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# Libyan Soil Laboratories Network (LIBSOLAN)

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# **The Libyan Soil Laboratories Network (LIBSOLAN)**

- **Status of establishment: Under establishment**
- **Number of laboratories registered in GLOSOLAN: 3 soil laboratories (ready to form national network) in addition to other labs that not registered yet**
- **Suggested network name: “LIBSOLAN”**
- **Main obstacle facing the establishment of the network is the legal structure**
- **The 3 labs are belonging to ARC**

## GLOSOLAN Global Soil Laboratory Network

### CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

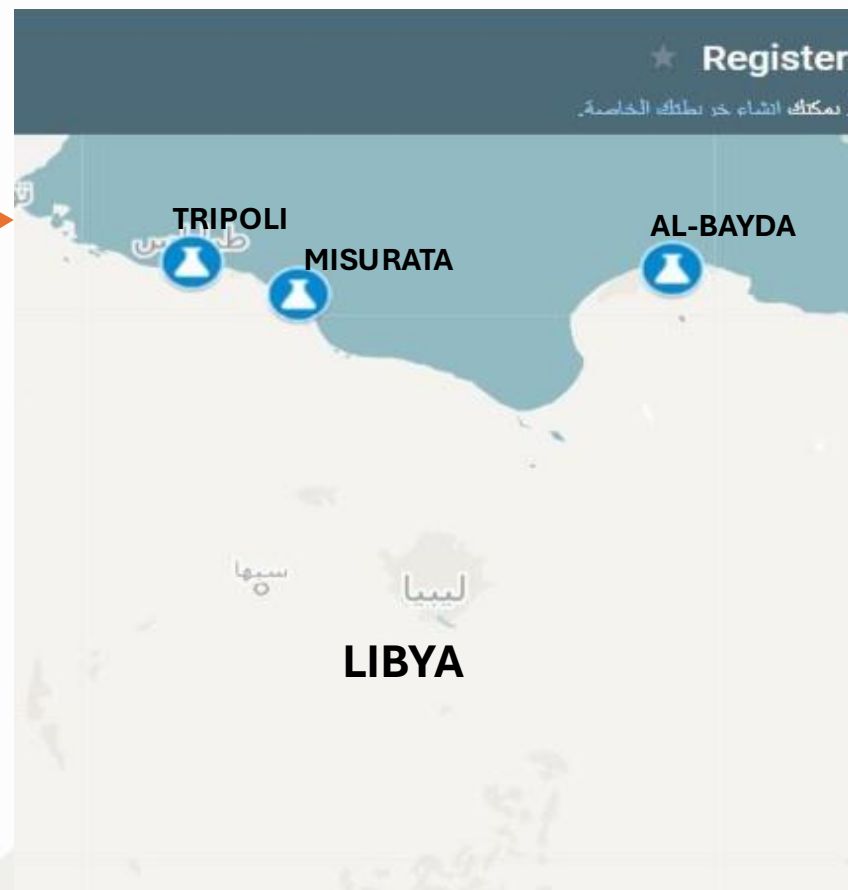
This certificate is awarded to Soil and Water Laboratory  
of Misurata Agricultural Research Station  
(Mars Laboratory), Libya  
to acknowledge their official registration in the  
Global Soil Laboratory Network

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Mr. Ronald Vargas  
Secretary  
Global Soil Partnership



# Location of the labs



# Main information about the three labs

	<b>MARS Soil LABORATORY</b>	<b>ARC AL-BAYDA Soil LABORATORY</b>	<b>NATURAL RESOURCES - ARC LABORATORY</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>MISURATA</b>	<b>AL-BAYDA</b>	<b>TRIPOLI</b>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Jalal Elgadi</b>	<b>Khaled Belhamad</b>	<b>Husain Taleb</b>
<b>Years of Experience in Soil Testing</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>4 (2 MSc + 2 BSc)</b>	<b>5 (3 MSc+ 2 BSc)</b>	<b>8 (4 MSc+4 BSc)</b>
<b>Registration in GLOSOLAN</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>

## Main information about the three labs (continued)

	<b>MARS Soil LABORATORY</b>	<b>ARC AL-BAYDA Soil LABORATORY</b>	<b>NATURAL RESOURCES - ARC LABORATORY</b>
<b>Physical Soil Tests Offered</b>	<b>SM, PZD, soil moisture tension, BD, FC&amp;WP, On field infiltration rate</b>	<b>SM, PZD, BD, HC, Porosity</b>	<b>SM, PZD, soil moisture tension, BD, FC&amp;WP, HC</b>
<b>Chemical Soil Tests Offered</b>	<b>EC, TDS, pH, SOM, CaCO3, NPK, Fe, Mn, SOLUBLE IONS</b>	<b>EC, TDS, pH, SOM, CaCO3, NPK, SOLUBLE IONS, most tests by colorimetric methods</b>	<b>EC, TDS, pH, SOM, CaCO3, NPK, SOLUBLE IONS,</b>
<b>Other soil tests</b>	<b>NEMATODE</b>	<b>Bacterial water pollution</b>	
<b>Tests other than soil</b>	<b>WATER, PLANT FERTILIZER</b>	<b>WATER, PLANT FERTILIZER</b>	<b>WATER, PLANT FERTILIZER</b>
<b>Number of received samples /year</b>	<b>250-500</b>	<b>250-500</b>	<b>250-500</b>





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# Main obstacles facing soil labs

- **Shortage in number of technicians in most labs**
- **Shortage in some operating materials and equipment.**
- **Lack of training programs**
- **Lack of local authorized distributors for instrument manufacturers to perform periodic maintenance**





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# Thank you

