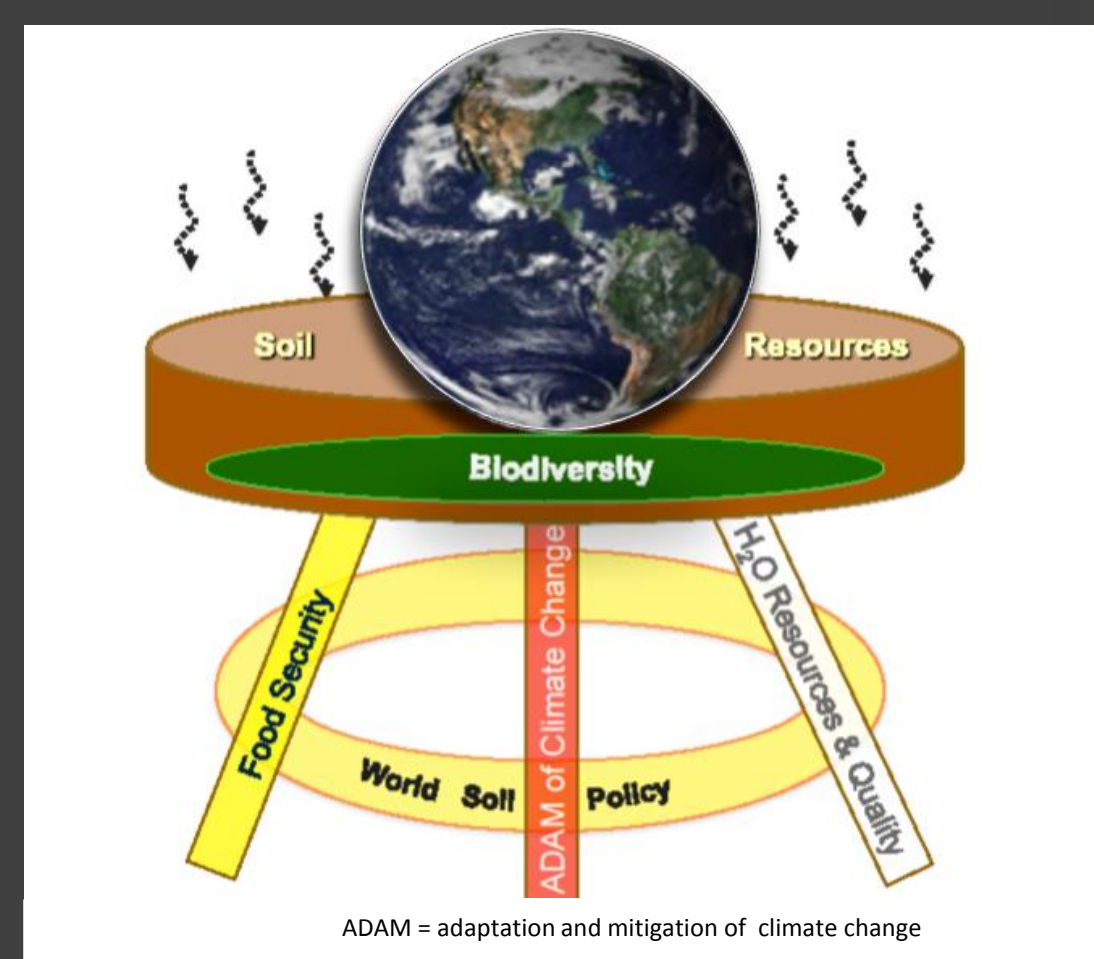


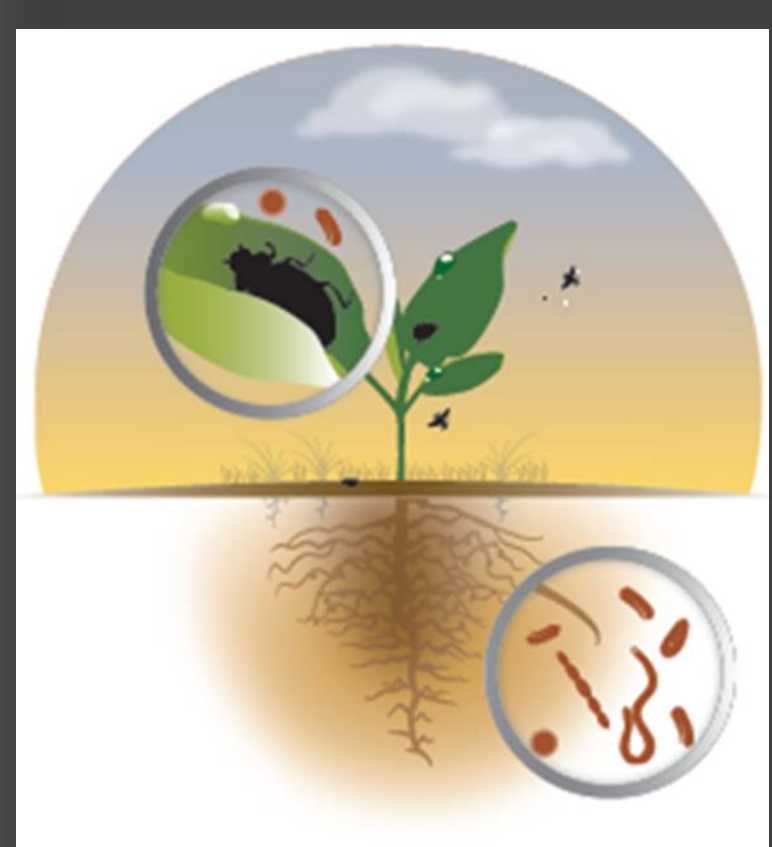
Global Issues:

Increase our knowledge about soil biodiversity

What is the role of soil biodiversity in ecosystem services across different soils, land uses, and climatic regions?



