

# Carbon Sequestration Potential in Arable Soils of Russia

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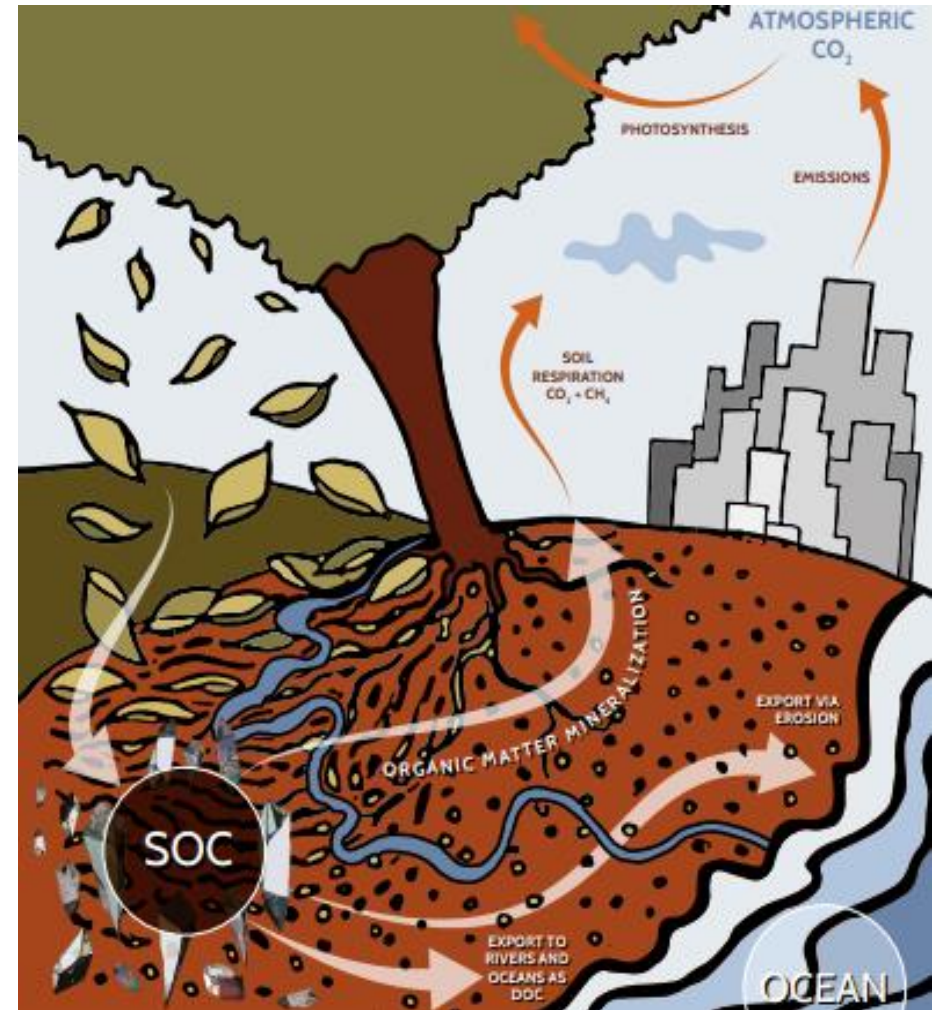
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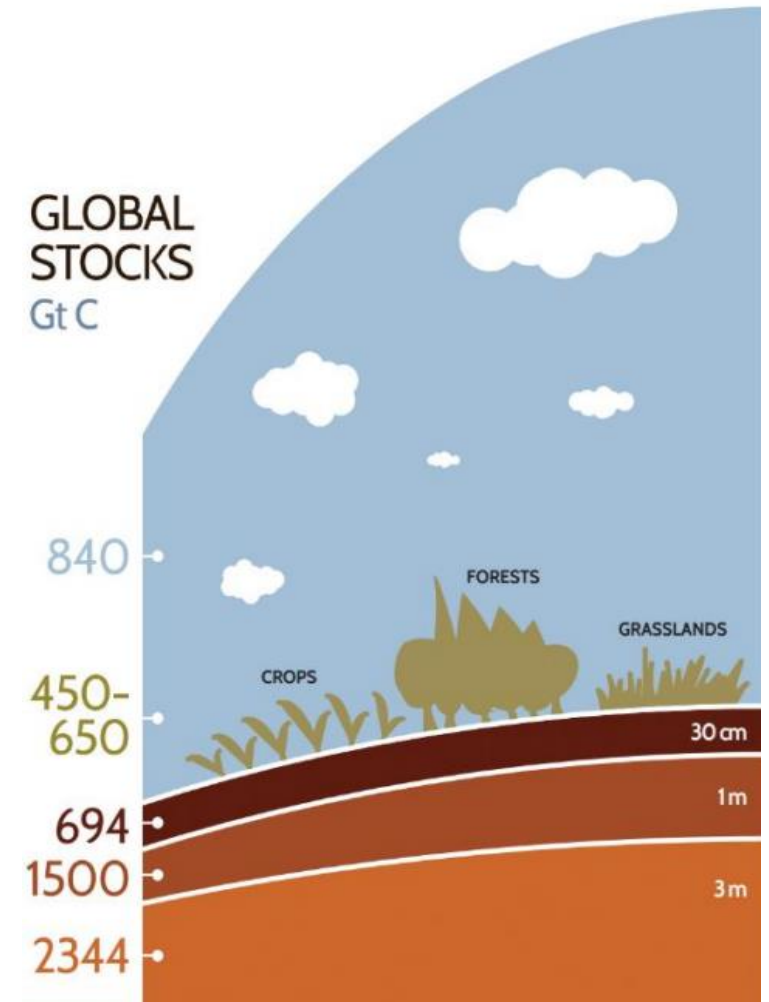


# Carbon sequestration

Controlling the growth of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is possible through reducing the rate of climate change by regulating the content of organic C in the soil.

