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# Salt-affected soils: threats and potentials

## *The International Network on Salt-Affected Soils INSAS*

Joint meeting of  
**INSAS and SUSTAIN**

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# *International cooperation in the field of SAS*



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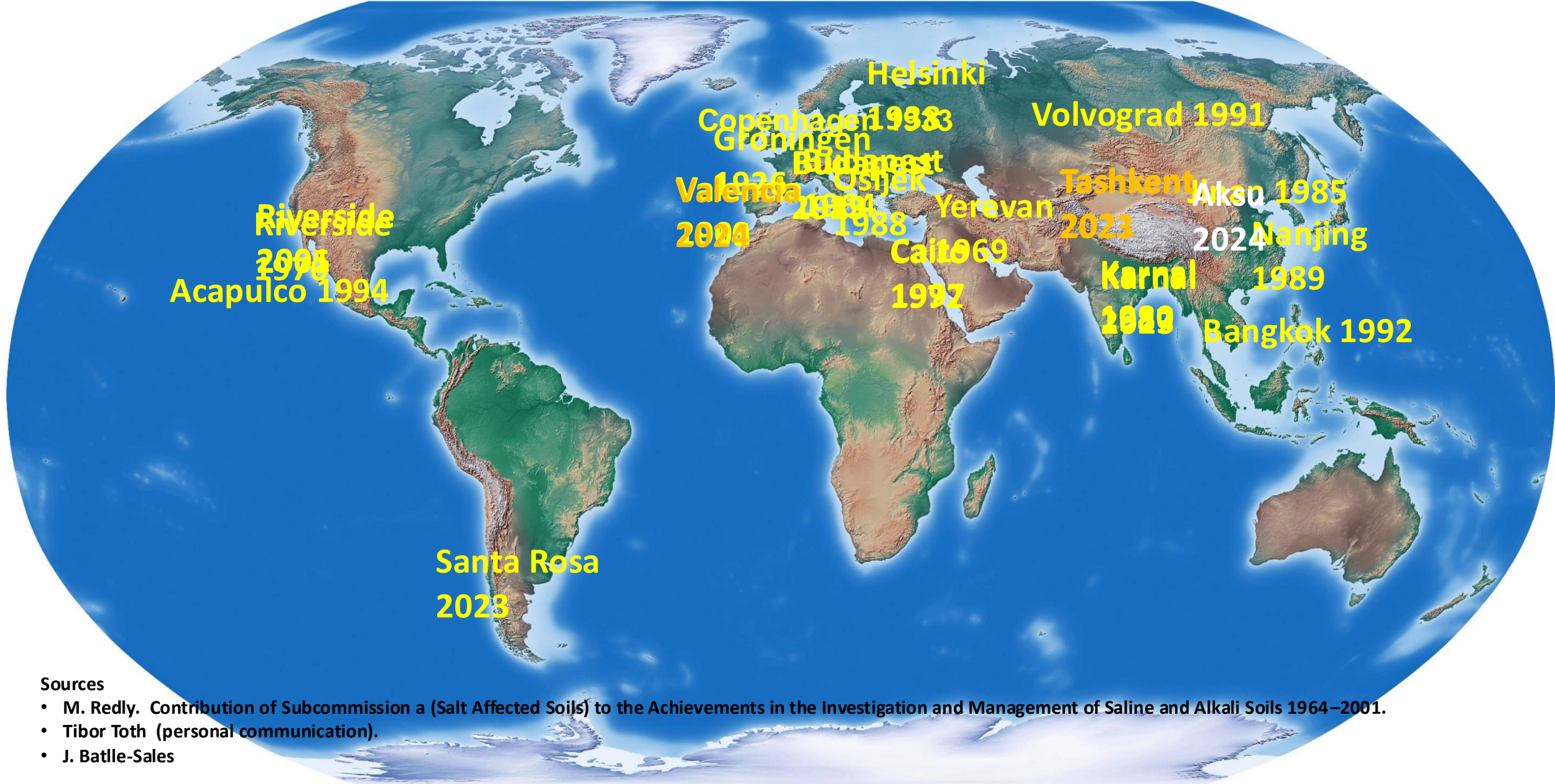


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# *The collaboration within GSP: “Difussion of knowledge”*



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# *The International Network of Salt-Affected Soils*

The International Network of Salt-Affected Soils (INSAS), launched in 2019 during the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture's (ICBA) first Global Forum on Innovations for Marginal Environments, **is a Technical Network of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP).**

The Network aims to facilitate the sustainable and productive use of salt-affected soils for current and future generations.

INSAS's mission is to support and facilitate joint efforts towards the sustainable management of SAS for food security, agricultural sustainability and climate change mitigation.

