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Introduction

By 2050, the world needs to produce an estimated 50 percent more food than in 2012 to ensure global food security, and it must do so while conserving and enhancing the natural resources. Land is the major input in the provision of food - over 95 percent of our food is produced from land and begins with soil and water. However, the Earth's land resources are being stretched to their limit. The pressures on land resources have never been so intense and are undermining the well-being of 3.2 billion people, compromising key agrifood systems, threatening biodiversity and ecosystem services, and aggravating the impact of climate change. Despite the scale of the challenge, land degradation is avoidable and reversible. By doing the right things in the right places, at the right scale, and putting people front and centre, we can bring land back into balance.

Combating desertification and drought in FAO's mandate

Ensuring food security and sustainable livelihoods by promoting sustainable land management (SLM) and restoration of degraded lands and impoverished soils, particularly in drylands, and by supporting a proactive action for drought preparedness are on the top list of the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Sustainable Land Management practices and policies, if widely adopted, help to prevent, reduce or revert land degradation and desertification and to achieve land degradation neutrality (LDN), contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation, protect biodiversity, achieve multiple sustainable development goals, and increase human well-being globally.

FAO works with countries and partners to build capacities, develop tools and help decision-makers to promote the development and implementation of policies and strategies that contribute to the achievement of LDN and other Sustainable Development Goal targets.

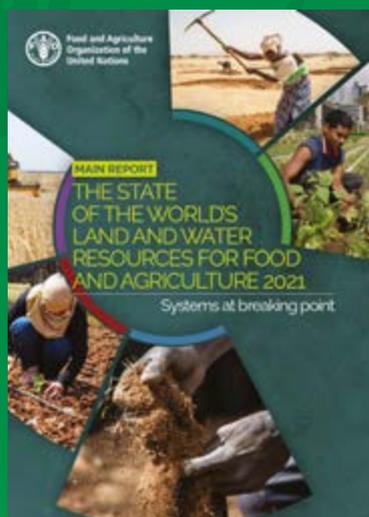
Accurate information is critical for natural resources to be managed sustainably: FAO developed SEPAL (System for Earth Observation Data Access, Processing and Analysis for Land Monitoring) which helps countries monitor and report on forests and land use.

Supporting countries to increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises and reduce the impacts on vulnerable communities is among FAO's top priorities. FAO works with countries and partners to build capacities, to develop tools and to promote the development and implementation of drought policies and strategies.

FAO is a key partner in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, all of which are directly related to agricultural land.

Further, FAO contributes to enhance UN inter agency collaboration and continues to build effective synergies across the Rio Conventions. FAO is a founding partner of the UNCCD Drought Initiative, leads the UN Coalition for combating Sand and Dust Storms, leads the Dryland Sustainable Landscapes Program of the Global Environment Facility, co-leads the implementation of the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030 with the UN Environment Programme.

Key resources on FAO's work in combating desertification and drought



The State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture – Systems at breaking point - SOLAW 2021) Main report



English Version:

<http://www.fao.org/3/cb9910en/cb9910en.pdf>



SOLAW 2021: Synthesis report



English Version:

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<https://www.fao.org/3/cb7654ru/cb7654ru.pdf>

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<https://www.fao.org/3/cb7654en/online/cb7654en.html>



VIDEO: SOLAW2021



English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2sJTVTi8Lg>

French: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gINDsdGugvc>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/PWJJC4Rucy5Q>

Chinese: <https://youtu.be/RKhqokntecw>

Arabic: <https://youtu.be/KF5RR6gVzsk>

Russian: <https://youtu.be/4DnPef6oLMI>



Land-related resources



Technical Guide on the Integration of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security into the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and land degradation neutrality

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb9656en/cb9656en.pdf>

French Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb9656fr/cb9656fr.pdf>

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Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i2801e/i2801e.pdf>

French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i2801f/i2801f.pdf>

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Arabic Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i2801a/i2801a.pdf>

