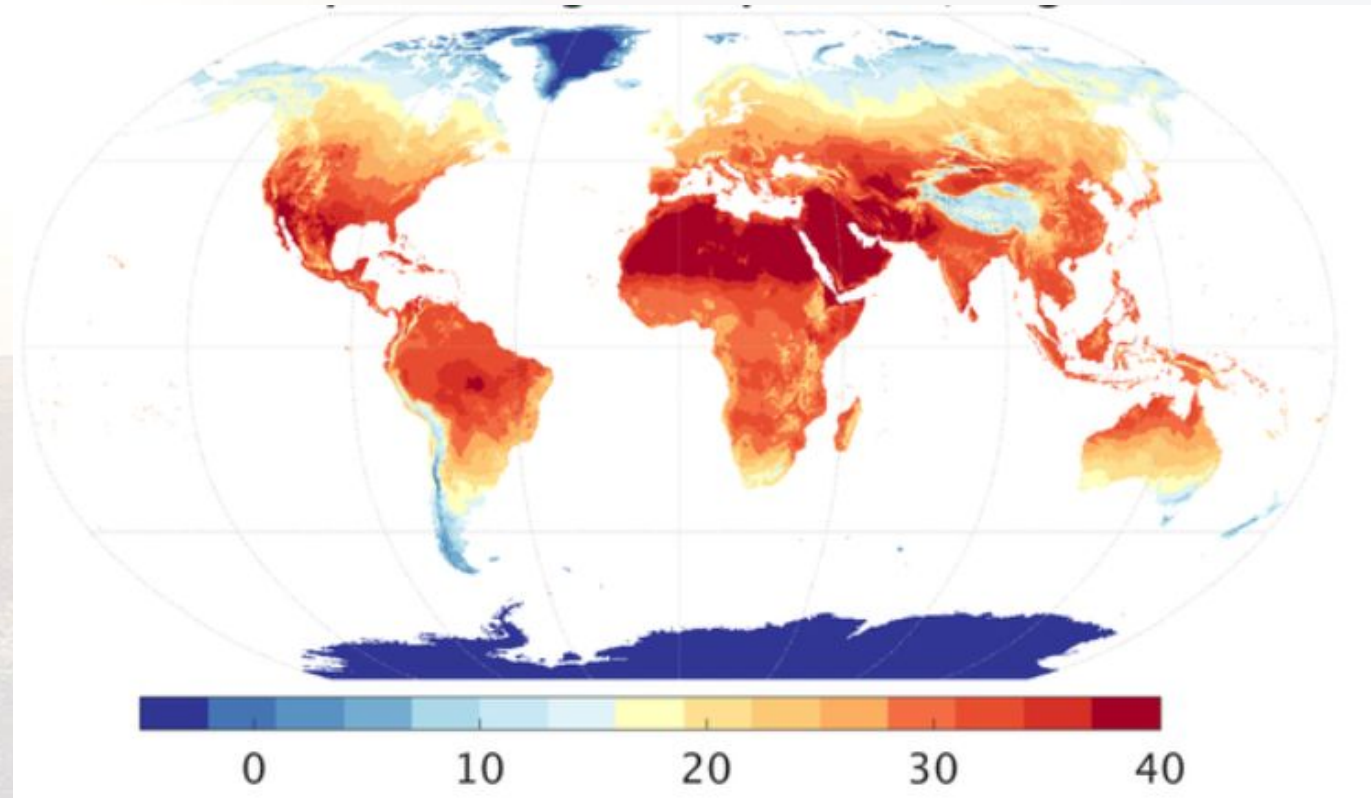
- Soilgrids Clay content 0-30 cm (weighted average)
- Resampled to : 1x1km
- Validation dataset: Base de Datos de Suelos de Costa Rica; Mapa de Ordenes de Suelos

- National clay content layers (products available from GSOCmap)
- ISRIC if no national layer (Now, uncertainties available)
- Ideally: Average, Max and Min values for each pixel (based on % uncertainties)
- Use standard % uncertainty coefficients if no uncertainties available

# Additional global climate data set

## GEE and R scripts

- TerraClimate is a dataset of monthly climate for global terrestrial surfaces from 1958-2019
- monthly temporal resolution and a ~4-km
- GEE and R scripts to download and prepare the data for you AOI will be provided soon





# Example. Costa Rica GSOCseq map


## Climatic variables




<http://climateengine.org/data>



Different regional databases

 **Evapotranspiration**

 **Temperature**

NCEP Climate Forecast System Reanalysis dataset" (NCEP-CFSR)  1187.5 Km<sup>2</sup>

 **Precipitation**

Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation with Station data" (CHIRPS, por sus siglas en inglés)  22.5 Km<sup>2</sup>.

# Example. Costa Rica GSOCseq map

## Climatic variables



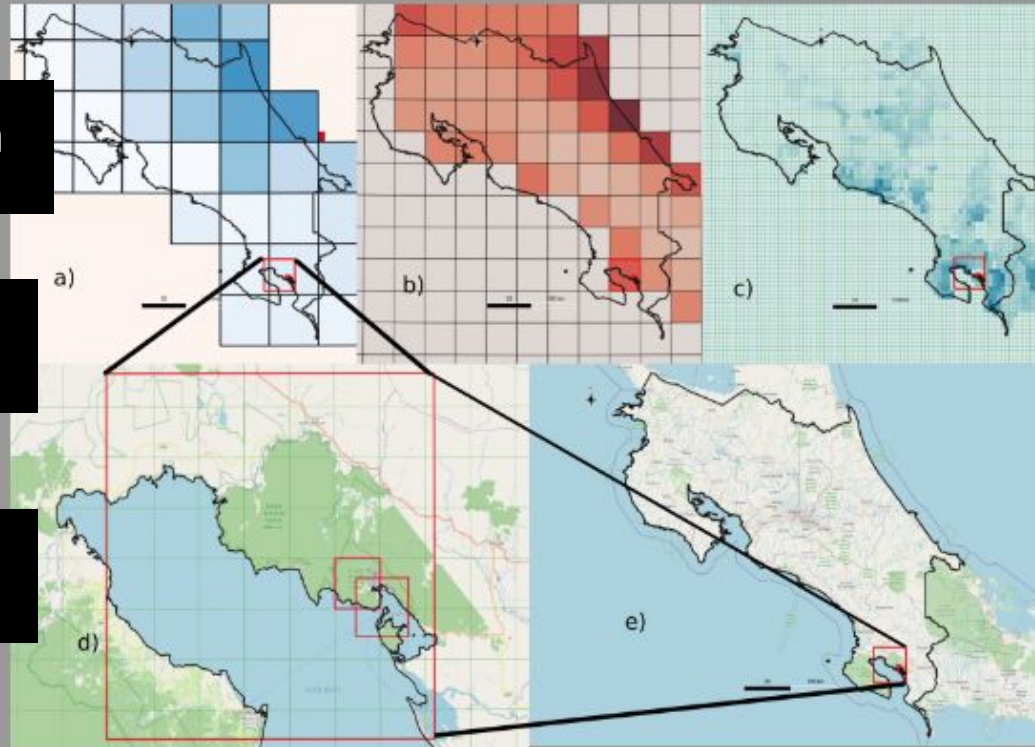
Evapotranspiration



Temperature



Precipitation



Diferencias entre tamaños de píxeles: a) Resolución del “Climatic Research Unit Time-series” (CRU), en b), la resolución del NCEP-CFSR para temperatura y evapotranspiración. Enc), se muestra la resolución para los productos CHIRPS de precipitación. En d), el recuadro de la resolución de NCEP-CFSR y precipitación. Finalmente, en e), se muestra el tamaño de píxel de NCEP-CFSR en el contexto de Costa Rica.

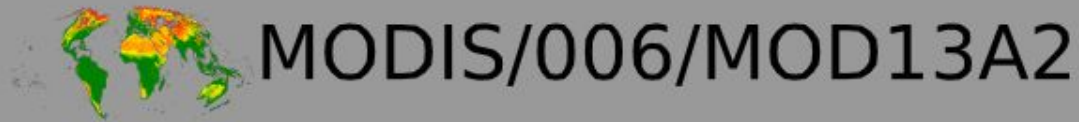
- National or regional climatic layers
- Monthly data: 1981-2000; 2001-2020
- CRU if no national/regional layer
- Ideally: Average, Max and Min values for each pixel (based on % uncertainties)
- Use standard % uncertainty coefficients if no uncertainties available

# Example. Costa Rica GSOCseq map

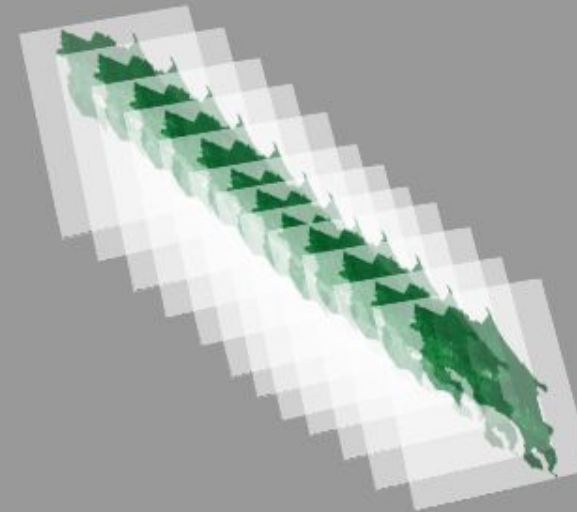
## Vegetation cover Map

From MODIS NDVI

Modified threshold; vegetated NDVI > 0.3 (default script 0.5)



