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GLOSOLAN PT 2025

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- A follow-up to the Global PT in 2021/22 but with more parameters.
- 9 samples prepared for 300 labs.
- 3 samples of ~10g for particle size distribution (<2mm)
- 6 samples of ~40g (<250um) for:
 - (a) Soil Carbon by Dumas, Walkley Black, Loss-on-Ignition, P, N and metals (10g)
 - (b) pH (10g)
 - (c) Electrical conductivity (20g)
- Why BGS? BGS prepared the 2021/22 Global PT and 2024 Afrilab PT. Has experience in making reference materials for direct sale or commissioned from PT providers (e.g. LGC, GeoPT, Contest) from 1-200kg - agricultural soils, industrial contamination, stable isotopes, geological materials. BGS can draw on an archive of bulk materials.

Bulk soils

- Selection of soils - representative of a variety of soil types for C and pH – no parameters too challenging – testing the quality control capabilities
- Dissaggregation and milled to $<250\mu\text{m}$ fraction for homogeneity testing total elemental data



Split to 1kg bags with riffle splitter and then again with rotary splitter



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Homogeneity testing before packet sealing and packing into sets of PT samples for each lab



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Packaged for irradiation and shipping to FAO for distribution



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