# Developing a high-resolution global digital soil map for enhanced hydrological modeling with the SWAT+ model

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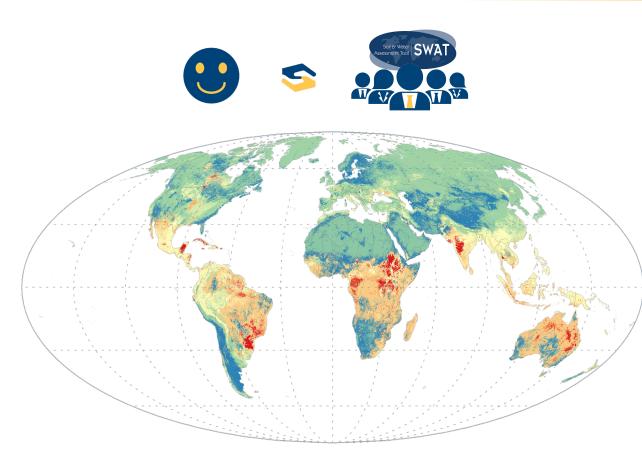








# What are we offering?





### **DSOLMap**:

- > New soil map for SWAT+.
- Global scale.
- > Spatial resolution 250 m.
- > 6 soil horizons (up to 2 m).
- > For free.

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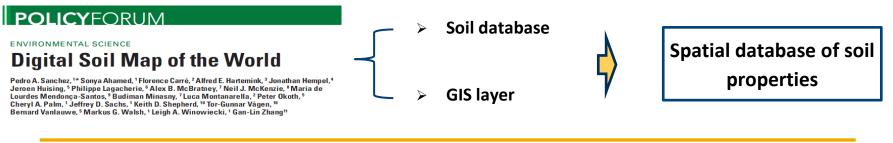
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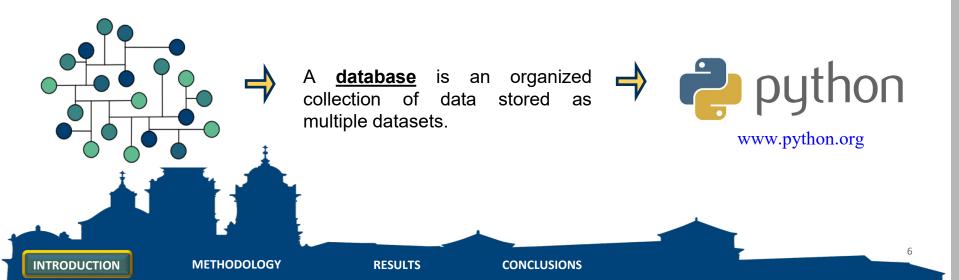
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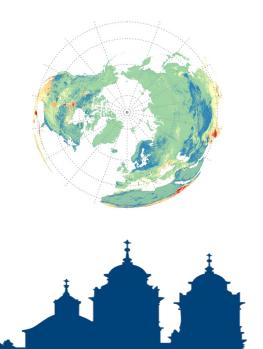
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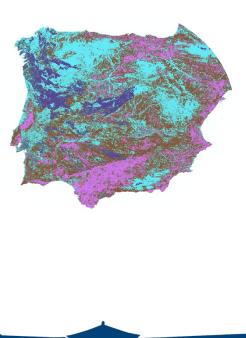
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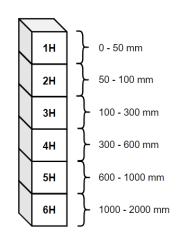
Global scale