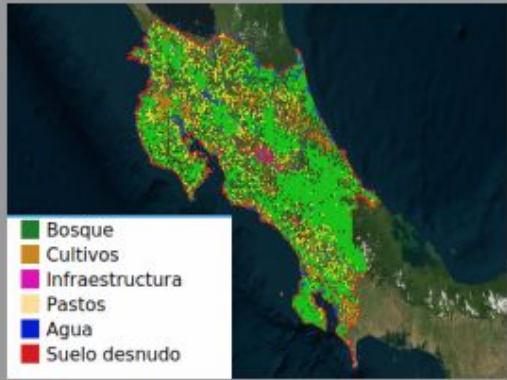
1 layer per month



- NDVI Google earth Engine Script
- Thresholds can be Modified to copy regional trends
- Other preferred indexes : e.g. BSI (Bare soil index)
- Final product: Monthly cover 0.6 (vegetated) - 1.0 (non vegetated)
- Resolution : 1kmx1km

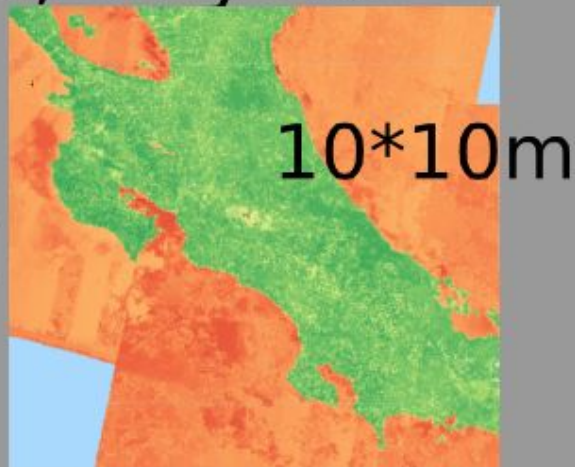
# Example. Costa Rica GSOCseq map

## Land Use Layer



Bandas utilizadas  
B2, B3, B4 y B8

EVI  
NDVI  
NDWI

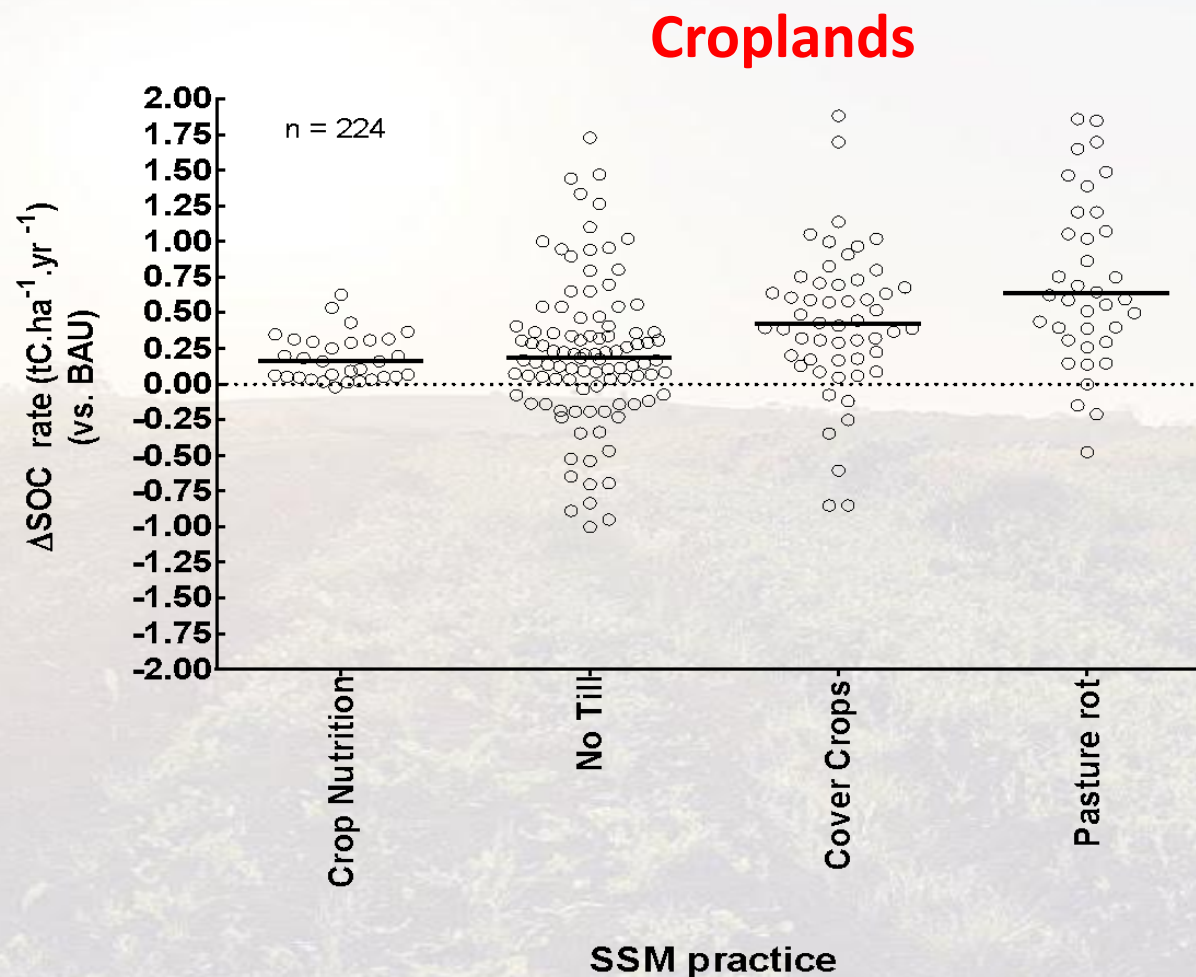


- National layers, always preferred (at least last available land use); re-classified into FAO Land Use classes
- Global layer ESA if no national layers

# Example

Meta-analysis  
Local results of  
SOC changes

## Adjust % increment in C inputs (Additional, Non standard products)



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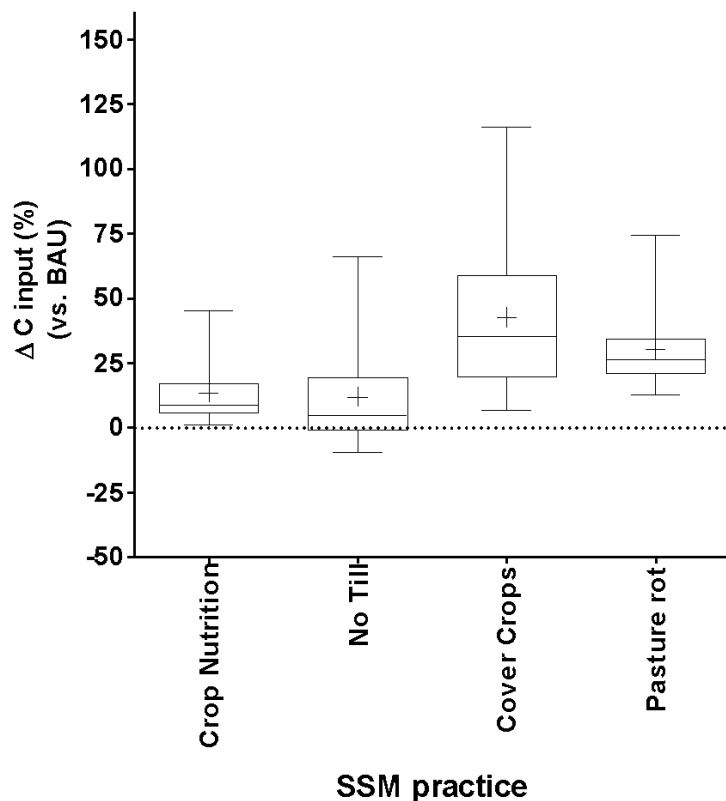
Adjust % increment in C inputs  
(Additional, Non standard products)