Russian Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i2801r/i2801r.pdf>





Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/I3016E/I3016e.pdf>

French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/I3016F/I3016f.pdf>

Spanish Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/I3016S/I3016s.pdf>

Chinese Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/I3016C/I3016c.pdf>

Arabic Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/I3016a/I3016a.pdf>

Russian Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/I3016R/I3016r.pdf>

Enabling legal environment for the responsible governance of tenure

English Version:

<http://www.fao.org/publications/card/en/c/CA3521EN/>

French Version:

<http://www.fao.org/publications/card/fr/c/CA3521FR/>



Governance of Tenure Technical Guide 1: Governing Land for Women and Men

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/i3114e/i3114e.pdf>

French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i3114f/i3114f.pdf>

Arabic Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i3114a/i3114a.pdf>

Technical Guide 2: Improving governance of forest tenure

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i3249e/i3249e.pdf>

French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i3249f/i3249f.pdf>



Technical Guide 3: Respecting free, prior and informed consent

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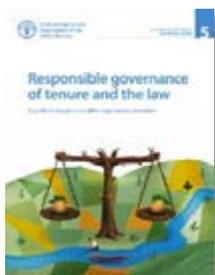
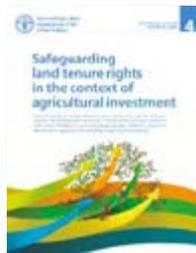
Arabic Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i3496a/i3496a.pdf>

Technical Guide 4: Safeguarding land tenure rights in the context of agricultural investment

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French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i4998f/i4998f.pdf>

Arabic Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i4998a/i4998a.pdf>



Technical Guide 5: Responsible governance of tenure and the law

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French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5449f/i5449f.pdf>

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Technical Guide 6: Improving governance of pastoral lands

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5771e/i5771e.pdf>

French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5771fr/i5771fr.pdf>

Arabic Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5771a/i5771a.pdf>



Technical Guide 7: Responsible governance of tenure: a technical guide for investors

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5147e/i5147e.pdf>

French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5147f/i5147f.pdf>

Arabic Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5147a/i5147a.pdf>

Technical Guide 8: Governing Tenure Rights to Commons

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i6381en/i6381en.pdf>

French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i6381f/i6381f.pdf>



Technical Guide 9: Creating a system to record tenure rights and first registration

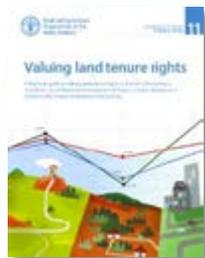
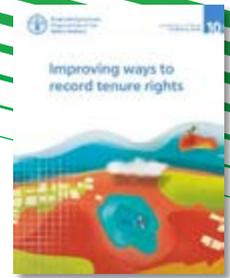
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Technical Guide 10: Improving ways to record tenure rights

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Technical Guide 11: Valuing Land Tenure Rights

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i8252en/i8252en.pdf>

French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i8252fr/i8252fr.pdf>

Technical Guide 12: Strengthening civic spaces in spatial planning processes

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb0422en/cb0422en.pdf>



Technical Guide 13 - Responsible governance of tenure and preventive justice

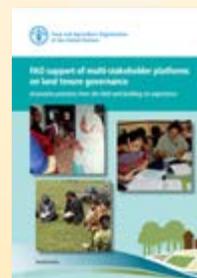
English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb8251en/cb8251en.pdf>

Innovative practices from the field and building on experience

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb4297en/cb4297en.pdf>

French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb4297fr/cb4297fr.pdf>

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Assessing inclusive and participatory mapping for recognizing customary tenure systems in Myanmar

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb7849en/cb7849en.pdf>

Climate change and tenure rights: Interlinked challenges in Cambodia

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb8144en/cb8144en.pdf>



The Voluntary Guidelines: Securing our rights – Niger

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb6532en/cb6532en.pdf>

The Voluntary Guidelines: Securing our rights – Senegal

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb6024en/cb6024en.pdf>



The Voluntary Guidelines: Securing our rights – Colombia

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb6242en/cb6242en.pdf>

French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb6242fr/cb6242fr.pdf>

Spanish Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb6242es/cb6242es.pdf>

Video: Sécurisation foncière pour tous et gouvernance inclusive, les innovations du Sénégal