#### 250-m resolution



### ✓ 6 soil horizons

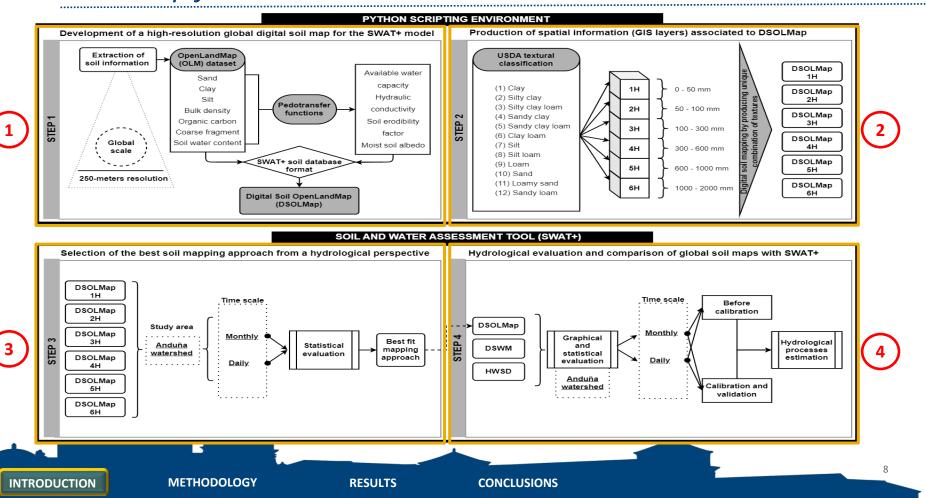


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### DSOLMap flowchart

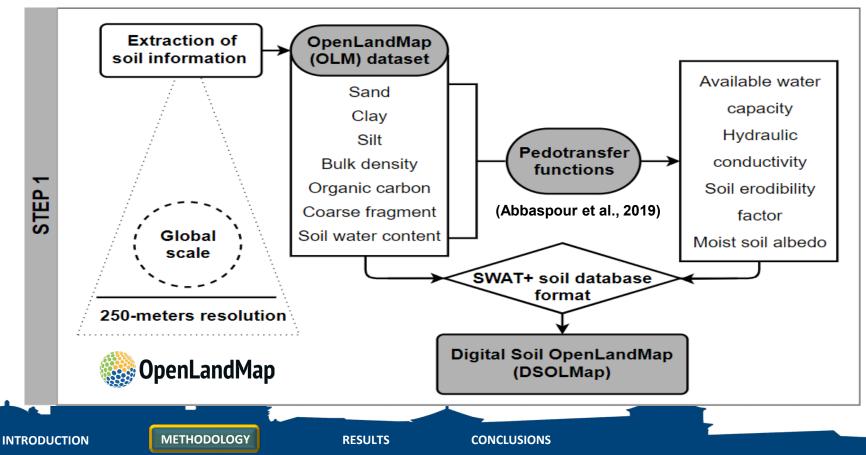


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### Development a global soil database for the SWAT+ model



## OpenLandMap ⊨

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# An open-access web-GIS system for global environmental layers created and hosted by the OpenGeoHub foundation.



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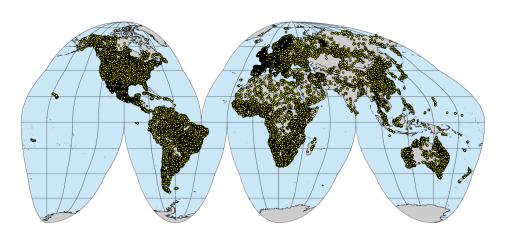


 Table 1. Main national and international soil point data sources.

Source	Acronym	Reference
US Government National	NSCD	https://ncsslabdatamart.sc.egov.usda.gov
Cooperative Soil		
Characterization Database		
Africa Soil Profiles Database	AfSP	https://www.isric.org/projects/africa-
		soil-profiles-database-afsp
Land Use/Cover Area Frame	LUCAS	https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/resource-
Statistical Survey Soil database		type/soil-point-data
Repositório Brasileiro Livre para	FEBR	https://www.pedometria.org/febr/
Dados Abertos do Solo		
The Northern Circumpolar Soil	NCSCD	https://bolin.su.se/data/ncscd/
Carbon Database		
World Soil Information Service	WoSIS	https://www.isric.org/explore/wosis
Soil Profile Database		

- Global soil layers.
- > 3D (longitude, latitude, depth) machine learning predictions.
- >350,000 soil observations.

