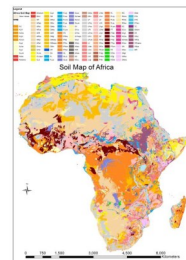


Soil data of Africa (WRB)

The data underpinning the Soil Atlas of Africa will gradually be made available for download. In a first instance, a shape-file has been made available describing the dominant WRB Reference Soil Group and associated qualifiers. The new harmonised soil map shows the soil classes at continental scale. Data on the principle soil properties (e.g. texture, pH, organic carbon, carbonates, etc...) will become available in the near future.

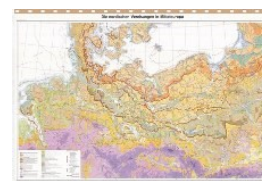
http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/maps/africa_atlas/data.html



EuDASM Europe

The European Digital Archive of Soil Maps (EuDASM) has concluded the metadata entry for 1,312 European maps. This is part of the global EuDASM project making available more than 6,000 Maps from 142 countries around the World. To ensure their preservation and easy disclosure, EuDASM scanned paper-based soil maps with the maximum possible resolution and stored them into a digital format. Many of these maps are over 50 years old and are beginning to deteriorate.

http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/maps/country_maps/metadata.cfm



National Maps: http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/maps/country_maps/list_countries.cfm

Factsheets of SoCo Project in 20 languages

In 2007, the European Parliament requested the European Commission to carry out a project on "Sustainable Agriculture and Soil Conservation through simplified cultivation techniques" (SoCo). Fact sheets have been created for the findings of this project. The factsheets cover three main topics: Soil degradation processes, Soil-friendly farming systems and practices, and Soil-relevant policies. The public can download the package of the 10 factsheets in one of 20 languages.

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/SOCO/factsheets.html>



Scoping study on the International Year of Soils 2015

Under suggestion of FAO's Global Soil Partnership and with the support of the EU, in December 2013 the General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed 2015 as the 'International Year of Soils' (IYS) and 5 December of each year as the 'World Soil Day' (WSD) (see UNGA resolution). In order to find out what kind of awareness-raising activities and events could be organised or co-organised by the European Commission to mark the IYS, a scoping study has been prepared on behalf of the Environment Directorate-General of the Commission.

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/soil/scoping_en.htm

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