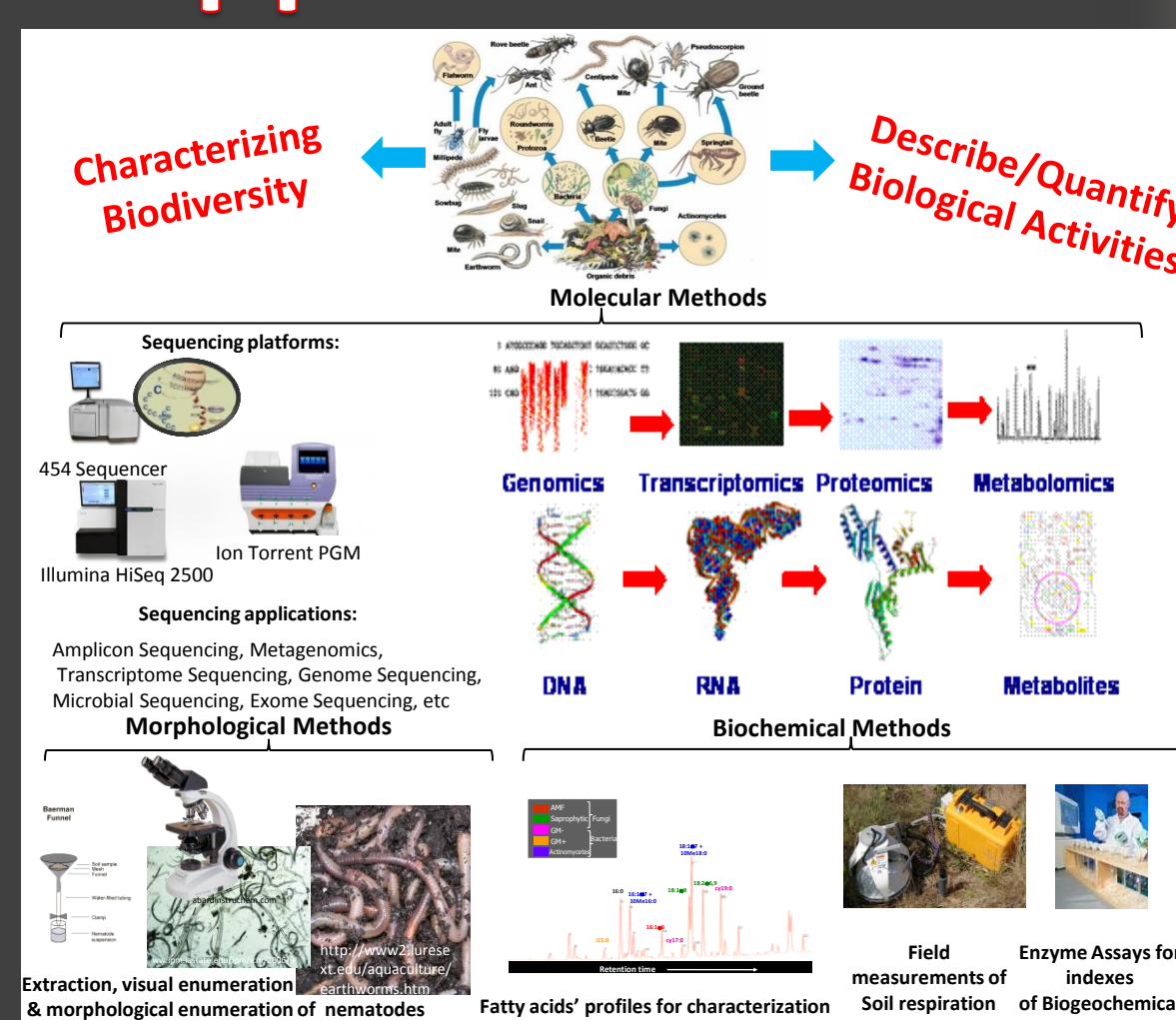
Study the phytobiome as a system



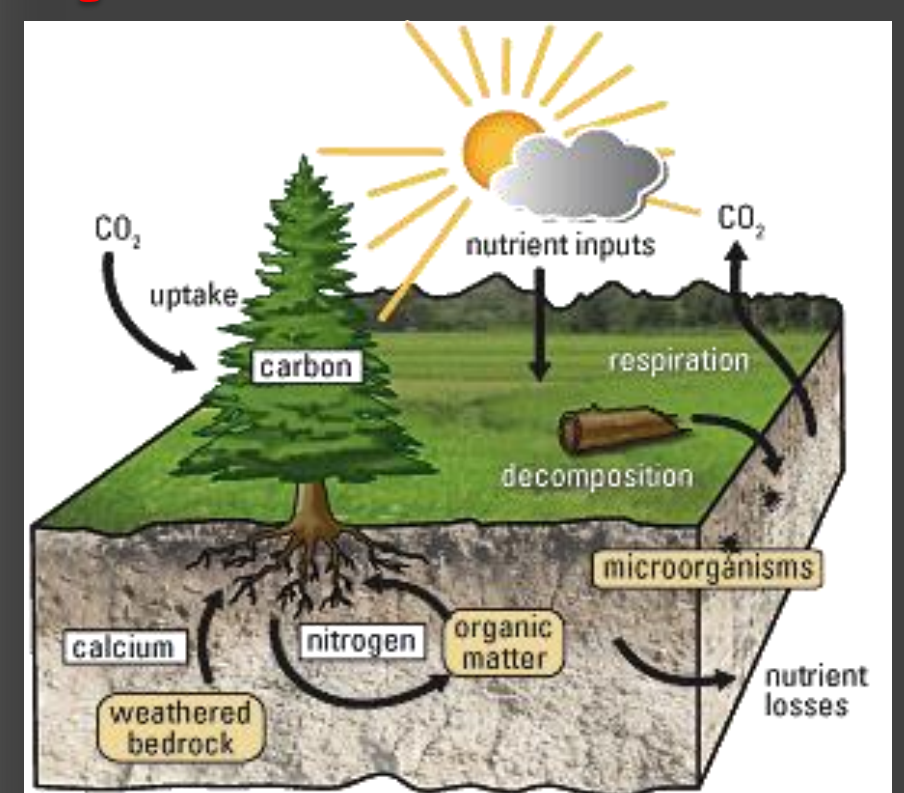
Enhance our understanding of how different organisms influence, and are influenced by the plant, and how they shape soil health and functions.

Globalize methods and approaches

Identifying consistent and reliable metrics including sampling and scaling from genes to the globe.

