



WHERE FOOD BEGINS

SOILS, A FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY FARMING

DISCOVER SOIL'S FUNCTIONS AND THE RISKS IT'S RUNNING RIGHT NOW!



OF OUR FOOD COMES FROM OUR SOIL

A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF OUR PLANET'S ARABLE SOIL IS USED FOR FAMILY FARMING



SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT COULD PRODUCE UP TO 58% MORE FOOD



SOIL IS TEEMING WITH LIFE



SOILS HOST A QUARTER OF OUR PLANET'S BIODIVERSITY

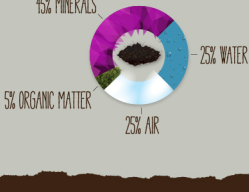
THERE ARE MORE ORGANISMS IN ONE TABLESPOON OF HEALTHY SOIL...



...THAN THERE ARE PEOPLE ON EARTH



WHAT IS SOIL MADE OF?

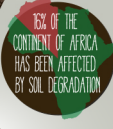


BUT OUR SOILS ARE IN GREAT DANGER

GLOBALLY, UP TO 50 000 SQUARE KILOMETRES OF SOIL, AN AREA AROUND THE SIZE OF COSTA RICA, IS LOST EVERY YEAR



EXPERTS ESTIMATE THAT WE ONLY HAVE 60 YEARS OF TOPSOIL LEFT



YET IT CAN TAKE UP TO 1 000 YEARS TO PRODUCE JUST 2-3 CM OF SOIL



BUT WHILE OVER ONE THIRD OF OUR FOOD GOES TO WASTE...



...UP TO A HALF OF OUR HOUSEHOLD WASTE COULD BE COMPOSTED TO NURTURE OUR SOIL

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