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Overview

- Soil research at BFW (Forest Ecology and Soil)
- Forests and Soils of Austria
- Implications for forest management
- Soil classification in the field
- Soil sampling demonstration

Team strength & Competences

- **Units:**

- Site and Vegetation (Dr. M. Englisch)
- Soil Ecology (Dr. B. Kitzler)
- Agricultural Soil Mapping and Geoinformatics (Dipl.-Ing. M. Wandl)
- „Climate Change“ Focal Point (Dr. R. Jandl)

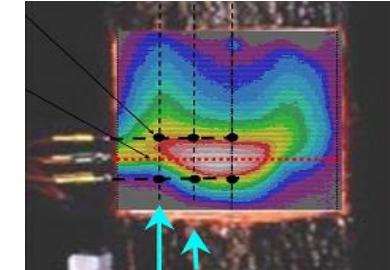
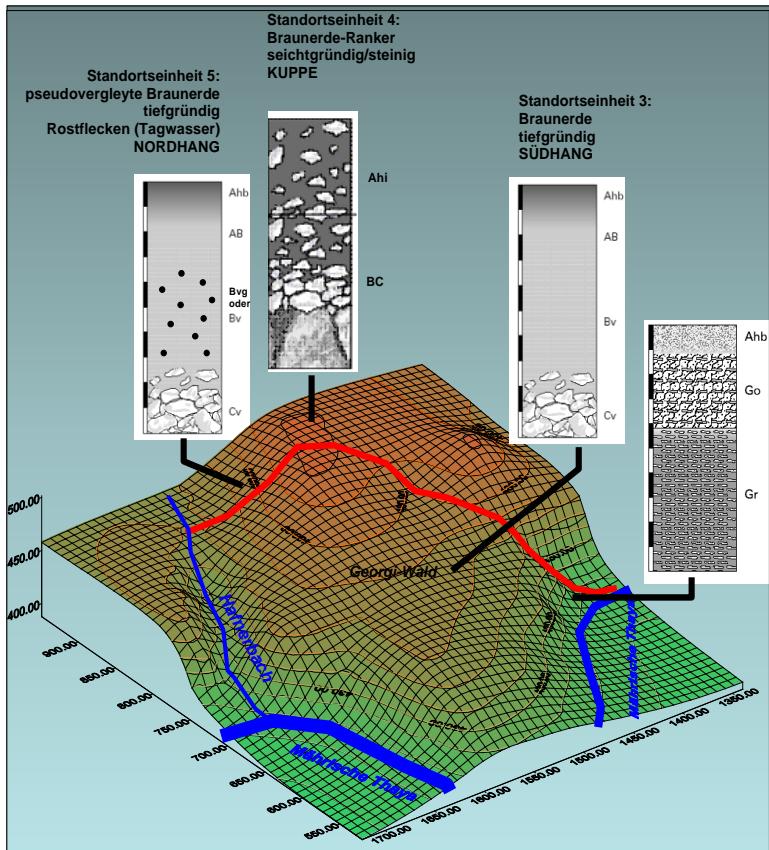
- **Competences:**

Soil - Site - Vegetation, N- and C- cycles, greenhouse gas emission, modelling, soil monitoring, analysis of spatial data (GIS)

Thematic priorities

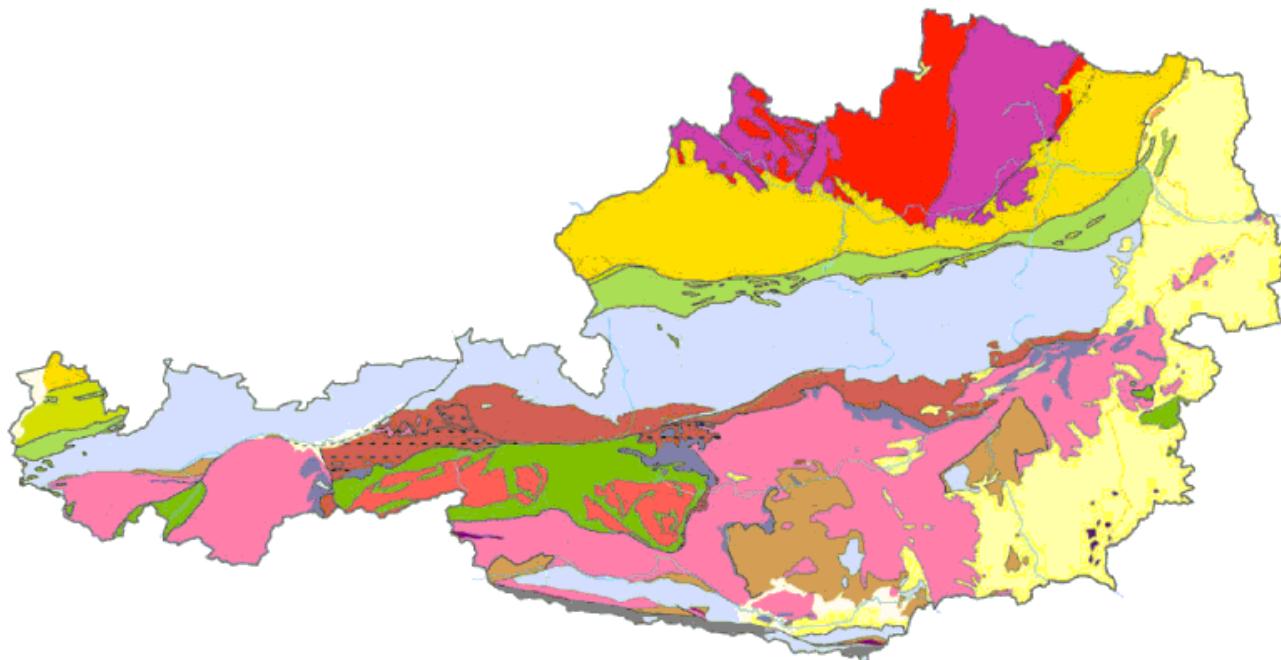
- Climate Change
 - Sites and tree species
 - Greenhouse gas emission from soils
 - Soil and carbon budget (sink, source)
- Biomass and soil fertility
- Soil Monitoring and Agricultural Soil Map

Site analysis, suitability of tree species



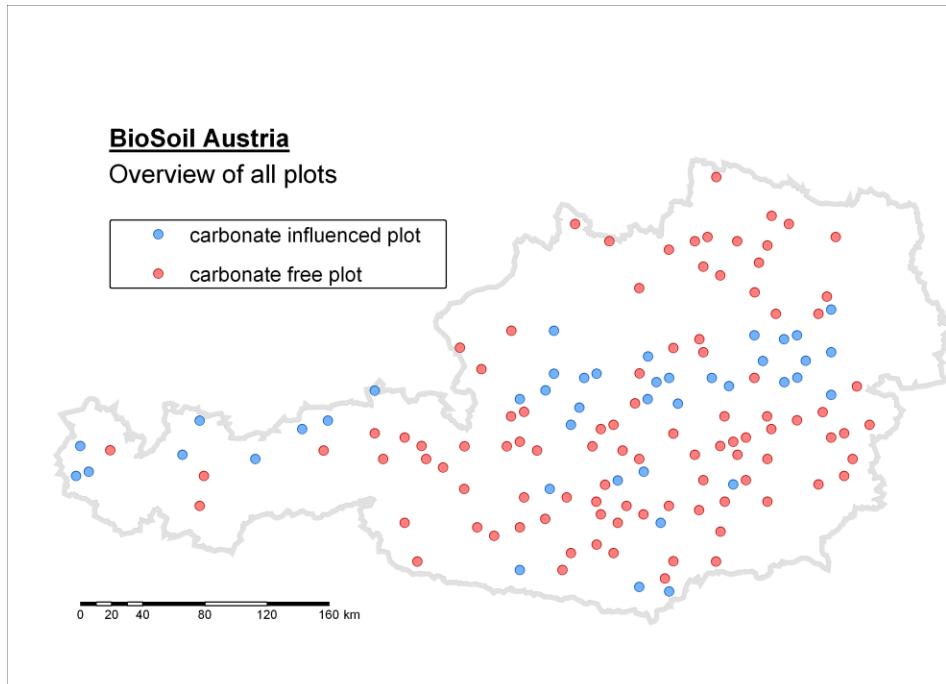
Biomass and soil fertility

- Intensity of biomass removal and ecological constraints (Site); historical landuse
- Application of wood ash