Since the Industrial Revolution, the transformation of natural ecosystems for agricultural use has led to the depletion of soil reserves by 135 billion tons, as a result of a reduction in C intake, accelerated mineralization and increased soil erosion.

This makes it possible to sequester C in the soil.





# 4 per mille Soils for Food Security and Climate



Greenhouse gas emissions from fossil carbon represent **8.9** billion tonnes of carbon per year

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CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



Soils worldwide contain **2,400** billion tonnes of organic carbon

CO<sub>2</sub> absorption by plants



Organic carbon storage in soils

**2400**

Carbon emitted in CO<sub>2</sub> form

**8.9**

Carbon stored in organic form

**2400**

= ratio **0.4%**

SO, if we increase carbon stored in soil by **0.4%**, we compensate for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil carbon, which are mainly responsible for the greenhouse effect and climate change.

Increase in CO<sub>2</sub> absorption by plants: agricultural land, grassland and forests



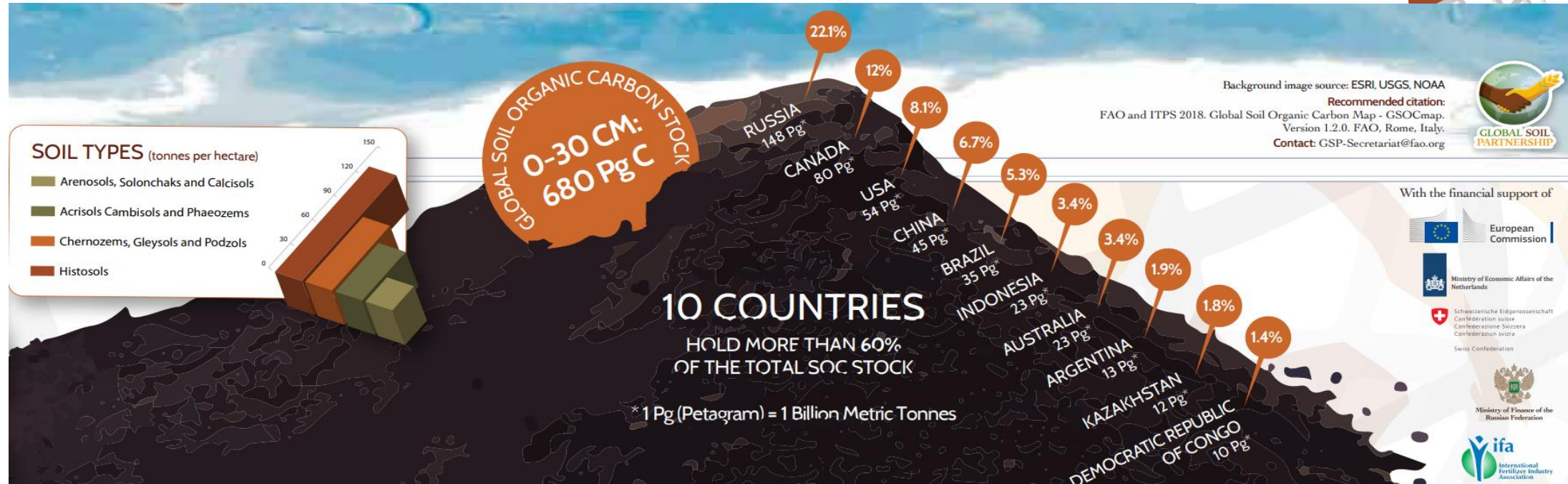
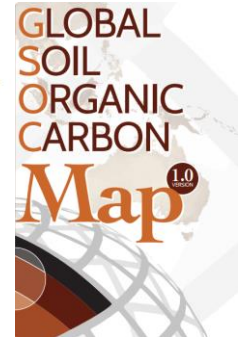
CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