## Meta-analysis

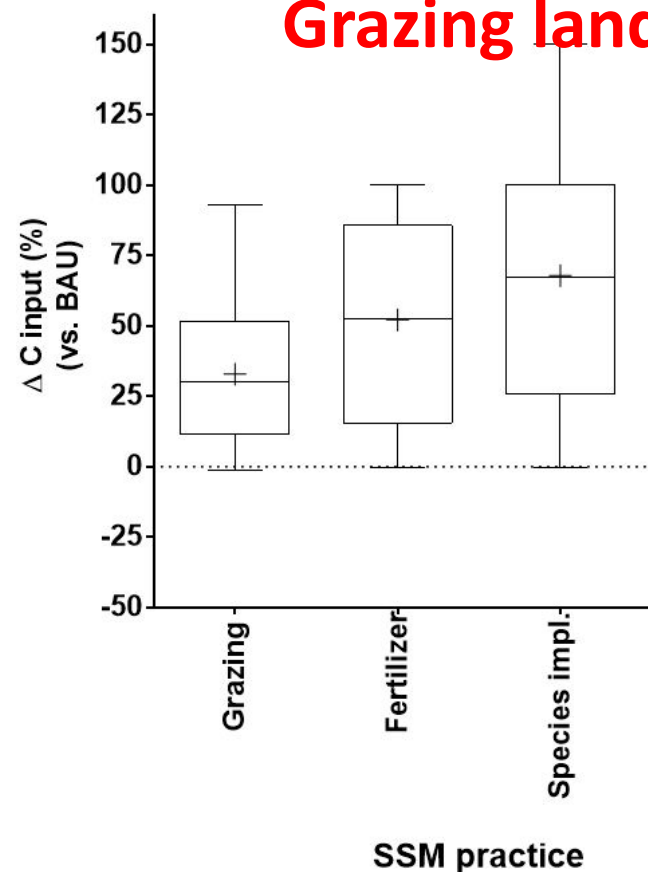
### Local results of increase in C inputs:

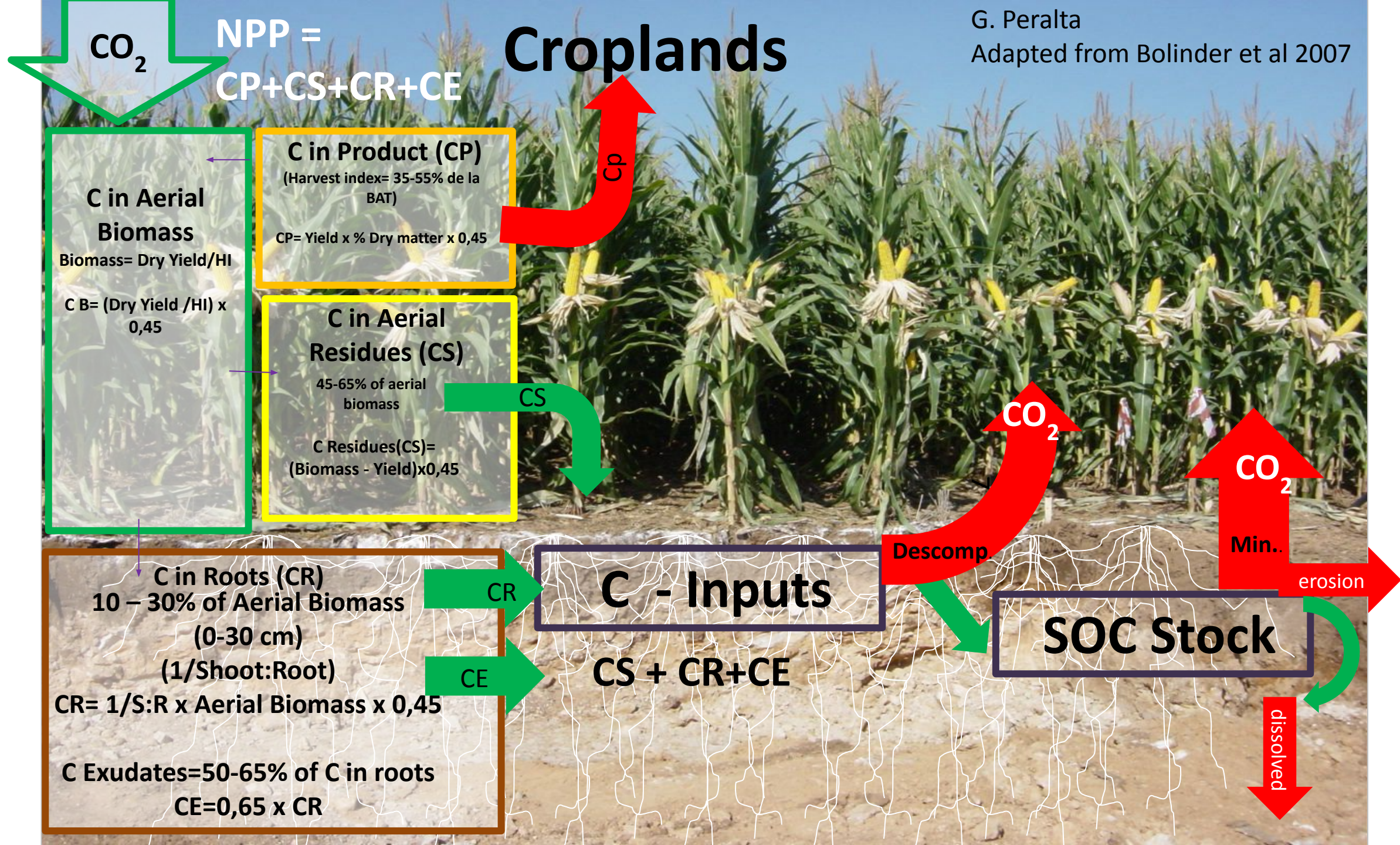
- From published studies
- From Yield and production data (e.g. field trials)

### Croplands



### Grazing lands



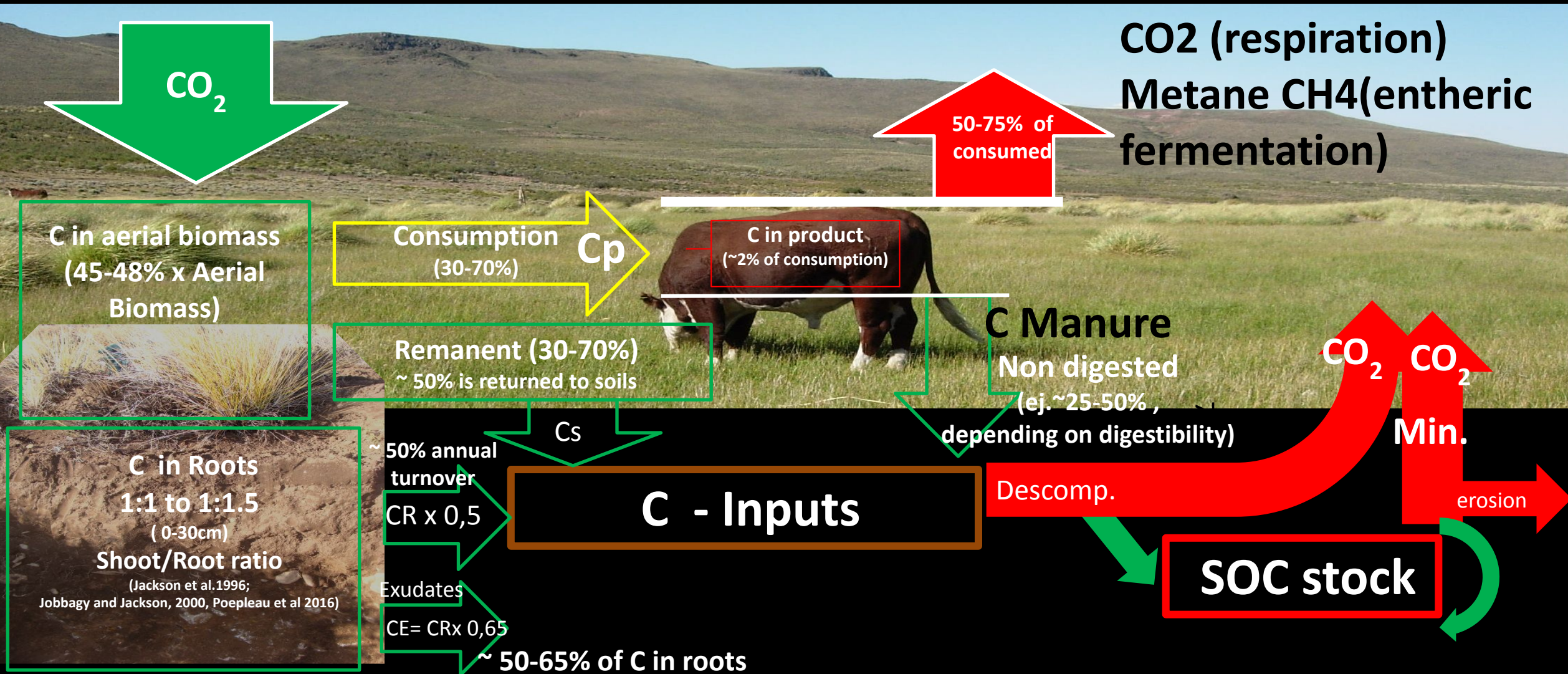


\*45-48% C in Dry biomass

# Grazing Lands

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Adapted from Bolinder et al 2007; Li et al 2011

