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in view of the grave consequences of soil degradation on ecosystem functions food security biodiversity and human health this book

covers the extent causes processes and impacts of global soil degradation and processes for improvement of degraded soils soil conservation measures including soil amendments decompaction mulching cover cropping crop rotation green manuring contour farming strip cropping alley cropping surface roughening windbreaks terracing sloping agricultural land technology salt dune stabilization etc are discussed particular emphasis is given to soil pollution and the methods of physical chemical and biological remediation of polluted soils this book will lead the reader from the basics to a comprehensive understanding of soil degradation conservation and remediation

this is the second of two volumes that together provide a global overview of the impact of agriculture on soil degradation tracing the most critical drivers like the use and abuse of agrochemicals mechanization overgrazing irrigation slash and burn agriculture and the use of plastics soil degradation caused by agriculture practices is a complex issue which depends on the interaction of social economic political and environmental aspects in this book expert contributors elucidate the extension of the effects of agriculture on soil degradation in europe a continent with different cultures and political backgrounds that affect agricultural practices readers will also find in this book authoritative solutions to minimize the effects of agriculture intensification and land use in this continent divided into 12 chapters the book offers a european perspective on soil quality and sustainable management including case studies about the impact of chemical agents like fertilizers herbicides pesticides and soil acidification and microplastics pollution in agriculture practices from countries such as croatia czech republic estonia latvia and lithuania germany portugal and greece hungary iceland italy slovenia spain sweden and ukraine given the breadth and depth of its coverage the book offers an invaluable source of information for researchers students and environmental managers alike chapter agricultural land degradation in the czech republic is available open access under a creative commons attribution 4 0 international license via link [springer.com](https://www.springer.com)

this book informs about knowledge gain in soil and land degradation to reduce or prevent it for meeting the mission of the sustainable developments goals of the united nations essence extent monitoring methods and implications for ecosystem functioning of main soil degradation types are characterized in overview chapters and case studies challenges approaches and data towards identification of degradation in the frame of improving functionality health and multiple ecosystem services of soil are demonstrated in the studies of international expert teams the book consists of five parts containing 5 12 single chapters each and 36 in total parts are explaining i concepts and indicators ii soil erosion and compaction iii soil contamination iv soil carbon and fertility monitoring and v soil survey and mapping of degradation the primary audience of this book are scientists of different disciplines decision makers farmers and further informed people dealing with sustainable management of soil and land

soil degradation restoration and management in a global change context volume four in the advances in chemical pollution environmental management and protection series explores a wide breadth of emerging and state of the art technologies and provides the best practices to manage soils affected by degradation soils are the base of life thus a sustainable soil management is crucial in a context of global environmental change chapters in this new release include soil degradation processes future treats and possible solutions agriculture and grazing environments abandoned and afforested lands environments affected by fire mining environments urban areas and lands affected by war covers a wide breadth of emerging and state of the art technologies includes contributions from an international board of authors provides a comprehensive set of reviews synthesizes all aspects involved in soil degradation

soil degradation is a widespread problem in africa resulting in decreased agricultural productivity while demand for food continues to increase degradation is caused by accelerated erosion acidification contamination depletion of soil organic matter and plant nutrients and salinization the major cause of soil degradation in africa is uncontrolled and excessive grazing in the savanna regions followed by deforestation and the use of inappropriate and extractive farming practices perpetual neglect of the health of soils in africa can exacerbate the already serious problems of food and nutritional insecurity and environmental degradation food and nutritional security of the growing population of africa can only be achieved if degraded soils are restored and soils of agroecosystems are managed prudently and sustainably ignoring soils and taking the fragile finite and precious soil resources for granted is the principal cause of poverty hunger and environmental degradation the downward spiral must be reversed through soil restoration measures based on translating science into action this book describes the soils of africa processes of soil degradation extent and severity of soil degradation and the impacts of degradation processes on food and nutritional security features explores the extent and severity of soil degradation in africa analyzes the cause effect relationship between anthropogenic activities and soil degradation reviews processes of soil degradation in africa including erosion salinization nutrient depletion and decline of soil organic matter addresses the effect of climate change on soil degradation in africa explains how soil degradation causes food and nutritional insecurity part of the advances in soil sciences series this volume is specifically devoted to the processes and factors that cause soil degradation and the challenges and potential for remediation and restoration of soil health in africa

soil degradation has serious global impacts on agronomic economic and sociopolitical conditions however statistics regarding the degree of these impacts has been largely unreliable this book aims to standardize the methodology for obtaining reliable and objective data on soil degradation it will also identify and develop criteria for assessing the severity of soil degradation providing a realistic scenario of the problem