**+0.4%** carbon stored in soil worldwide = 0 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the air

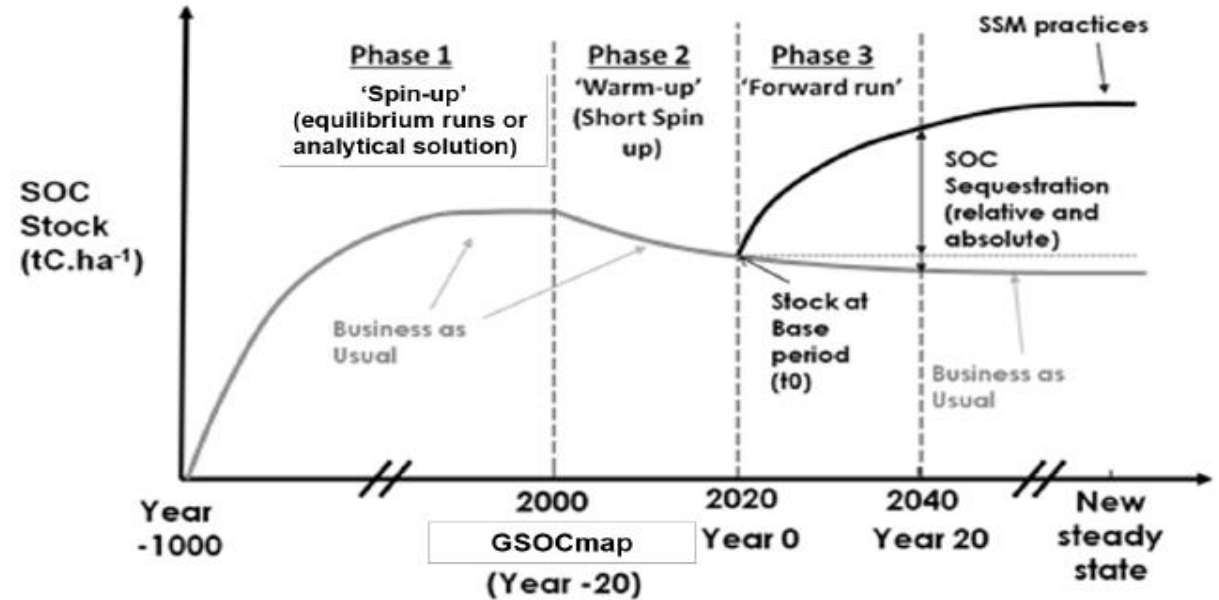
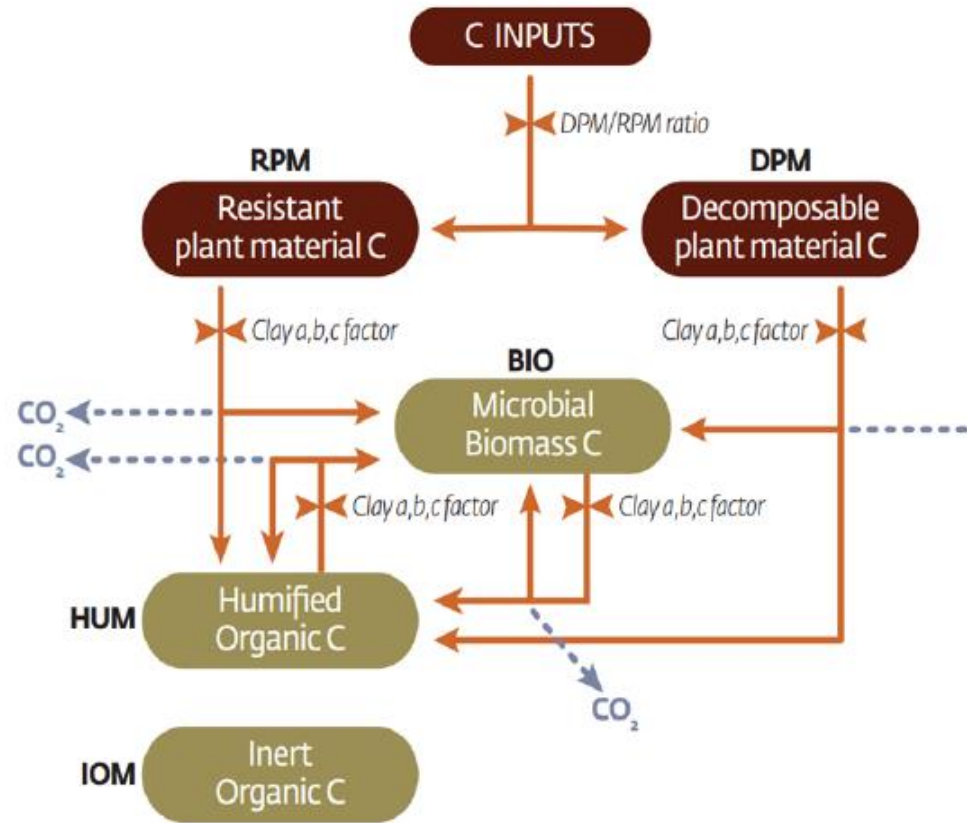