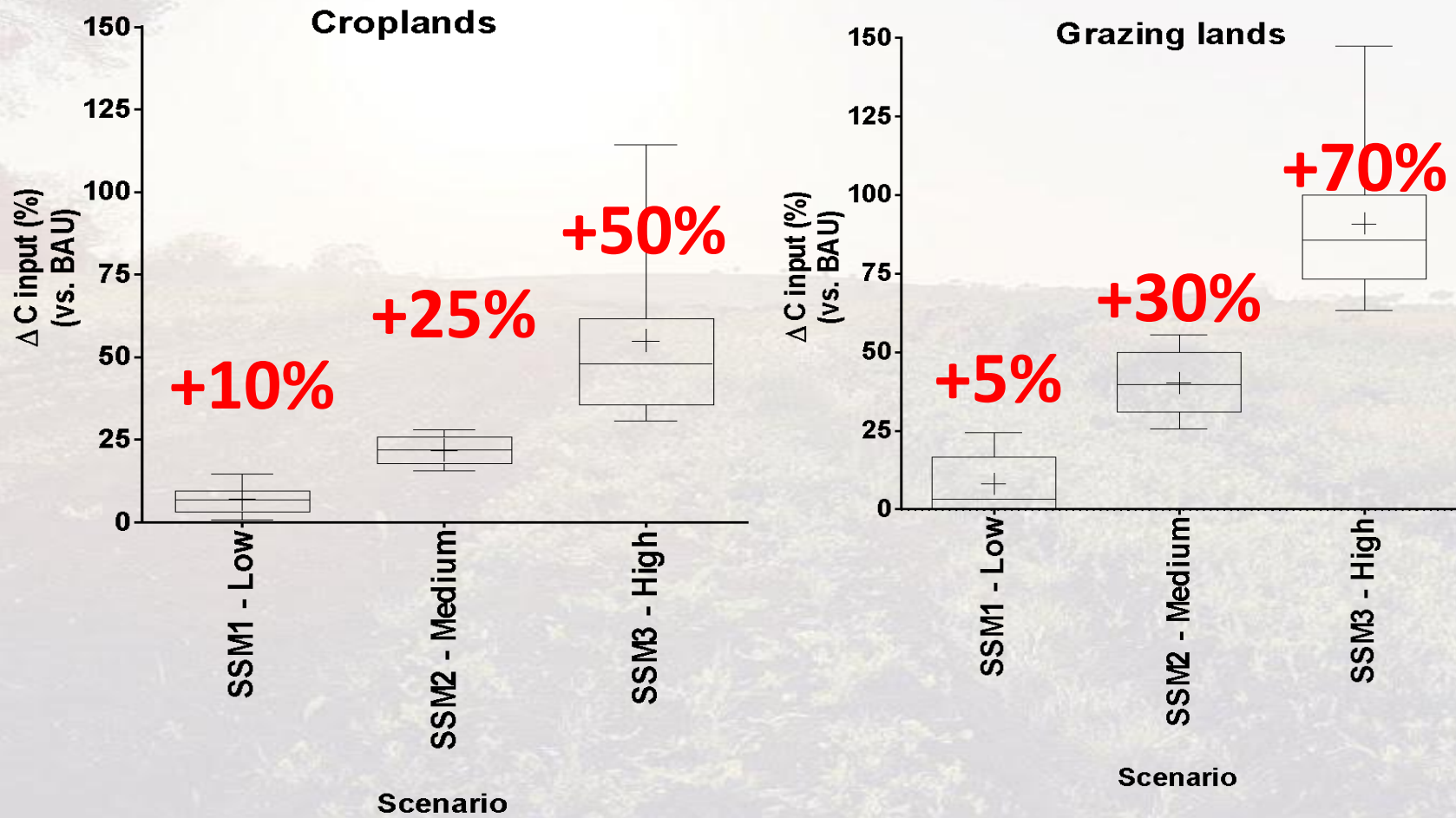




# Example

Meta-analysis  
Local results of  
SOC changes

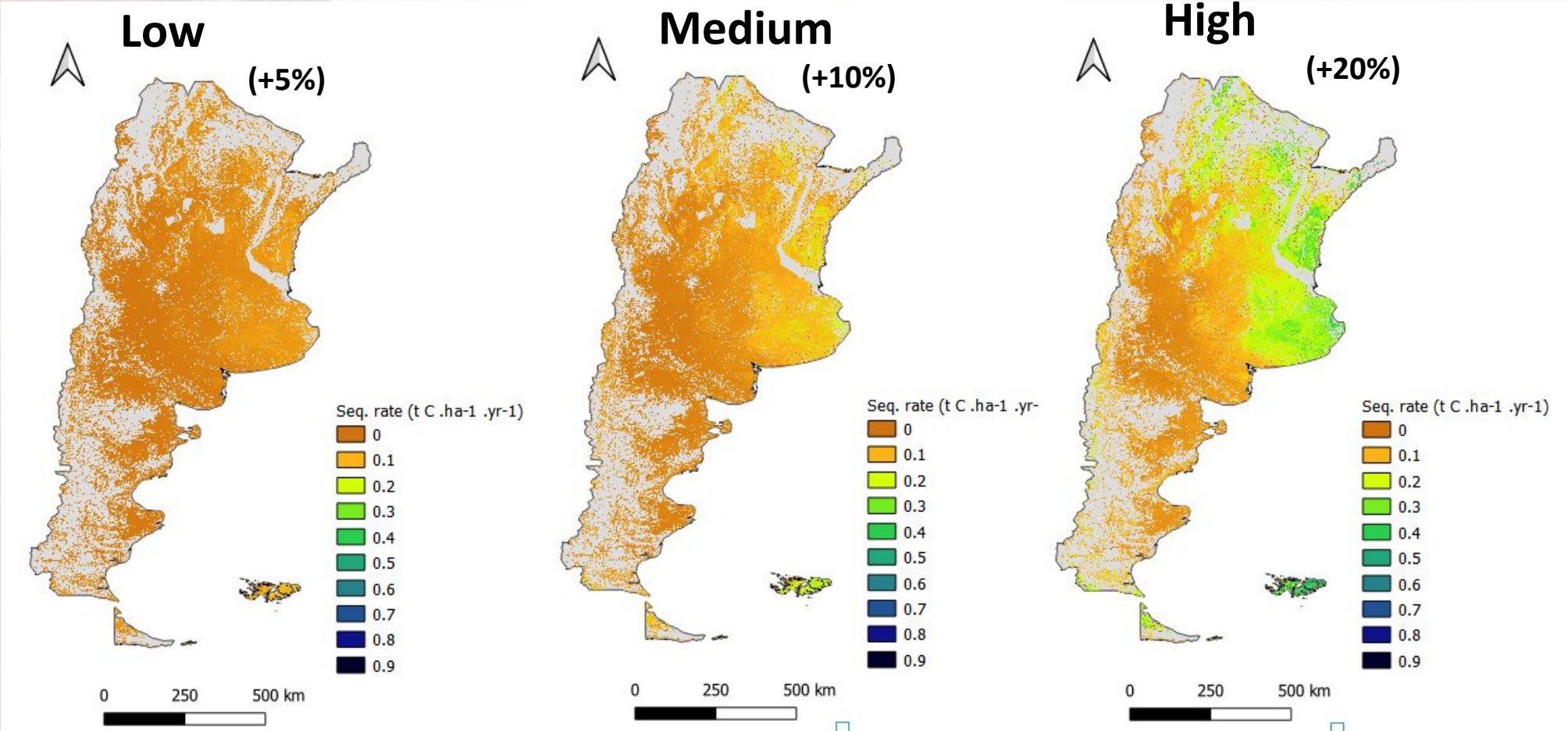
## Adjust % increment in C inputs (Additional, Non standard products)



