

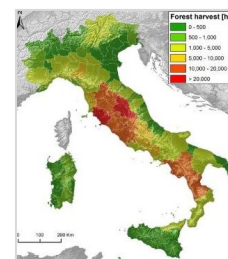
Progress in the Management of Contaminated Sites in Europe

This report presents the current state of knowledge about progress with the management of contaminated sites in Europe. It directly supports the EU Soil Thematic Strategy which identifies local soil contamination as an important issue. It presents facts, analyses and methods on the management of Contaminated Sites, which can inform policy makers, professional practitioners, researchers, citizens and the media. The report is based on data that were collected from the National Reference Centres for Soil in 39 countries belonging to the European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET) during a campaign organised by the JRC European Soil Data Centre in 2011-2012. The information presented in this report is based on a set of indicators which have been agreed on and used by the EIONET for more than a decade. This set of indicators contributes to the Core Set Indicator "Progress in the Management of Contaminated Sites" (CSI 015) of the European Environment Agency (EEA), which is used for reporting on the State of the Environment. http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ESDB_Archive/eusoils_docs/other/EUR26376EN.pdf



Soil Erosion in Italy (USLE) and assessment in Forest lands

Two datasets from past projects are released; they concern soil erosion in Italy (using USLE) from 1999 and 2003. An additional dataset that is made available relates to the assessment of cuts in forest lands. It is based on the application of multi-spectral remote sensing Landsat imagery, to determine human-induced forest cover change in Italy during the decade 2002-2011. This assessment will be used in upcoming soil erosion modelling taking into account seasonal aspects (G2 model), soil erodibility, detailed rainfall erosivity and erosion process in forests. <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/themes/erosion/italy/>



LIFE projects

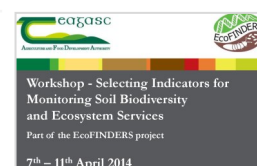
Although soil has not been a core theme of LIFE, the programme has funded many soil-related projects since its launch in 1992, and there has been an increasing focus on soil protection since the publication of the Thematic Strategy in 2006. LIFE has co-financed actions targeting erosion, landslides, contamination, loss of soil organic matter, sealing, compaction, and other soil management issues. This LIFE Focus publication thus provides an opportunity to highlight and assess LIFE's important contribution to date, including proposals for ways in which LIFE's outputs may be better channeled and have an even greater impact in future. The publication includes an overview of soil policy, analysis of LIFE's contribution to its implementation and interviews that link soil science to policy-making to practical action.



http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/Eufunded/Documents/LIFE_soil_protection.pdf

Selecting Indicators for Monitoring Soil Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Open to students, partners and stakeholders, this 5 day course will cover molecular, microbial, faunal and functional methods of measuring indicators for monitoring schemes. All indicators investigated during the **EcoFINDERS** project will be included. The workshop will also take in related subjects such as managing costs, selecting the best sites for sampling, and co-ordinating a large scale sampling campaign. **Venue:** 7th - 11th April 2014, At Teagasc, Wexford, Ireland.



<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/ecoFinders/Resources/WorkshopEcoFINDERS.pdf>

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