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Soil contamination



Increase in toxic compounds (heavy metals, pesticides, etc.) in soils affects human health and/or the provision of soil ecosystem services. The three major pathways for diffuse soil contamination are atmospheric deposition, agriculture and flood events.

Soil contamination can reduce food security by decreasing crop yields and rendering crops unsafe for consumption.



World
Soil Day
2016

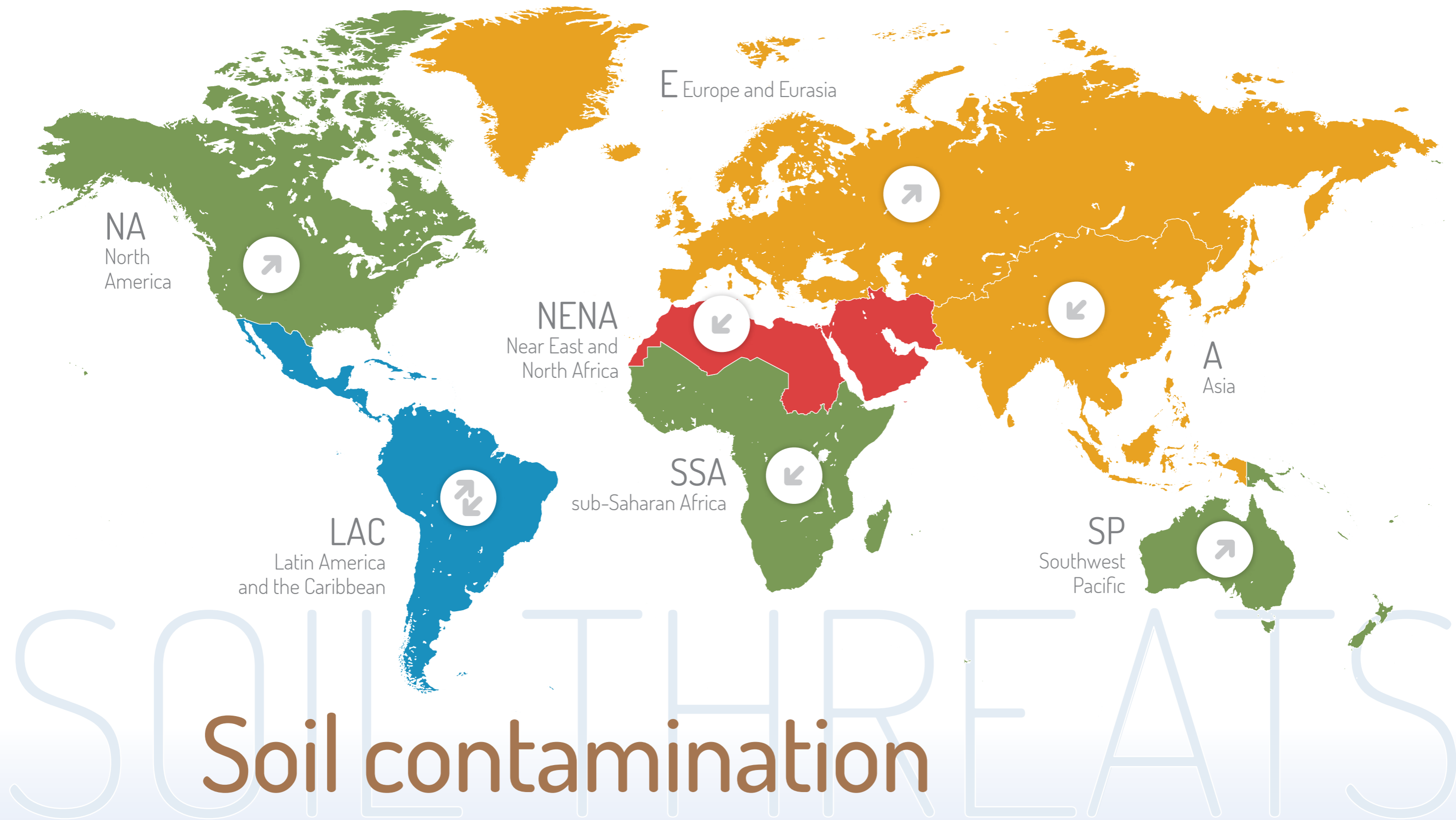
In Europe
340 000 sites
are thought to be
contaminated



GLOBAL SOIL
PARTNERSHIP



COUNTRIES ARE IMPLEMENTING
POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES THAT ENCOURAGE
REPORTING AND REMEDIATION
OF CONTAMINATED SITES/SOILS



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Condition



Trend

