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SoilFER

Soil mapping
for resilient agri-food systems
in Central America and sub-Saharan Africa

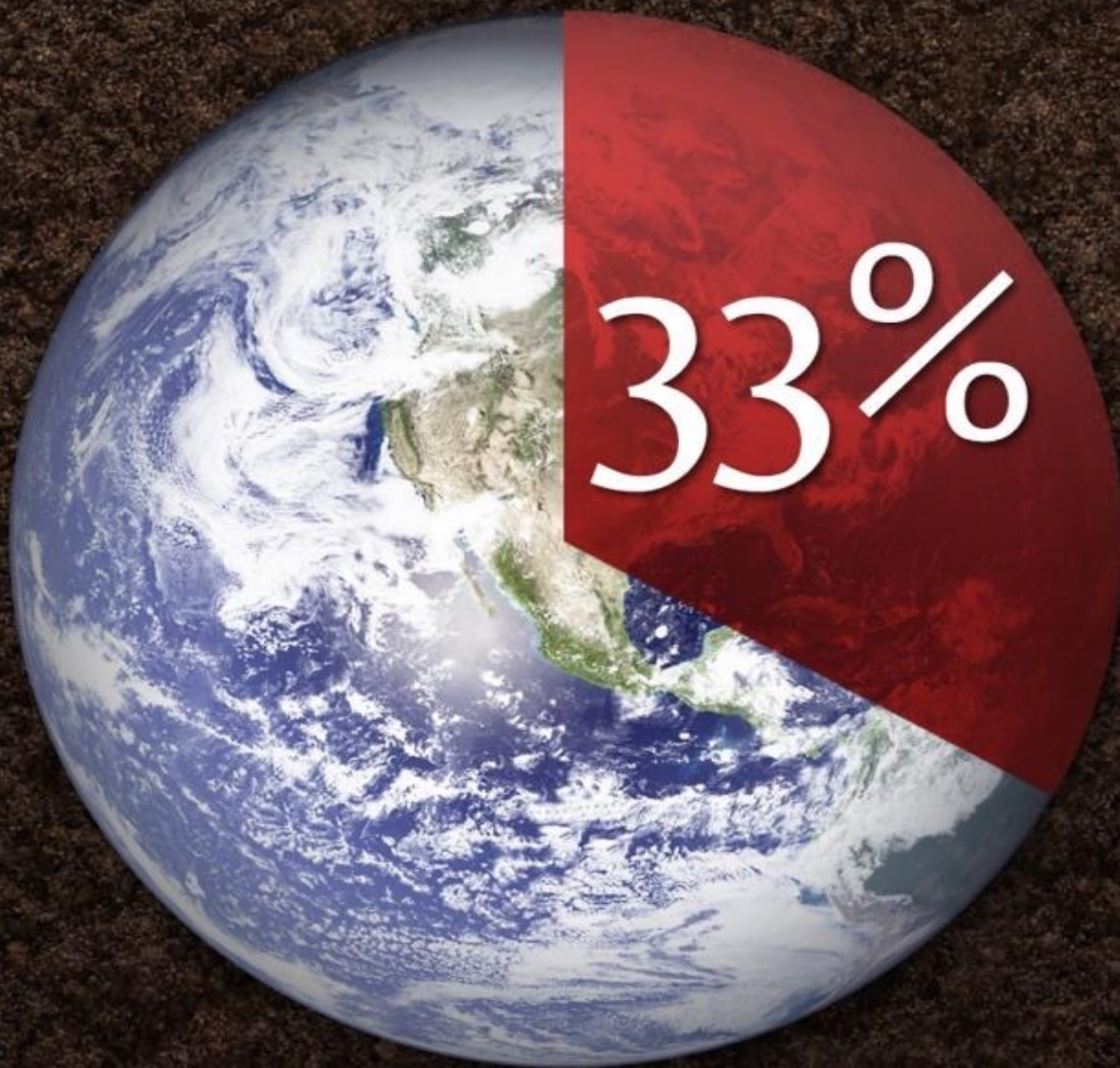


GLOBAL SOIL
PARTNERSHIP

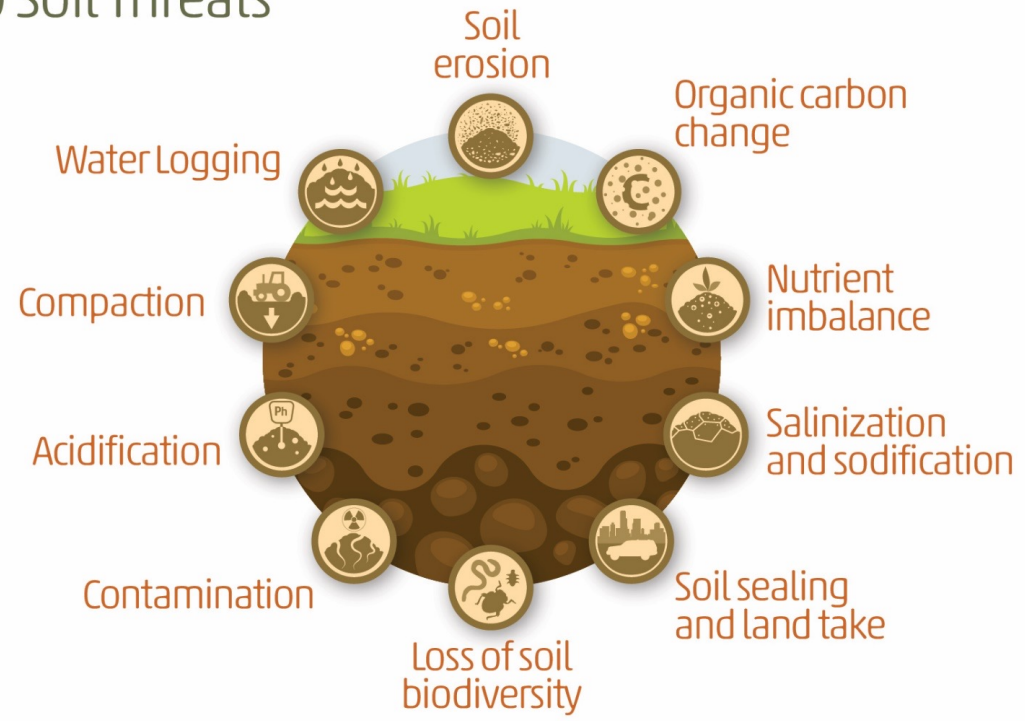
