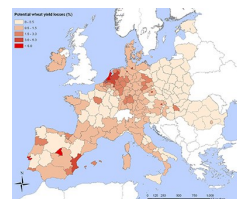


### Land Take & Food Security

Land take generally manifests as an increase in artificial surfaces (e.g. residential areas, green city/town areas, manufacturing plants, business centres, public transport networks) over time, whereas soil sealing is the permanent covering of the soil layer with a persistent material. Using remote sensing data and productivity figures, we have estimated the effect of land take on Europe's ability to produce food, considering data from the period from 1990 to 2006. In 182 Regions of the studied 19 Countries, the lost potential agricultural production capability was calculated to be at **6,2 Million tonnes** of wheat for the period 1990–2006. Data and information are available for download. <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/themes/Sealing/LandTake.html>



### E-BOOK versions of the Soil Atlas of Africa

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### Land Quality and Landscape Processes Conference (LQ2015)

The LQ2015 conference aims to enhance the understanding of the role of land quality and landscape processes in rural systems and to progress the development of sustainable land use at different levels, from farm to continental scales. The conference is associated with two open workshops: 1. Resource use efficiency in agriculture in Europe and China, and 2. Soil information in the Danube basin. **Venue:** 02-04 June, 2015, Keszthely, Hungary. **Registration** to the conference and workshops is now open. <http://lq2015.georgikon.hu/>



### Global Soil Week 2015 – Call for Contributions

Several initiatives and political processes related to soils and land will converge in 2015. The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2015 the International Year of Soils. And the United Nations Climate Change Conference will work towards achieving a global agreement on climate. All of these events give the opportunity to raise awareness about the important role of soils and land for sustainable development. The 3rd Global Soil Week 2015 (Berlin, 19th - 23rd of April 2015) invites all stakeholders to join forces to encourage sustainable soil management and responsible land governance at global, regional and local level. We invite you to share your story, your experience, research and your feelings about sustainable soil management and responsible land governance. The **call for proposals** is open until **28 September 2014**.

[http://globalsoilweek.org/gsw2015\\_call/](http://globalsoilweek.org/gsw2015_call/)



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