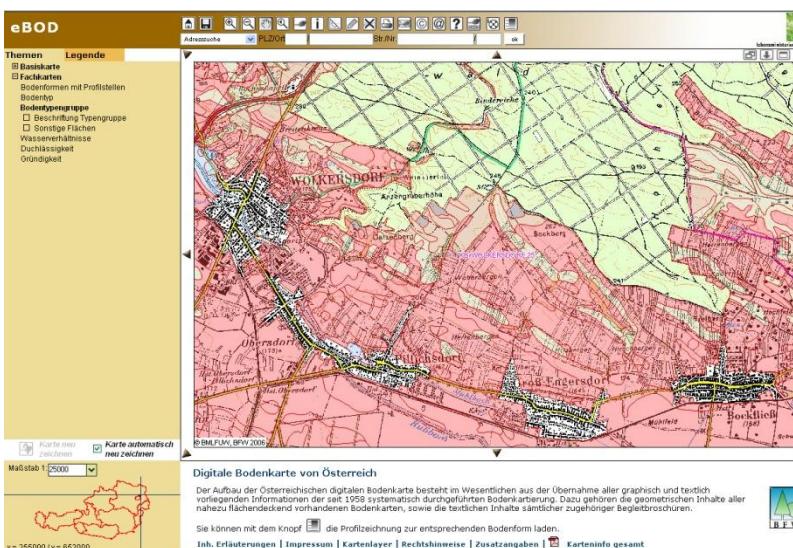


Forest Soil Monitoring

Background: UN- ECE International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests [ICP Forests](#) in 1985
Start survey: 1987; first repetition (BioSoil): 2007



Agricultural Digital Soil Map (ebod)

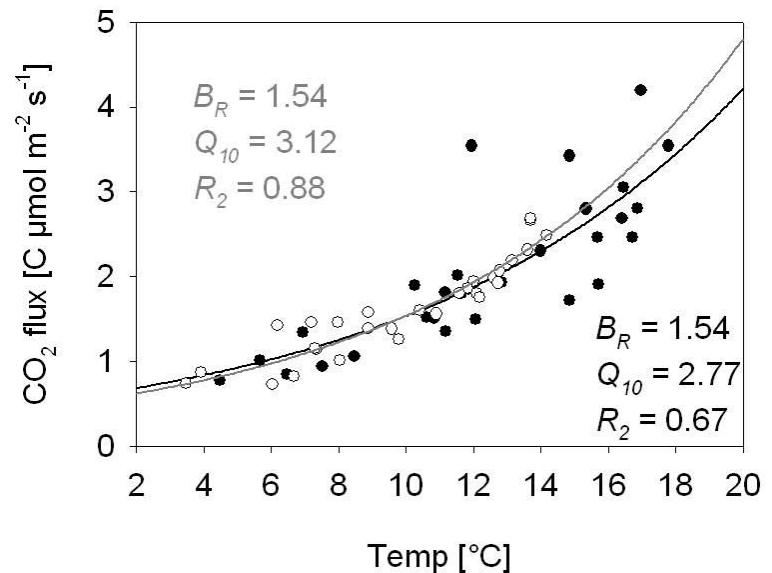


Greenhouse gas emission, carbon budget



140 t soil C/ha

*Average C-content in Austrian
calcareous soils: 162 t/ha*





Forest Soils and SOC



Litter (app. 3 – 50 Mg ha⁻¹)



Mineral soil 0-80 cm (30 – 150 Mg ha⁻¹)

0-20 cm: highest SOC content !

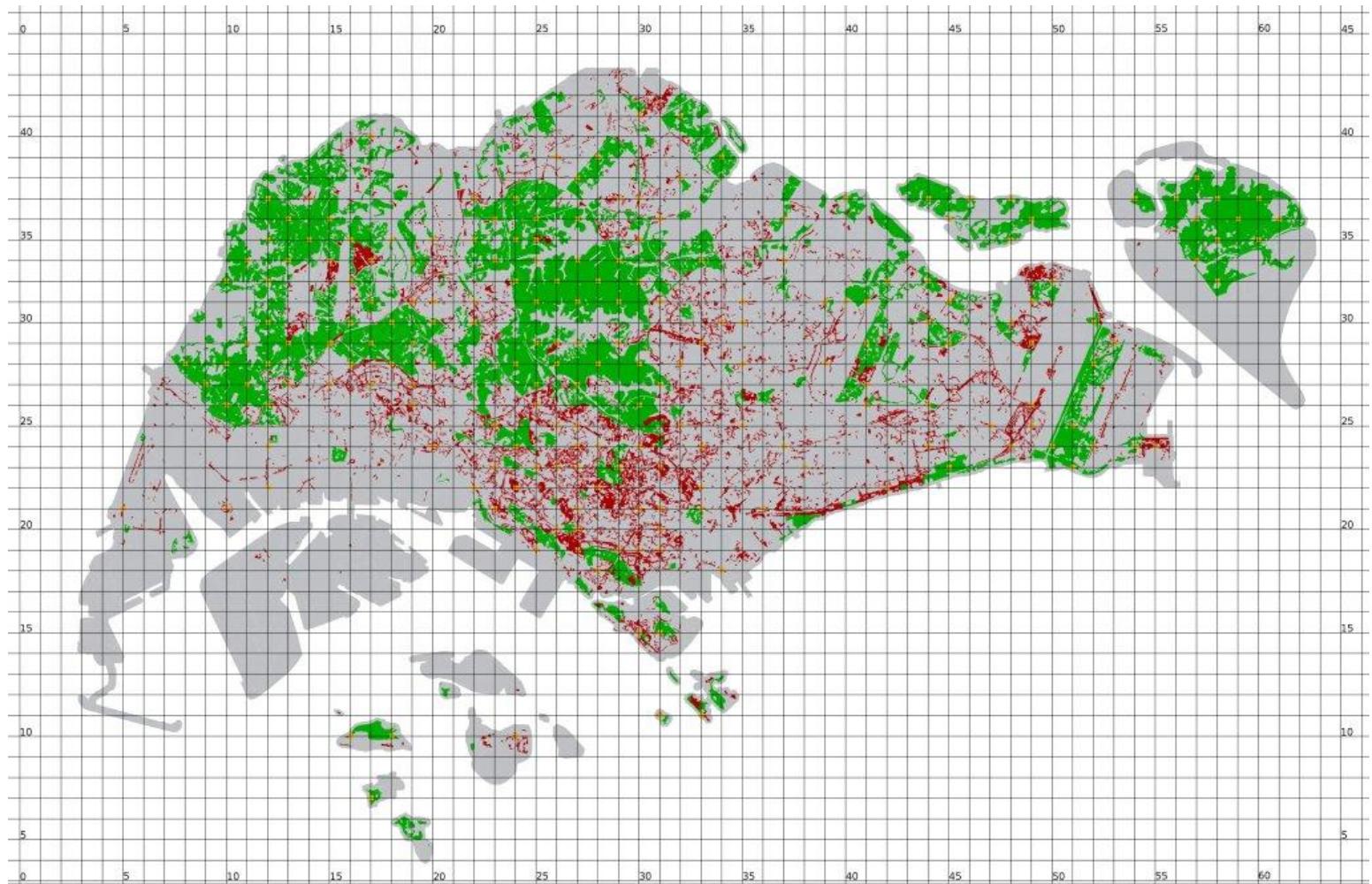
Carbon Accounting for the LULUCF Sector in Singapore

- SOC stocks in primary and secondary forests in Singapore (Bukit Timah):
 - Primary forest (1 m soil depth): 77.5 Mg ha^{-1}
 - Secondary forest (1 m soil depth): 103.9 Mg ha^{-1}

Data from: Ngo et. al. 2013



Carbon inventory Singapore





Detection of SOC Stock changes in soils

- Due to the high spatial heterogeneity of soil carbon, changes in carbon stocks **cannot be assessed** by repeated measurements within a soil monitoring programme.
- Use of soil carbon models to estimate the changes of stocks.



Soil carbon model: YASSO07

Finnish Environment Institute (http://www.syke.fi/en-US/Research__Development/Research_and_development_projects/Projects/Soil_carbon_model_Yasso www.syke.fi)

The screenshot shows the SYKE website homepage with a blue header and navigation bar. The main content area displays information about the Soil carbon model (Yasso), including its start year (2004), stage (Ongoing), person in charge (Jari Liski), other persons (Anu Akujärvi, Emmi Hilasvuori, Anna Repo, Pekka Vanhala), and partners (Tampere University of Technology (TUT)). Below this, there is a collage of images related to soil science and modeling, including a forest scene, a globe, laboratory equipment, and mathematical equations.

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Soil carbon model - Yasso

Start year 2004
Stage Ongoing
Person in charge Jari Liski
Other persons Anu Akujärvi, Emmi Hilasvuori, Anna Repo, Pekka Vanhala
Partners Tampere University of Technology (TUT)

Dynamic model to calculate the amount of soil organic carbon, changes in the amount of soil organic carbon and heterotrophic soil respiration.

Current applications include Earth System Modeling, Greenhouse Gas Inventories (UNFCCC) and research on ecosystems and bioenergy.

