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# Soil contamination



COUNTRIES ARE IMPLEMENTING  
POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES THAT ENCOURAGE  
REPORTING AND REMEDIATION  
OF CONTAMINATED SITES/SOILS

Increase in toxic compounds  
(heavy metals, pesticides, etc.) in soils  
affects human health and/or the  
provision of soil ecosystem services.  
The three major pathways for  
diffuse soil contamination are  
atmospheric deposition,  
agriculture and flood events.

Soil contamination can reduce food  
security by decreasing crop yields  
and rendering crops unsafe for  
consumption.

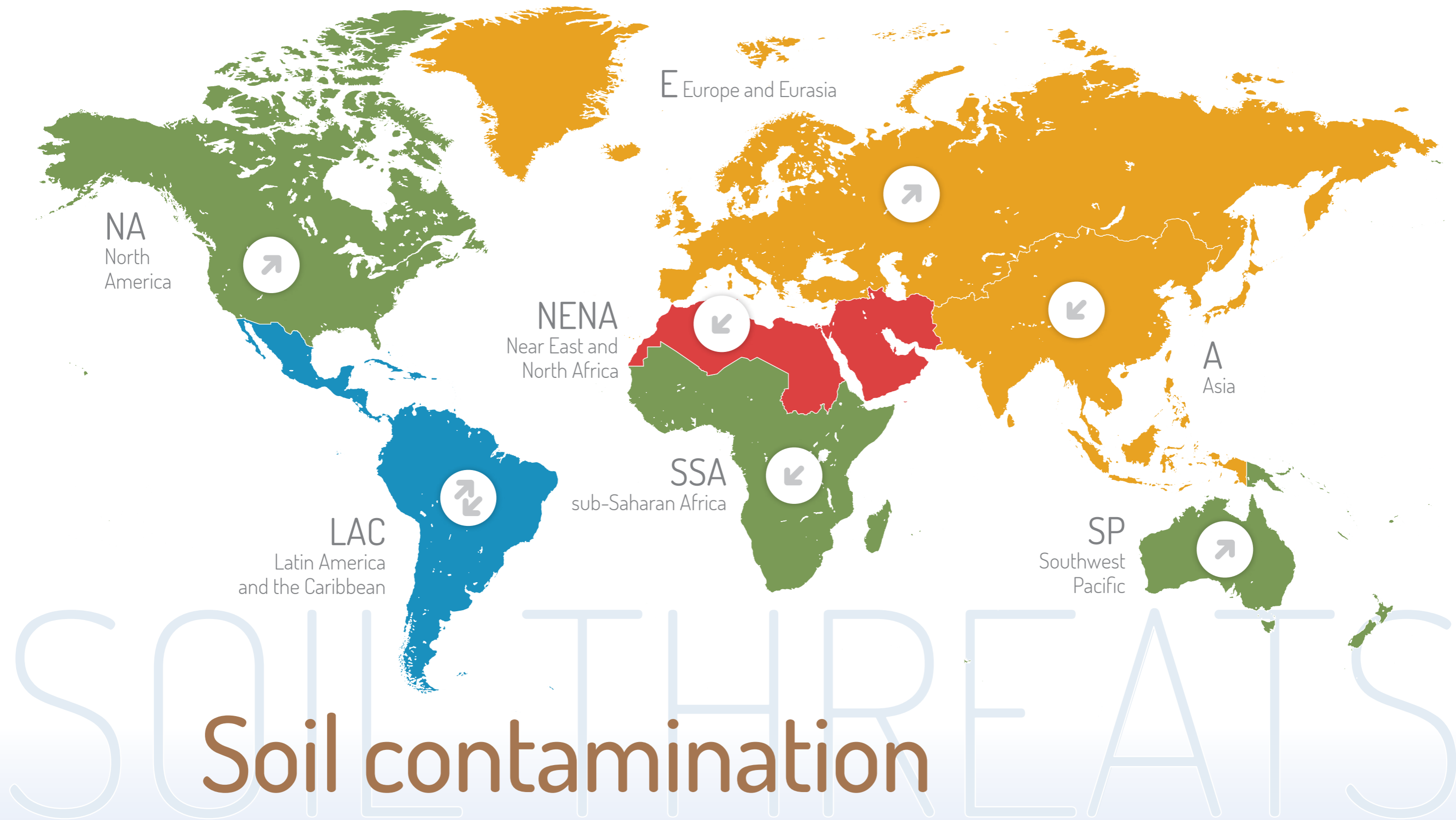


World  
Soil Day  
2016

In Europe  
340 000 sites  
are thought to be  
contaminated



GLOBAL SOIL  
PARTNERSHIP



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Condition



Trend

