
**AAAS 2009 Symposium**

*Life Beneath Our Feet: Research Challenges in Soil Biodiversity.* The JRC hosted a symposium on soil biodiversity today, 15 February, at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Chicago. The session presented an overview of current understanding in the field and attempt to explain the various pressures "life in our soils" understanding of this crucial, yet unknown ecosystem.


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**Soil Biodiversity Technical Report**

What is biodiversity? Biodiversity has different meanings depending on the situation being discussed and the target audience. For example, the Oxford English Dictionary defines biodiversity as being. The variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat.


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**Addressing soil degradation in EU agriculture: relevant processes, practices and policies.**

Report on the project 'Sustainable Agriculture and Soil Conservation (SoCo)'. Agriculture occupies a substantial proportion of the European land, and consequently plays an important role in maintaining natural resources and cultural landscapes, a precondition for other human activities in rural areas.


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**SRTM ver 4.0 On line application**

SRTM V4 (Shuttle Radar Topographic Mission Version 4): CIAT/JRC void filled data product using high resolution auxiliary datasets following methods published in Reuter et al. (2007). We define a void as an area over the land surface, which contains no data and is not a water body.


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**Landform Classification On line application**

The landform classification following Meybeck et al. (2001) presents relief classes, which are calculated based on the relief roughness.

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