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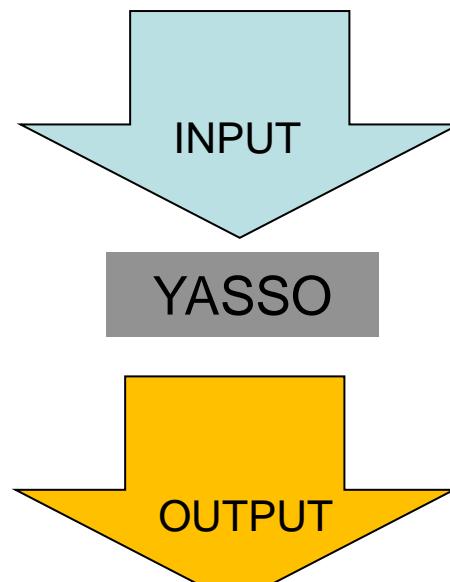
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Soil carbon model: YASSO07

Climate, local data (air temperature, precipitation)

Litterfall (above and below ground C input), f (biomass)

Chemical quality (decomposition class)



Respiration

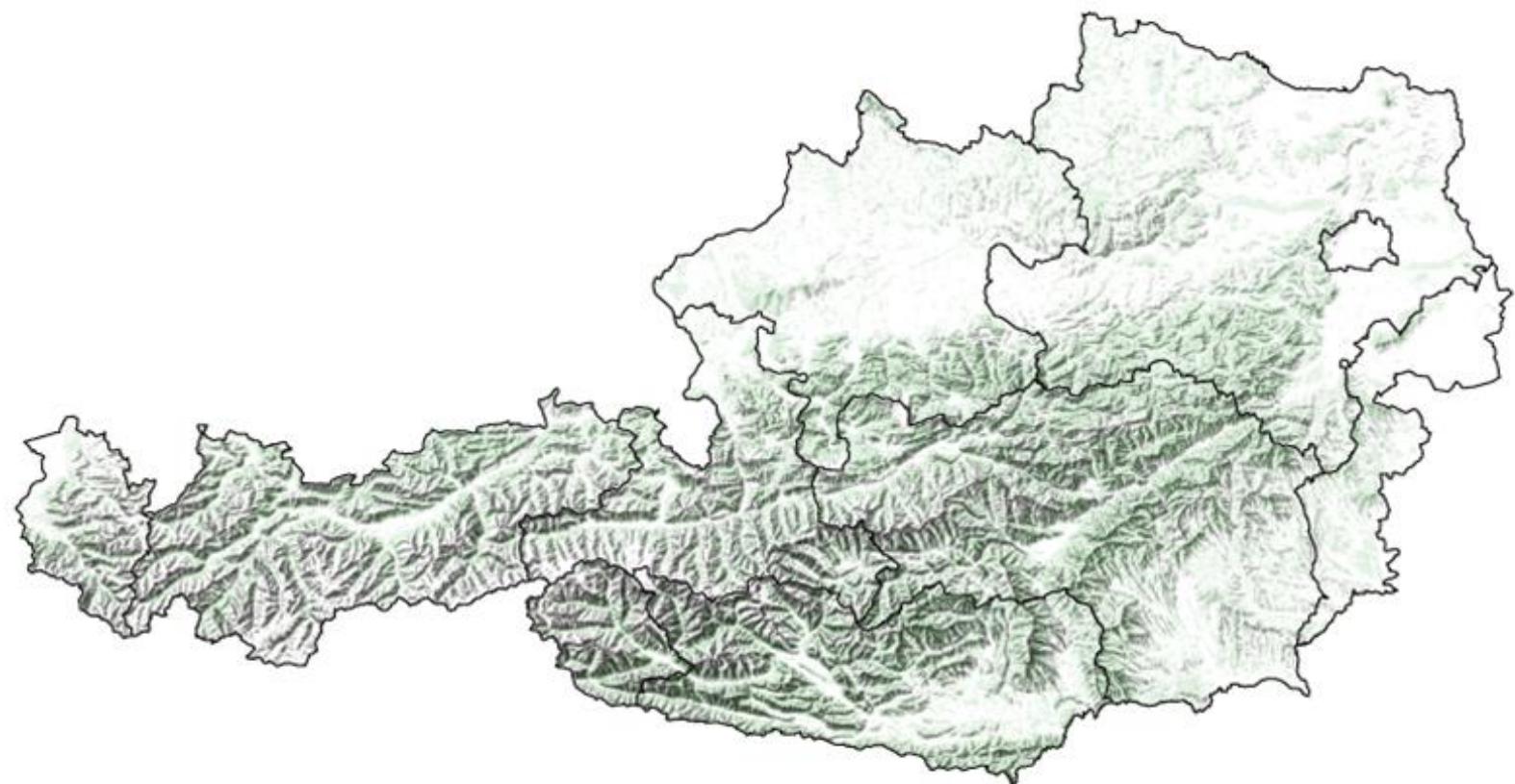
Soil C pool

Soil C - Change

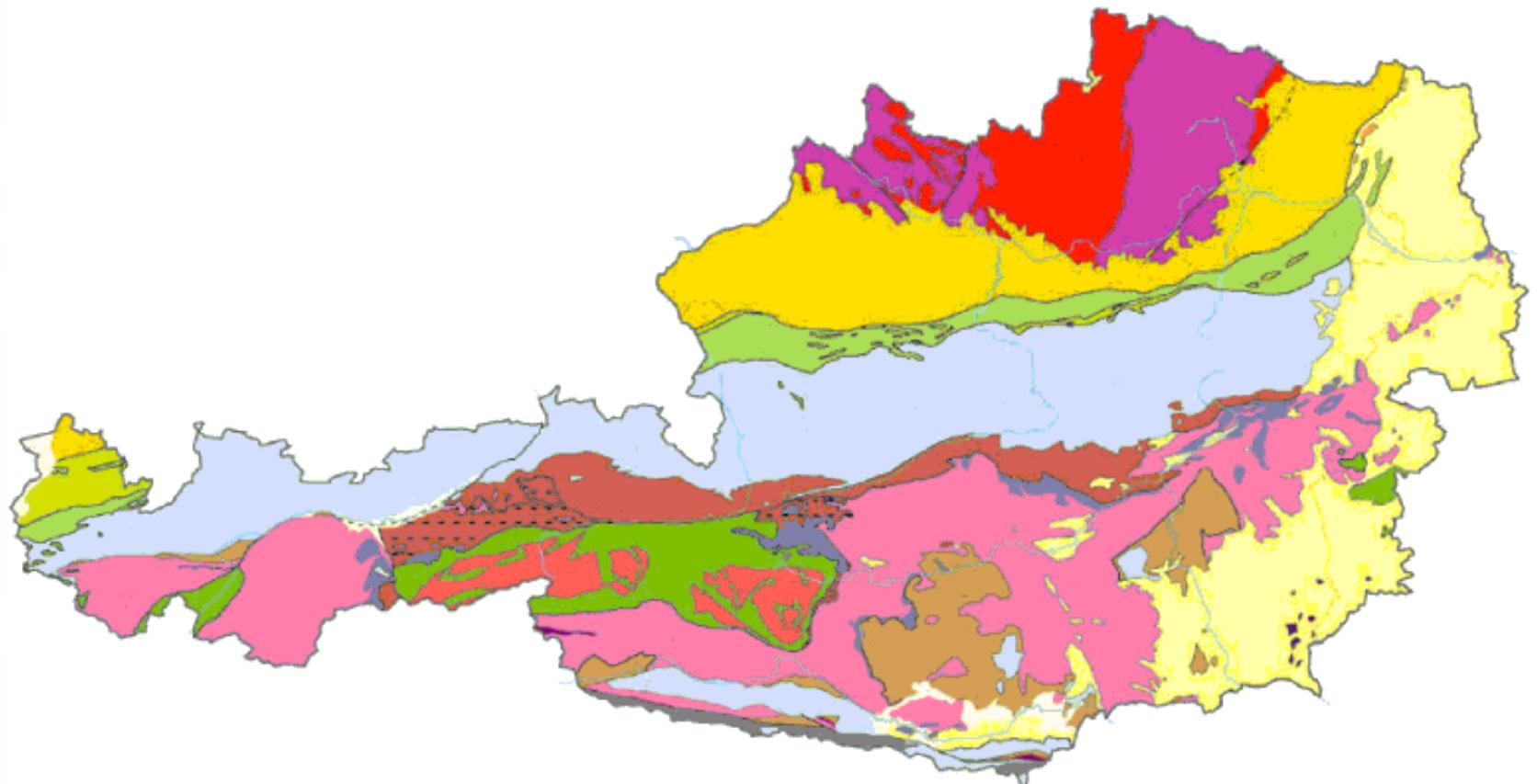


