



Agroforestry Practices for Soil Health Enhancement in Northern Ethiopian Villages: An Assessment and Case Study

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Abstract

Agroforestry practices are increasingly recognised for their potential in improving soil health through enhanced nutrient cycling and biodiversity. The study employed transect surveys to collect data from 20 randomly selected villages, using standardised soil sampling protocols and employing linear regression analysis for modelling soil organic matter content. A significant positive correlation was observed between the number of intercropped tree species and soil organic matter content ($r = 0.65$, $p < 0.01$). Agroforestry practices show promise in enhancing soil health in northern Ethiopian villages. Further research should be conducted to explore the long-term sustainability of these practices and their impact on crop yields. agroforestry, soil health, Northern Ethiopia, agroecology

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