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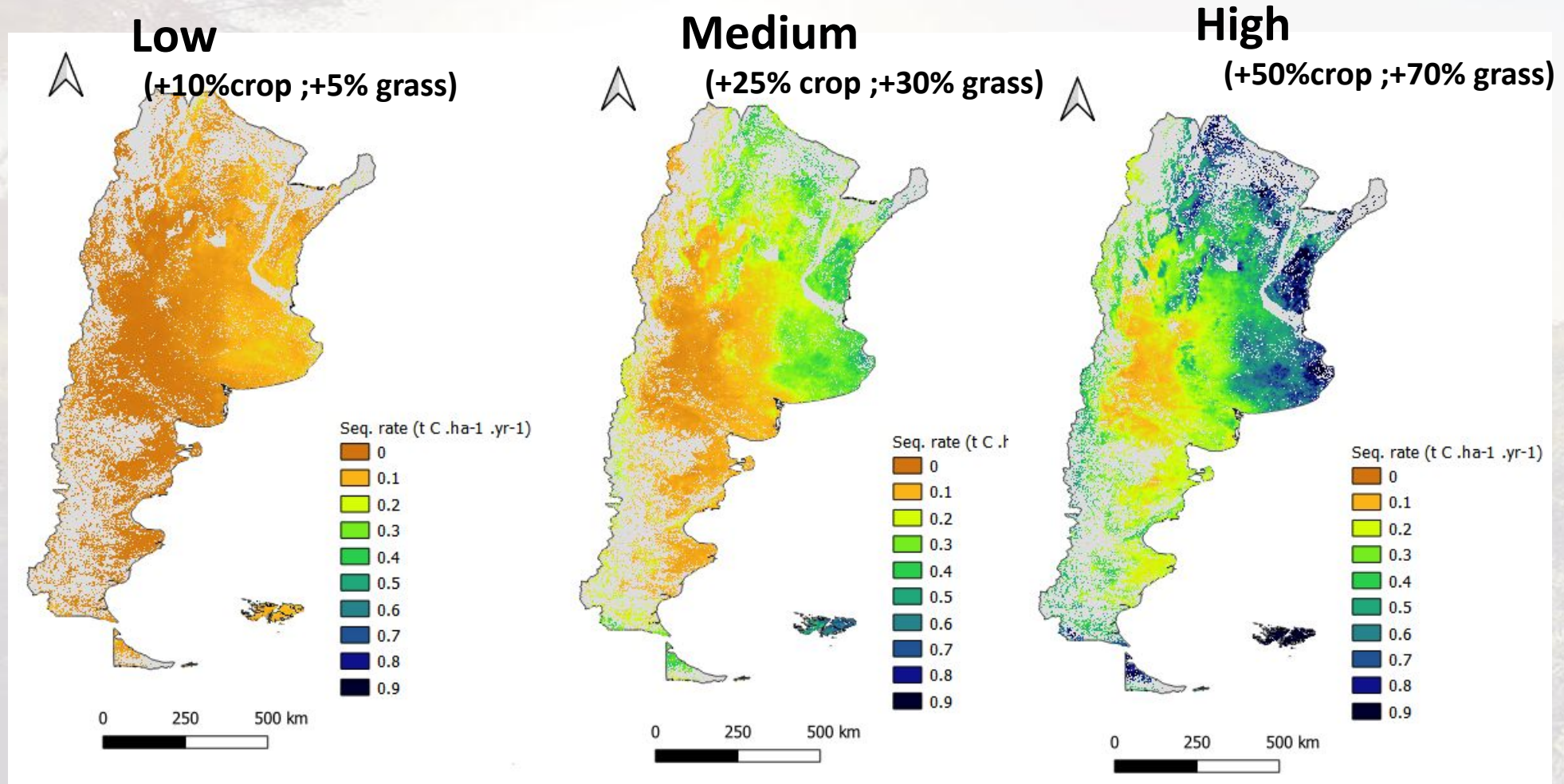
# Standard Products



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# Non-Standard Products Using modified coefficients



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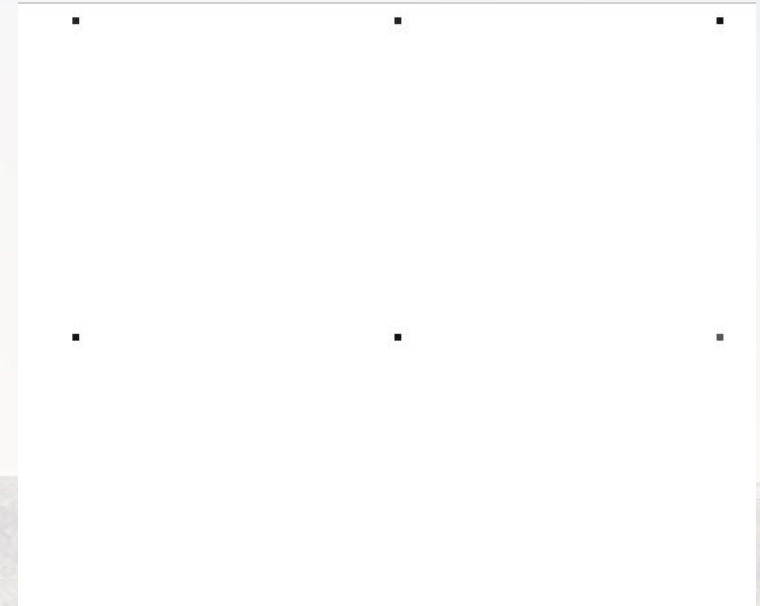
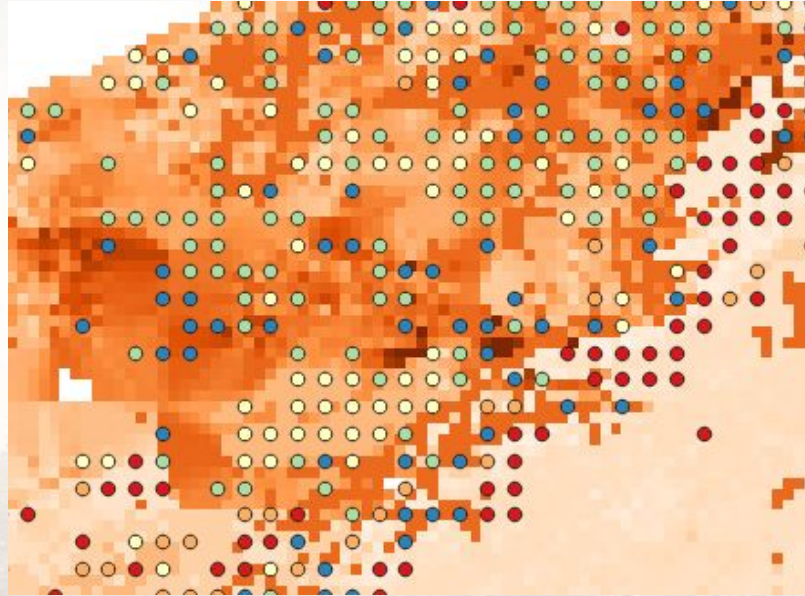
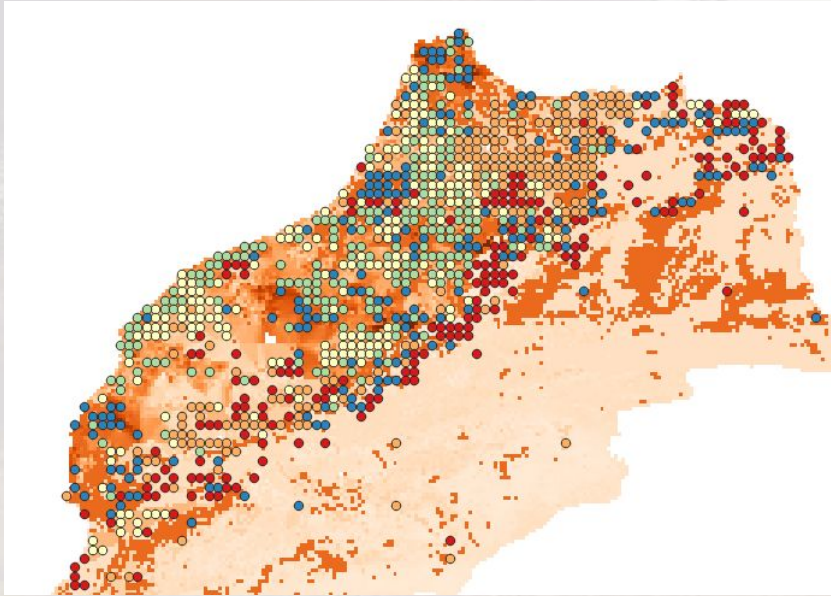
# ... Some aspects to consider

- **Units:** Clay content (g/kg vs. %); GSOC Map (g C/m<sup>2</sup> vs TC/ha); units and sca
- **Outliers...**can be reprocessed ("euler" vs "Isoda")... Generally <2% points...Run those points with SoilR

# ... Some aspects to consider

- **Time (Spin up)!** = monthly runs, 500 years ...Can take more than 15 days, specially in countries with large agricultural areas:
  - First run a subset of points
  - Start with standard product (target points in agricultural + grazing lands)
  - Run by **provinces/chunks**