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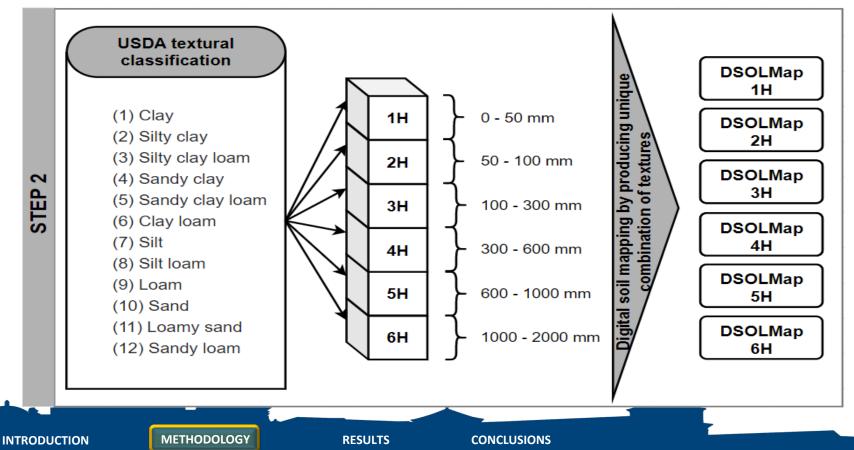
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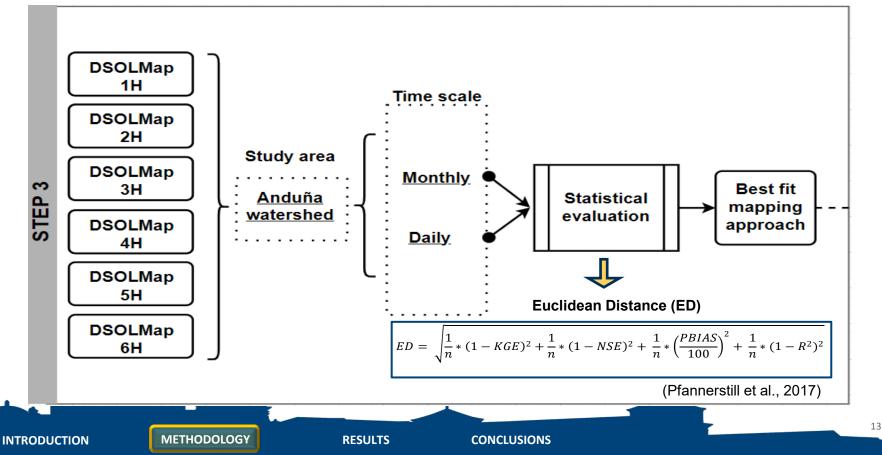
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### STEP 3

