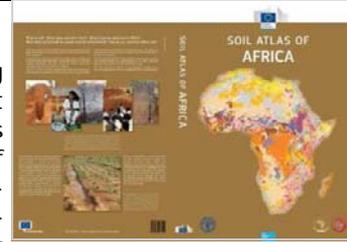


European Soil Portal: <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

Soil Atlas of Africa

The Soil Atlas of Africa, the first of its kind, uses striking maps, informative texts and stunning photographs to present the diversity of soil across the African continent. It explains what soil is, where it comes from, the unique characteristics of soils in Africa, the services soil provides to society and the environment, and how soil resources are affected by human activities. With its stunning full-colour maps and illustrations, it explains why it is so important to preserve this precious natural resource. The Atlas was produced by the JRC in collaboration with the African Union, FAO, the African Soil Science Society and soil scientists from Africa and Europe. The aim of the atlas is to raise awareness at all levels, from politicians to the general public, of the significance of soil to life in Africa. With its stunning full-colour maps and illustrations, the atlas explains the diversity of soil across the African continent and explains why it is so important to preserve this precious resource. You can **download** the Atlas. **Physical copies** of the book will be available through the EU Publications Office towards the end of May 2013.



http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/maps/africa_atlas/

Survey on threats to soil biodiversity

Your feedback is needed: This survey is being conducted to allow us to assess the potential threats to soil biodiversity at global scale. Understanding which factors impact soil life will be useful to measure/prevent possible future losses of biodiversity. The aim of this questionnaire is to provide a scored index for the main recognized threats to soil biodiversity. To reach this goal, we need the contribution from experts on soil biodiversity issues. The questionnaire consists of **3 questions** and should take only **5 minutes** to complete.

<http://www.ecofinders.org/mapping-of-threats.html>

2 Calls for proposals (EEA, ENV)

The European Environment Agency (EEA) envisages awarding a contract to a service provider for support on a project on the role of soils in contributing to, or adversely affecting, the functioning of (peri-)urban areas in the EEA-39, with particular focus on the economic ramifications thereof. More Information on the EEA site: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders/negotiated-procedures>, Deadline: **08/05/2013**

The DG Environment invites applications for its study supporting potential land and soil targets under the 2014 land communication. The main objective of this study is to assist the Commission services in setting up a suitable framework for measuring and tracking the status and progress on land-related aspects. Deadline: **10/6/2013**

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/utilities/calls/>

First GlobalSoilMap Conference



GlobalSoilMap Conference 2013
ORLEANS, France

The first GlobalSoilMap Conference will be held in Orleans, France, from 7 to 9 October 2013. The deadline for 1-page abstract submission is 30 May 2013. The selection of the papers will be based on the abstracts. A template for a full 6 pages paper to be edited in a book will be soon available on the website and the deadline for full papers submission will be 31 July 2013.

<https://colloque.inra.fr/globalsoilmap2013>

Vacancy: Trainee for the Support to the Danube Land and Soil Nexus (DLSN)

The ideal candidate should have a master degree in geography, geosciences or environmental science. Previous experience with spatial data management and GIS is an advantage. Relevant publications and presentations should be highlighted.

Deadline: 26/5/2013

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