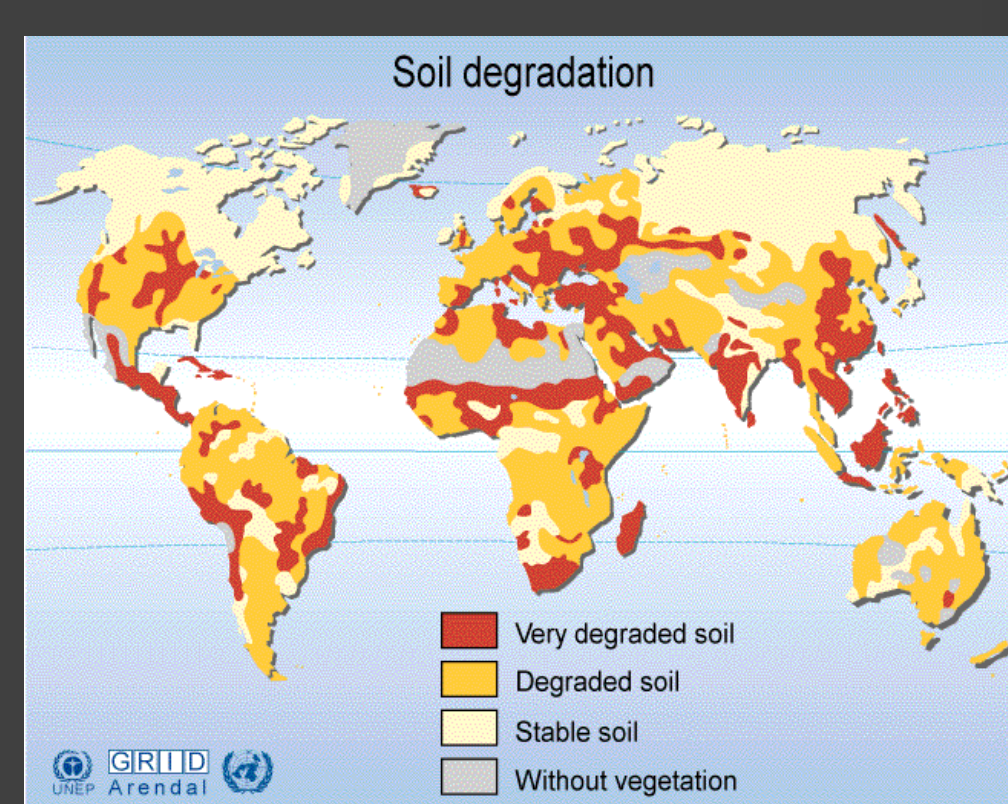


Synchronize efforts to address climate change



What are the effects of climate change on soil biodiversity and how can soil biodiversity help mitigate climate change?

Manage biodiversity to address soil degradation
An integrative, scale-appropriate approach may help reverse, alleviate and avoid soil degradation.



Science:

Soil Biodiversity

Describes the variability of all organisms living in the soil.