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Anduña watershed

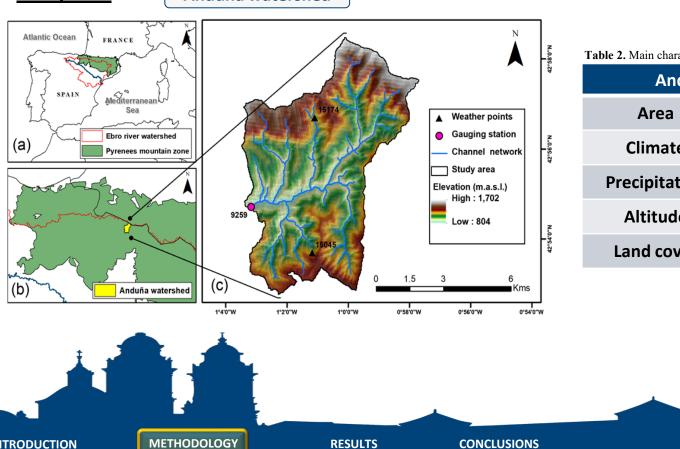
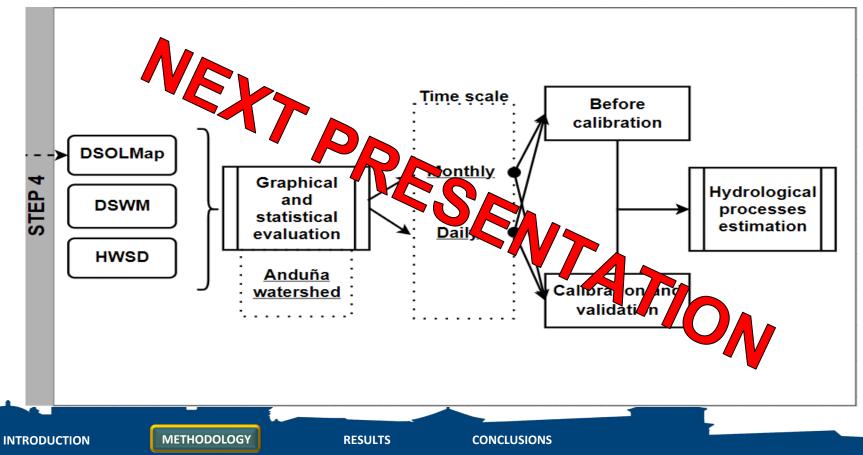


Table 2. Main characteristics of the Anduña watershed.							
Anduña watershed							
Area	47 km <sup>2</sup>						
Climate	Oceanic						
Precipitation	1,740 mm/year						
Altitude	1,129 m.a.s.l						
Land cover	~80% forest						

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### Hydrological evaluation and comparison of DSOLMap with other global soil maps



# **RESULTS**

### STEP 1: Development a global soil database for the SWAT+ model

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#### Table 3. SWAT+ required soil properties

Parameter	Description	Units
NLY	Number of soil horizons within soil profile	-
ZMX	Maximum rooting depth of soil profile	mm
$Z^1$	Depth from surface to bottom of soil horizon	mm
$BD^1$	Soil bulk density	g/cm <sup>3</sup>
$AWC^1$	Available water capacity	mm/mm
$\mathbf{K}^1$	Saturated hydraulic conductivity	mm/hr
CBN <sup>1</sup>	Organic carbon content	% of soil weight
CLAY <sup>1</sup>	Clay fraction	% of soil weight
SILT <sup>1</sup>	Silt fraction	% of soil weight
SAND <sup>1</sup>	Sand fraction	% of soil weight
ROCK <sup>1</sup>	Coarse fragment content	% of total weight
ALB	Moist soil albedo of topsoil horizon	-
USLE_K	Soil erodibility factor of topsoil horizon	cm/day

<sup>1</sup>Values per soil horizon

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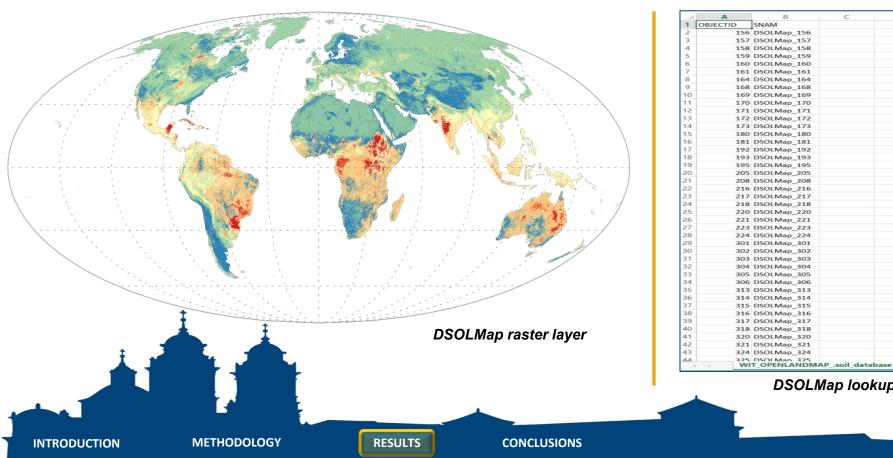
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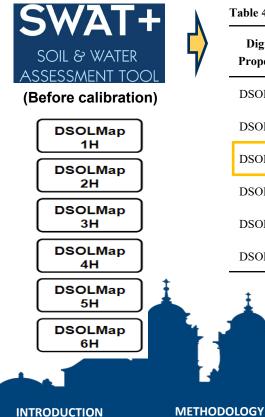


