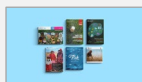


HIGHLIGHTS



Let these six FAO publications help you explore new worlds

This 2023, why not add reading to your list of goals? Need a little motivation? Here are six FAO highlights to help you get started on your reading journey.

BOOKS

AGRICULTURE

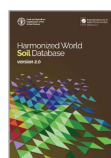


Guidelines for brackish water use for agricultural production in the Near East and North Africa region

Brackish water is precious for irrigation in parts of the world that are lacking in freshwater resources. But its successful use must be scientifically guided to avoid negative environmental fallout. This publication has been developed specifically for the water conditions present in the Near East and North Africa.

(Cairo, 216 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3234en>



Harmonized World Soil Database version 2.0

The Harmonized World Soil Database is the result of various endeavours by FAO, UNESCO and a number of specialized agencies, carried out since 1974. Version 2.0 takes the database to a new level of accuracy – for example, by expanding the mapping to seven soil depth layers from the previous two.

(Rome & Laxenburg, 68 pp.) FAO & International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3823en>



Perspectives de récolte et situation alimentaire #3, septembre 2022 - Rapport mondial trimestriel

This report indicates that the food insecurity situation is grave due to multiseason droughts in East Africa and that unless humanitarian assistance is scaled up, famine is expected in parts of Somalia.

(48 pp. Also available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) Crop Prospects and Food Situation

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc2300fr>



Perspectives de récolte et situation alimentaire n° 4, décembre 2022

FAO has determined that 45 countries – 33 of them in Africa, nine in Asia, two in Latin America and the Caribbean, and one in Europe – need external food assistance. High inflation rates continue to aggravate food insecurity conditions, particularly in low-income food-deficit countries, while conflict and extreme weather events drive severe acute food insecurity across the globe.

(52 pp. Also available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) Crop Prospects and Food Situation

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3233fr>

CROP LOSSES

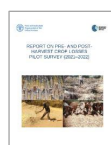
In low-income countries such as Ethiopia, food is lost mostly during the early and middle stages of the food supply chain – that is, at crop production and handling stage. Much less food is wasted at the consumer level. These two publications seek to fill in some of the missing data for three populous regions of Ethiopia.



Report on off-farm post-harvest loss assessment survey in Ethiopia

(Rome and Addis Ababa, 64 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3896en>



Report on pre- and post-harvest crop losses pilot survey (2021–2022)

(Rome and Addis Ababa, 64 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3937en>

ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH



Outil opérationnel pour les mécanismes de coordination multisectorielle - Un outil opérationnel du Guide tripartite pour la gestion des zoonoses

This tool provides a standard stepwise approach for countries to establish or strengthen a mechanism for multisectoral, One Health coordination to manage zoonotic diseases. It contains ten steps, starting from convening a steering committee and ending with conducting an impact evaluation.

(Geneva, 52 pp. Also available in [Chinese](#), [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) WHO, FAO & World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)



Surveillance and Information Sharing Operational Tool - An operational tool of the Tripartite Zoonoses Guide

The tool supports countries in establishing or strengthening a One Health multisectoral coordinated surveillance and information sharing (SIS) system for zoonotic diseases. It provides guidance and a stepwise method for assessing the national structures and mechanisms already in place.

(Chinese. Geneva, Rome & Paris, 68 pp. Also available in [English](#)) WHO, FAO & World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)





Sustainable use and conservation of microbial and invertebrate biological control agents and microbial biostimulants – Background Study Paper No. 71

Over the last decade, market growth for biological control products has outperformed that for chemical pesticides. But this expansion is checked by knowledge gaps, limited resources and occasional overregulation. This publication formulates recommendations on topics ranging from the conservation of natural enemies for biological control of crops to the taxonomy and use of biological control agents.

(124 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3571en>

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Youth centered value chain analysis – The cases of Siaya and Kakamega counties in Kenya

Poultry, soya, avocado and mango value chains offer good opportunities for youth employment in these two Kenyan counties, provided – this study found – young people are supported to acquire capital to start a business, and secure equipment and raw materials.