Forests and soils of Austria

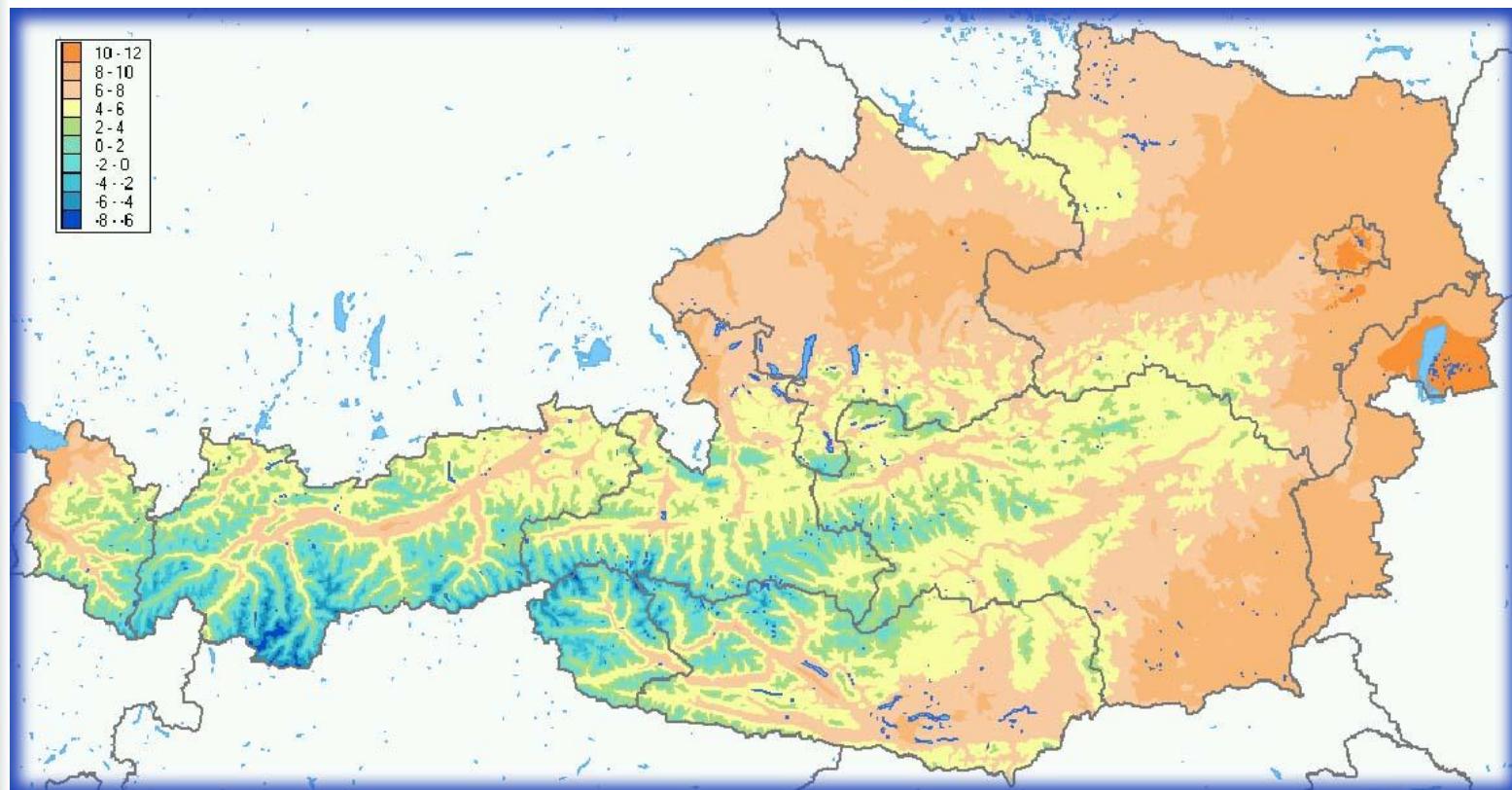
Austria: Orography



Austria: Geology

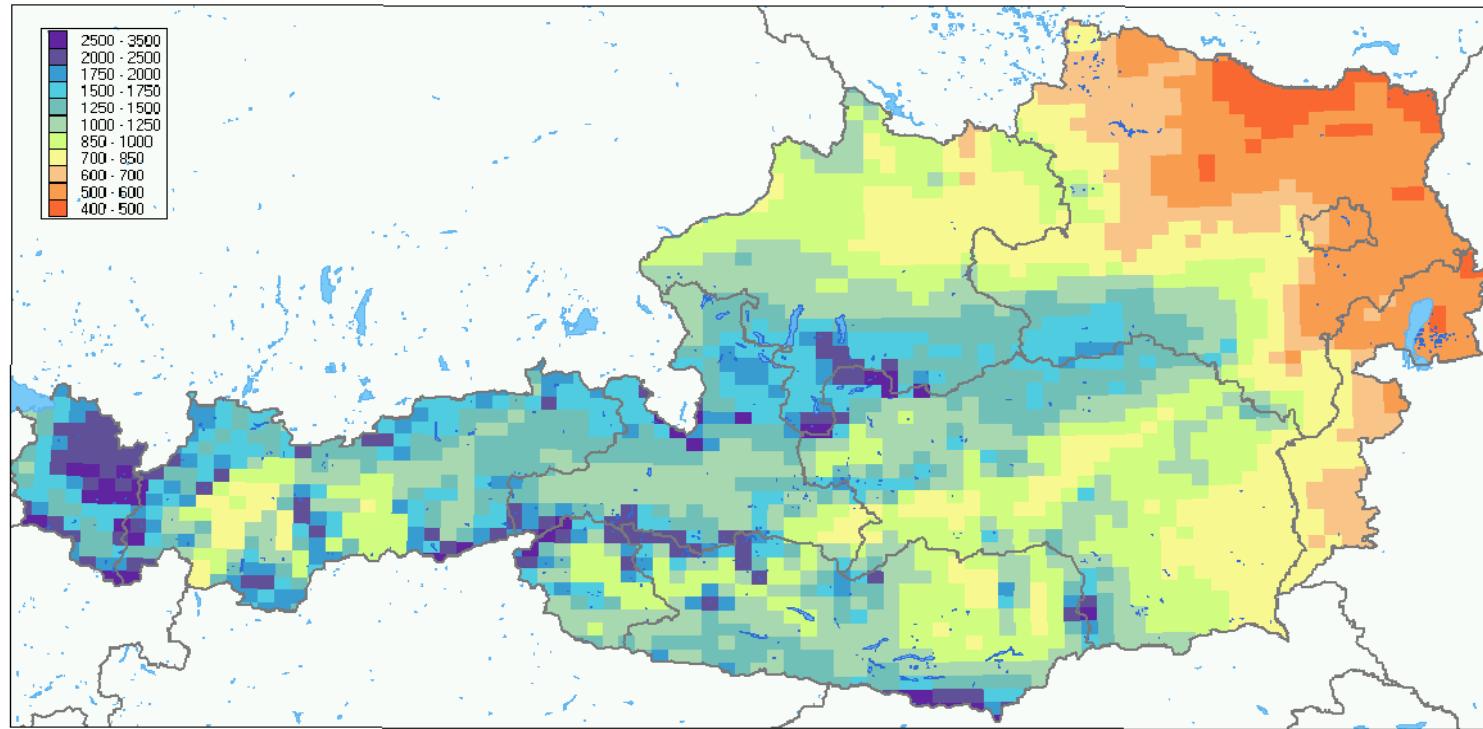


Austria: Climate - long term average of air temperature (1961-1990)



Quelle: www.zamg.ac.at

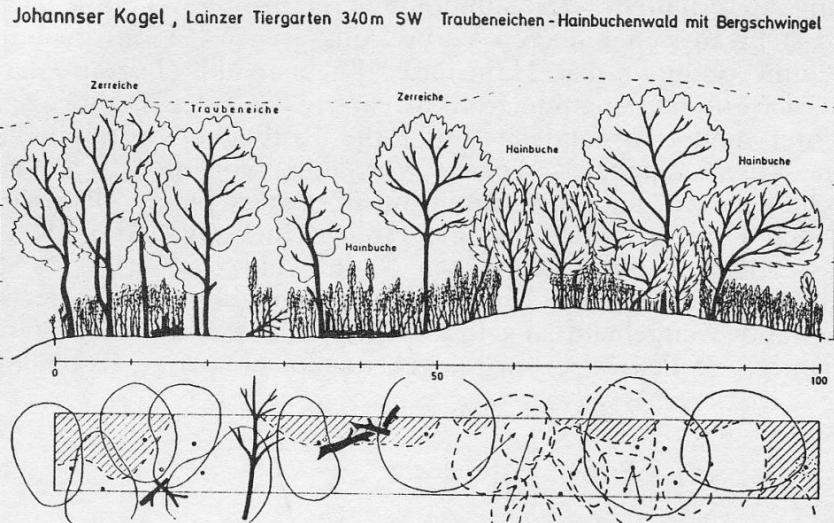
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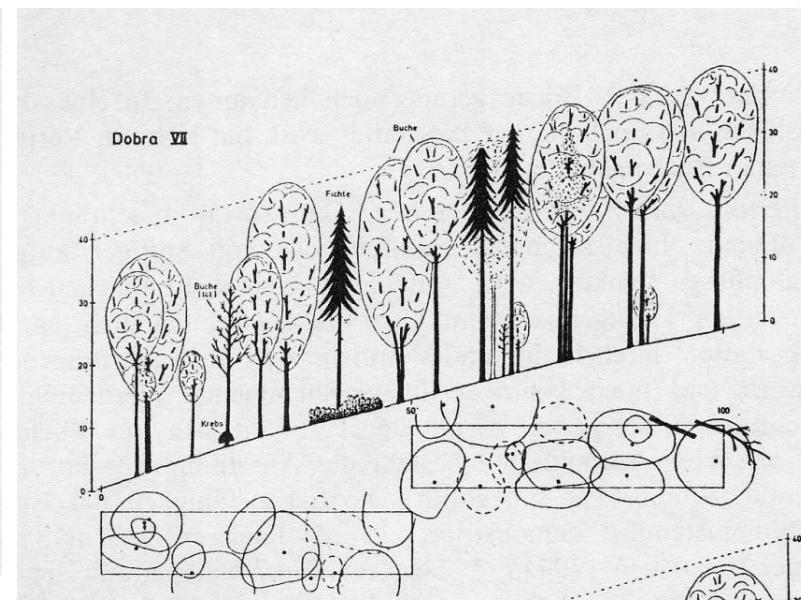
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Austrian forests: Important forest communities

