## Soil erosion

Accelerated removal of topsoil from the land surface through water, wind, or tillage.

Each year, 20 to 30 Gt (billion tonnes) of soil is estimated to be eroded by water, 5 Gt by tillage and 2 Gt by wind on arable land. If the current trend of soil erosion remains unchanged the total annual production potential is projected to be reduced by 10% by 2050.

EROSION RATES CAN BE REDUCED THROUGH
THE APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT
TECHNIQUES AND STRUCTURAL MEASURES
SUCH AS TERRACE AND WATERWAY CONSTRUCTION

Average rate of soil erosion by wind, water and tillage is estimated at 0.9 mm per year

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SOURCE: STATUS OF THE WORLD'S SOIL RESOURCES - MAIN REPORT

