

Interactive comment on “WoSIS: Serving standardised soil profile data for the world” by Niels H. Batjes et al.

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Dear Dr Hugelius, Gustaf

Thank you for your constructive review and encouraging comments concerning the anticipated usefulness of present and future standardised datasets derived from WoSIS. These comments have helped us to improve the manuscript. In particular, we have followed up on your suggestion to improve the user-friendliness of the WoSIS-derived snapshots, hence we have changed the file format/structure for distributing the data as well as the content of the 'Readme First' file.

In the attached PDF we address your queries and suggestions in the order that they are raised in the referee report. Revised texts are indicated in blue in the author's comments; the revised manuscript (which also includes our responses to Reviewer 2)

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is included at the end of the PDF.

Further, in places, we have reworded some text for enhanced clarity. For example, the phrases concerning the total number of profiles managed in the central WoSIS server database, as of July 2016, versus the number of standardised profile data that we can provide in the 'July 2016' snapshot (see Section 3).

We hope that we have adequately responded to your insightful queries and comments.

Best regards,

Niels Batjes

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.earth-syst-sci-data-discuss.net/essd-2016-34/essd-2016-34-AC1-supplement.pdf>

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