Oak Hornbeam



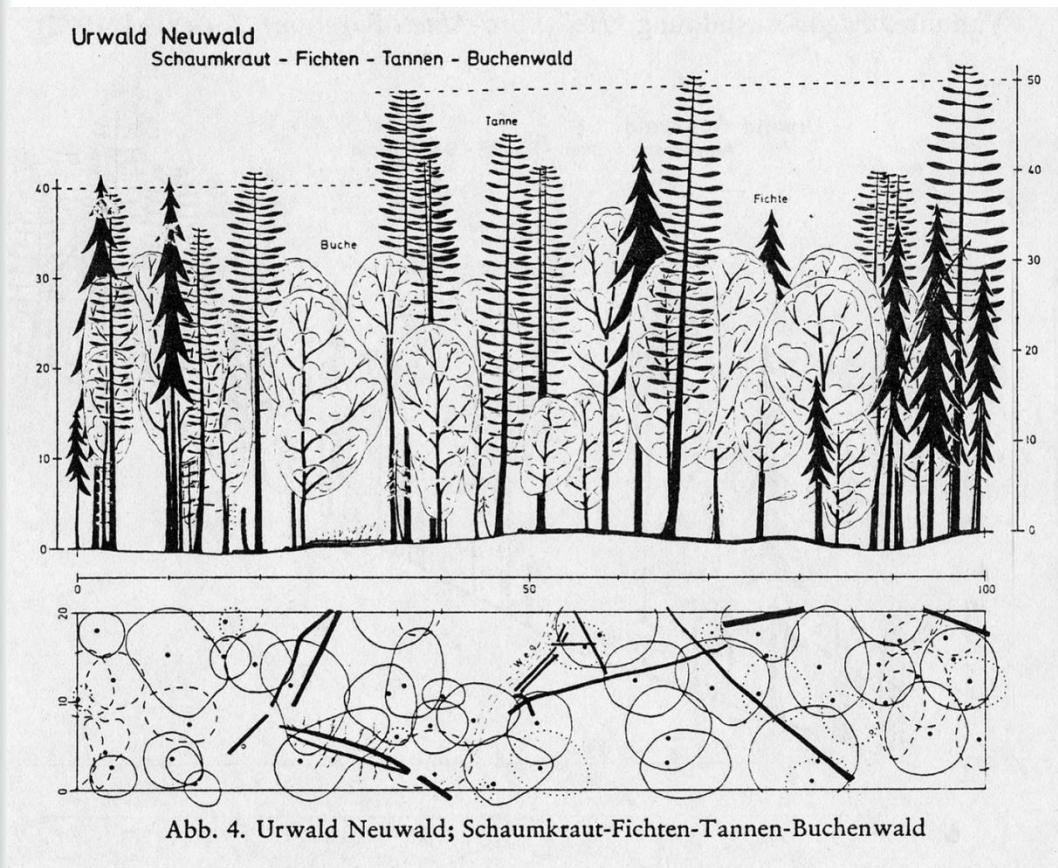
Beech



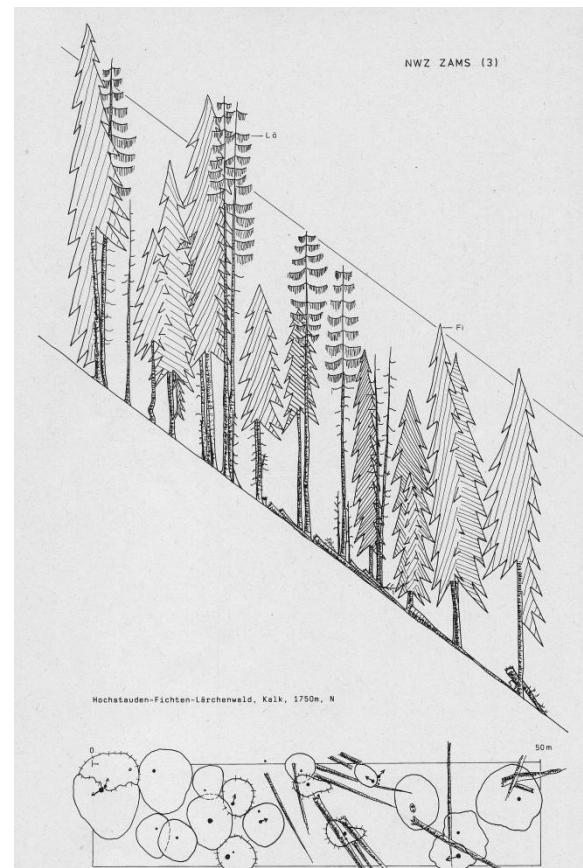
Quelle: Mayer et al., 1987

Austrian forests: Important forest communities

Spruce – Fir - Beech



Spruce –Larch

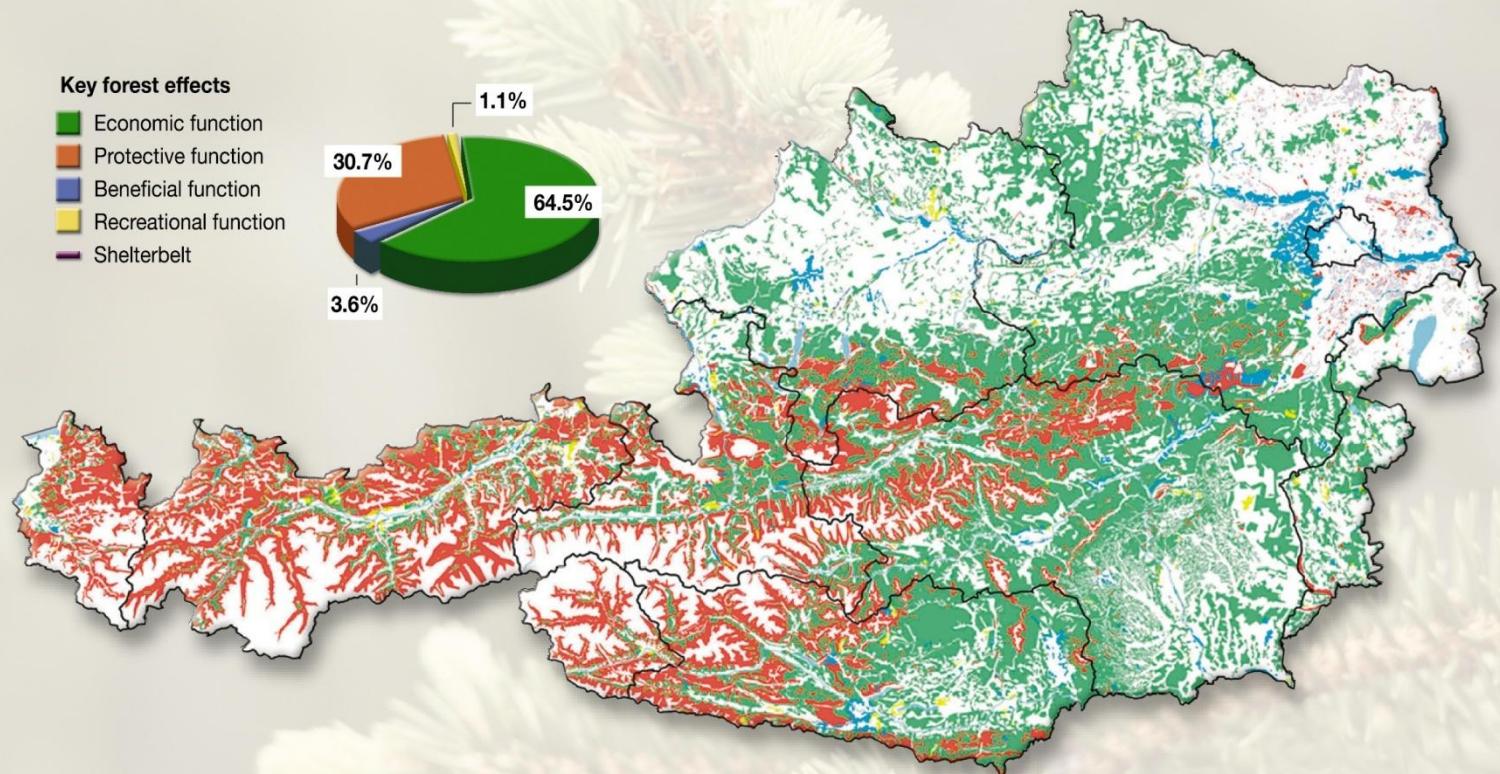
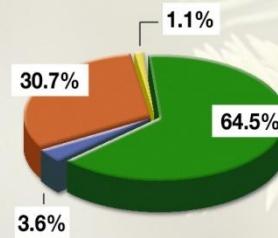


