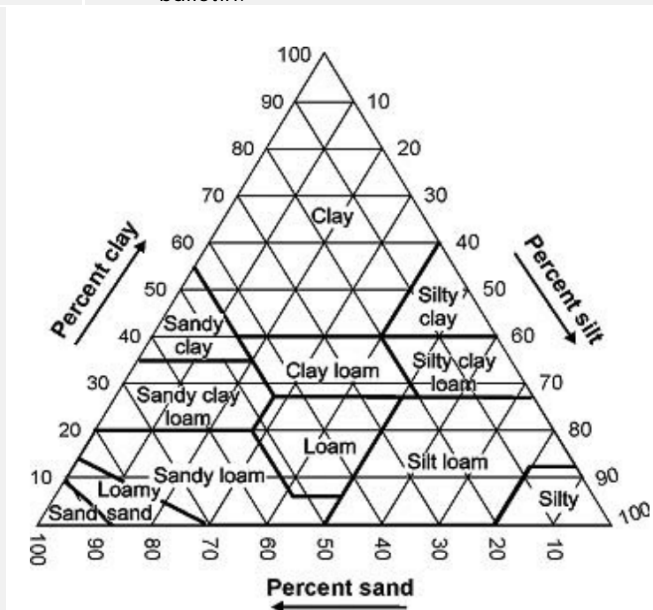


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Soil texture classes according to proportions of sand, silt and clay (Motsara, Roy, 2008)

8.27 Soil chemical fertility

Project Name: Nature4Cities

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Chemical fertility of soil - Cfer	Green Space Management
Description and justification	Cfer relates to the mineral nutrition of plants via the concepts of biodisponibility of elements, deficiencies, toxicities and equilibria
Definition	Evaluation of the quality of soil, in this case chemical soil fertility (Nature4Cities D2.1) : - to assess the ability of soil to grow ornamental plants and food (vegetables) - to improve the soil properties if necessary (1) addition of limestone to adjust pH, (2) addition of compost to increase

	<p>the organic carbon content, (3) addition of mineral nutrients if there is a risk of chlorosis...</p> <p>The output is qualitative (poor, moderate or optimal) or 0 to 1</p>
Strengths and weaknesses	<p>This indicator is capable to describe initial planning problems, like soil nutrient deficiency for plant growth. It is possible to apply the indicator in numerous cases (various locations). The indicator has been used in different circumstances (different soil uses) and delivered reasonable results. However it requires a number of samples adapted to soil heterogeneity</p>
Measurement procedure and tool	<p>REQUIRED TOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • soil sampling materials • laboratory analytical tools <p>CALCULATION METHOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • measurement of each parameter • global evaluation from evaluation of each parameter
Scale of measurement	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object</p>
Data source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibliography • Measurement/Monitoring
Required data	<p>Organic C, Total N, K, C/N, pH method: (water, CaCl₂), CaCO₃, CEC (methods : Metson, CobaltiHexamine), P (Olsen method)</p>
Data input type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physicochemical measurements • chemical analyses
Data collection frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial diagnostic/ assessment in case of hardly growth of vegetation
Level of expertise required	<p>Easy to calculate but requires data.</p> <p>This indicator requires laboratory or on-site measurements</p> <p>The data could have been already collected in case of soil characterisation but usually not. Measuring the parameters is the best way to calculate this indicator, because urban soil properties are very spatially heterogeneous.</p>
Synergies with other indicators	<p>In Nature4Cities the Cfer KPI is calculated using cation exchange capacity parameter (CEC in meq/100 g) (Nature4Cities D2.4). This parameter is a measure of the quantity of negatively charged sites on soil surfaces that can retain positively charged ions (cations) such as calcium (Ca²⁺), magnesium (Mg²⁺), and potassium (K⁺), by electrostatic forces.</p> <p>Cation exchange capacity of soil is measured according a standardized method: the ammonium acetate method according to Kahr and Madsen (1995). The Cfer score is on one hand also expressed in form of a performance bar with numerical values ranked in terms to the best (1) and worst (0) scenario</p>
Connection with SDGs	<p>SD15 Life on Land</p>

Opportunities for participatory data collection

Additional information

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8.28 Flammability Index

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