soils are regularly exposed to different kinds of external loads which can be described as static or dynamic and are always variable in loading time and magnitude how far these external forces and soil management strategies coincide with the approach of sustainability of soils and their functions in a changing world with an intensely growing population is often discussed controversially the most recent flooding events in germany poland austria czech republic etc and the catastrophic landslides in italy etc also visualize the enormous effects and threats which must be linked to the manmade soil degradation due to non site adjusted management approaches in combination with climate change induced intensified rainstorm events etc this idea becomes even more relevant with increasing intensity of soil cultivation induced changes of mechanical hydraulic and physicochemical soil processes and functions the result of such processes must be defined as a degraded system which certainly requires a better and more process based understanding of the dominant processes under the aspect of requested crop yield increase better filtering and buffering for clean drinking water production as well as also concerning a less intense climate gas emission to the atmosphere global change effect in the following various aspects of mainly mechanical soil degradation will be described in the book elucidating the various scale effects as well as the consequences also for soil erosion and its quantification eight contributions deal with scale dependent processes of soil degradation from micro to macroscale and they also describe the interactions between soil particles and chemistry on soil strength the rheological approach including the differentiation between various chemical properties gives a fascinating insight into the soil processes and properties on such a basis also the following up processes of the aggregate level can be better understood and it certainly also helps to link results with a more complete concept the basis for mechanical processes is still the effective stress equation which in itself can be subdivided in the various scale effects finally both a more complete picture of the strengthening but also of the degradation processes can be derived and countermeasures can be developed these countermeasures also include natural soil regeneration or amelioration approaches based on the quantified internal soil strength and the information about the actual mechanical sensitivity of the soil being threatened by soil compaction and deformation the first paper of baumgarten and horn deals with the assessment of soil degradation by using a scale spanning soil mechanical approach followed by khaydapova et al who study with the impact of anthropogenic load on rheological properties of typical chernozems the effect of aggregation on soil strength and the risk of soil degradation for soils derived from volcanic ash is described by fuentes et al while stumpf et al define aggregate properties of a constructed soil in southern brazil how far organic carbon affects the mechanical strength and biological properties of single aggregates is defined by mordhorst et al zink et al define an approach to quantify subsoil compaction on cable construction sites while levy and mamedov deal with the bulk soil susceptibility to deformation in different agricultural management practices and discuss the applicability of water retention curve patterns in their contribution weisskopf et al describe interesting results concerning

evolution of structural properties of an arable soil after compaction under different regeneration pathways krummel bein and horn finally introduce the circular characteristics of soil structure formation and degradation and following implications the consequences of non site adjusted soil management on soil erosion are the topics of two contributions by pellegrini et al about the assessment of topsoil structure degradation in a compost amended silty clay loam soil under simulated rainfall and by sarapatka et al dealing with arable land degradation with a special focus on water erosion the latter paper leads to the last chapter where regional soil degradation studies under various climatic and land use systems are presented gimenogarcia et al describe soil and water salinity in a coastal wetland in spain while drahorad et al have analyzed soil characteristics and nutrient distribution after 27 years of grazing exclusion in widou thiengoly senegal the following two papers again deal with soil properties in southern america dorner et al investigate changes in the physical quality of an andosol under different management intensities in southern chile while kaiser et al prepared a review about physical properties in subtropics and tropics

this monograph provides a comprehensive collection of information on soil fertility degradation across various climatic zones and soil orders it focuses on physical chemical and biological degradation of soil offering insights into sustainable soil management practices for restoring degraded soils the book details the processes and causes of soil degradation including structural degradation erosion nutrient depletion nutrient mining decline of soil organic matter and biological degradation while highlighting strategies to mitigate and remediate these issues in different climatic zones unsustainable farming practices have accelerated soil degradation globally leading to soil erosion nutrient loss and structural damage nutrient depletion and the loss of soil organic carbon are among the most critical concerns but these trends can be reversed with sustainable management practices and appropriate technologies this book addresses the challenges of fertility degraded soils and offers wide range of management and restoration strategies to ensure food and nutritional security maintain ecosystem services and attain sustainable development goals under various agro climatic conditions worldwide this book is a valuable reference material for researchers scientists students farmers and land managers seeking efficient and sustainable natural resource management it also serves as essential reading material for undergraduate and postgraduate students in agriculture soil science agronomy agrophysics agrobiolgy and environmental and climate sciences

one third of the world s soils have already been degraded the burden on the land continues to grow under the combined pressures of demography urbanization artificialization and mining and there are increased demands on agricultural land changing dietary preferences land speculation as well as new demands for agroenergy fiber green chemistry and more resulting issues such as soil crusting water and wind erosion soil salinization and soil acidity therefore constitute a major threat the authors of this book present

the main processes and factors of soil degradation different ways to prevent it and methods of rehabilitation the book also deals with the origin and processes of metallic and organic soil pollution as well as methods of phytoremediation and restoration it is one of the few books to explore the issue of soil artificialization and urban soil management and to highlight how agricultural and urban waste can be used to amend and fertilize cultivated soils

soil degradation in the united states extent severity and trends examines the magnitude and severity of soil degradation by different processes in the u s including water erosion wind erosion c depletion soil compaction salt build up and soil contamination in addition it addresses policy issues with regard to economic and environmental

this work examines the issue of accelerated soil erosion which has become an increasingly serious concern in the twentieth century aspects considered include on site impact of erosion application of soil science to problems of non agricultural uses of soil such as mineland restoration urban uses and disposal of urban wastes soil contamination and pollution by industrial activities and athletic and recreational uses of soil soil quality and soil erosion will be a useful text for soil scientists agronomists foresters and environmental scientists as we enter the next century