Quellen Mayer et al. 1987, Zukrigl 1990

Austrian forests: functions

FOREST FUNCTION PLAN

- Key forest effects**
- Economic function
 - Protective function
 - Beneficial function
 - Recreational function
 - Shelterbelt



Source: BMLFUW 2005

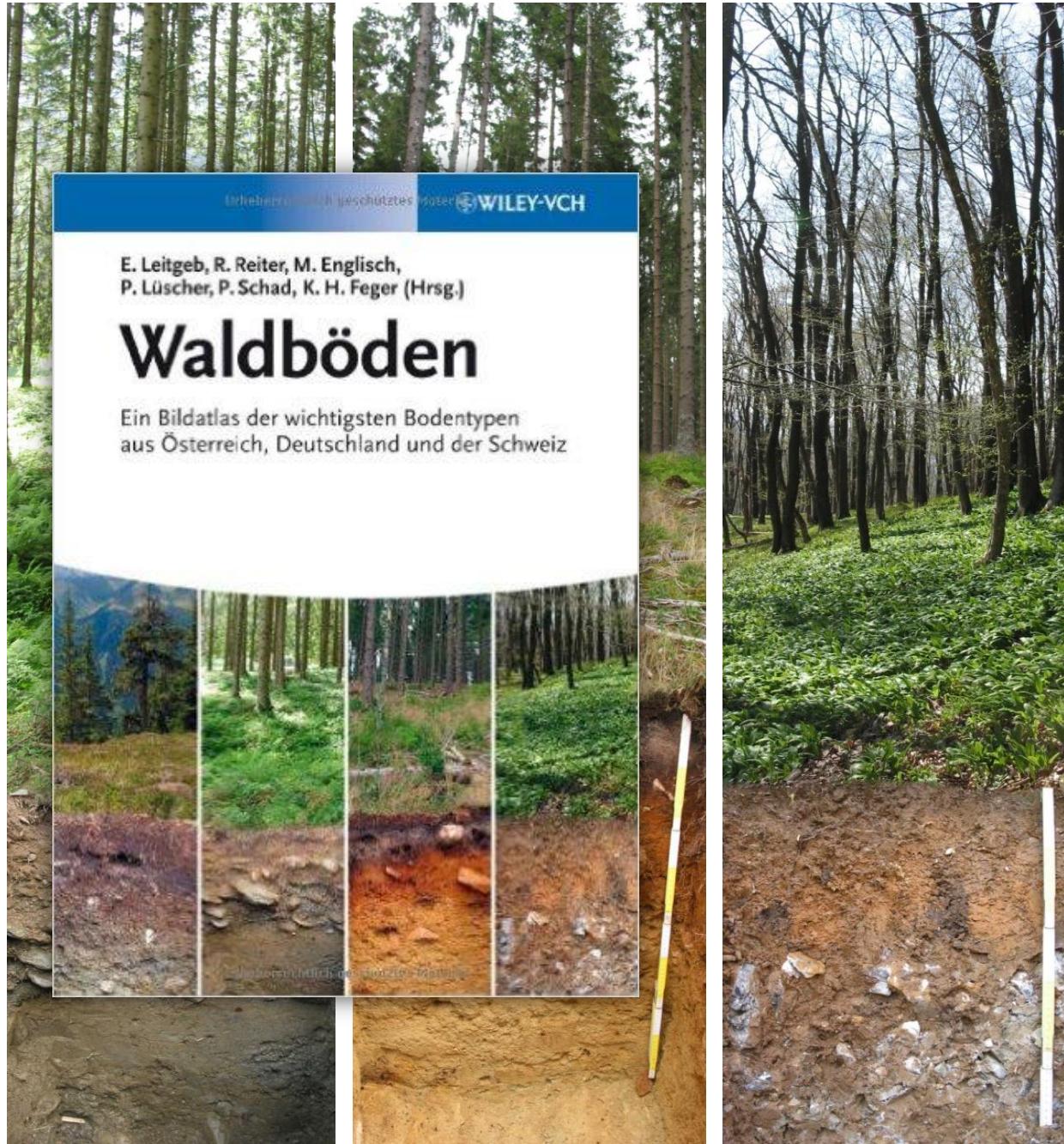
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Austria: soil types

- Calcarious soils
- Silicate (non calcarious) soils

Mean pH values (*BioSoil, Mutsch, 2013*)

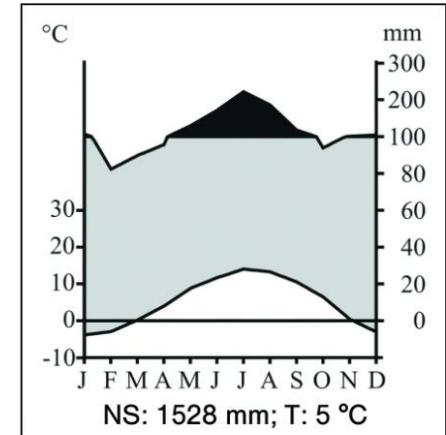
	Calcarious soils	Silicate soils
Humus layer	5.3	3.9
Mineral soil: 0- 5 cm	6.4	3.8
Mineral soil: 5-10 cm	6.7	3.9
Mineral soil: 10-20 cm	6.9	4.1



Histosol (carbonate)



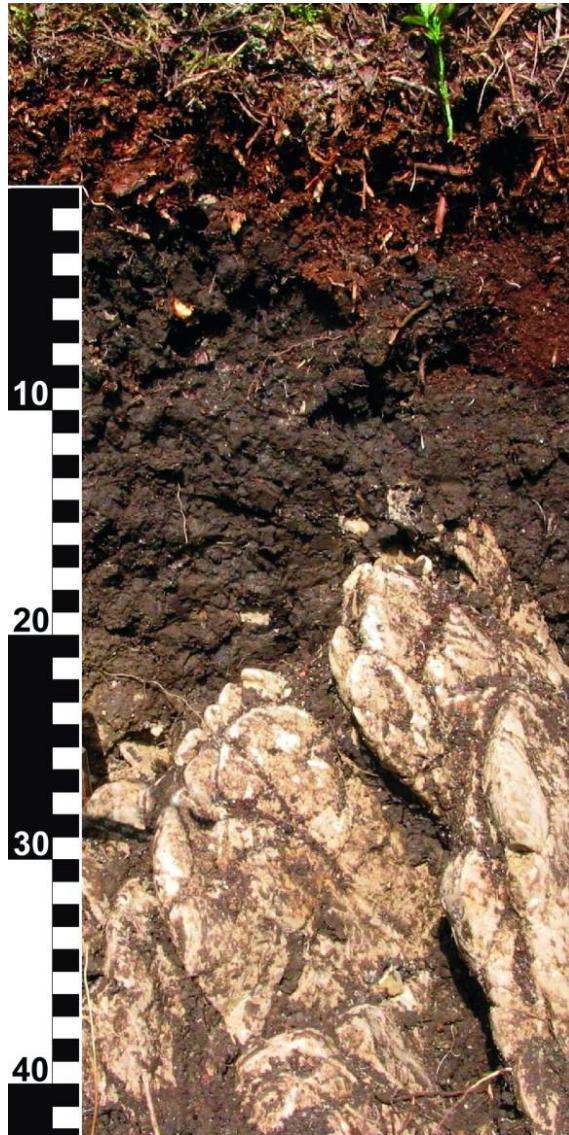
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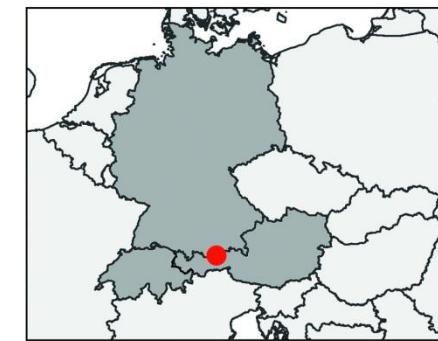
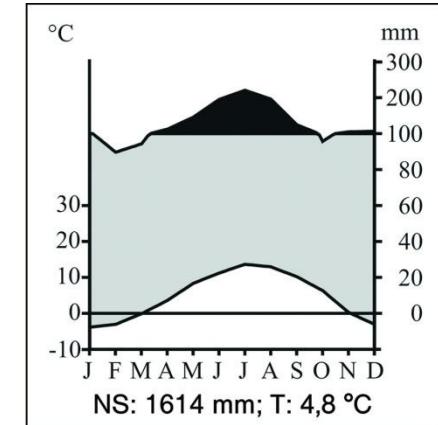
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Rendzic leptosol (carbonate)



