

## Soil Plundering in India

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Population growth and economic development in India have caused severe stress in soil and land. As is well known, to secure sites for housing and factories have given the rapid change in land use and land cover in the peri-urban areas in recent decade. In rural areas, farmland has been expanded from strong demand for food production, and there is the broadly request of forest conservation and afforestation activities for consideration for the environment and biodiversity. Under the pressure of human activities over such land use and cover change, we cannot overlook the soil related issues. In this report, we would like to focus on what is affecting the regional scale soil erosion and soil exploitation in wider regional context, in a case of southern Karnataka and eastern Rajasthan, India.

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