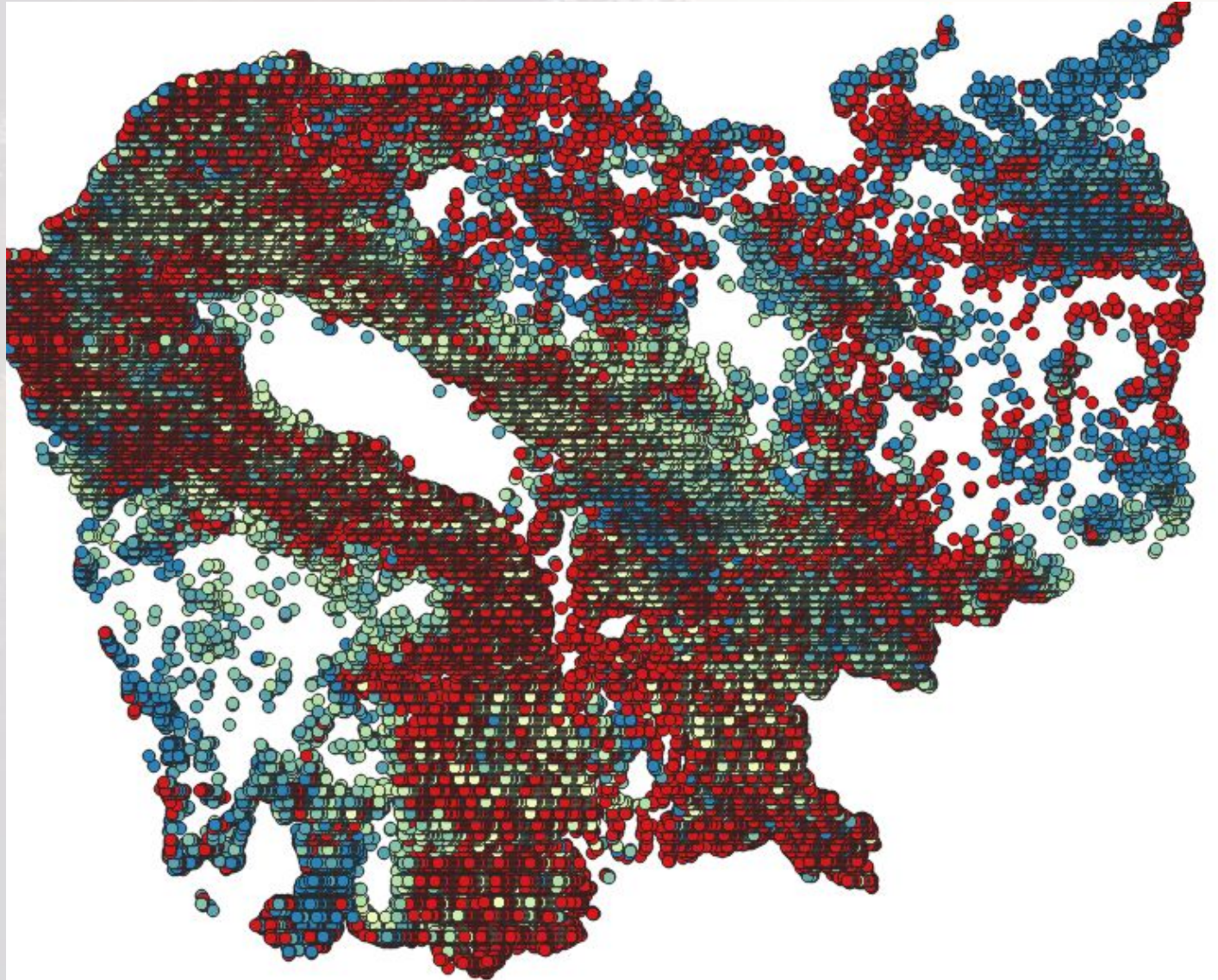
# ... Some aspects to consider



- Generate target points and run the model for all points
- Subset just to test if the model is working ok

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# ... Some aspects to consider



- Check Forward Vector for NA or 0 values
- Start checking the stocks at T0
- Filter Select points with no data and re-run model (Isoda vs euler in the scripts 13, 14, 15)
  
- Check input layers have data for that areas!

# Standard Products: Final and intermediate Products

- **|\_ Maps**

- **|\_ National Absolute SOC Sequestration rate Map for the BAU scenario** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_ASR\_BAU\_Map030.tiff*)
- **|\_ National Absolute SOC Sequestration rate Map for the SSM1 scenario (Low)** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_ASR\_SSM1\_Map030.tiff*)
- **|\_ National Absolute SOC Sequestration rate Map for the SSM2 scenario (Medium)** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_ASR\_SSM2\_Map030.tiff*)
- **|\_ National Absolute SOC Sequestration rate Map for the SSM3 scenario (High)** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_ASR\_SSM3\_Map030.tiff*)
  
- **|\_ National Relative SOC Sequestration rate Map for the SSM1 scenario (Low)** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_RSR\_SSM1\_Map030.tiff*)
- **|\_ National Relative SOC Sequestration rate Map for the SSM2 scenario (Medium)** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_RSR\_SSM2\_Map030.tiff*)
- **|\_ National Relative SOC Sequestration rate Map for the SSM3 scenario (High)** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_RSR\_SSM3\_Map030.tiff*)
  
- **|\_ Initial SOC Stocks at T0** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_T0\_Map030.tiff*)

- **|\_ Uncertainty Maps**

- **|\_ Uncertainties: National Absolute SOC Sequestration rates for the BAU scenario** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_ASR\_BAU\_UncertaintyMap030.tiff*)
- **|\_ Uncertainties: National Absolute SOC Sequestration rates for the SSM1 scenario (Low)** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_ASR\_SSM1\_UncertaintyMap030.tiff*)
- **|\_ Uncertainties: National Absolute SOC Sequestration rates for the SSM2 scenario (Medium)** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_ASR\_SSM2\_UncertaintyMap030.tiff*)
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- **|\_ Uncertainties: National Relative SOC Sequestration rates for the SSM3 scenario (High)** (*ISO3CountryCode\_GSOCseq\_RSR\_SSM3\_UncertaintyMap030.tiff*)

- **|\_ Documents**

- **|\_ Report** (*ISO3CountryCode\_Report.doc, docx*)

**7 Final Standard Products with their uncertainties**

**29 Total products (considering intermediate)**

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# ..After Generating the Map...

<https://fao-gsp.github.io/GSOCseq/annex-ii-quality-assurance-and-quality-control.html>

**Step 1** Check that 29 products have been labeled appropriately and are in the correct format

**Step 2** Check the projection and resolution of all products

**Step 3** Check that the products were generated for agricultural and grazing areas only

**Step 4** Check that all target areas have been included in the process

**Step 5** Check for units, range, and outliers



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# ..After Generating the Map...

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## Final SOC Stocks

- Most of the values should fall between 15-100 t/ha
- Minimum values should be greater than 0 (except for -999 Values, which indicate no data values)
- -999 values should be masked out
- There should not be negative values other than -999
- Maximum values should not exceed 800 t/ha.
- Mean values SOC SSM3 > SSM 2 > SSM 1 > BAU

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# ..After Generating the Map...

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## Absolute sequestration rates (ASR)

- The expected range for all maps should fall between -4 to +4 t/ha
- ASR BAU: usually most values from -0.5 to + 0.5, with median values near 0 or lower
- ASR SSM1: usually most values -0.4 to + 0.6, with median near 0 or higher (similar to BAU)
- ASR SSM2: usually most values -0.3 to + 0.7
- ASR SSM3: usually most values -0.2 to + 0.8
- -999 and -49.95 Values (-999/20) indicate no data values. Values  $\leq -49.95$  should be masked out
- Negative values other than -999 and -49.95 (meaning SOC losses between 2020 and 2040) should not exceed -4
- Maximum values should usually not exceed +4.
- Mean values SSM3 > SSM 2 > SSM 1 > BAU

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# ..After Generating the Map...

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## Relative sequestration rates (RSR)

- The expected range should fall between 0 to +4 t C/ha (with most data being distributed between 0 to +1)
- RSR SSM1: usually most values range from 0 to + 0.6, with median near 0 or higher (similar to BAU)
- RSR SSM2: usually most values range from 0 to + 0.7
- RSR SSM3: usually most values range 0 to + 0.8
- -999 and -49.95 Values (-999/20) indicate no data values. Values  $\leq -49.95$  will be excluded from Global product
- There should not be negative values other than -999 and -49.95:
- Maximum values should usually not exceed +4.
- Mean SOC values in order of size SSM3 > SSM 2 > SSM 1

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# Technical Report



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## Global Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Potential Map

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# Country Name

National Report v.1.0 2020

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## Country name: Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Potential National Map. National Report. Version 1.0. Year: 2020

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<sup>n</sup>Affiliations author "n". Add more institutions as required

### Executive summary

Provide a general introduction to the importance of the topic in the country, should state concisely the scope of the report and give the principal findings. Max. 300 words.

**Abbreviations** - Define abbreviations upon first appearance in the text. Please do not use non-standard abbreviations unless they appear at least three times in the text. Keep abbreviations to a minimum

### 1. Introduction

Should include if possible:

- General introduction: importance of SOC stocks and SOC sequestration at country level
- Country context: mention current main agricultural production systems and main products (e.g. top five agricultural products in total production and area); mention land use and management changes in the past decades if relevant, and effects on SOC stocks (cites).
- Mention sustainable soil management practices and business as usual practices in main agricultural regions and productive systems; Range and examples of the effects of sustainable practices on SOC stocks ( $t\ C. ha^{-1}yr^{-1}$ ) observed within the country (cites).
- Examples of past use of SOC models in the country to estimate SOC changes (cites).
- Examples of previous SOC sequestration potential national or subnational map/s or projected SOC stocks national or subnational map/s (cites).
- Objective of the national SOC sequestration potential map.
- Institutions involved in the process.

## 2. Methods

### 2.1. Study area

Should include if possible:

- Country area km<sup>2</sup>
- Total agricultural land area (croplands + grazing lands), and per land use considered in the products.
- Brief description of predominant climate types (e.g. IPCC 2019 or preferred classification). General range in average annual temperature, annual precipitation, annual evapotranspiration.
- Brief description of predominant soil classes at country level (e.g. World Reference Base, 2006 or preferred classification at country level). General range in Clay content (%)
- Orography, general description
- Total SOC stocks (Pg) and range in t C ha<sup>-1</sup> (0-30 cm) (GSOC map latest version)
- Figures can be included.