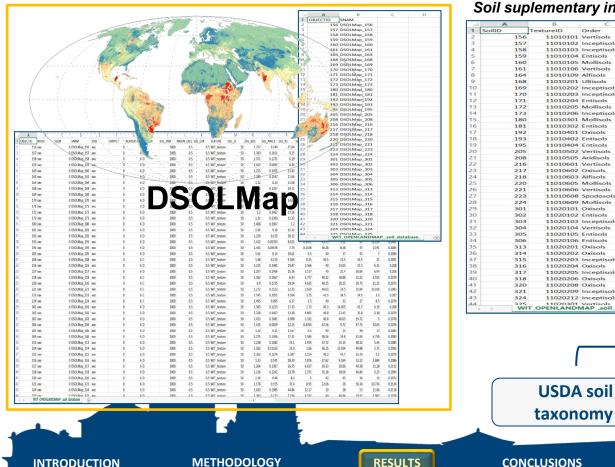
Table 4. Number of SMUs and statistical indices obtained in the Anduña watershed

	Digital Soil			Daily					Monthly					
	Property Map	SMU	HRUs	KGE	NSE	PBIAS	<b>R</b> <sup>2</sup>	ED	KGE	NSE	PBIAS	R <sup>2</sup>	ED	
	DSOLMap 1H	2	857	0.54	0.01	-0.34	0.41	0.620	0.88	0.78	-0.93	0.8	0.16	
	DSOLMap 2H	4	1166	0.54	0.01	-0.37	0.41	0.620	0.87	0.78	-0.95	0.8	0.16	
ſ	DSOLMap 3H	5	1335	0.53	-0.02	-0.27	0.41	0.634	0.87	0.78	-0.86	0.81	0.15	
	DSOLMap 4H	6	1414	0.53	-0.03	-0.26	0.41	0.638	0.87	0.78	-0.85	0.81	0.15	
	DSOLMap 5H	9	1484	0.52	-0.03	-0.26	0.41	0.640	0.87	0.78	-0.85	0.81	0.15	
	DSOLMap 6H	12	1535	0.52	-0.03	-0.26	0.41	0.640	0.87	0.78	-0.85	0.81	0.15	
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#### Soil suplementary information

