Supplementary materials for the manuscript: 'A systematic assessment of uncertainties in large scale soil loss estimation from different representations of USLE input factors - A case study for Kenya and Uganda'

This supplementary document provides additional detail on the generation of the RUSLE model inputs and the data sources that were used for their calculation. Further, the analysis steps and additional results are included here.

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S.1 USLE model input factors - definitions and equations

The following tables provide an overview of the methods that were implemented to generate the USLE input factor realizations shown in the work-flow in Fig. 2 of the main document. The tables below provide the names of the input realizations as they were used in the main document, the regarding equations and definitions to compute the respective input realizations and references of primary sources and studies that implemented the respective methods.

S.1.1 Rainfall erosivity R

Table S.1 shows the seven realizations for the *R* factor that were used in the study. The first four methods that were implemented relate *R* to the annual precipitation P_{annual} . In all cases P_{annual} was calculated from long-term monthly mean precipitations derived from the WordClim V2 data base (Fick and Hijmans, 2017) that were summarized to annual average sums. The realizations R_{TMPA} and $R_{GloREDa}$ are large scale rainfall erosivity products available upon request from Vrieling et al. (2014) and Panagos et al. (2017), respectively.

Realization	Definition	References
R _{Roose}	$R = 0.5 \cdot P_{annual} \cdot 17.3$, (value 17.3 conversion factor from imperial to SI units)	Roose (1975), Morgan (2009)
R _{Moore}	$KE_{15} = 11.46 \cdot P_{annual} - 2226,$ $R = 0.0029 \cdot KE - 26.0, R_{SI} = 17.02 \cdot R$	Moore (1979)
R_{Lo}	$R = 3.48 \cdot P_{annual} + 38.46$	Lo et al. (1985), Karamage et al. (2017)
R _{Renard}	$R = 0.0483 \cdot P_{annual}^{1.61}, P_{annual} \le 850mm,$ $R = 587.8 - 1.219 \cdot P_{annual} + 0.004105 \cdot P_{annual}, P_{annual} \ge 850mm$	Renard and Freimund (1994), Ferro et al. (1991), Yu and Rosewell (1996), Naipal et al. (2015), Yang et al. (2003)
R _{Nakil}	$R = 839.15 \cdot e^{P_{annual}}$	Nakil (2014)
R _{TMPA}	<i>R</i> estimates for Africa derived from 3-hourly rainfall TRMM-TMPA data with 0.25-degree spatial resolution employing the procedure described in Renard and Freimund (1994)	Vrieling et al. (2014)
R _{GloREDa}	<i>R</i> estimates from 3540 stations records worldwide, using RBF and multiple global input features for global interpolation on a 1km grid	Panagos et al. (2017)

Table S.1: Methods to calculate the rainfall erosivity factor R

S.1.2 Soil erodibility K

To calculate spatial estimates of the Soil erodibility *K* two global soil data products were implemented SoilGrids250m (Hengl et al., 2017) and the Global Soil Dataset for use in Earth System Models (GSDE, Shangguan et al., 2014). From both products layers of sand, silt, and clay fractions, organic carbon content and coarse soil fractions/rock fragments were acquired for the first 10cm and weighted averages over the depths were calculated. Soilgrids250m additionally provides a soil classification layer according to the World Reference Base (WRB) that was used to derive the soil structure.

Table S.2 gives an overview of the six realizations for *K* that were used in this study. More detail on the equations of the methods are given in in table S.3. The soil structure and soil permeability classifications that were required to compute *K* employing the method of Wischmeier and Smith (1987) as described in Panagos et al. (2014) are listed in the tables S.4 and S.5.

Realization	Definition	References
K _{SoilGrids,Wischmein}	^{er} Mean values of sand, silt, and clay fractions for the soil depths 0 - 10cm derived from SoilGrids250m layers employed in the equation of Wischmeier and Smith (1987) and applying the corrections described in Panagos et al. (2014) (additionally employing the coarse fractions layer from SoilGrids250m). The soil structure s was derived from the World Reference Base (WRB) soil classification layer available from SoilGrids250m and a corresponding structure classification based on Baruth et al. (2006) as described in Panagos et al. (2014) or Borrelli et al. (2017)	Panagos et al. (2014), Panagos et al. (2015c), Borrelli et al. (2017)
$K_{SoilGrids,Williams}$	Mean values of sand, silt, clay, and organic carbon percentages for the soil depths 0 - 10cm derived from SoilGrids250m layers employed in the equation of Williams (1995)	Karamage et al. (2017), Yang et al. (2003)
K _{SoilGrids,Torri}	Mean values of sand, silt, clay, and organic carbon fractions for the soil depths 0 - 10cm derived from SoilGrids250m layers employed in the equation of Torri et al. (1997)	Yang et al. (2003), Naipal et al. (2015), Torri et al. (1997)
K _{GSDE} ,Wischmeier	Mean values of sand, silt, and clay fractions for the soil depths 0 - 10cm derived from SoilGrids250m layers employed in the equation of Wischmeier and Smith (1987) and applying the corrections described in Panagos et al. (2014) (additionally employing the coarse fractions layer from GSDE). The soil structure s and permeability p were set to 2 and 3 as default values, respectively, as shown in Tamene and Le (2015)	Tamene and Le (2015)
$K_{GSDE,Williams}$	Mean values of sand, silt, and clay fractions for the soil depths 0 - 10cm derived from GSDE layers employed in the equation of Williams (1995)	Yang et al. (2003)

