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8.15.4 Soil carbon decomposition rate

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Soil carbon decomposition rate	**Climate Resilience** **Green Space Management**
Description and justification	Indicators of Carbon Sequestration in Soil sub-criterion will assess the carbon sequestration in soil.
Definition	Decomposition of Carbon is a part of the Carbon cycle and is essential for recycling the finite matter that occupies physical space in the biosphere. Decomposition is the process by which organic substances are broken down into simpler organic matter. One can differentiate abiotic from biotic decomposition (biodegradation). The former means "degradation of a substance by chemical or physical processes, e.g., hydrolysis" (Water Quality Vocabulary. IShaO 6107-6:1994). The latter means "the metabolic breakdown of materials into simpler components by living organisms", typically by microorganisms.
Strengths and weaknesses	
Measurement procedure and tool	Model/Sampling/Survey
Scale of measurement	%
Data source	
Required data	
Data input type	Quantitative
Data collection frequency	

Level of expertise required	High
Synergies with other indicators	
Connection with SDGs	-
Opportunities for participatory data collection	
Additional information	
References	

8.16 Soil matric potential

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Soil matric potential	**Green Space Management**
Description and justification	Soil matric suction increases soil strength and contributes towards strength and stability against landslides and erosion
Definition	The pressure dry soil and plant water uptake exerts on the surrounding soils to equalise the moisture content in the overall block of soil.
Strengths and weaknesses	Strengths: little suction provides large increase in strength Weaknesses: difficult to measure; changes rapidly; uncertain relationship with meteorological drivers
Measurement procedure and tool	Field tensiometer inserted in the soil at a certain depth.
Scale of measurement	Micro / point measurement
Data source	
Required data	Soil matric suction (in kPa)
Data input type	Electrical (voltage)