

8.9 Total vegetation cover

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Total Vegetation Cover		Green Space Management
Description and justification	Indicators of Structural Diversity sub-criterion will assess the vegetation structural diversity in order to characterize the soil cover. Maintaining a permanent soil cover is important in conservation agriculture, it protects the top soil from soil erosion, maintains soil moisture, smothers weeds and aids in nutrient cycling.	
Definition	Soil covered by assemblage of plant species and the ground, without specific reference to particular taxa, life forms, structure, spatial extent, or any other specific botanical or geographic characteristics.	
Strengths and weaknesses		
Measurement procedure and tool	GIS/Project Data Unit of Measure: %	
Scale of measurement		
Data source		
Required data		
Data input type	Quantitative	
Data collection frequency		
Level of expertise required	Medium	
Synergies with other indicators		
Connection with SDGs	3; 13	
Opportunities for participatory data collection		
Additional information		