Table S.2: Methods to calculate soil erodibility K

Realization	Definition	References
K _{GSDE,Torri}	Mean values of sand, silt, clay, and organic carbon fractions for the soil depths 0 - 10cm derived from GSDE layers employed in the equation of Torri et al. (1997)	Yang et al. (2003), Naipal et al. (2015), Torri et al. (1997)

Table S.3 provides the equations for the three implemented methods of Wischmeier and Smith (1987), Williams (1995), and Torri et al. (1997). The inputs that are required in the respective methods to compute K are the mass fractions (in percent) of Sand m_{Sand} , Silt m_{Silt} , Clay m_{Clay} , and organic matter/carbon content *orgC*.

Table S.3: Summar	y of the K	factor realizations
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Author	Equations
Wischmeier and Smith (1987) Williams (1995)	$K = 0.1317 \cdot \frac{0.00021 \cdot M^{1.14} \cdot (12 - orgC) + 3.25 \cdot (s-2) + 2.5 \cdot (p-3)}{100},$ $M = (m_{Silt} + m_{vfSand}) * (100 - m_{Clay})$ $K = 0.1317 \cdot f_{cSand} \cdot f_{Cl-Si} \cdot f_{orgC} \cdot f_{hiSand},$
	$f_{cSand} = 0.2 \cdot 0.3e^{-0.0256 \cdot m_{Sa} \cdot (1 - \frac{m_{Silt}}{100})},$ $f_{Cl-Si} = \frac{m_{Silt}}{m_{Clay} + m_{Silt}},$ $f_{orgC} = 1 - \frac{0.0256 \cdot orgC}{argC + e^{3/2 - 2.95 \cdot orgC}},$
Torri et al. (1997)	$f_{hiSand} = 1 - \frac{0.7 \cdot SN}{SN + e^{-5.51 + 22.9 \cdot SN}},$ $SN = 1 - \frac{m_{Sand}}{100}$ $0.0293 \cdot (0.65 - D_{a} + 0.24 \cdot D_{a}^{2}) \cdot f_{arac} C law$
	$D_g = 0.01 \cdot (-3.5 \cdot m_{Sand} - 2.0 \cdot m_{Silt} - 0.5 \cdot m_{Clay}),$ $f_{orgC,Clay} = e^{-0.0021 \cdot \frac{orgC}{m_{Clay}/100} - 0.00037 \cdot (\frac{orgC}{m_{Clay}/100})^2 - 4.02 \cdot \frac{m_{Clay}}{100} + 1.71 \cdot (\frac{m_{Clay}}{100})^2}$

Table S.4: Lookup table to derive the soil structure s from the
soil taxonomy classification according to WRB

WRB value	Soil name	Qualifier	Soil group	Structure class s
1	Haplic Acrisols	Haplic	AC	2
2	Haplic Acrisols (Alumic)	Haplic	AC	2
3	Haplic Acrisols (Ferric)	Haplic	AC	2
4	Haplic Acrisols (Humic)	Haplic	AC	4
5	Plinthic Acrisols	Plinthic	AC	2
6	Vetic Acrisols	Vetic	AC	2
7	Haplic Albeluvisols	Haplic	AB	2
8	Histic Albeluvisols	Histic	AB	2
9	Umbric Albeluvisols	Umbric	AB	2
10	Cutanic Alisols	Cutanic	AL	2
11	Haplic Alisols	Haplic	AL	2
12	Aluandic Andosols	Aluandic	AN	1
13	Haplic Andosols	Haplic	AN	1