(Nairobi, 284 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3252en>

EVALUATIONS



Evaluation of the project "Cross-cutting: Targeted support for agricultural statistical innovation at FAO" – Project code: MTF/GLO/707/BMG

This evaluation offers a broad endorsement of the goals and implementation of the project, which ran from 2016 to 2021. It also recommends, among other measures, stronger management coordination for future similar projects.

(72 pp.) Project Evaluation Series

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE



Fibreglass-reinforced plastic (FRP) boat repair in the tropics – A practical guide

FRP boats are bound to suffer some damage sooner or later. But this should not be an excessive source of concern or expense, provided the damage is identified and repaired promptly. This step-by-step guide is packed with specifics.

(56 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3814en>



Socioeconomic impact evaluation of unemployment insurance for small-scale fishers in Brazil (Seguro-Defeso)

Brazil's sustainability-oriented no-fishing window known as Defeso has as its corollary the Seguro-Defeso, a form of insurance that compensates fishers for enforced inactivity. But this evaluation found multiple problems with the system, ranging from outdated Defeso criteria to a lack of alignment between the institutions in charge, which themselves change frequently. (Brasilia, 132 pp.) FAO & International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG)/UNDP

FORESTRY



The role of wood residues in the transition to sustainable bioenergy – Analysis of good practices and recommendations for the deployment of wood residues for energy

The forest sector is the most significant contributor to the world's bioenergy mix. Charcoal, fuelwood, pellets and wood chips contribute to more than 85 percent of all the biomass used for energy purposes. The combination of sustainable forest management and valorization of wood residues offer the opportunity to develop modern bioenergy value chains.

(88 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3826en>

NUTRITION

DO GOOD: SAVE FOOD! Education material on food waste reduction in primary and secondary schools

The 1.3 million tonnes of food wasted annually, worth a colossal USD 940 billion, is indissociable from the hunger and malnutrition that continue to plague our world. These two education packages – one for five- to seven-year-olds, the other for eight- and nine-year-olds – seek to engage children in the global effort to reduce food waste.



Do Good: Save Food! Education material on food waste reduction in primary and secondary schools – For age group 1 (5 to 7 years old)

(Turkish, Ankara, 124 pp. Also available in [Albanian](#), [Croatian](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Hungarian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Macedonian](#), [Portuguese](#), [Sinhalese](#) and [Tamil](#)) FAO, IFWC & Sabri Ülker Food Research Foundation



Do Good: Save Food! Education material package on food waste reduction in primary and secondary schools – For age group 2 (8 to 9 years old)

(Turkish, Ankara, 124 pp. Also available in [Albanian](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Macedonian](#), [Portuguese](#), [Sinhalese](#) and [Tamil](#)) FAO, IFWC & Sabri Ülker Food Research Foundation





RECENT RELEASES FROM OTHER UN AGENCIES AND IGOs

UNITED NATIONS – UN



Global Humanitarian Overview 2023

This annual analysis and forecast of humanitarian trends and needs from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) is the go-to assessment for the UN system, donors and anyone operating in the field of international assistance. It sees funding requirements escalating further in the year ahead. (184 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18356/9789210024136>



World Economic Situation and Prospects 2023

Another forecast report by the United Nations, with less of a macroeconomic and more of a development perspective: it paints a sombre picture of multiple crises combining to pose severe economic challenges for the world. Conflict, tighter monetary policies, depressed consumption and low investment make it imperative that pro-growth fiscal measures are put in place to maintain and accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

(180 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18356/9789210024617>

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND – IMF



World Economic Outlook, January 2023 Update – Inflation Peaking amid Low Growth

The war in Ukraine continues to take its toll on economic output, but the post-COVID re-opening of China should provide a fresh impulse. This January 2023 update from the IMF raises last October's global growth forecast by 0.2 percentage points to 2.9 percent. For 2024, the rate is now expected to reach 3.1 percent, with inflation easing further, but remaining above prepandemic levels.

(12 pp.)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5089/9798400232244.081>