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soil degradation is one of the major global threats mainly in countries like africa australia china and some part of us effects of top soil erosion are being increasingly realized according to unccd globally 2 6 billion people depend on agriculture but 52 of the land used for agriculture is moderately or severely affected by soil degradation land degradation affects 1 5 billion people globally due to drought and desertification annually 12 million hectares are lost where 20 million tons of grain could have been grown 74 of the poor are directly affected by land degradation about 1 billion people do not have sufficient food and access to safe water and it had been agreed at rio 20 that natural capital mainly the land resources are the foundation of our society and economy this is a major vision of the sustainable development goals sdg s and 2015 development agenda of the un this review is conducted based on the khan towhid osman s book on soil degradation conservation and remediation published by springer 2014 book summarizes the contents briefly in terms of analyzing causes soil conservation and remediation techniques

evaluating the impact of soil degradation o food security past and present effects of soil degradation future effects of soil degradation and threats to developing country food security policy and research priorities

this book is a printed edition of the special issue enhancing soil health to mitigate soil degradation that was published in sustainability

land degradation and desertification assessment mitigation and remediation reports research results in sustainable land management and land degradation status and mitigation in 36 countries around the world it includes background papers with continental and international perspectives dealing with land degradation and desertification studies the book assembles various topics of interest for a large audience they include carbon sequestration and stocks modern techniques to trace the trends of land degradation traditional and modern approaches of resource base conservation soil fertility management reforestation rangeland rehabilitation land use planning gis techniques in desertification risk cartography participatory ecosystem management policy analyses and possible plans for action various climatic domains in africa asia europe and the americas are covered the book will be of interest to a variety of environmental scientists agronomists national and international policy makers and a number of organizations dealing with sustainable management of natural resources

contents dirt poor poverty farmers and soil resource investment by leslie lipper methodological issues in analysing the linkages between socio economic and environmental systems by dan osgood and leslie lipper includes 1 page abstracts in french spanish and arabic

the study of soils has taken on increased importance because a rapidly expanding population is placing demands on the soil never before experienced this has led to an increase in land degradation land degradation is one of the most severe problems facing mankind volume 11 of advances in soil science was devoted entirely to this critical area of soil science the editors of that volume r lal and b a stewart defined soil degradation as the decline in soil quality caused by its misuse by humans they further stated that soil degradation is a major concern for at least two reasons first it undermines the productive capacity of an ecosystem second it affects global climate through alterations in water and energy balances and disruptions in cycles of carbon nitrogen sulfur and other elements through its impact on agricultural productivity and environment soil degradation leads to political and social instability enhanced rate of deforestation intensive use of marginal and fragile lands accelerated runoff and soil erosion pollution of natural waters and emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere in fact soil degradation affects the very fabric of mankind

the purpose of advances in soil science is to provide a forum for leading scientists to analyze and summarize the available scientific information on a subject assessing its importance and identifying additional research needs a wide array of subjects has been addressed by authors from many countries in the initial ten volumes of the series the quick acceptance of the series by both authors and readers has been very gratifying and confirms our perception that a need did exist for a medium to fill the gap between the scientific journals and the comprehensive reference books this volume is the first of the series devoted entirely to a single topic soil degradation future volumes will include both single topic volumes as well as volumes containing reviews of different topics of soil science as in the case of the first ten volumes there are increasing concern and attention about managing natural resources particularly soil and water soil degradation is clearly one of the most pressing problems facing mankind although the spotlight regarding soil degradation in recent years has focused on africa concern about the degradation of soil and water resources is worldwide the widespread concern about global environmental change is also being linked to severe problems of soil degradation therefore we are indeed pleased that the first volume of the series devoted to a single topic addresses such an important issue the current volume is also the first of the series involving a guest editor

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critical drivers like the use and abuse of agrochemicals mechanization overgrazing irrigation slash and burn agriculture and the use of plastics this book covers the main effects of agriculture practices on soil degradation in several countries from africa america asia and oceania and it elucidates the impact of chemical agents on soil quality namely the use of fertilizers herbicides pesticides soil acidification and microplastics pollution in these continents a large number of the population depend on agriculture which sets an enormous pressure on the ecosystems divided into 13 chapters the book offers authoritative contributions about the fundamental soil degradation problems in countries such as argentina australia peru and bolivia brazil chile china colombia india israel kenya mexico south africa the united states of america as soil degradation issues are often linked with biodiversity loss and poverty readers will also find in this book an important discussion of the different social economic political and environmental aspects contributing to soil quality and sustainable management given the breadth and depth of its coverage the book offers an invaluable source of information for researchers students environmental managers and policymakers alike

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