WRB value	Soil name	Qualifier	Soil group	Structure class s
14	Vitric Andosols	Vitric	AN	1
15	Albic Arenosols	Albic	AR	2
16	Ferralic Arenosols	Ferralic	AR	2
17	Haplic Arenosols	Haplic	AR	2
18	Haplic Arenosols (Calcaric)	Haplic	AR	2
19	Hypoluvic Arenosols	Hypoluvic	AR	2
20	Protic Arenosols	Protic	AR	2
21	Haplic Calcisols	Haplic	CL	2
22	Haplic Calcisols (Sodic)	Haplic	CL	2
23	Luvic Calcisols	Luvic	CL	2
24	Petric Calcisols	Petric	CL	2
25	Endogleyic Cambisols	Endogleyic	CM	4
26	Ferralic Cambisols	Ferralic	CM	2
27	Haplic Cambisols	Haplic	CM	2
28	Haplic Cambisols (Calcaric)	Haplic	CM	1
29	Haplic Cambisols (Chromic)	Haplic	СМ	1
30	Haplic Cambisols (Dystric)	Haplic	СМ	1
31	Haplic Cambisols (Eutric)	Haplic	СМ	1
32	Haplic Cambisols (Humic)	Haplic	СМ	4
33	Haplic Cambisols (Sodic)	Haplic	СМ	1
34	Leptic Cambisols	Leptic	СМ	1
35	Vertic Cambisols	Vertic	СМ	1
36	Calcic Chernozems	Calcic	CH	2
37	Haplic Chernozems	Haplic	CH	2
38	Luvic Chernozems	Luvic	CH	2
39	Haplic Cryosols	Haplic	CR	2
40	Turbic Cryosols	Turbic	CR	2
41	Vitric Cryosols	Vitric	CR	2
42	Petric Durisols	Petric	DU	2
43	Acric Ferralsols	Acric	FR	2
44	Haplic Ferralsols	Haplic	FR	2
45	Haplic Ferralsols (Rhodic)	Haplic	FR	2
46	Haplic Ferralsols (Xanthic)	Haplic	FR	2
47	Umbric Ferralsols	Umbric	FR	2
48	Haplic Fluvisols	Haplic	FL	2
49	Haplic Fluvisols (Arenic)	Haplic	FL	2
50	Haplic Fluvisols (Calcaric)	Haplic	FL	2
51	Haplic Fluvisols (Dystric)	Haplic	FL	2
52	Haplic Fluvisols (Eutric)	Haplic	FL	2
53	Calcic Gleysols	Calcic	GL	2
54	Haplic Gleysols	Haplic	GL	2
55	Haplic Gleysols (Dystric)	Haplic	GL	2
56	Haplic Gleysols (Eutric)	Haplic	GL	2
57	Mollic Gleysols	Mollic	GL	4
58	Umbric Gleysols	Umbric	GL	2

WRB value	Soil name	Qualifier	Soil group	Structure class s
59	Calcic Gypsisols	Calcic	GY	2
60	Haplic Gypsisols	Haplic	GY	2
61	Calcic Histosols	Calcic	HS	4
62	Cryic Histosols	Cryic	HS	4
63	Fibric Histosols	Fibric	HS	4
64	Hemic Histosols	Hemic	HS	4
65	Sapric Histosols	Sapric	HS	4
66	Calcic Kastanozems	Calcic	KS	2
67	Haplic Kastanozems	Haplic	KS	2
68	Haplic Leptosols	Haplic	LP	2
69	Haplic Leptosols (Eutric)	Haplic	LP	2
70	Lithic Leptosols	Lithic	LP	2
71	Mollic Leptosols	Mollic	LP	2
72	Rendzic Leptosols	Rendzic	LP	4
73	Haplic Lixisols	Haplic	LX	2
74	Haplic Lixisols (Chromic)	Haplic	LX	2
75	Haplic Lixisols (Ferric)	Haplic	LX	2
76	Albic Luvisols	Albic	LV	2
77	Calcic Luvisols	Calcic	LV	2
78	Gleyic Luvisols	Gleyic	LV	2
79	Haplic Luvisols	Haplic	LV	2
80	Haplic Luvisols (Chromic)	Haplic	LV	2
81	Haplic Luvisols (Ferric)	Haplic	LV	2
82	Leptic Luvisols	Leptic	LV	2
83	Stagnic Luvisols	Stagnic	LV	2
84	Vertic Luvisols	Vertic		2
85	Alic Nitisols	Alic		2
86	Haplic Nitisols (Knodic)	Haplic		1
8/	Haplic Phaeozems	Haplic		1
80 80	Leptic Phaeozems	Leptic		Δ
09	Endoclaria Planasola	Endoaloria	ГП DI	4
90	Hanlia Planasola (Dustria)	Haplic	ГL DI	2
91	Haplic Planosols (Eutric)	Haplic	ГL PI	2
92	Luvic Planosols	Invic	I L PI	2
94	Solodic Planosols	Solodic	Г L PI	2
95	Acric Plinthosols	Acric	PT	2
96	Lixic Plinthosols	Lixic	PT	2
97	Glevic Podzols	Glevic	PZ	2
98	Haplic Podzols	Haplic	PZ	2
99	Aric Regosols	Aric	RG	2
100	Calcaric Regosols	Calcaric	RG	2
101	Haplic Regosols (Dystric)	Haplic	RG	2
102	Haplic Regosols (Eutric)	Haplic	RG	2
103	Haplic Regosols (Sodic)	Haplic	RG	2
104	Leptic Regosols	Leptic	RG	2
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WRB value	Soil name	Qualifier	Soil group	Structure class s
105	Gypsic Solonchaks	Gypsic	SC	2
106	Haplic Solonchaks	Haplic	SC	2
107	Haplic Solonchaks (Sodic)	Haplic	SC	2
108	Calcic Solonetz	Calcic	SN	2
109	Gleyic Solonetz	Gleyic	SN	2
110	Haplic Solonetz	Haplic	SN	2
111	Mollic Solonetz	Mollic	SN	1
112	Luvic Stagnosols	Luvic	ST	4
113	Haplic Umbrisols	Haplic	UM	4
114	Leptic Umbrisols	Leptic	UM	1
115	Calcic Vertisols	Calcic	VR	2
116	Haplic Vertisols	Haplic	VR	2
117	Haplic Vertisols (Eutric)	Haplic	VR	2
118	Mollic Vertisols	Mollic	VR	2