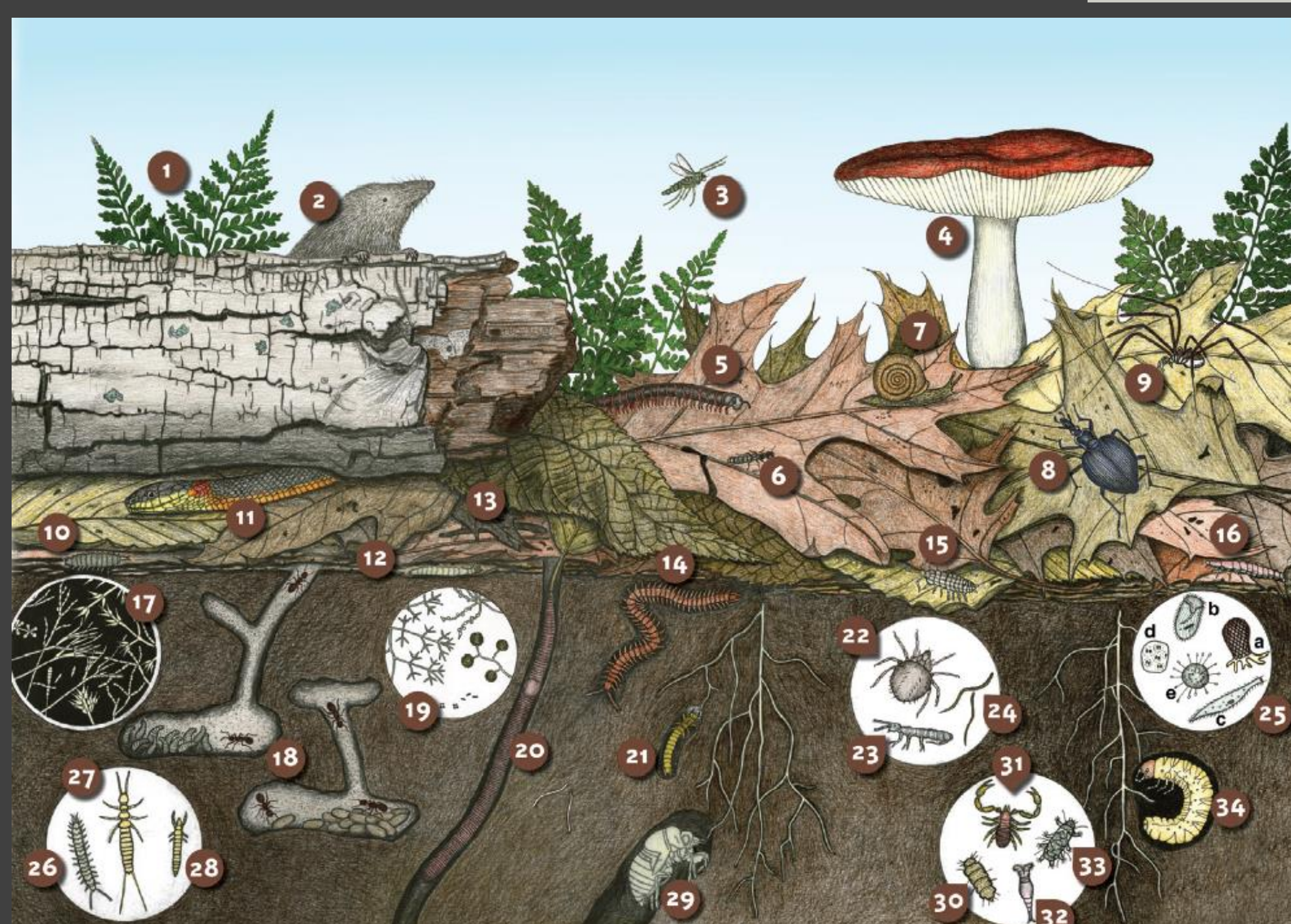
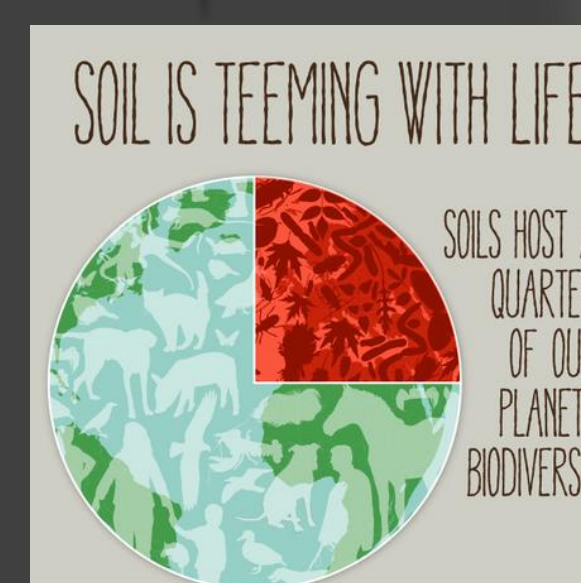


