

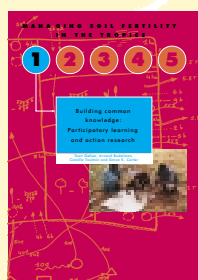
MANAGING SOIL FERTILITY IN THE TROPICS



A Resource Guide for participatory learning and action research

The Resource Guide is based on extensive work done in several African countries. It is intended to provide user-friendly ways to gather, manage and analyse information and data by using participatory learning and action research (PLAR), and to suggest ways to use this knowledge to develop strategies for integrated soil fertility management.

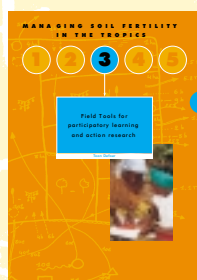
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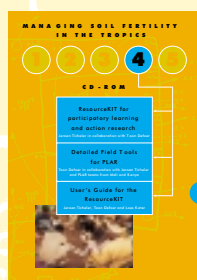
1 Textbook:
Building common knowledge: Participatory learning and action research



2 Case studies:
PLAR and resource flow analysis in practice. Case studies from Benin, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali and Tanzania

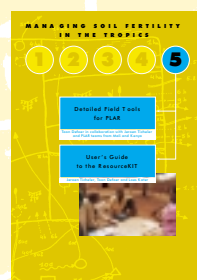


3 Field Tools:
Field Tools for participatory learning and action research



4 CD-ROM:

- ResourceKIT for participatory learning and action research (software package)
- Detailed Field Tools for PLAR (electronic version)
- User's Guide to the ResourceKIT



5 Manual:

- Detailed Field Tools for PLAR
- User's Guide to the ResourceKIT

The main aim of the Resource Guide is to give field workers practical advice on how to work with farmers to improve soil fertility management. It offers advice on efficient ways of managing all possible sources of soil fertility - in other words, integrated soil fertility management. The Resource Guide has been designed for flexible use. Although the information is presented in a linear way, readers can let their interests and expectations shape the way they use it.

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