Table S.5: Lookup table to derive the soil permeability p from the USDA soil texture classification

Value	USDA texture class	Permeability class p
1	Clay	6
2	Silty Clay	6
3	Sandy Clay	5
4	Silty Clay Loam	5
5	Clay Loam	4
6	Sandy Clay Loam	4
7	Silt	3
8	Silty Loam	3
9	Loam	3
10	Sandy Loam	2
11	Loamy Sand	2
12	Sand	1

S.1.3 Slope length and slope steepness LS

The calculation of the *LS* factor was based on two global elevation products the SRTM90m V4.1 (Jarvis et al., 2008) and the ASTER GDEM V4 (NASA/METI/AIST/Japan Spacesystems, and U.S./Japan ASTER Science Team, 2009) with a spatial resolution of 30m. Computational limitations required a resampling of the ASTER 30m DEM to the extent of the 90m grid of SRTM90m V4.1. Corrections of the input layers as recommended and performed in Panagos et al. (2015a) were considered for both input DEM layers.

Both input layers were pre-processed and prepared for the computation of *LS*. A DEM fill and the flow direction calculation was performed according to Wang and Liu (2006). Flow accumulation and contributing catchment areas were calculated with the methods of Freeman (1991) and Quinn et al. (1991). Spatial slope estimates for both DEM products were calculated with the

method of Zevenbergen and Thorne (1987). The pre-processing of the input DEM layers was done in ArcGIS 10.2 (ESRI, 2012).

To compute the *K* factor realizations the methods of Moore et al. (1991), Desmet and Govers (1996), and Böhner and Selige (2006) were applied using the pre-processed layers based on SRTM90m and ASTER GDEM. For details to the methods we refer to the respective literature and will not repeat the methods' equations here. All implemented methods are available from the LS calculation module in SAGA GIS V2.1.4 (Conrad et al., 2015). Table S.6 gives an overview of the six realizations for *K* that were used in this study.

Realization	Definition	References
LS _{SRTM,Moore}	Slope and Catchment Area derived from SRTM90m V4.1 implemented in the method of Moore et al. (1991)	Bosco et al. (2015)
LS _{SRTM} ,Desmet	Slope and Catchment Area derived from SRTM90m V4.1 implemented in the method of Desmet and Govers (1996)	Borrelli et al. (2017)
$LS_{SRTM,Boehner}$	Slope and Catchment Area derived from SRTM90m V4.1 implemented in the method of Böhner and Selige (2006)	-
LS _{ASTER} ,Moore	Slope and Catchment Area derived from ASTER GDEM V4 implemented in the method of Moore et al. (1991)	Bosco et al. (2015)
LS _{ASTER} ,Desmet	Slope and Catchment Area derived from ASTER GDEM V4 implemented in the method of Desmet and Govers (1996)	Karamage et al. (2017), Borrelli et al. (2017)
LS _{ASTER} ,Boehner	Slope and Catchment Area derived from ASTER GDEM V4 implemented in the method of Böhner and Selige (2006)	-

Table S.6: Summary of the LS factor realizations

S.1.4 Crop cover management C

To compute the *C* we applied two different approaches. One approach estimates the C-factor from vegetation indices that are readily available from satellite based remote sensing. The majority of applications in literature that we found utilized the normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) to assess *C* (e.g. Karamage et al., 2017; Naipal et al., 2015) and applied the method proposed by Van der Knijff et al. (2000):

$$C = \exp\left(-\alpha \frac{NDVI}{\beta - NDVI}\right)$$

with $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 2$, involving different temporal aggregates of the MODIS NDVI (Didan, 2015). MODIS NDVI provides 16 day averages. Spatially distributed mean NDVI estimates were calculated on annual basis and for the rainy season based on the 16 day averages for the time period 2000 to 2012. These mean NDVI estimates were used in the equation above to compute two spatially distributed realizations of the *C* factor.

