

Description of INNOVATION

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Title	Project "Insense" (soil diagnosis)
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Domain	Sylculture, risks management
Source of wood	Stemwood and woody biomass
Location	France
Implementers	forest owners, forest manager, forest logger
Actual status	Closed
Approach	Easily assess the sensitivity of forest soil to increased biomass harvesting. The owner or manager must enter soil characteristics into the digital or paper application, which indicates the sensitivity level for several mineral elements.
Main results	<p>This tool is complementary to the ADEME's guide "sustainable forest slash harvesting" of 2006 which indicates how to describe the soil (type of humus, soil texture, pH,...) and gives management recommendations according to the different types of sensitivity.</p> <p>This application takes into account the pedoclimatic zone, humus type, pH, soil texture and prospective depth. The soil is described 25 cm deep. The result of the analysis gives 3 sensitivity levels: low, medium or high applied generally to the soil or for each mineral element (calcium, magnesium, potassium, phosphorus, nitrogen).</p>
Lessons learned	This tool allows more intensive forest management to be applied in areas where the risk of soil depletion is low. It is necessary to train forest owners to describe soil horizons.
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Innovation assessment

Region	France
Time scale	Since 2018
Mobilization Potential	NA
Kind of wood concerned	Woody biomass

Sustainability Potential	Medium: diagnostic tool that can be used throughout the country but must be tested in the field
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Limits the impact of slash harvesting on soil fertility in sensitive areas
Ease of implementation	Difficult: a lot of climate and soil data to integrate
Economic impact	NA
Job effect	NA
Income effect	NA
Specific knowledge needed	NA
Costs of implementation	NA
Technical readiness level	Applicable in the next years
Key information for adoption	Association, organization of meeting days, responding to the NA