Soils and SDGs

Healthy soils perform/provide key functions and ecosystem services

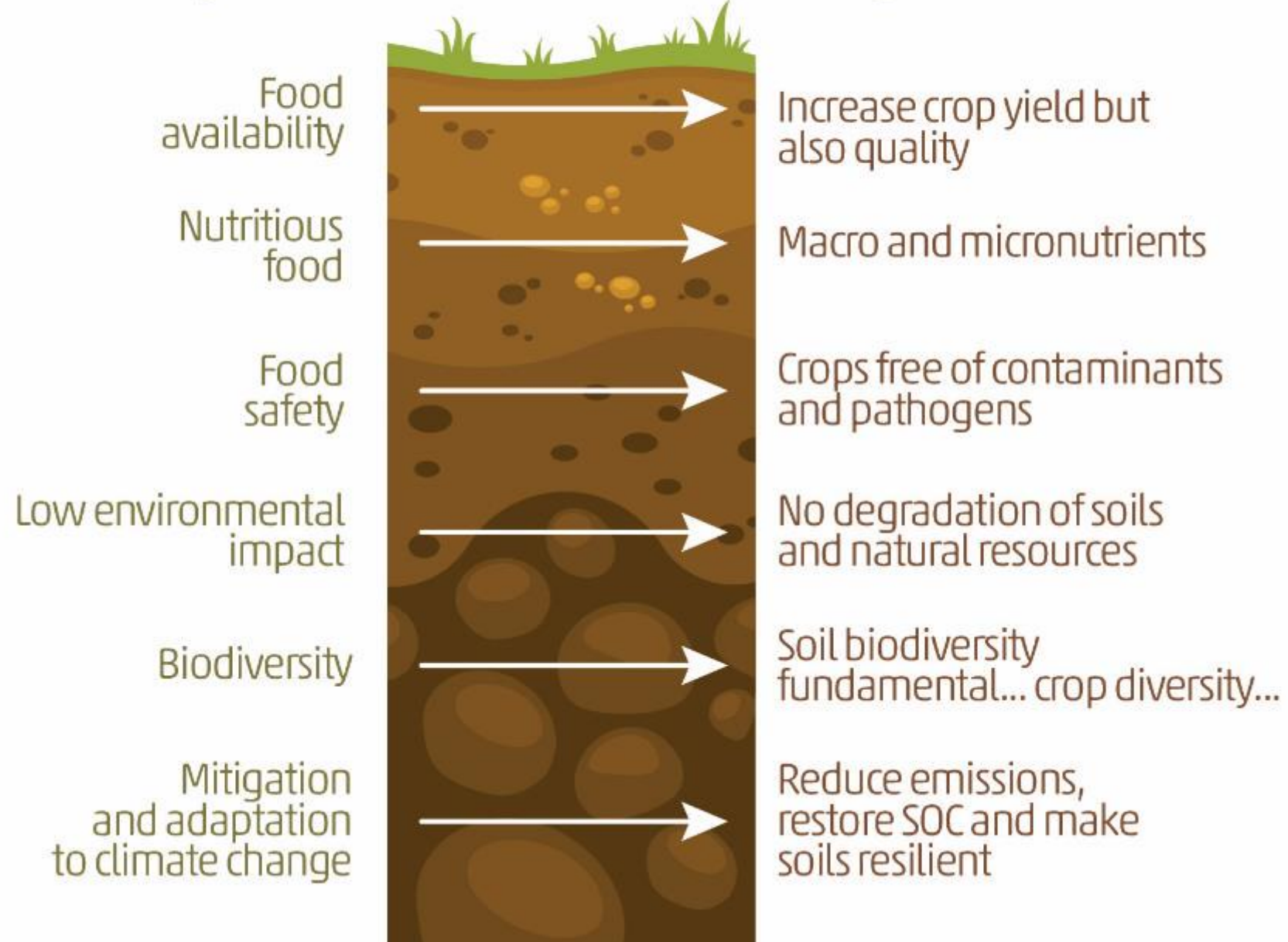


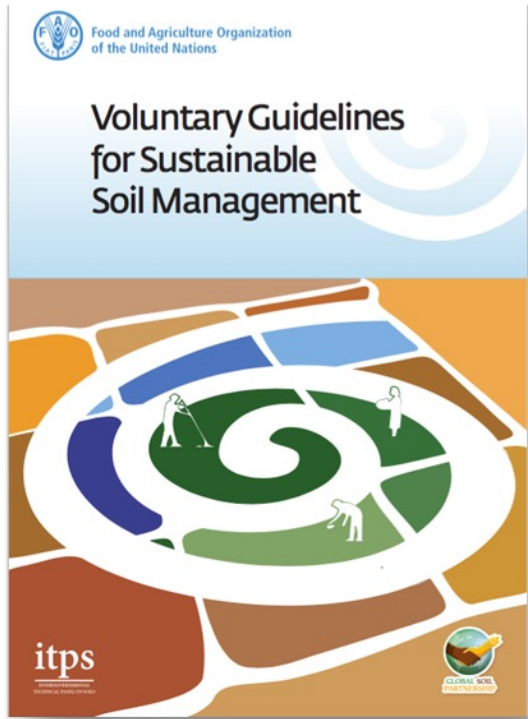


10 Soil Threats



Healthy soils and Food Security/Nutrition