# Global soil organic carbon map

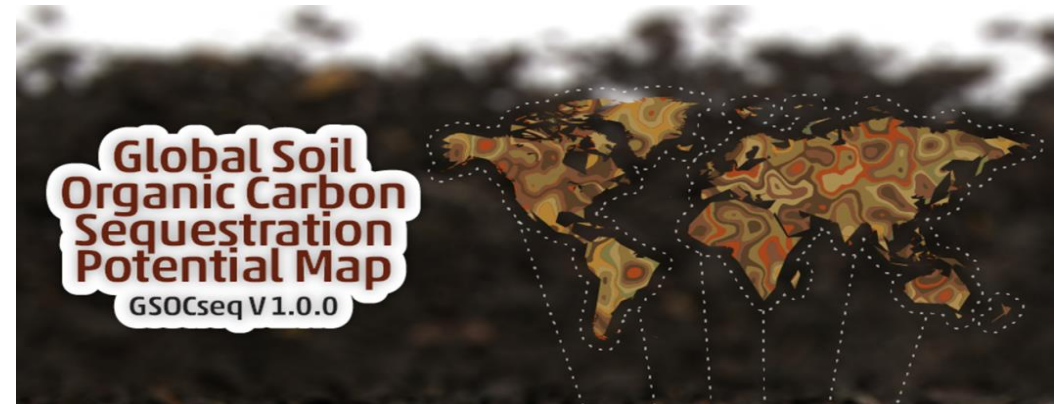




# Global Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Potential Map



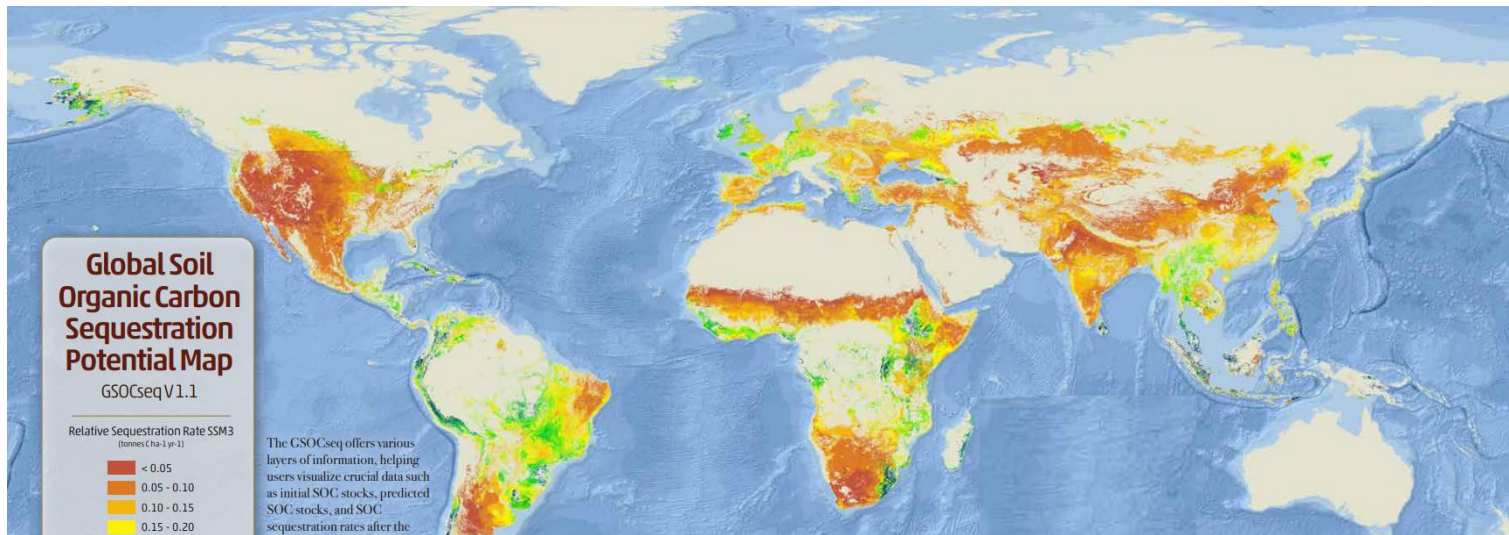
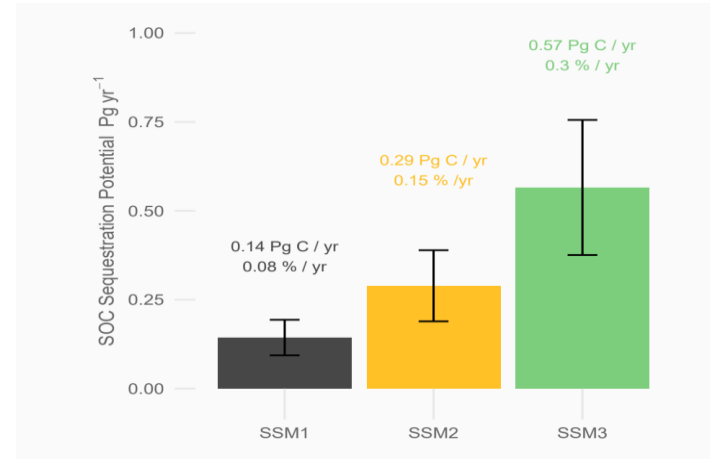
RothC-based soil carbon dynamics modelling





