



“Don't treat soil like dirt!”

Our soils in South Africa are precious and fragile - they can be blown away, washed away, polluted and generally misused, taking centuries to recover. On World Soil Day 2019, help to protect our soil resource!

- World soil erosion is approximately 75 billion tons per year, in South Africa as much as 50 tons ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ in the worst cases (as per the photo of the donga).
- Proper soil conservation measures (including Conservation Agriculture) can reduce this by over 95%.



Productive soil for agriculture



The rainbow nation of South African soils

South Africa currently has 135 recognized soil forms, many of which are represented in the

"rainbow soils" mosaic, showing the different colours, textures and structure



Terrible soil erosion in many rural areas



Dry soils being removed by wind storms

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