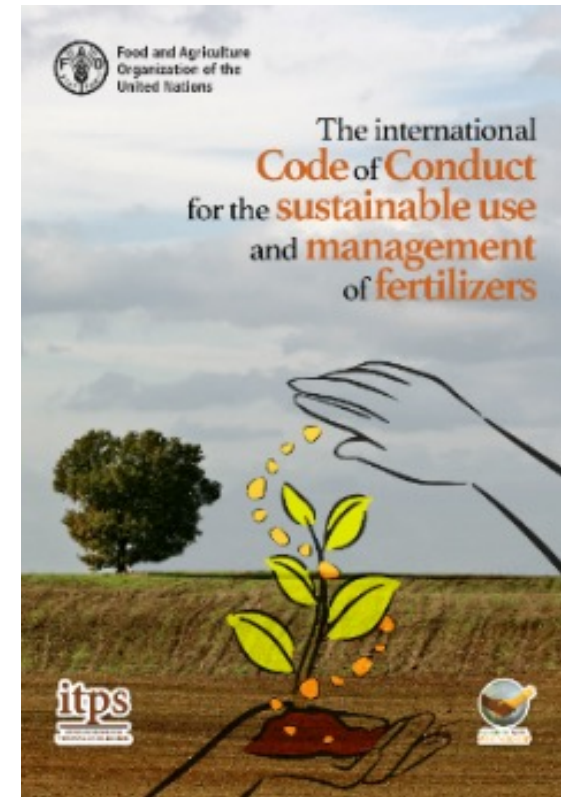




Soil management is not a short term activity! It requires a long term perspective to build its resilience!



Sustainable Soil Management



We cannot manage what we do not measure!

