The Earth’s soils are habitats for millions of microbial and animal species. The activities of soil biota are critical to the well-being of human societies because their activities underpin the delivery of major ecosystem services.

To meet the challenges of global changes while sustaining the productivity of our natural and managed lands requires not only knowing the role of soil biota, but also implementing that knowledge. It is therefore critical that we incorporate the growing scientific knowledge on the provision of vital ecosystem services by soil biodiversity into future regional and national management and policy plans.

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