French Version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o639dQKyoyU&t=18s>



e-Learning: Introduction to the Responsible Governance of Tenure

English Version: <https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=173>

French Version: <https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=259>

e-Learning: Addressing Disputes and Conflicts over the Tenure of Natural Resources

English Version: <https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=175>

French Version: <https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=260>



The following manuals – developed under the GEF-funded UNEP/FAO Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands (LADA) project – provide guidance to diagnose land degradation, identify sustainable land management responses, and their impacts at different scales (national, subnational, local):

The overall introduction of LADA methodology and results

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The establishment of a national Land Use System map (LUS)

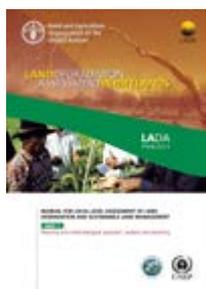
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The multi-disciplinary, participatory expert assessment of the LUS at (sub)national level, guided by the Questionnaire for Mapping (LADA QM)

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/i3240e/i3240e.pdf>



The LADA manuals are directed to conducting local-level land degradation and SLM assessments on the ground, including tools for participatory rural appraisal and the analysis of livelihoods, costs and benefits, and impacts at local level:

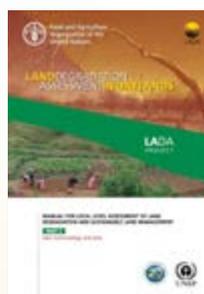


Part 1: Planning and Methodological Approach, Analysis and Reporting

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/i6361e/i6361e.pdf>

Part 2: Field Methodology and Tools

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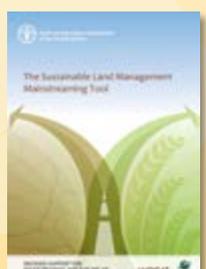


Guidelines for the national assessment and mapping of land degradation and conservation

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/ca3999en/ca3999en.pdf>

Decision Support for Mainstreaming and Scaling up of Sustainable Land Management (DS-SLM)

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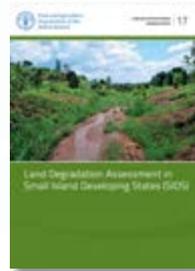


The Sustainable Land Management Mainstreaming Tool

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/ca3761en/ca3761en.pdf>

Land Degradation Assessment in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/i7744e/i7744e.pdf>



Land resource planning for sustainable land management

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/i5937e/i5937e.pdf>

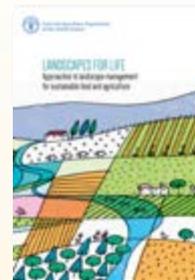
French Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5937FR/i5937fr.pdf>

Arabic Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5937ar/i5937ar.pdf>

Russian Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5937RU/i5937ru.pdf>

Landscapes for life - Approaches to landscape management for sustainable food and agriculture

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/i8324en/i8324en.pdf>



UN Coalition on Combating Sand and Dust Storms (SDS)

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb7227en/cb7227en.pdf>

FAO Land Resources Planning (LRP) Toolbox

<http://www.fao.org/land-water/land/land-governance/land-resources-planning-toolbox/en/>

E-learning courses on the sustainable land management and land restoration

<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=454>

Video: Sand and Dust Storms | tbd

Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia:



Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia

English Version: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cb7986en>

Decision Support System (DSS) - LDN for REU publication

English Version: <https://projectgeffao.users.earthengine.app/view/reu-ldn-assessment>



Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Albania

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8051en/cb8051en.pdf>

Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Armenia

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8065en/cb8065en.pdf>



Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Azerbaijan

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Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Belarus

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Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Bosnia and Herzegovina

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8115en/cb8115en.pdf>

Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Georgia

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8114en/cb8114en.pdf>



Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Kazakhstan

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Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Kyrgyzstan

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8112en/cb8112en.pdf>



Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Montenegro

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8125en/cb8125en.pdf>



Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Republic of Moldova

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Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Serbia