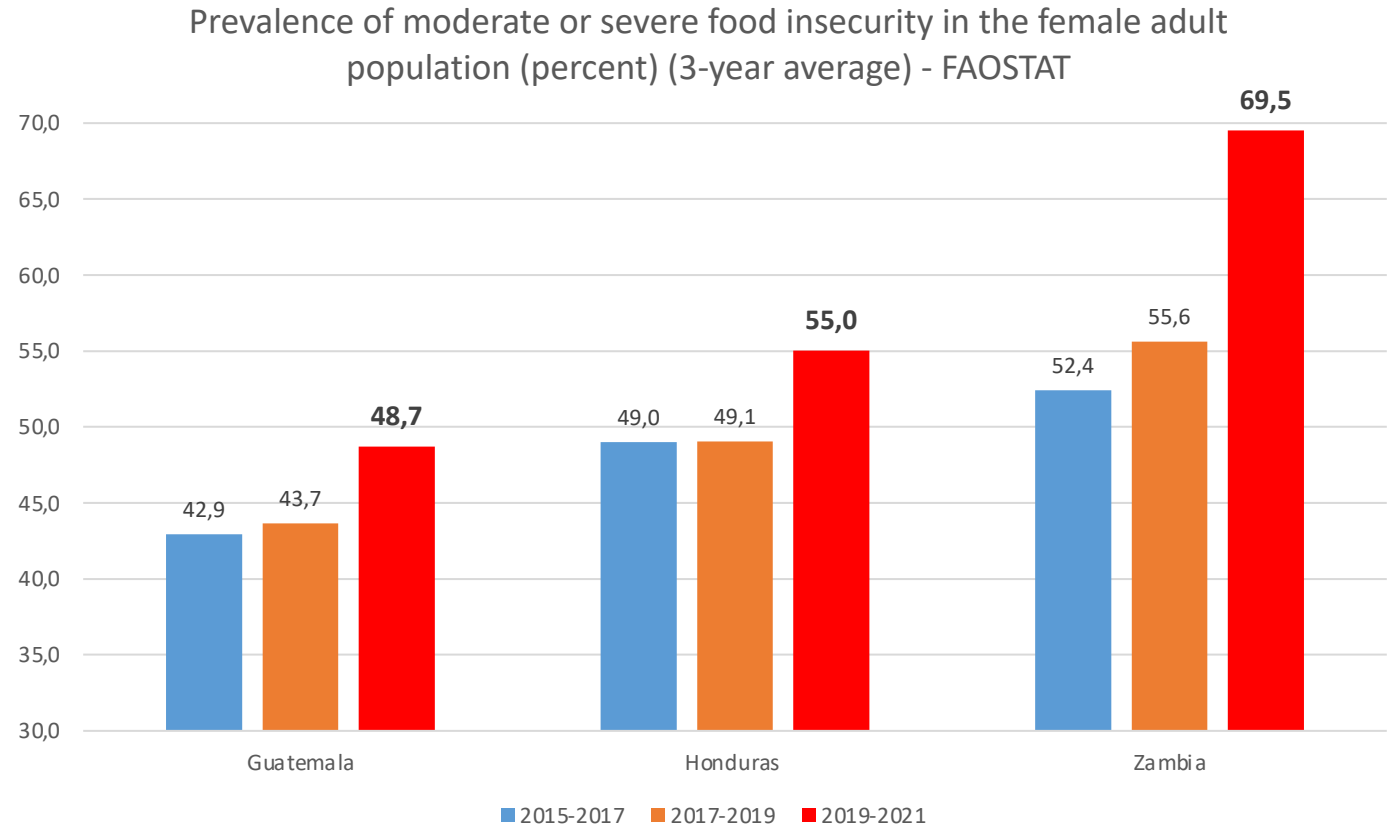


**Underuse
Misuse
Overuse**

Impact on the ground

Amplified by:

- Climate change
- Soil degradation
- Misuse of inputs



MAIN RESULTS

1

NATIONAL SOIL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- Soil Analytical Databases
- National Spectral Libraries
- Nutrient and Nutrient Budget Maps
- Soil Property Maps
- National Soil Information Systems (NSIS)
- Soil Monitoring Systems
- Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS)

2

DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS & SYSTEMS

- Fertilization Decision Support Systems for farmers and governments (FerSIS and FerSIS App)
- Crop suitability Maps
- Build and strengthen the technical capacities of the government to support the adoption of sustainable soil management practices and integrated soil fertility.

3

NATION WIDE ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Socioeconomic, financial and cost-benefit analysis of sustainable soil management practices and fertilizer use.
- Comprehensive Capacity Development Programme
- Soil Doctors Programme
- Radio Programs, Podcasts for Farmers

Needs Assessment Missions

- Government representatives
- Research centers
- Farmers and farmers associations
- Digital soil mapping experts
- Fertilizer companies and agro dealers
- Universities
- Soil laboratories
- NGOs

Honduras:
15-19 May 2023
Guatemala:
22-26 May 2023
Zambia:
5-9 June 2023



Key actions to strengthen sustainable soil management in the beneficiary countries

01

Establishment/strengthening of the National Soil Partnership

03

Establishment of National Soil Laboratory Network

02

Development of the National Soil Law

04

International Workshops on Soil mapping, soil laboratories and fertilizers

05

Establishment of National Soil Information Systems

06

Establishment of Interface between National Soil Laboratory Network and National Soil Information Systems

07

Establishment of Field trials and calibration experiments (fertilizers and good practices)

08

Development of various applications (FerSIS app, etc.)

09

Establishment/strengthening of Regulatory framework for fertilizers

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Establishment of Lab sections for Fertilizer Quality Analysis

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Establishment of a soil moisture monitoring network

12

Implementation of the Soil Doctors Programme

13

Establishment of small factories/labs for producing Biofertilizers and biostimulants

Crosscutting: capacity development and gender





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