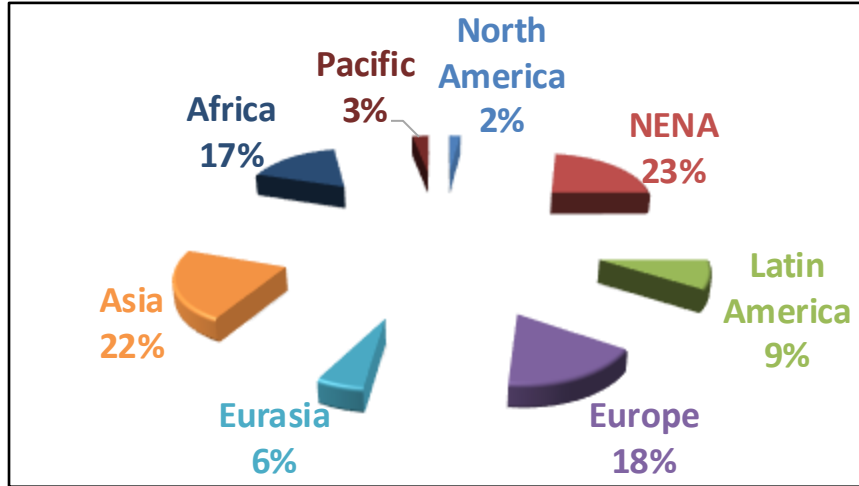


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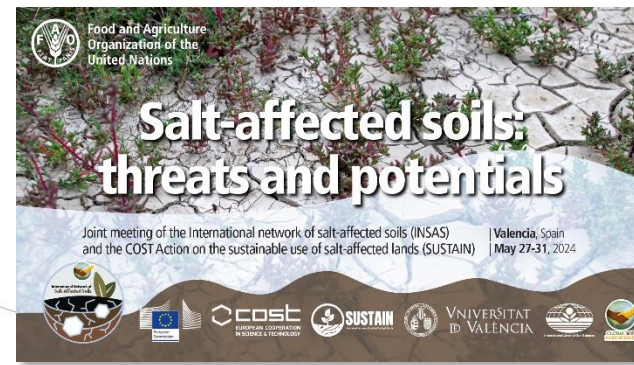
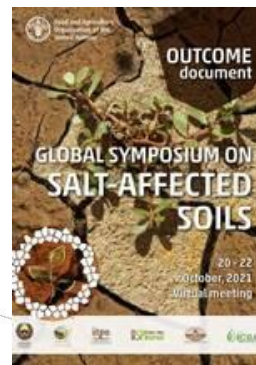
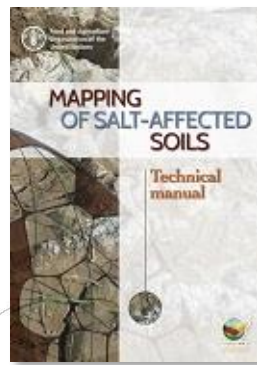
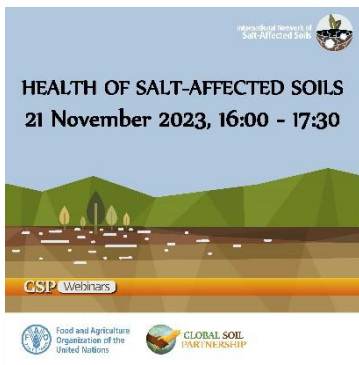
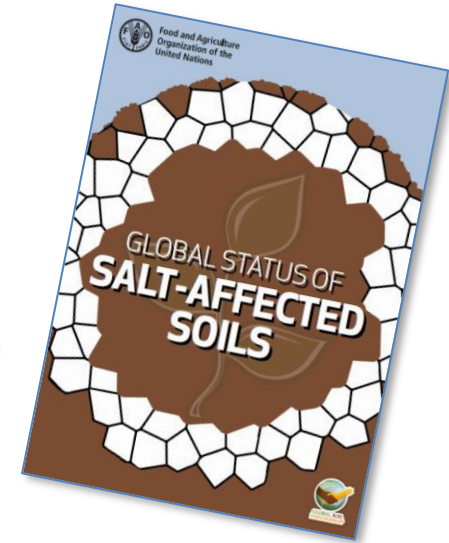
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# On-going activities of INSAS

- Global report on the status of SAS.
- Standard Operating Procedures for SAS in cooperation with GLOSOLAN.
- Series of webinars covering measurement, sampling, modeling, management Policy and Governance of SAS.
- Harmonized protocols for soil salinity/sodicity sampling, mapping and assessment.
- Database of good practices.
- Organization of INSAS meetings in collaboration with Commission 3.6, COST and other.



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# *The role of INSAS and Commission on SAS of the IUSS*

- Advancing scientific understanding of saline environments and the challenges facing agricultural soils at risk of salinization, while developing soil health indicators.
- Promoting the adoption of new technologies to address soil salinization.
- Fostering collaboration with other organizations to translate knowledge into actionable guidelines for farmers and stakeholders.
- Advocating for the inclusion of soil salinization regulation and environmental restoration on political agendas.
- Educating future generations on the importance of conserving and managing natural, non-renewable resources, which are fundamental to food production.



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