The second approach relates land uses classified in land cover products and agricultural statistics to *C* values derived from field experiments (e.g. Borrelli et al., 2017; Panagos et al., 2015b; Yang et al., 2003). Two agricultural statistics products were implemented, a global product of spatially distributed crop shares provided by Monfreda et al. (2008) and agricultural surveys in Kenya and Uganda (KNBS, 2015; UBOS, 2010). In their global study Borrelli et al. (2017) grouped the crops available from Monfreda et al. (2008) and assigned *C* factor literature values. We used the same crop grouping that is summarized in table S.7. We employed *C* factor literature values that were available from Borrelli et al. (2017), Panagos et al. (2015b), Angima et al. (2003). Table S.8 shows the *C* factor literature values for specific crop groups adapted from Borrelli et al. (2017) that were used in this study.

Value	Crop	Label
11	Manila fibre (abaca)	abaca
11	Agave fibres nes	agave
8.2	Forage and silage, alfalfa	alfalfa
14	Almonds, with shell	almond
7	Anise, badian, fennel, coriander	aniseetc
14	Apples	apple
14	Apricots	apricot
14	Areca nuts	areca
4	Artichokes	artichoke
6	Asparagus	asparagus
14	Avocados	avocado
2	Bambara beans	bambara
14	Bananas	banana
1	Barley	barley
2	Beans, dry	bean
3	Beets for fodder	beetfor
12	Berries nes	berrynes
12	Blueberries	blueberry
14	Brazil nuts, with shell	brazil
2	Broad beans, horse beans, dry	broadbean
1	Buckwheat	buckwheat
7	Cabbages and other brassicas	cabbage
7	Cabbage for fodder	cabbagefor
10	Canary seed	canaryseed
14	Carobs	carob
3	Carrots and turnips	carrot
3	Carrots for fodder	carrotfor
14	Cashew nuts, with shell	cashew
14	Cashew apple	cashewapple
3	Cassava	cassava
10	Castor oil seed	castor
7	Cauliflowers and broccoli	cauliflower
1	Cereals, nes	cerealnes
14	Cherries	cherry
14	Chestnut	chestnut
2	Chick peas	chickpea

Table S.7: Grouping of crops available from Monfreda et al. (2008) based on Borrelli et al. (2017)

Value	Crop	Label
3	Chicory roots	chicory
4	Chillies and peppers, green	chilleetc
13.1	Cinnamon (canella)	cinnamon
14	Fruit, citrus nes	citrusnes
13.1	Cloves	clove
8.1	Forage and silage, clover	clover
14	Cocoa, beans	сосоа
14	Coconuts	coconut
13.2	Coffee, green	coffee
11	Coir	coir
10.1	Seed cotton	cotton
2	Cow peas, dry	cowpea
12	Cranberries	cranberry
5	Cucumbers and gherkins	cucumberetc
12	Currants	currant
14	Dates	date
4	Eggplants (aubergines)	eggplant
11	Fibre crops nes	fibrenes
14	Figs	fig
11	Flax fibre and tow	flax
1	Fonio	fonio
8.2	Forage products	fornes
14	Fruit, fresh nes	fruitnes
6	Garlic	garlic
3	Ginger	ginger
12	Gooseberries	gooseberry
9.1	Grapes	grape
14	Grapefruit (inc. pomelos)	grapefruitetc
8.1	Forage and silage, grasses nes	grassnes
2	Beans, green	greenbean
2	Leguminous vegetables, nes	greenbroadbean
1.1	Maize, green	greencorn
6	Onions, shallots, green	greenonion
2	Peas, green	greenpea
2	Groundnuts, with shell	groundnut
14	Gums	gums
14	Hazelnuts, with shell	hazelnut
13.1	Hemp tow waste	hemp
13.1	Hempseed	hempseed
9.2	Hops	hop
11	Jute	jute
11	Basttibres, other	jutelikefiber
11	Kapok fibre	kapokfiber
14	Kapok fruit	kapokseed
14	Karite nuts (sheanuts)	karite
14	Kiwi fruit	kiwi