### 2.2. General Methodology

- Brief description of the methodology (including modifications when applicable), Soil Depth, SOC model (including modifications when applicable) and software used to produce the maps: mandatory maps using standard procedures for harmonization purposes and additional national maps using preferred models and methodologies. Direct reference to FAO-GSP Technical Specifications and Country Guidelines for Global Sequestration Potential Map v1.0 (<http://www.fao.org/3/cb0353en/CB0353EN.pdf>) if no modifications/adjustments were applied to the original methodology.
- Brief description of the methodology used to estimate uncertainties.

### 2.3. Input data layers

#### 2.3.1. Climatic data sets

- Climatic variable used for the spatial simulations, data source, time series, units, resolution.
- Downscaling, upscaling procedures when applicable.

#### 2.3.2. Soil data sets

- Soil variable (e.g. clay content) used for the spatial simulations: data source, depth, units, resolution.
- SOC stocks used for model initialization (e.g. GSOC map latest version): data source, depth, units, resolution. Include special time considerations (e.g. year considered to initialize the model; year to which these stocks were assumed to correspond).

### 2.3.3. Land use and land use change data

- Data source for land cover or land use layers, time series; specific time (if no land use change was considered), resolution.
- Considered and aggregated classes (e.g. croplands, tree crops, grasslands, shrublands) to run the model. Used land use aggregation scheme (e.g. to convert from land cover classes), when applicable.
- Downscaling, upscaling procedures when applicable.

### 2.3.4. Land management, C inputs and scenarios

- Standard C input increase scenarios (+5, +10, +20 %)
- Modified scenarios according to local data.
- NPP estimation methodology and modifications, when applicable.
- Residue quality (decomposable plant material / resistant plant material, DPM/RPM ratio) assigned to each land use class, when applicable.
- Alternative procedures to estimate C inputs, when applicable.
- Methodology used to estimate monthly vegetation cover when applicable.

### 2.4. Model/s performance evaluation

*As data required to quantify the accuracy of the estimates do not yet exist (projected SOC stocks 2020-2040) the model can be evaluated if it explains past events (ex-post validation). If local results from different management practices on SOC stocks are available (an ad-hoc meta-analysis within country can be conducted; already published results), and the collected activity data allow to perform simulations with these records, model-produced estimates shall be compared with the observed results. References to already published results in the country using the selected SOC model and their validation methodologies should be included.*

When available legacy data, please include in this section:

- Description of the methodology used for model evaluation: predicted SOC stocks vs observed SOC stocks. E.g. statistic methodologies used to compare results: R<sup>2</sup>; Root Mean Squared Error in t C ha<sup>-1</sup> and as a % of the observed mean; other preferred statistic methodologies; e.g. bias error, d-index, model efficiency (ME), etc.

### 2.5. Uncertainties

This section should include a brief description of the selected approach to estimate uncertainties (Max/Min variation in SOC stocks from uncertainties in parameters as in GSOCseq Technical Manual v1.0; Montecarlo simulations; other). Include estimated uncertainty (%) in input data layers when available.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Summary and spatial prediction of SOC sequestration rates in Country

This section should include:

- Figures including absolute sequestration rates (in  $t\ C\ ha^{-1}\ yr^{-1}$ ) for the business as usual scenario and standard +5, 10, +20% scenarios (SSM1-SSM3) (4 maps).
- Figures including relative sequestration rates (in  $t\ C\ ha^{-1}\ yr^{-1}$ ) for the standard +5, 10, +20% scenarios (SSM1-SSM3) (3 maps).
- *(Results from absolute and relative sequestration rates may be similar depending on input data layers, specially depending on climatic data layers from 2000-2020, and land use layers used in 2000-2020).*
- Figures including absolute and relative sequestration rates if alternative models and methodologies were used.

Figures should include latitude, longitude, scale, and legend.

- Summary / Histogram/ boxplot of absolute and relative sequestration rates for the different scenarios (all land uses grouped)
- Summary / Histogram/ boxplot of absolute and relative sequestration rates for the different scenarios, for the different land uses of choice.
- Summary of projected Total sequestration after 20 years per area unit (in  $t\ C\ ha^{-1}$ ) and national total SOC sequestration (all modelled area,  $Pg\ C$ )

#### 3.2. Model performance evaluation

- This section should include results from the available model performance evaluation exercises (comparing observed vs simulated SOC stocks):
  - Statistic results ( $R^2$ ; Root Mean Squared Error in  $t\ C\ ha^{-1}$  and as a %, of the observed mean; other preferred statistic methodologies; e.g bias error, d-index, model efficiency, etc) from ad-hoc meta-analysis and model validation exercises, or from already published results in the country using the selected SOC model.
  - General comparison of modelling results and available experimental sequestration rates within a specific region of interest (within the agroecological area where long term experiments were undertaken).

#### 3.3. Uncertainties

This section should include:

- Figures including uncertainties (% , as explained in Technical Manual) in absolute sequestration rates for the business as usual scenario and standard +5, 10, +20% scenarios (SSM1-SSM3) (4 maps).
- Figures including uncertainties (% , as explained in Technical Manual) in relative sequestration rates for the standard +5, 10, +20% scenarios (SSM1-SSM3) (3 maps)
- Figures including uncertainties (% , as explained in Technical Manual) in absolute and relative sequestration rates if alternative models and methodologies were used



## Per area

	Area	Average Absolute sequestration			Relative sequestration		
		Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High
	Km2	t C . ha-1 yr-1			t C . ha-1 yr-1		
Croplands							
Grasslands							
Tree-crops							
..... (other)							
Average all land uses							

## Country Total

	Area	Absolute sequestration			Relative sequestration		
		Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High
	Km2	Mt C yr-1			Mt C yr-1		
Croplands							
Grasslands							
Tree-crops							
..... (other)							
Total Sum							

## 4. Discussion and relevant considerations

If relevant, this section should include:

- a brief interpretation of results
- comparison of results with previous studies within the country or similar agroecological zones, when applicable
- comparison among different methodologies, modifications or different data bases used to generate the products, when applicable
- limitations of the work, relevant comments and considerations
- future requirements to refine the products
- potential uses of the products

## 5. Acknowledgments

## 6. References

References should be written in the FAO referencing style available with Mendeley and Zotero. If written manually, they should follow the following criteria:

# Data submission

GSOCseq Data Submission Form (Master)  



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Preguntas Respuestas

Sección 1 de 5

## Introduction

Descripción del formulario

This submission form shall be used to deliver national Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Potential (GSOCseq) layers.

Descripción (opcional)

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# Data submission

Sección 2 de 5

## Country Information

Descripción (opcional)

Name of National GSOCseq Expert \*

Texto de respuesta corta

E-mail address \*

Texto de respuesta corta

Después de la sección 2 Ir a la siguiente sección

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## Upload GSOCseq Layers ✕ ⋮

GSOCseq layers shall be delivered in GeoTIFF format. GeoTIFF is a standard .tif or image file format that includes additional spatial (georeferencing) information embedded in the .tif file as tags. These are called embedded tags, tif tags. These tags include raster metadata such as spatial extent, coordinate reference system, resolution, no data values.

National Absolute SOC Sequestration rate Map for the BAU \*

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National Absolute SOC Sequestration rate Map for the SSM1 scenario (Low) \*

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National Absolute SOC Sequestration rate Map for the SSM2 scenario \*

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National Absolute SOC Sequestration rate Map for the SSM3 scenario \*

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Metadata National GSOCseq Layers × ⋮

