SOILS
Both chemical and organic fertilizers are used to provide nutrients to soils worldwide. In the case of nitrogen (the main nutrient), manure complements mineral fertilizers described in Chapter 1, but at a much lower level in all regions. The global average use of organic nitrogen went up 6 percent to 17 kg/ha between 2000 and 2018, compared to 28 percent for chemical nitrogen, to 70 kg/ha in 2018 (see Figure 64).

Source: FAOSTAT
Note: Only countries with more than 2 million ha of agricultural area are taken into account.

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