

THE WOCAT SLM DATABASE

The primary recommended database for UNCCD best practices in Sustainable Land Management

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) promotes Sustainable Land Management (SLM) to fight desertification and to enable economic growth for local populations. In support of this, the UNCCD facilitates the exchange of knowledge by collecting and sharing SLM best practices.

Since 2014, the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) SLM database has been recognized by the UNCCD Secretariat as the primary recommended database for UNCCD best practices on SLM technologies, including adaptation.

As part of the UNCCD Reporting process Parties and other reporting entities are encouraged to share best practices on SLM through the WOCAT database. This can be through new best practices entered, or by updating existing best practices.

To share your best practices, you can use the WOCAT templates available [here](#). These templates are tailored to the

needs of UNCCD Parties based on guidance and feedback received by WOCAT from the UNCCD Parties at COP 12 and through a 2016 survey.

In the PRAIS system reporting officers are encouraged to enter and share SLM best practices in the WOCAT SLM Database, and report them in PRAIS under "Implementation Framework"/"Actions on the ground" (see 7.4.1 of the reporting manual).

Best Practices from the WOCAT database are shared through the UNCCD Knowledge hub, as well as through other tools and systems developed and supported by WOCAT and its partners (e.g. Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring (FERM); Carbon Benefits Project (CBP) tool; WOCAT Google Earth Engine application).

Follow the steps on the right to enter new best practices and/or update existing ones. In addition, the WOCAT Secretariat can offer the reporting institutions support and guidance where needed.

What is WOCAT?

Launched in 1992, The World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) is a global Network sharing the same aim to document, share, and apply Sustainable Land Management (SLM) knowledge. Pioneer in transformative action for SLM, the Network establishes an innovative space for sharing and scaling good practices to address land degradation, climate change, and biodiversity loss. This facilitates local, national, regional and global knowledge sharing and analysis of which good practices work where, how and why, and what are their costs and benefits.

WOCAT services:

- Global Network of SLM specialists, forming partnerships, and maximizing synergies
- Standardised way to document SLM knowledge and host of a user-friendly database
- Tools to assess SLM solutions to promote their wide adoption and spread
- Training and capacity building in SLM
- Dissemination of targeted information via different channels ensuring strong knowledge flow related to SLM
- Searching and selecting SLM options: decision support for mainstreaming and scaling out SLM
- Mapping problems and progress: spatial assessment of land degradation and SLM in the context of Land Degradation Neutrality

WOCAT's work is guided by the WOCAT 2020+ Strategy, formalized by a Framework Agreement among seven Consortium Partners: CDE, CIAT, FAO, GIZ, ICARDA, ICIMOD and ISRIC.

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