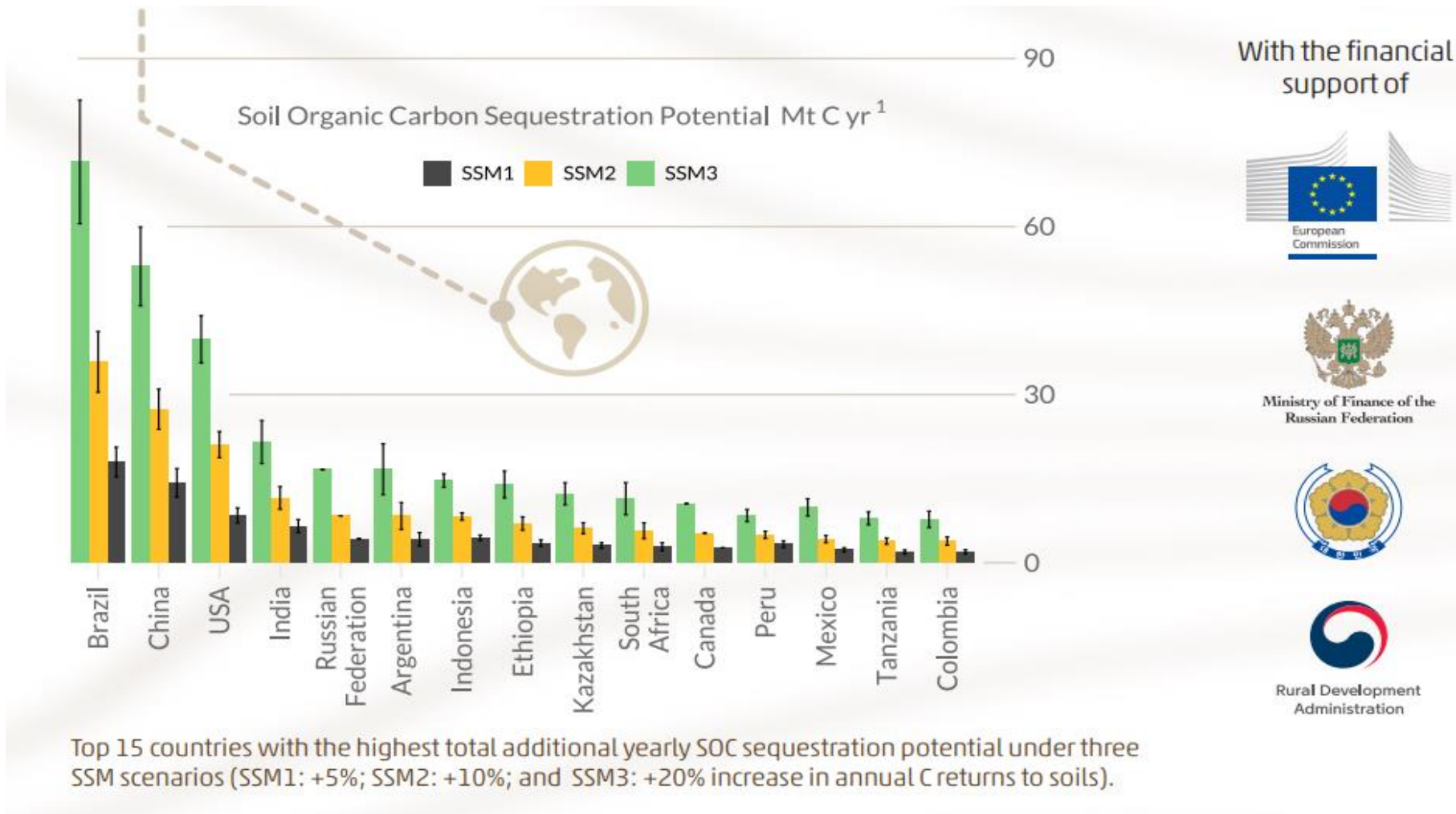


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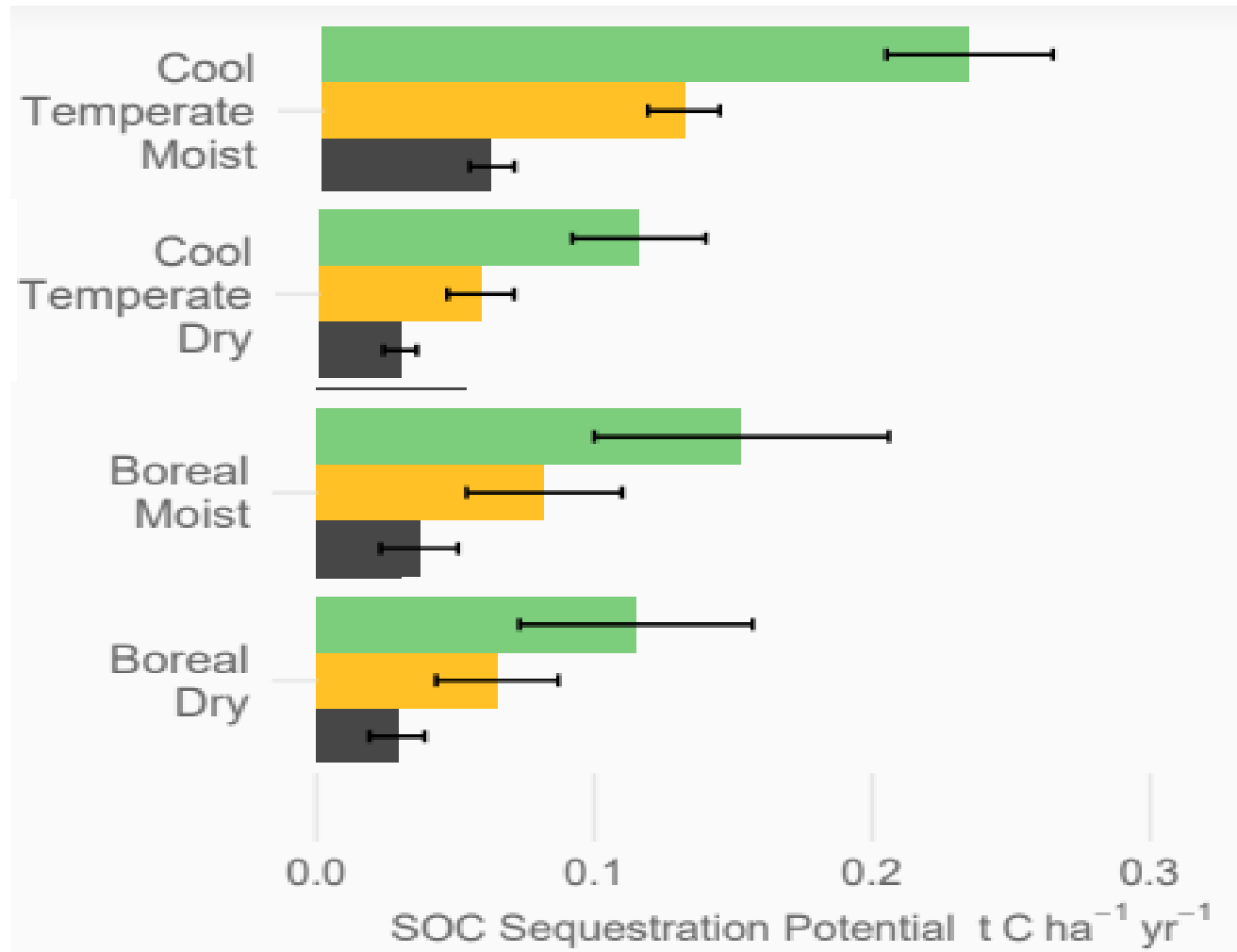


# Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Potential Mt C yr



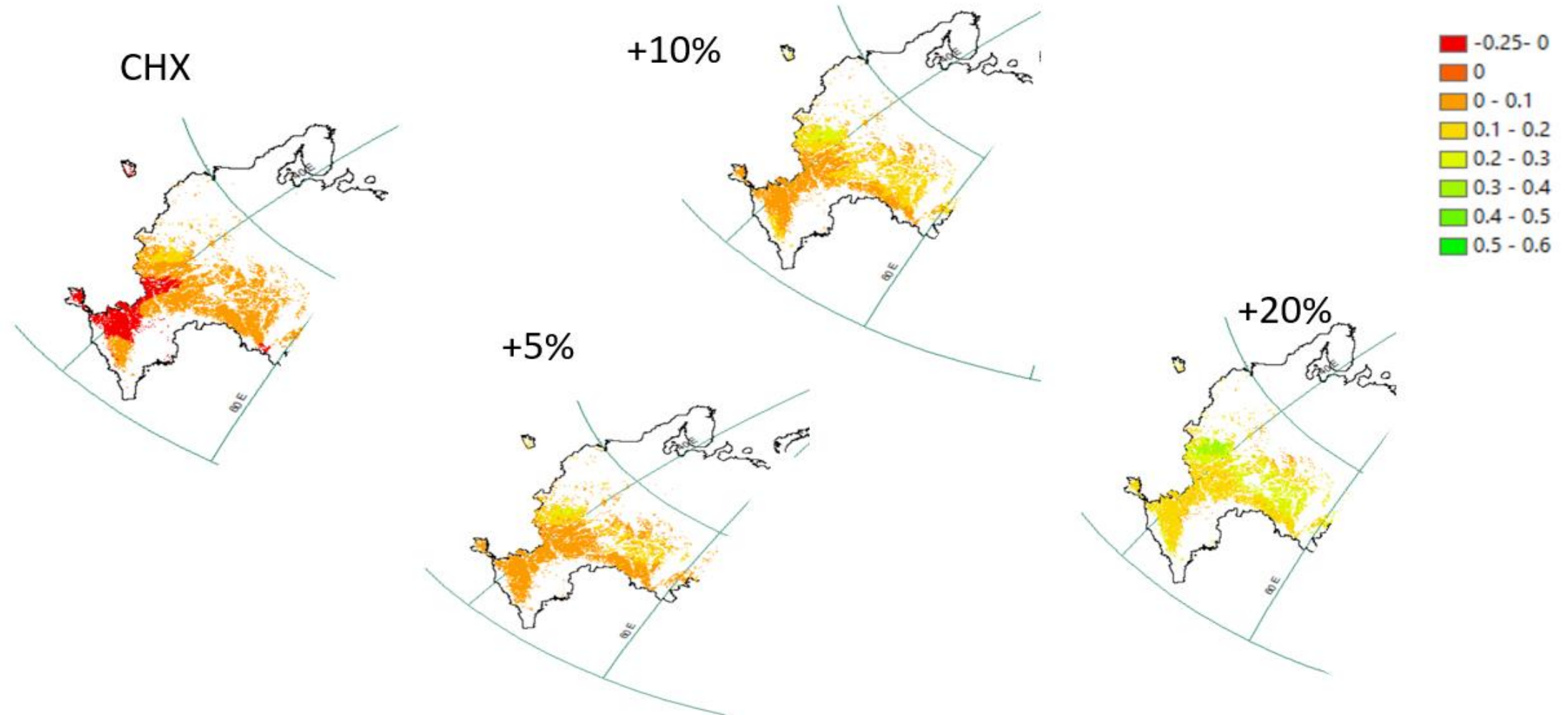


# Potential of sequestration of organic carbon in soil by IPCC climate zones for three carbon-saving technologies, t C / ha per year