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8123en/cb8123en.pdf>



Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Tajikistan

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8122en/cb8122en.pdf>

Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Turkey

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8121en/cb8121en.pdf>



Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Turkmenistan

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8120en/cb8120en.pdf>

Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Ukraine

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8119en/cb8119en.pdf>



Factsheet - Overview of land degradation neutrality (LDN) in Europe and Central Asia. LDN in Uzbekistan

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/cb8118en/cb8118en.pdf>



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Drought-related resources

Drought and Water Scarcity

English Version:

https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11108



A rapid review of drought risk mitigation measures - Integrated drought management

English version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb7085en/cb7085en.pdf>

Drought Impact and Vulnerability Assessment- A Rapid Review of Practices and Policy Recommendations

English Version:

https://catalogue.unccd.int/1248_UNCCD_%20Rapid_Review_Web.pdf





Drought Characteristics and management in North Africa and the Near East

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/CA0034EN/ca0034en.pdf>

Drought characterization and management in Central Asia Region and Turkey

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6738e.pdf>

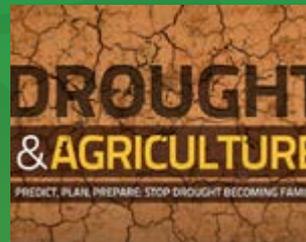


Drought Characteristics and Management in the Caribbean

English Version: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6738e.pdf>

Video: Drought and agriculture - Predict, plan and prepare: Stop drought becoming famine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5WMYDg-CHs>



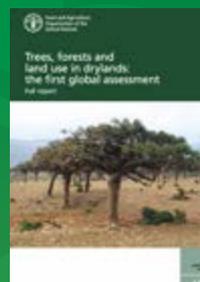
Infographic poster on drought and agriculture

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i7378e/i7378e.pdf>

Forestry-related resources

Trees, forests and land use in drylands: the first global assessment - Full report

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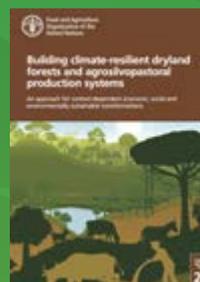


Deploying a humanitarian–development–peace nexus approach Forestry discussion paper Exploring, strengthening and reviving dryland ecosystems

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb6917en/cb6917en.pdf>

Building climate-resilient dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral production systems An approach for context-dependent economic, social and environmentally sustainable transformations

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb3803en/cb3803en.pdf>





AFRICA OPEN D.E.A.L (Open Data for Environment, Agriculture and Land) & Africa's Great Green Wall

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb5896en/cb5896en.pdf>

Restoration in action against Desertification

English Version: www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/ca6932en/



Global Guidelines for the restoration of degraded forests and landscapes

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/3/i5036e/i5036e.pdf>

Review of forest and landscape restoration in Africa 2021

English Version: <https://www.fao.org/policy-support/tools-and-publications/resources-details/en/c/1445107/>



Video
“FAO’s Action Against Desertification”

English Version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zwn5F2HjtlY&t=14s>



Video “Action Against Desertification - Delfino ploughs for land preparation and landscape restoration”

English Version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpuklzyYHao>

Video “Action Against Desertification - Burkina Faso”

English Version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRwknkP4KSU&t=2s>



Video “Action Against Desertification - Haiti”

English Version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef14s-CQ5XQ&t=2s>

Video “Action Against Desertification – Sudan”

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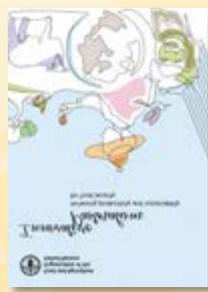


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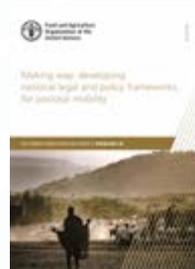
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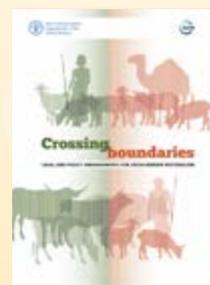