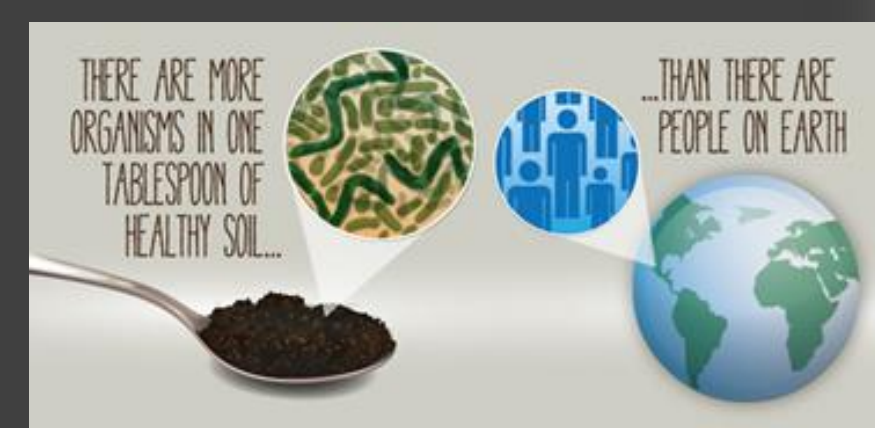
Figure courtesy Dr. Nardi, Univ. of Illinois. Extracted from the SSSA book "Know soil, Know life"

Soil organisms categorized by size with examples provided in parentheses:

- Microorganisms (bacteria, fungi, protozoa)
- Mesofauna (acari, nematodes, springtails)
- Macrofauna (earthworms, termites)
- Megafauna (rabbits, snakes, gophers)

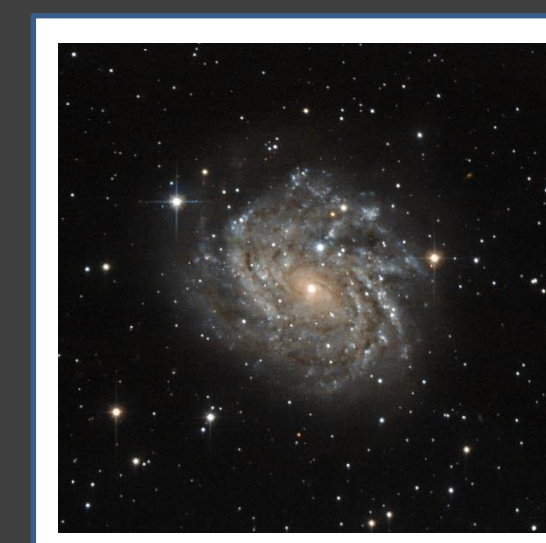
Fun Facts

A teaspoon of garden soil may contain thousands of species, millions of individuals, and a hundred meters of fungal networks.



Only 5% of what is produced by green plants is consumed by animals; 95% is consumed by microorganisms.

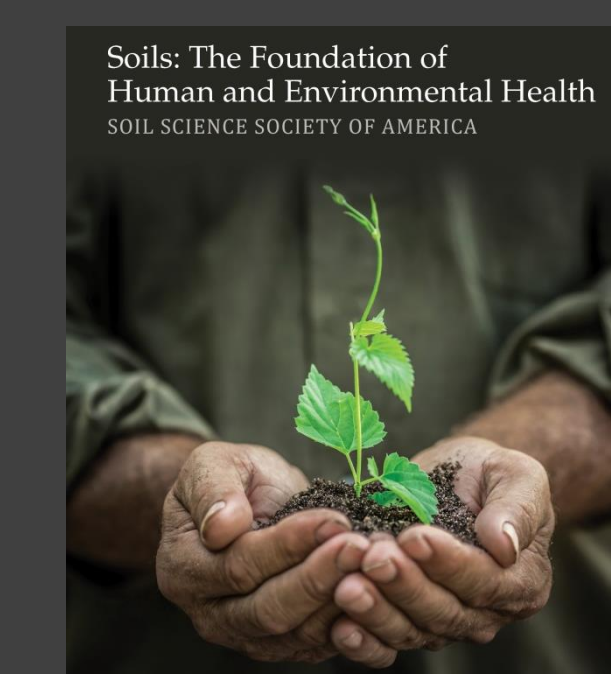
"We know more about the movement of celestial bodies than about the soil underfoot"
- Leonardo da Vinci