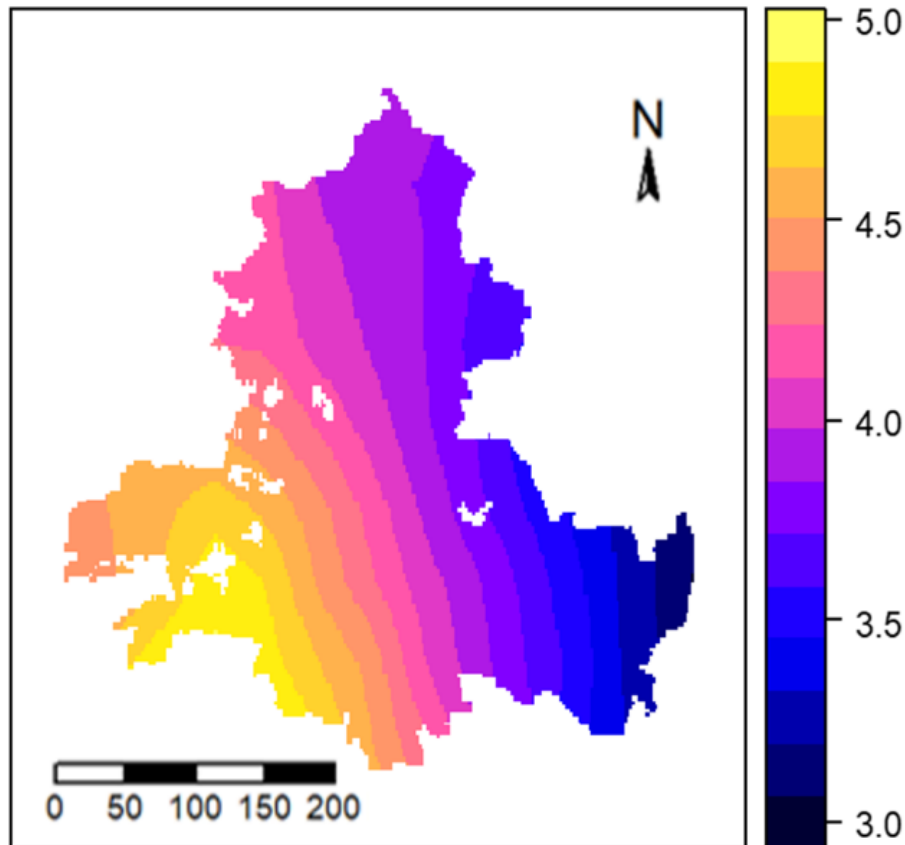
SSM 1-3 –carbon-saving technologies with an additional intake of 5, 10, and 20% C

# The average absolute rate of sequestration of SOC by arable soils of the European territory of Russia, t C / ha per year