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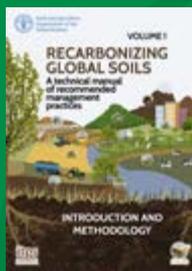
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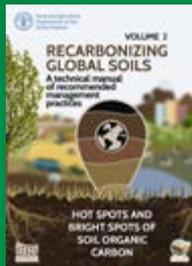
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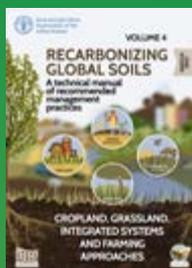
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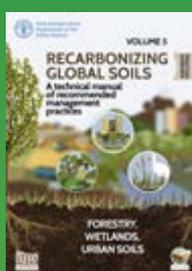
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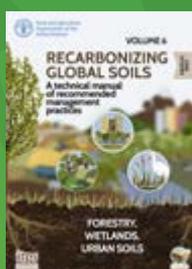
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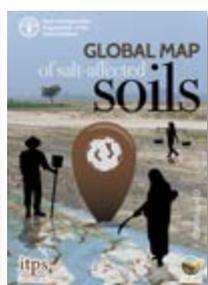


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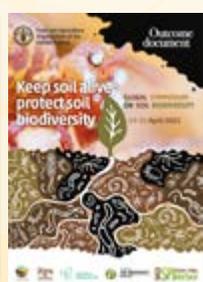


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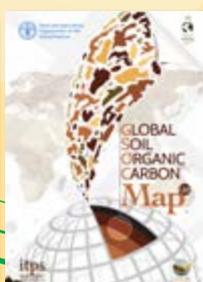


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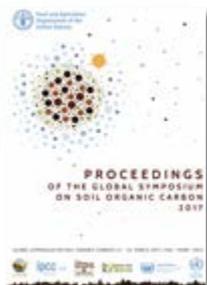


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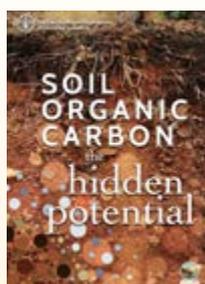
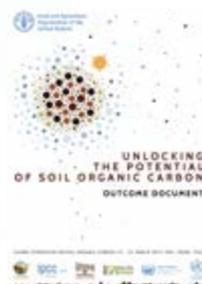
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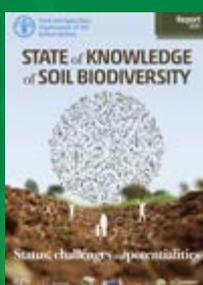
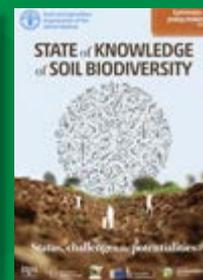
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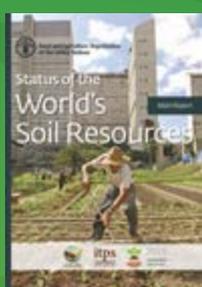
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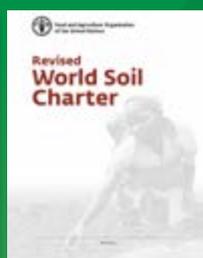
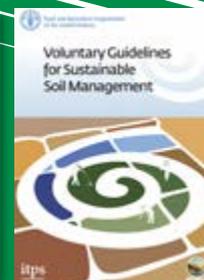
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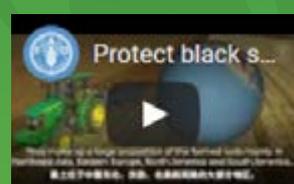
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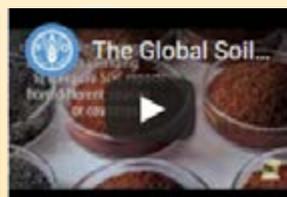
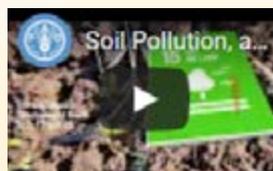
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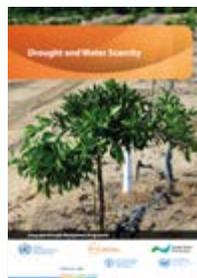
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