

# Supplementary Materials: Performance Evaluation of Proximal Sensors for Soil Assessment in Smallholder Farms in Embu County, Kenya

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**Table S1.** Data on soil profiles at Irangi. TC = total carbon, N = nitrogen and CEC = cation exchange capacity, Base sat. = degree of base saturation.

Depth (cm)	Particle Size Distri-Bution (%)			Organic Matter (%)		pH	Exchangeable Cations (cmol·kg <sup>-1</sup> )					Base sat. (%)	
	Sand	Silt	Clay	TC	N		K	Ca	Mg	Na	Al	CEC	
<b>Soil Profile 1</b>													
0–6	-	-	-	15.6	0.99	4.1	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.2	9.8	9.6	28
6–14	52	16	32	9.7	0.73	4.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	3.4	2.3	44
14–25	36	20	44	4.8	0.40	4.7	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	2.9	3.0	41
25–35	40	16	44	3.7	0.30	4.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.9	1.5	43
35–50	38	18	44	3.3	0.27	4.6	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	2.4	3.5	37
50–70	36	16	48	2.9	0.24	4.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	2.1	2.2	31
70–90	36	14	50	2.9	0.23	4.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	1.4	2.1	39
<b>Soil Profile 2</b>													
0–3	-	-	-	21.7	1.24	4.3	0.6	6.4	3.6	0.2	5.2	34.7	31
3–13	38	16	46	2.9	0.26	4.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	2.2	2.6	33
13–20	42	18	40	5.6	0.46	4.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	4.1	1.7	36
20–40	42	16	42	3.9	0.33	4.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	3.2	2.6	38
40–60	36	14	50	2.3	0.21	4.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.4	2.8	35
60–80	36	16	48	2.6	0.23	4.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.8	1.7	39
80–100	38	14	48	2.5	0.22	4.7	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.9	1.6	40

**Table S2.** Data on soil profiles at Kathande. TC = total carbon, N = nitrogen and CEC = cation exchange capacity, Base sat. = degree of base saturation.

Depth (cm)	Particle Size Distri-Bution (%)			Organic Matter (%)		pH	Exchangeable Cations (cmol·kg <sup>-1</sup> )					Base sat. (%)	
	Sand	Silt	Clay	TC	N		K	Ca	Mg	Na	Al	CEC	
<b>Soil Profile 1</b>													
0–10	46	16	38	7.9	0.71	4.2	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.2	6.0	12.6	29
10–20	42	22	36	4.3	0.39	4.5	0.1	1.7	0.3	0.0	5.1	5.9	36
20–30	40	16	44	3.6	0.34	4.6	0.1	1.2	0.2	0.1	4.2	4.4	37
30–40	34	16	50	4.5	0.41	4.5	0.1	1.0	0.2	0.0	4.1	3.8	37
40–60	32	10	58	2.3	0.25	4.5	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	4.6	3.5	35
60–80	32	10	58	2.0	0.22	4.3	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	4.2	2.4	32
80–100	26	6	68	1.8	0.20	4.3	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2	3.6	2.5	33
<b>Soil Profile 2</b>													
0–5	60	14	26	11.3	0.97	4.1	0.4	2.9	0.4	0.1	7.0	14.4	27
5–15	30	14	56	3.1	0.33	4.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	5.1	4.0	29
15–25	24	8	68	2.3	0.23	4.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	4.8	2.5	32
25–35	26	8	66	2.2	0.22	4.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	5.0	1.7	31
35–45	24	10	66	2.0	0.21	4.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	4.6	2.0	30
45–60	36	18	46	4.5	0.39	4.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	5.2	1.8	29
60–80	24	8	68	-	-	4.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	-	1.3	33

**Table S3.** Data on soil profiles at Embu University Campus (EUC). TC = total carbon, N = nitrogen and CEC = cation exchange capacity, Base sat. = degree of base saturation.

Depth (cm)	Particle Size Distri-Bution (%)			Organic Matter (%)		pH	Exchangeable Cations (cmol·kg <sup>-1</sup> )					Base sat. (%)	
	Sand	Silt	Clay	TC	N		K	Ca	Mg	Na	Al	CEC	
<b>Soil Profile 1</b>													
0–10	29	20	51	3.6	0.36	5.1	1.2	3.8	1.5	0.2	2.1	13.5	50
10–20	23	20	57	2.7	0.28	5.1	0.8	3.5	1.3	0.1	1.6	11.8	49
20–30	21	14	65	2.1	0.23	5.1	0.6	3.0	1.3	0.1	1.9	9.8	51
30–40	19	12	69	2.0	0.22	5.0	0.4	2.7	1.3	0.1	1.8	10.1	46
40–60	17	10	73	1.8	0.20	4.9	0.3	2.8	1.4	0.2	1.5	10.4	45
60–80	13	16	71	1.3	0.18	5.6	0.2	3.7	2.4	0.1	0.2	9.9	65
80–100	11	16	73	1.1	0.16	5.9	0.1	3.0	2.9	0.3	0.0	8.4	74
<b>Soil Profile 2</b>													
0–10	19	18	63	4.0	0.35	5.8	1.0	7.8	4.1	0.2	0.1	18.4	71
10–20	15	20	65	2.5	0.25	5.4	0.6	4.4	3.0	0.2	0.6	13.7	59
20–30	13	16	71	1.9	0.21	5.1	0.4	2.9	2.5	0.2	2.2	11.9	51
30–40	11	12	77	1.7	0.18	5.1	0.3	2.9	2.6	0.2	1.4	12.3	49
40–50	11	12	77	1.4	0.16	5.2	0.2	2.8	2.8	0.1	1.0	11.5	52
50–75	9	8	83	1.1	0.14	5.3	0.2	2.4	2.7	0.2	0.6	9.8	56
75–100	9	8	83	0.8	0.13	4.8	0.3	2.2	3.1	0.3	0.3	13.9	41

**Table S4.** Data on soil profiles at Rwika. TC = total carbon, N = nitrogen and CEC = cation exchange capacity, Base sat. = degree of base saturation.

Depth (cm)	Particle Size Distri- Bution (%)			Organic Matter (%)		pH	Exchangeable Cations (cmol·kg <sup>-1</sup> )					Base sat. (%)	
	Sand	Silt	Clay	TC	N		K	Ca	Mg	Na	Al	CEC	
<b>Soil Profile 1</b>													
0–10	34	36	30	2.4	0.22	6.3	1.7	6.6	4.5	0.0	0.2	15.4	83
10–20	32	24	44	1.6	0.16	5.6	1.2	2.6	2.2	0.0	0.4	9.3	65
20–40	32	16	52	1.0	0.12	4.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.1	2.0	6.6	46
40–60	34	12	54	0.9	0.10	4.9	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.0	3.0	3.2	46
60–80	32	16	52	0.8	0.09	4.9	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.1	2.3	4.2	45
80–100	30	20	50	0.7	0.09	5.0	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.1	2.6	3.7	47
<b>Soil Profile 2</b>													
0–10	32	28	40	2.1	0.19	6.2	1.3	5.5	4.1	0.1	0.0	13.4	82
10–20	30	20	50	1.5	0.14	5.0	0.5	2.0	2.3	0.0	1.0	10.0	48
20–40	36	20	44	1.2	0.12	4.5	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.1	3.2	4.6	36
40–60	38	24	38	1.1	0.11	4.8	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.0	2.9	2.6	43
60–80	36	28	36	0.9	0.11	5.0	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.0	2.5	1.9	46
80–100	30	32	38	0.8	0.10	5.0	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.1	2.2	2.1	48