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Metadata Input Datasets × ⋮

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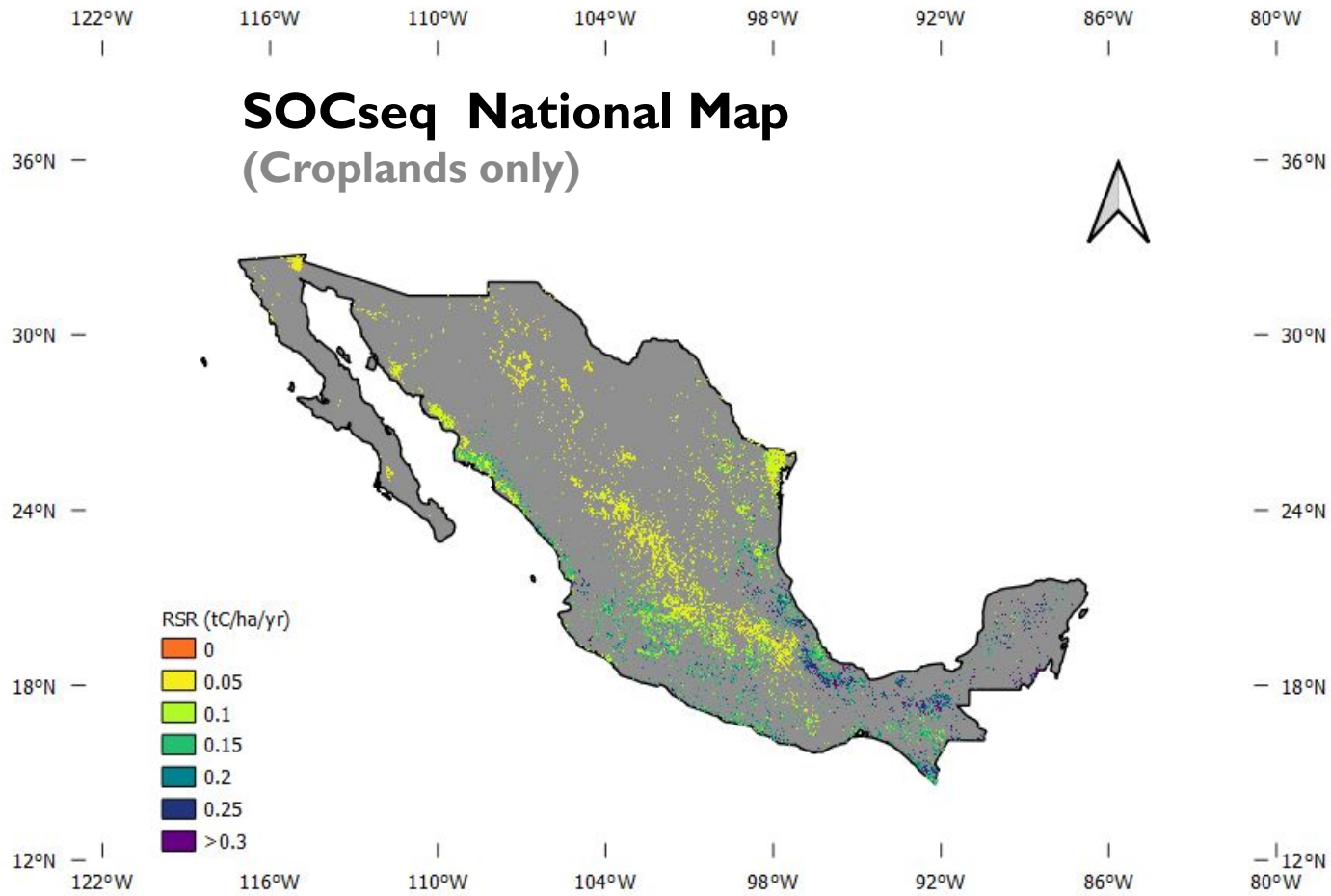
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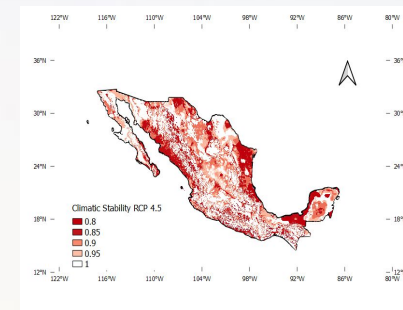
# GSOCseq into action...

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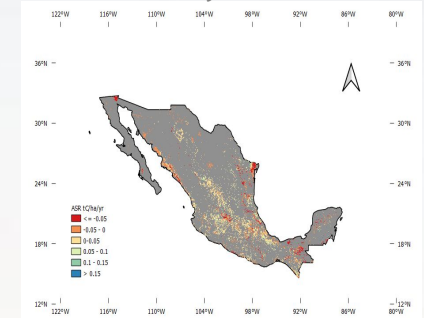
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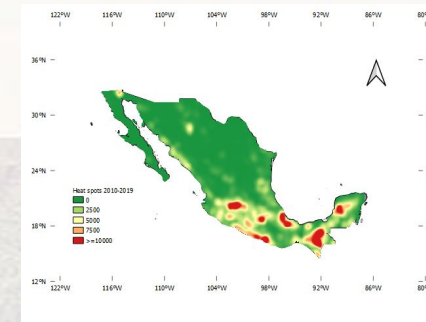
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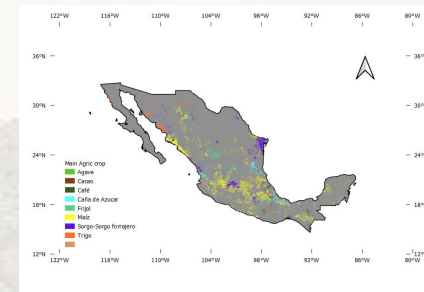
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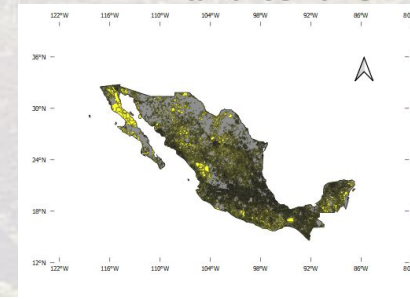
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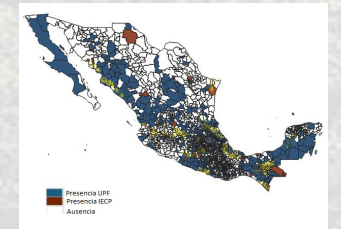
## Main agricultural crop



## Land tenure



## Existing Programmes

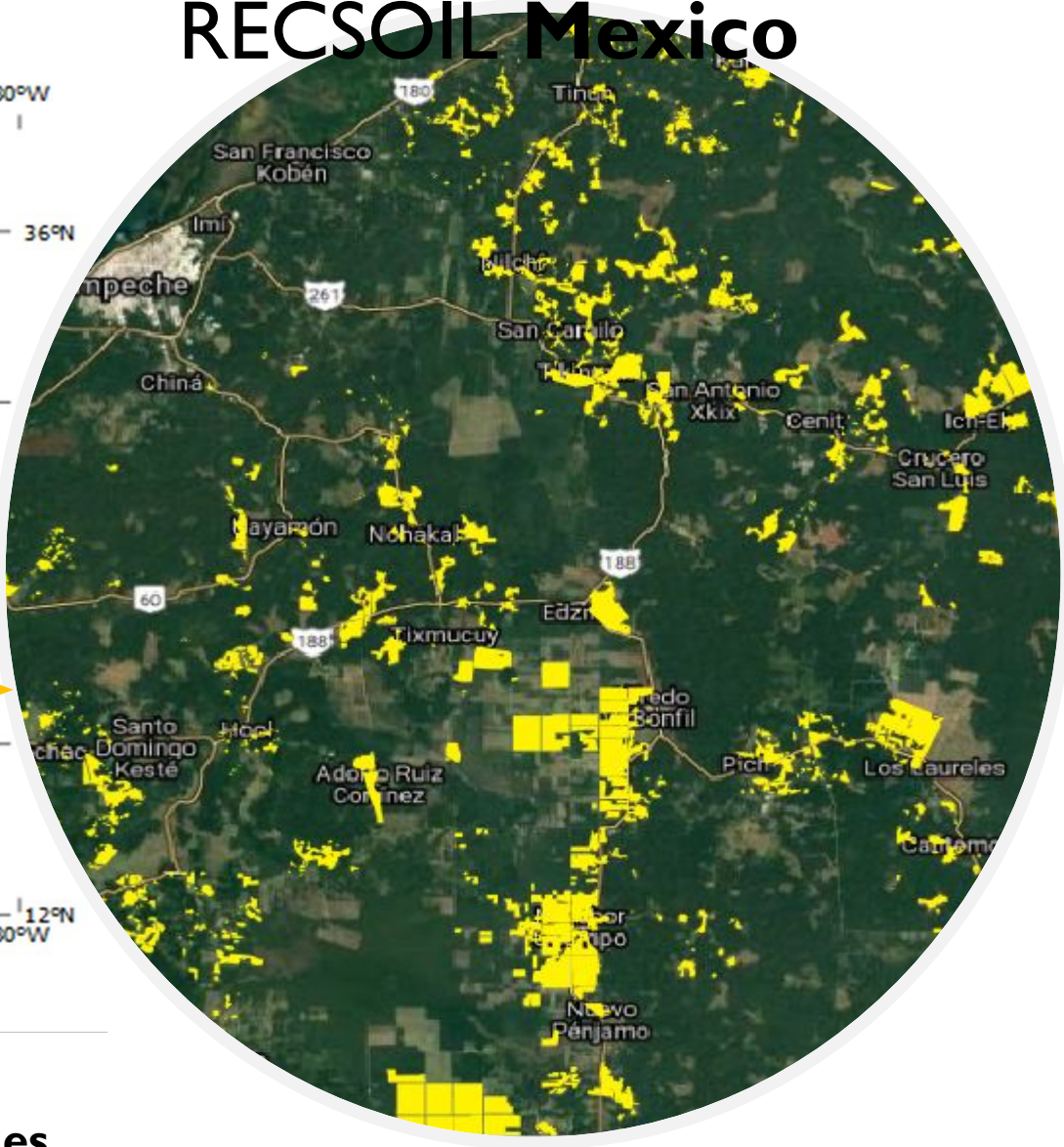


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## 12 Clusters



- High Risk – Low Seq Potential ➡ CC Adaptation strategies
- High Risk – High Seq Potential ➡ CC Adaptation + Mitigation
- Low Risk – High Seq Potential ➡ CC Mitigation

Identification of **~64,000 potential** beneficiaries (smallholders); + **100,000 has**; applying for international funds for recarbonization, mitigation and adaptation projects







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