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Challenges & opportunities of healthy and sustainable soils

Soil degradation – soil consumption

Soil functions: perspectives from the farm

Primary Productivity
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Water regulation & purification
Habitat for biodiversity
Nutrient provision and cycling



The 5 functions of the soils

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Soils are a complex ecosystem

It is impossible to achieve full performance in all five indicators

Practical examples

Land take = soil degradation



Land take = uncertainty to invest in the long run into the quality of our soils



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