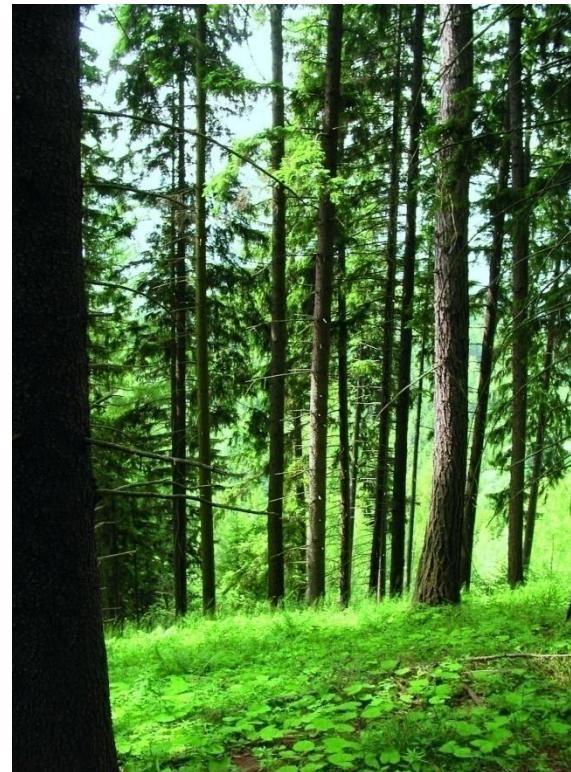
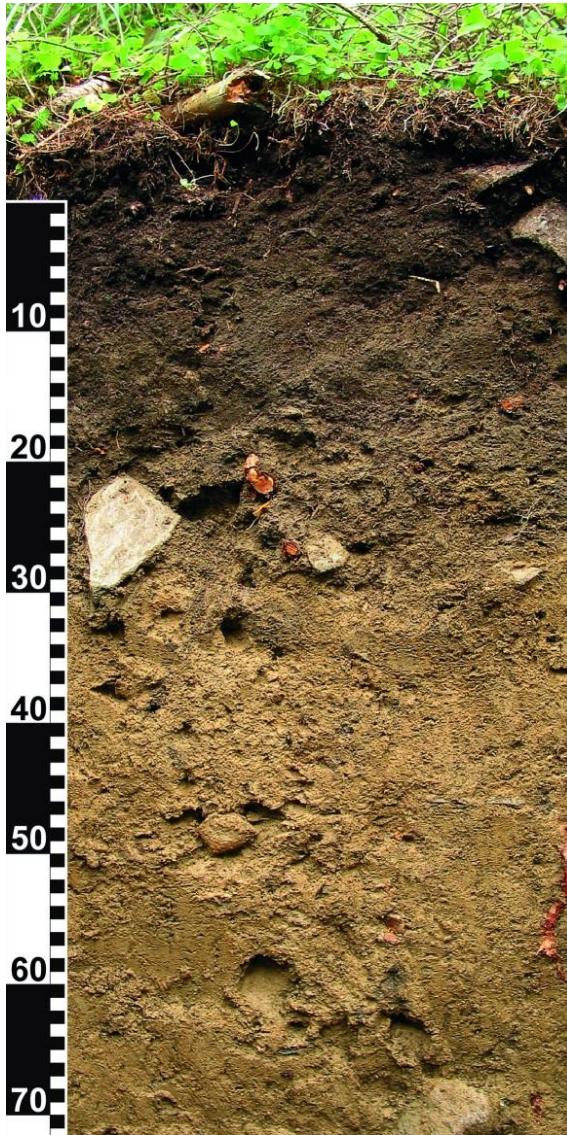
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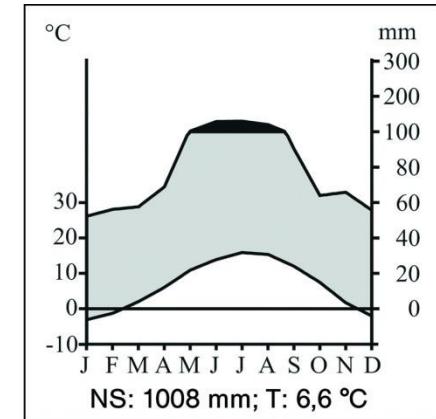
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Cambic umbrisol („brown earth“)



Fichten-Lärchen-Bestand



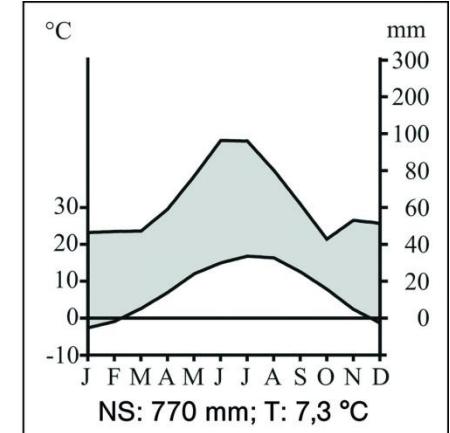
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Stagnic luvisol



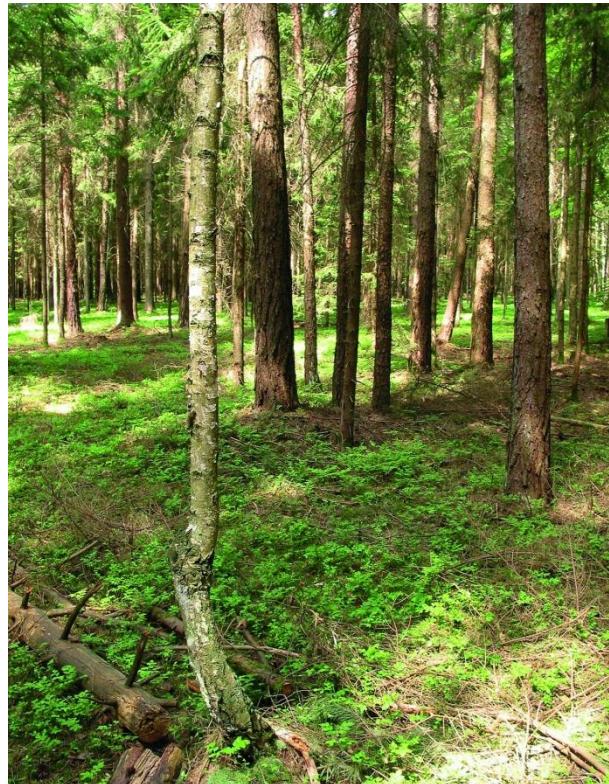
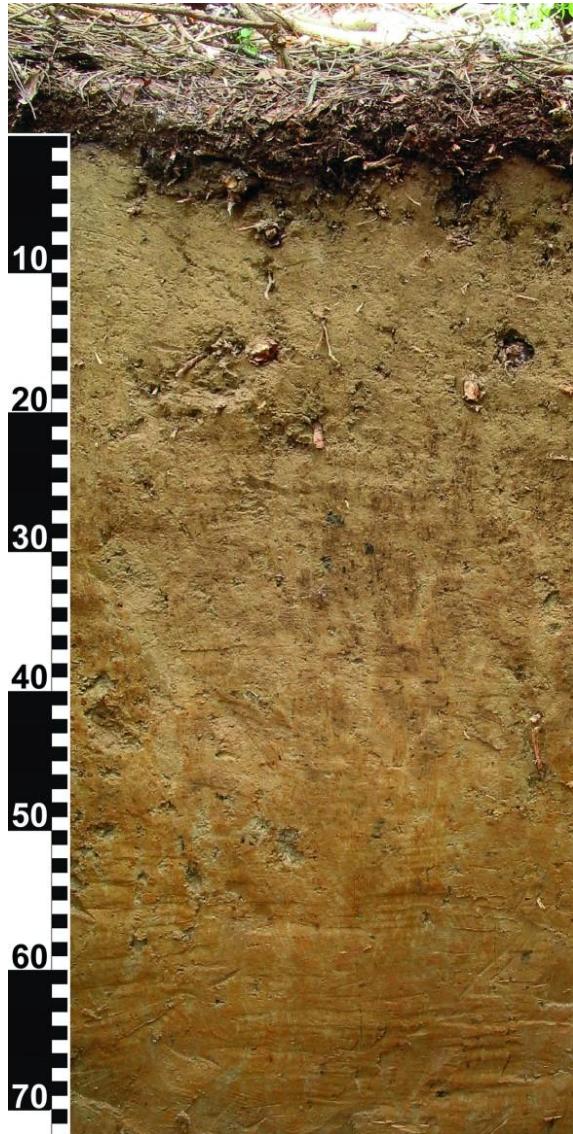
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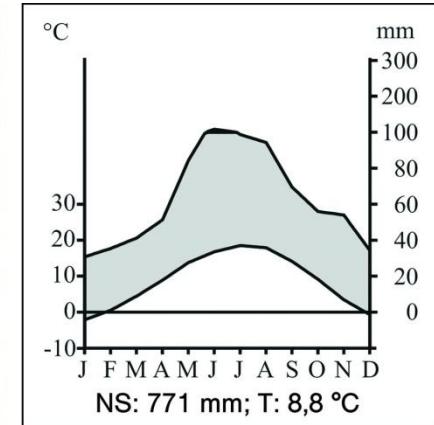
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Luvic planosol („pseudogley“)



