

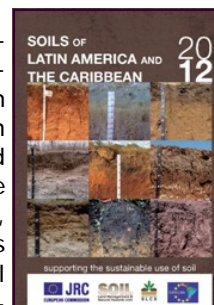
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[Calendar 2012: Soils of Latin America and Caribbean](#)

This calendar and the related Soil Atlas of Latin America and the Caribbean are initiatives under the EUroCLIMA Programme, which aims to encourage cooperation between Latin America and the European Union on climate change issues. The main partners are the European Commission (Joint Research Centre and Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid Directorates-General), the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and scientists from soil science institutions from Europe, South America and the Caribbean. The calendar aims to bring the soils of the region to the attention of everyone who deals with this critical non-renewable, natural resource that is vital for food and fibre production, a range of ecosystem services and sustainable development. Spanish and Portuguese versions will follow!



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["Land and Soil Management Award" 2011/12](#)

Created by: The European Landowner's Organization (ELO) under the auspices of the European Commission (DG Environment & the Joint Research Centre) in association with the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) of Vienna, Syngenta Internat. and the Centre for Soil and Environmental Sciences of the Ljubljana University

Aim: To encourage new concepts of protection and their implementation and to enhance awareness of the importance of land and soil in connection with good agriculture and environmental conditions.

Eligibility: This prize will reward professionals working in the area of land use and soil management pursuing the EU's soil protection goals, in particular those of the Soil Thematic Strategy.

Deadline: 31/12/2011 !!!

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[The Major Soil types of Europe](#)

The Major Soil Types of Europe: Supporting the European Union's Thematic Strategy for Soil Protection. The Major Soil Types of Northern Circumpolar Region: A contribution to the International Polar Year 2007-2009. Find 2 illustrations of High resolution for raising awareness.



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[Definition of priority areas for soil protection at a continental scale](#)

The approach described in this ARTICLE has been developed through presentation and discussions within the European Soil Bureau Network. Resources for achieving better soil protection are limited and need to be effectively targeted. Spatial variability is high for soil types and related quality and for the risk of degradation because of the threats of organic matter decline, erosion, compaction and salinization. A framework is presented for mapping priority areas for soil protection based on assessing where there is greater risk of degradation and evaluating its acceptability. A conceptual model is proposed which links anthropogenic hazards, threats and the risk of degradation with soil functions. It is recommended that a set of test areas is defined according to dominant soil types, and the probabilities of changes to soil properties relevant to soil functions are then estimated.

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