

# World Soil Day

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*Theme: 'Halt Soil Salinisation, Boost Soil Productivity'*

The soil beneath us doesn't always get the proper credit it deserves. It supports the lives of a huge number of living organisms and keeps the earth alive. We celebrate World Soil Day because the soil gives these tiny creatures a home to live in, and they, in turn, provide the soil with nutrients. This symbiotic relationship results in a sustainable environment which seven billion people call home.

## WORLD SOIL DAY 2021

Soil salinization and sodification are major soil degradation processes threatening ecosystem and are recognized as being among the most important problems at a global level for agricultural production, food security and sustainability in arid and semi-arid regions. World Soil Day 2021 (#WorldSoilDay) and its campaign "Halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity" aims to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being by addressing the growing challenges in soil management, fighting soil salinization, increasing soil awareness and encouraging societies to improve soil health.

## HISTORY OF WORLD SOIL DAY

The International Union of Soil Sciences, in December 2002, proposed that December 5 should be World Soil Day.



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**This day would signify the importance of soil in our ecosystem and the critical impacts which the destruction of soil has.**

**The selection of December 5 for celebrating the event happened because it coincided with the birth anniversary of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej. He was the King of Thailand and played a huge role in the activism leading to the formation of World Soil Day.**

**In December 2013, at the 68th United Nations Assembly, December 5 was finally officially declared as World Soil Day. The following year, 2014, marked the first official celebration of the event on December 5, 2014.**

## **Aim of World Soil Day**

**Unlike other natural resources, the degradation of soil is something that does not come to notice easily by the inexperienced eye. It is a slow, silent process, which takes its sweet time, but the effects can be disastrous. Destruction and loss of Acres of land or soil can happen due to carelessness.**

**World Soil Day aims to attain global attention and bring the effects to light to everyone. Without soil, the ever-growing population will remain underfed since plants won't have any space to grow. World Soil Day demands that recognition and support for the management of soil along with sustainability. It aims for proper maintenance and care of soil all over the world.**



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