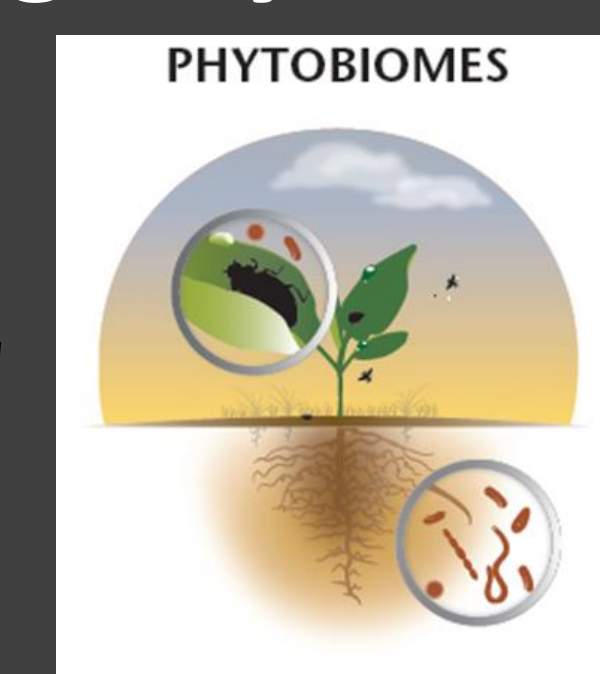
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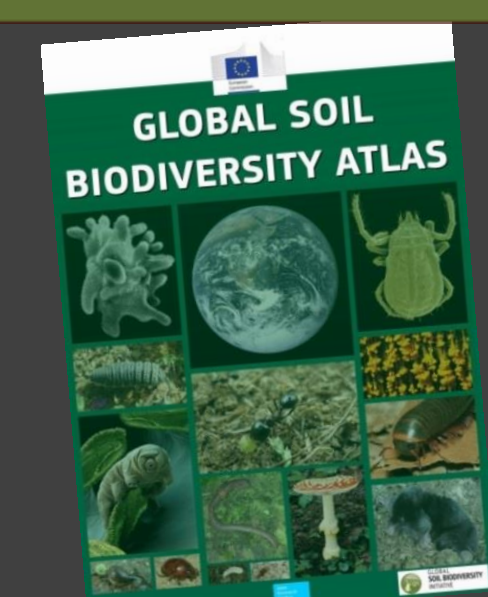
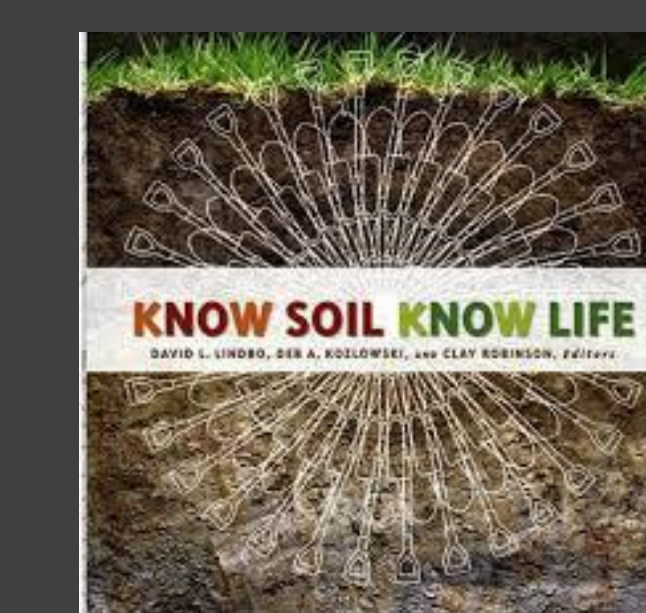
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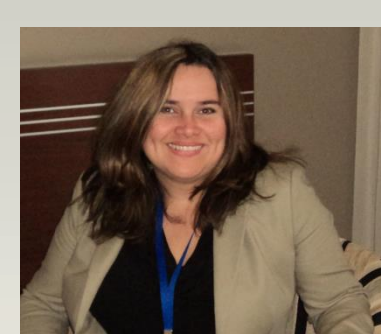
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Information below of our division!



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- This division brings together scientific experts in the fields of soil biodiversity, soil organisms, biochemical properties of soil organic matter, biogeochemical transformation of nutrients, and below-ground plant-microbe interactions.
- Our goal is to promote the acquisition and dissemination of scientific knowledge of soil biology & biochemistry for the conservation and restoration of our agricultural soil resources for food production, and environmental quality.



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