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SoilID	TextureID	Order	Suborder	Group	Horizon_1	Horizon_2	Horizon_3
156	11010101	Vertisols	Usterts	chromusterts	clay	clay	clay
157	11010102	Inceptisols	Ochrepts	xerochrepts	clay	clay	silty clay
158	11010103	Inceptisols	Ochrepts	xerochrepts	clay	clay	silty clay loam
159	11010104	Entisols	Psamments	torripsamments	clay	clay	sandy clay
160	11010105	Mollisols	Ustolls	haplustolls	clay	clay	sandy clay loan
161	11010106	Vertisols	Usterts	chromusterts	clay	clay	clay loam
164	11010109	Alfisols	Udalfs	hapludalfs	clay	clay	loam
168	11010201	Ultisols	Udults	paleudults	clay	silty clay	clay
169	11010202	Inceptisols	Ochrepts	cryochrepts	clay	silty clay	silty clay
170	11010203	Inceptisols	Ochrepts	xerochrepts	clay	silty clay	silty clay loam
171	11010204	Entisols	Psamments	torripsamments	clay	silty clay	sandy clay
172	11010205	Mollisols	Ustolls	haplustolls	clay	silty clay	sandy clay loan
173	11010206	Inceptisols	Ochrepts	xerochrepts	clay	silty clay	clay loam
180	11010301	Mollisols	Aquolls	calciaquolls	clay	silty clay loam	clay
181	11010302	Entisols	Aquents	fluvaquents	clay	silty clay loam	silty clay
192	11010401	Oxisols	Orthox	haplorthox	clay	sandy clay	clay
193	11010402	Entisols	Psamments	torripsamments	clay	sandy clay	silty clay
195	11010404	Entisols	Psamments	torripsamments	clay	sandy clay	sandy clay
205	11010502	Vertisols	Usterts	chromusterts	clay	sandy clay loam	silty clay
208	11010505	Aridisols	Calcids	petrocalcids	clay	sandy clay loam	sandy clay loan
216	11010601	Vertisols	Usterts	chromusterts	clay	clay loam	clay
217	11010602	Oxisols	Ustox	acrustox	clay	clay loam	silty clay
218	11010603	Alfisols	Udalfs	hapludalfs	clay	clay loam	silty clay loam
220	11010605	Mollisols	Ustolls	haplustolls	clay	clay loam	sandy clay loan
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223	11010608	Spodosols	Orthods	haplorthods	clay	clay loam	silt loam
224	11010609	Mollisols	Udolls	hapludolls	clay	clay loam	loam
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302	11020102	Entisols	Fluvents	torrifluvents	silty clay	clay	silty clay
303		Inceptisols	Ochrepts	xerochrepts	silty clay	clay	silty clay loam
304	11020104	Vertisols	Xererts	chromoxererts	silty clay	clay	sandy clay
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324		Inceptisols	Ochrepts	cryochrepts	silty clay	silty clay	sandy loam
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#### Soil maps

Local soil properties can greatly influence the hydrology of a watershed. Complex hydrological models such as SWAT+ therefore also requires a large set of soil parameters to be able to simulate accurately the hydrology of a watershed. Parameterizing different soil types is often a cumbersome and difficult process that often requires application of a range of pedo-transfer functions, which can translate soil textural properties into the soil parameters needed by the model.

While the SWAT- model comes with a global soil dataset, more detailed datasets are available, which could improve the performance of the model. We utilized the review of pedo-transfer functions by Abbaspour et al. 2019 (doi/org/10.1038/s41597-019-0282-4), and derived all the required soil parameters in SWAT+ format using the median output value for a range of different pedo-transfer functions available for a given soil parameter. These unique datasets will provide you with a good basis for your model application, no matter where you are in the world.

The SWAT- hydrological model requires four key data sources for its application (digital tap, soil map, land cover map and weathy; data), and the GOTM-WET lake bit model requires minimum two data sources (hysosograph and weather its page, you can learn how to get use data from free globally available hich will allow you to set use a model from scratch, for any location in the

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ave also produced a sines of video tutorials, available on our training page, anstrate how your avy process these global datasets by a series of GIS leg, clipping data for your area of interest), so that they can be applied in model.

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Openland soil map OpenLand Map is a global (except Antartica) soil map derived from machine learning methods and hundreds of thousands soil profile observations. The raster resolution is 250m and the map includes six soil layers. Soil properties needed for the SWAT+ soil database were derived by Water/Tech in collaboration with UCAM using a wide range of pedotransfer functions.

The Digital SoiL OpenLand Map (DSOLMap) can be downloaded right here.

Soil Map (zipped raster, 725 MB)	Downlos
Soil database (SWAT+ format, o.2 MB)	Downlos

Soil lookup table (SWAT+ format, 0.1 MB) Download

Soil taxonomy (Supplementary information, 0.1 MB) Download

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# **CONCLUSIONS**

- A new global digital soil map with a spatial resolution of 250 m and a six-horizons soil profile is provided for direct use with the SWAT+ model.
- ✓ The DSOLMap represents a step forward in hydrological modelling worldwide, especially for regions where soil information is scarce or limited.
- The DSOLMap is available in open access to encourage hydrological modellers to further explore its capabilities in depth.



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# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

"Strive not to be successful, but rather to be useful" Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)



