

DRAFT – For Discussion Purposes Only

Soil Sustainability

Principle

Soil quality is maintained or improved by minimizing erosion, enhancing carbon sequestration, and promoting healthy biological systems and chemical and physical properties.

Criteria

Operators should ensure that:

- a) A good practices management plan should be implemented that includes practices that prevent or reverse degradation over the long term;
- b) Soil quality is maintained or improved;
- c) Erosion is avoided;
- d) Soil is conserved;
- e) Soil productivity is maintained or improved;
- f) Field travel zones or paths are limited;
- g) Nutrient levels of soil or plants and soil are monitored and assessed;
- h) Biomass production or collection will not destroy or damage large above or below ground carbon stocks; and
- i) None of the chemicals recorded in the WHO's 1a and 1b list should be used.