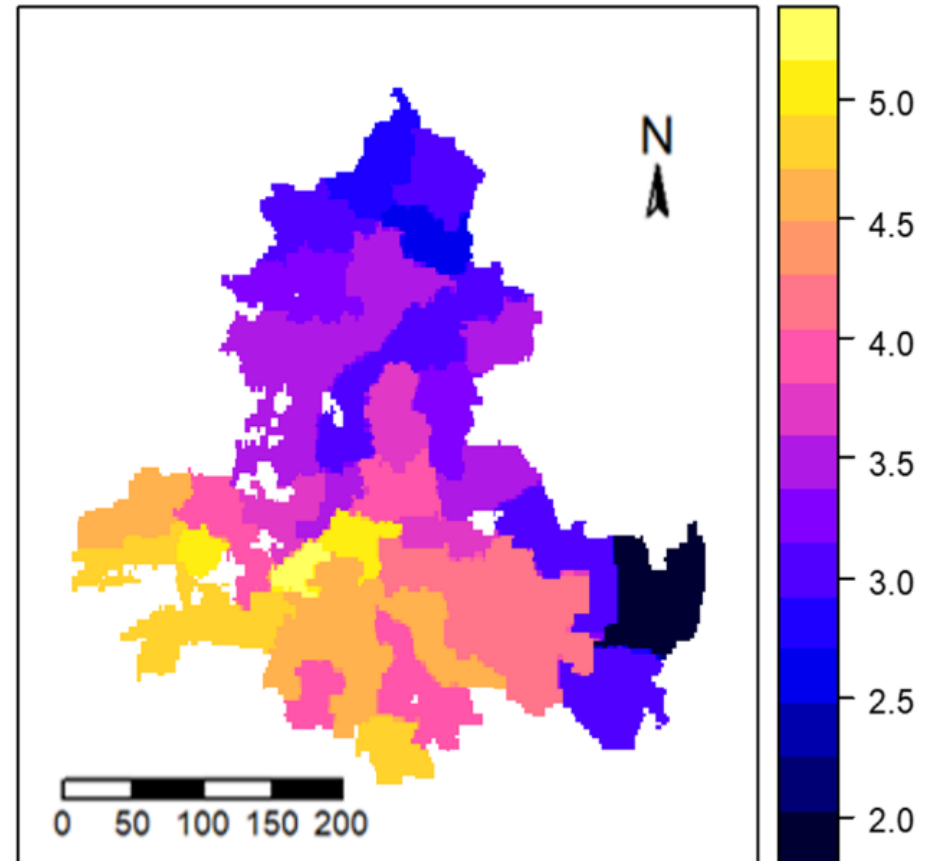




# Net primary production of the Rostov region, t C / ha per year



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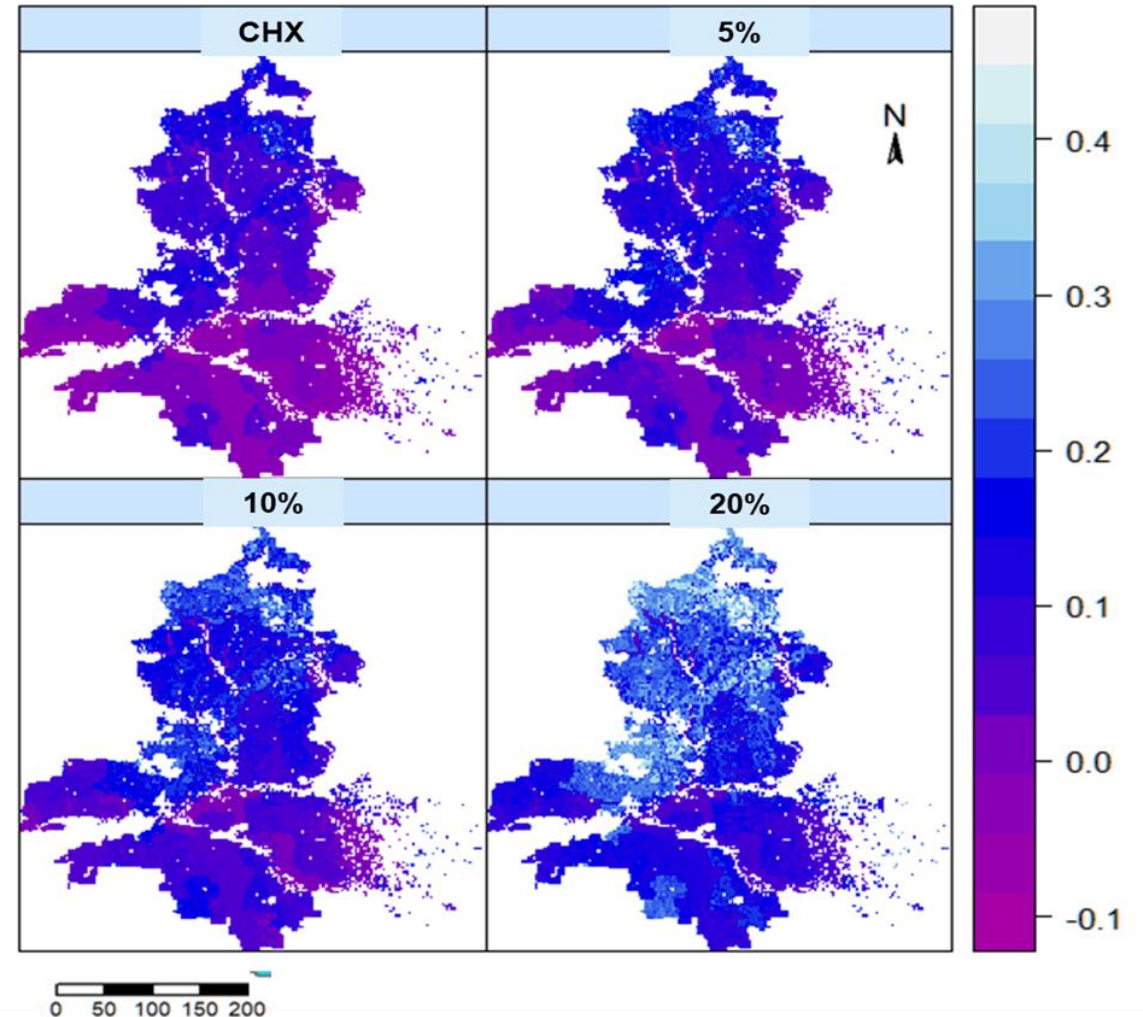
b. Based on statistical data





## Rate of soil carbon in the Rostov region

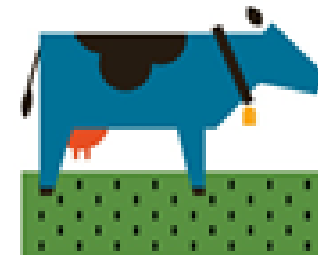
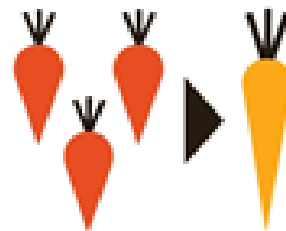
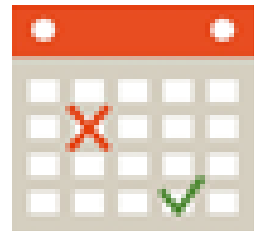
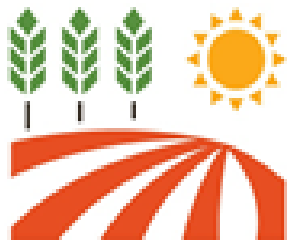
Absolute indicators of the sequestration rate of soil carbon in the Rostov region, tons C / ha per year, for four scenarios: conventional management and carbon-saving technologies with 5%, 10%, and 20% organic C input



# The sequence of tested adaptation solutions in the conditions of the future climate



- Optimization of crop growth conditions to maximize the intake of C into the soil with plant residues
- Reduction of C losses from the soil during fallowing
- Optimization of nutrients loss
- Optimal supply of organic and mineral fertilizers
- The use of conservation tillage technologies
- The use of alternative organic fertilizers





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