Value	Crop	Label
14	Kola nuts	kolanut
8.1	Forage and silage, legumes	legumenes
14	Lemons and limes	lemonlime
2	Lentils	lentil
7	Lettuce and chicory	lettuce
10	Linseed	linseed
2	Lupins	lupin
1.1	Maize	maize
8.1	Forage and silage, maize	maizefor
14	Mangoes, mangosteens, guavas	mango
13.1	Maté	mate
5	Melons, other (inc.cantaloupes)	melonetc
5	Melonseed	melonseed
1	Millet	millet
1	Mixed grain	mixedgrain
10	Mustard seed	mustard
13.1	Nutmeg, mace and cardamoms	nutmeg
14	Nuts, nes	nutnes
1	Oats	oats
14	Oil, palm fruit	oilpalm
8.2	Forage and silage, green oilseeds	oilseedfor
10	Oilseeds nes	oilseednes
4	Okra	okra
14	Olives	olive
6	Onions, dry	onion
14	Oranges	orange
14	Papayas	papaya
2	Peas, dry	pea
14	Peaches and nectarines	peachetc
14	Pears	pear
4	Pepper (piper spp.)	pepper
13.1	Peppermint	peppermint
14	Persimmons	persimmon
2	Pigeon peas	pigeonpea
4	Chillies and peppers, dry	pimento
14	Pineapples	pineapple
14	Pistachios	pistachio
14	Plantains	plantain
14	Plums and sloes	plum
1.1	Popcorn	popcorn
10	Poppy seed	рорру
3	Potatoes	potato
2	Pulses, nes	pulsenes
5	Pumpkins, squash and gourds	pumpkinetc
13.1	Pyrethrum, dried	pyrethrum
14	Quinces	quince

Value	Сгор	Label
7	Quinoa	quinoa
13.1	Ramie	ramie
10	Rapeseed	rapeseed
12	Raspberries	rasberry
1.2	Rice, paddy	rice
3	Roots and tubers, nes	rootnes
14	Rubber, natural	rubber
1	Rye	rye
8.2	Forage and silage, rye grass	ryefor
10	Safflower seed	safflower
10	Sesame seed	sesame
11	Sisal	sisal
1	Sorghum	sorghum
8.2	Forage and silage, sorghum	sorghumfor
14	Cherry sour	sourcherry
2	Soybeans	soybean
13.1	Spices, nes	spicenes
7	Spinach	spinach
14	Fruit, stone nes	stonefruitnes
12.1	Strawberries	strawberry
2	String beans	stringbean
3	Sugar beet	sugarbeet
13.1	Sugar cane	sugarcane
13.1	Sugar crops, nes	sugarnes
10	Sunflower seed	sunflower
3	Swedes for fodder	swedefor
3	Sweet potatoes	sweetpotato
14	Tangerines, mandarins, clementines, satsumas	tangetc
3	Taro (cocoyam)	taro
13.1	Tea (0.1-0.2)	tea
7.1	Tobacco, unmanufactured	tobacco
4	Tomatoes	tomato
1	Triticale	triticale
14	Fruit, tropical fresh nes	tropicalnes
14	Tung nuts	tung
3	Turnips for fodder	turnipfor
13.1	Vanilla	vanilla
7	Vegetables, fresh nes	vegetablenes
3	Vegetables and roots fodder	vegfor
2	Vetches	vetch
14	Walnuts, with shell	walnut
5	Watermelons	watermelon
1	Wheat	wheat
3	Yams	yam
3	Yautia (cocoyam)	yautia

Value	Crop	Label
8.2	Mixed grass	mixedgrass
4	Mushrooms	mushroom

Table S.8: C factor literature values for specific crop groups based on Borrelli et al. (2017)

Value	Crop group	Label	С
1	Cereal Grains	cereal	0.2
1.1	Maize	maize	0.38
1.2	Rice	rice	0.15
2	Legume Vegetables	veg_legume	0.32
3	Root and Tuber Vegetables	veg_root	0.34
4	Fruit Vegetables	veg_fruit	0.25
5	Cucurbit Vegetables	veg_cucurbit	0.25
6	Bulb Vegetables	veg_bulb	0.3
7	Leafy Vegetables	veg_leaf	0.25
7.1	Tobacco	tobacco	0.5
8.1	Mixed Legumes	for_legume	0.15
8.2	Mixed grasses	for_grass	0.1
9.1	Grapes	grape	0.35
9.2	Hops	hop	0.42
10	Oilseed Group	oilseed	0.25
10.1	Cotton	cotton	0.4
11	Fibre Crops	fibre	0.28
12	Berries Group	berry	0.15
12.1	Strawberries	strawberry	0.2
13.1	Shrubs Herbs and Spices	herb_spice	0.15
13.2	Coffee	coffee	0.2
14	Trees/Fruit Tree	tree	0.15

Implementing the approach of Panagos2015, we calculated spatially distributed weighted average C-factor values for agricultural areas in the study domain based on the crop shares that were available from Monfreda et al. (2008) and the national agricultural surveys:

$$C_{(x,y)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i \cdot fraction_{i,(x,y)}$$

where $C_{(x,y)}$ is the weighted C-factor for the location (x, y), C_i is the C-factor of the crop *i*, *n* is the total number of crops, and *fraction*_{*i*,(*x*,*y*)} is the calculated fraction of the area cultivated with crop *i* at the location (x, y).

