

M25: A tool for identifying biological indicators of soil functions

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When we are considering indicators of soil quality or soil functions, we need to think about i) the information we wish to obtain (i.e. which soil function or soil threat) and ii) the scale at which we wish to assess (such as species specific, community based approach etc). This workshop will introduce you to a newly developed tool to help in selecting biological indicators to describe the capacity of our soils to perform a/(multiple) function/(s). We will discuss the approaches needed to identify the correct indicator and we will discuss the potentials and constraints of some of the indicators defined.