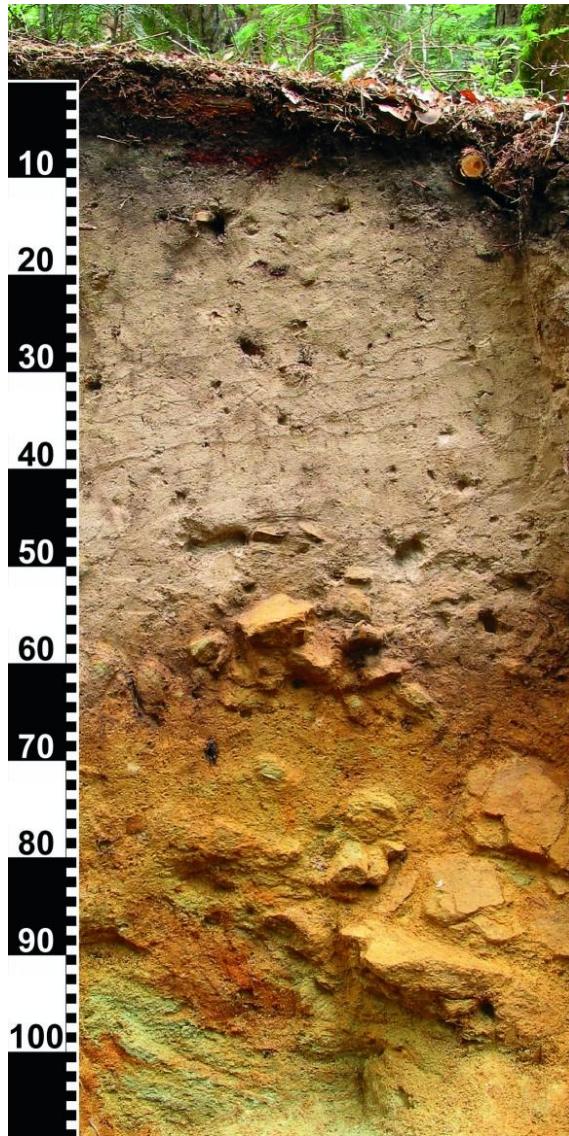
Kiefern-Stangenholz mit Fichte und Birke



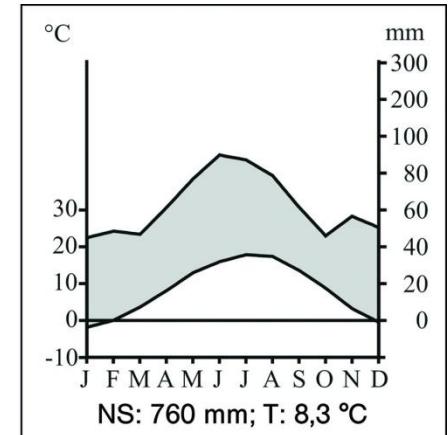
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Podzol



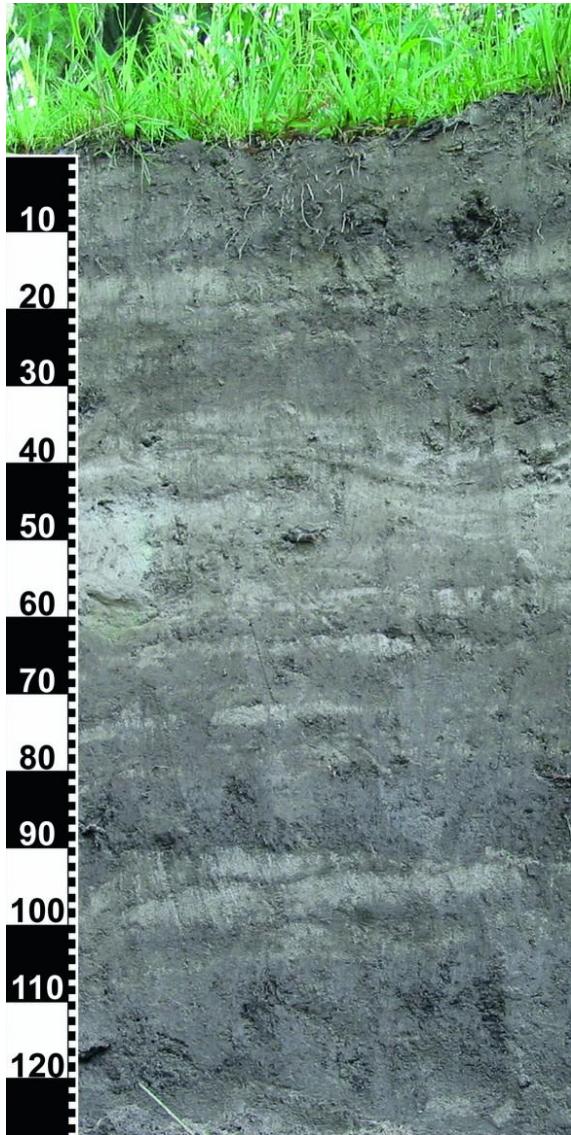
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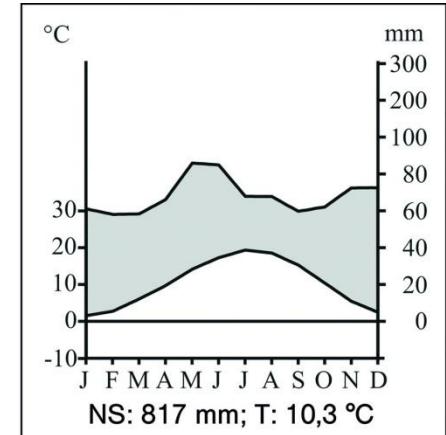
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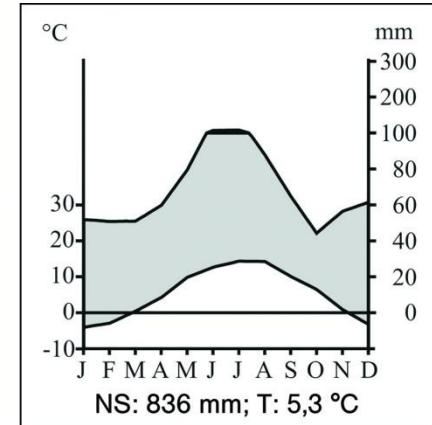
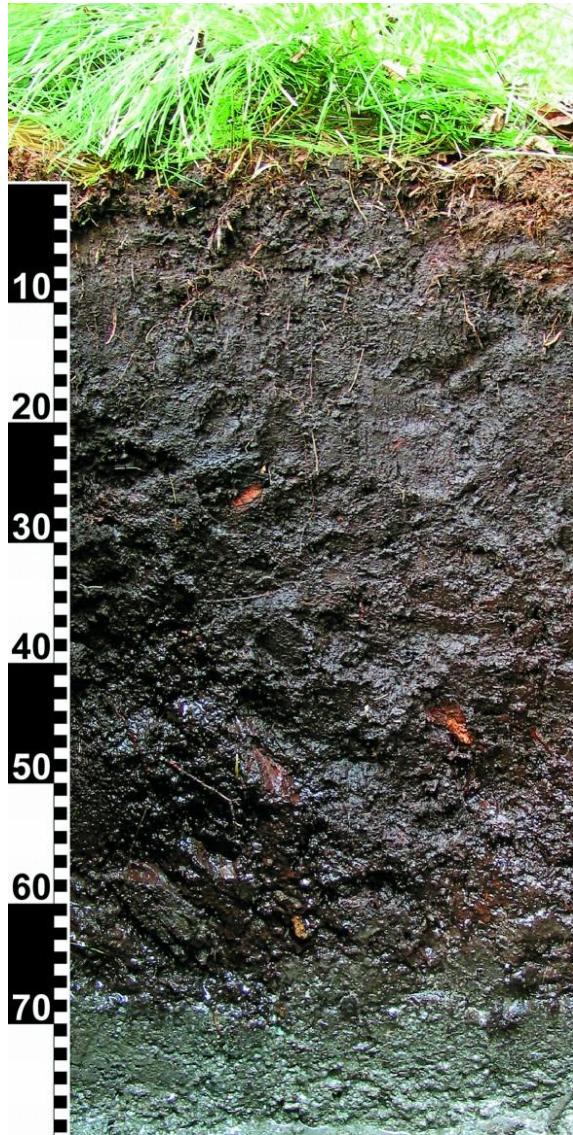
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