The calculated average *C* values according to the crop shares were superimposed with the two land cover products MODIS Land Cover (Channan et al., 2014) and ESA CCI LC (ESA, 2017). To combination of MODIS land cover with *C* values for agricultural land uses was performed as described in Panagos et al. (2015b). *C* values of non agricultural land uses were derived from Panagos et al. (2015b) and Borrelli et al. (2017) for MODIS LC. Panagos et al. (2015b) propose

ranges of *C* values for natural vegetation land uses and calculate the *C* value in a location based on the vegetation density derived from MODIS VCF. For the ESA CCI LC product average *C* values for non agricultural land uses were calculated based on the shares of a land cover described in the ESA CCI LC legend and the ranges of *C* values proposed by Panagos et al. (2015b), similar to MODIS LC and MODIS VCF. The combination of *C* factor values of crops and non agricultural land uses was performed accordingly:

$$C_{(x,y)} = C_{Crop,(x,y)} \cdot w_{Crop,(x,y)} + C_{LC,(x,y)} \cdot w_{LC,(x,y)}$$

where $C_{Crop,(x,y)}$ and $C_{LC,(x,y)}$ are the *C* values of the crop and the non agricultural land cover for the location (x, y) and $w_{Crop,(x,y)}$ and $w_{LC,(x,y)}$ are the respective weights values of the crop and the non agricultural land cover for the location (x, y). The respective non agricultural *C* factor values and weights for MODIS LC and ESA CCI LC can be found in the tables S.9 and S.10.

Table S.9: MODIS land cover classification linked with C factor ranges of the respective land cover and weights to calculate mixed C values for shared landuses of non crop land cover and crops

Value	Label	C_{min}	C _{max}	w _{Crop}	w_{LC}
0	Water	-	-	0	1
1	Evergreen Needleleaf forest	0.0001	0.003	0	1
2	Evergreen Broadleaf forest	0.0001	0.003	0	1
3	Deciduous Needleleaf forest	0.0001	0.003	0	1
4	Deciduous Breoadleaf forest	0.0001	0.003	0	1
5	Mixed forest	0.0001	0.003	0	1
6	Closed shrublands	0.01	0.15	0	1
7	Open shrublands	0.01	0.15	0	1
8	Woody savannas	0.01	0.15	0	1
9	Savannas	0.01	0.15	0	1
10	Grasslands	0.01	0.15	0	1
11	Permanent wetlands	-	-	0	1
12	Croplands	0	0	1	0
13	Urban built-up	-	-	0	1
14	Cropland/Natural vegetation mosaic	0.0001	0.05	0.8	0.2
15	Snow and ice	-	-	0	1
16	Barren or sparsely vegetated	0.1	0.5	0	1
254	Unclassified	-	-	0	1
255	Fill Value	-	-	0	1

Value	Label	C_{LC}	w _{Crop}	w_{LC}
10	Cropland	0	1	0
11	Crop, herb cover	0.1	0.8	0.2
12	Crop, Tree, shrub cover	0.003	0.8	0.2
20	Crop irrigated or post flood	0	1	0
30	Mosaic cropland (>50%) / natural vegetation (tree, shrub, herbaceous cover) (<50%)	0.0265	0.75	0.25
40	Mosaic natural vegetation (tree, shrub, herbaceous cover) (>50%) / cropland (<50%)	0.0265	0.25	0.75
50	Tree cover, broadleaved, evergreen, closed to open (>15%)	0.0016	0	1
60	Tree cover, broadleaved, deciduous, closed to open (>15%)	0.0016	0	1
61	Tree cover, broadleaved, deciduous, closed (>40%)	4e-04	0	1
62	Tree cover, broadleaved, deciduous, open (15-40%)	0.0027	0	1
70	Tree cover, needleleaved, evergreen, closed to open (>15%)	0.0016	0	1
90	Tree cover, mixed leaf type (broadleaved and needleleaved)	4e-04	0	1
100	Mosaic tree and shrub (>50%) / herbaceous cover (<50%)	0.08	0	1
110	Mosaic herbaceous cover (>50%) / tree and shrub (<50%)	0.08	0	1
120	Shrubland	0.08	0	1
122	Deciduous shrubland	0.08	0	1
130	Grassland	0.08	0	1
150	Sparse vegetation (tree, shrub, herbaceous cover) (<15%)	0.3	0	1
152	Sparse shrub (<15%)	0.3	0	1
153	Sparse herbaceous cover (<15%)	0.4	0	1
160	Tree cover, flooded, fresh or brakish water	0.003	0	1
170	Tree cover, flooded, saline water	0.003	0	1
180	Shrub or herbaceous cover, flooded, fresh/saline/brakish water	0.15	0	1
190	Urban areas	0	0	1
200	Bare areas	0.5	0	1
201	Consolidated bare areas	0.15	0	1
202	Unconsolidated bare areas	0.5	0	1

Table S.10: ESA land cover classification linked with C factor ranges of the respective land cover and weights to calculate mixed C values for shared landuses of non crop land cover and crops

S.2 Results for mean C values on district level

Implementing the crop shares from the agricultural surveys in Kenya (KNBS, 2015) and Uganda (UBOS, 2010) we calculated average *C* factor values on district level employing the approach described in the previous section. The tables S.11 and S.12 summarise the calculated mean *C* values for the districts of Kenya and Uganda, respectively.

District	C _{mean}
Baringo	0.338
Bomet	0.315
Bungoma	0.339
Busia	0.332
Elgeyo-Marakwet	0.339
Embu	0.313
Garissa	0.226
Homa Bay	0.338
Isiolo	0.325
Kajiado	0.344
Kakamega	0.335
Kericho	0.357
Kiambu	0.358
Kilifi	0.288
Kirinyaga	0.325
Kisii	0.351
Kisumu	0.317
Kitui	0.33
Kwale	0.375
Laikipia	0.344
Lamu	0.293
Machakos	0.339
Makueni	0.344
Mandera	0.302
Marsabit	0.355
Meru	0.317
Migori	0.347
Mombasa	0
Murang'a	0.343
Nairobi	0.358
Nakuru	0.326
Nandi	0.359
Narok	0.297
Nithi	0.343
Nyamira	0.333
Nyandarua	0.333
Nyeri	0.288
Samburu	0.337

Table S.11: Mean C factor values on district level for Kenya

District	C _{mean}
Siaya	0.355
Taita Taveta	0.331
Tana River	0.295
Trans-Nzoia	0.359
Turkana	0.266
Uasin Gishu	0.339
Vihiga	0.349
Wajir	0.28
West Pokot	0.354

Table S.12: Mean C factor values on district level for Uganda

District	C _{mean}
Abim	0.187
Adjumani	0.092
Amolatar	0.138
Amuria	0.148
Amuru	0.14
Apac	0.106
Arua	0.06
Budaka	0.104
Bududa	0.136
Bugiri	0.17
Bukedea	0.089
Bukwo	0.308
Buliisa	0.025
Bundibugyo	0.108
Bushenyi	0.151
Busia	0.113
Butaleja	0.119
Dokolo	0.135
Gulu	0.182
Hoima	0.095
Ibanda	0.156
Iganga	0.101
Isingiro	0.156
Jinja	0.122
Kaabong	0.262
Kabale	0.171
Kabarole	0.145
Kaberamaido	0.131
Kalangala	0.02
Kaliro	0.158
Kampala	0.127
Kamuli	0.123

District	C _{mean}
Kamwenge	0.164
Kanungu	0.178
Kapchorwa	0.182
Kasese	0.12
Katakwi	0.153
Kayunga	0.116
Kibaale	0.171
Kiboga	0.186
Kiruhura	0.154
Kisoro	0.197
Kitgum	0.228
Koboko	0.117
Kotido	0.26
Kumi	0.099
Kyenjojo	0.157
Lira	0.218
Luwero	0.113
Lyantonde	0.16
Manafwa	0.178
Masaka	0.145
Masindi	0.191
Mayuge	0.131
Mbale	0.148
Mbarara	0.152
Mityana	0.171
Moroto	0.248
Moyo	0.163
Mpigi	0.149
Mubende	0.175
Mukono	0.123
Nakapiripirit	0.246
INAKASEKE	0.158
Nakasongola	0.06
Nahlutumba	0.107
Ntungamo	0.041 0.173
Nyadri	0.173
Ovam	0.079
Pader	0.140
Pallica	0.239
Rakai	0.120
Rukungiri	0.101
Sironko	0.174
Soroti	0.10
Ssembabule	0.074
Tororo	0.046
	0.010

District	C _{mean}
Wakiso	0.114
Yumbe	0.113

S.3 Results for soil loss on district level

In this work the soil loss estimates that resulted from the USLE model ensemble was averaged on district level for all districts of Kenya and Uganda. In the main document only selected erosion prone districts were selected and analyzed with more detail. In the following we summarize the soil loss estimates for all districts of Kenya (Table S.13) and Uganda (Table S.14).

Table S.13: Quantiles of mean soil loss estimates for all Kenyan districts based on the 756 USLE model setups in $tha^{-1}yr^{-1}$

District	A_{min}	$A_{0.025}$	$A_{0.25}$	A _{median}	A _{mean}	$A_{0.75}$	$A_{0.975}$	A_{max}
Baringo	3.8	6.37	14.23	28.5	45.16	52.81	191.96	419.07
Bomet	0.28	0.74	4.66	20.95	46.71	59.13	243.26	535.72
Bungoma	2.24	4.02	14.23	29.4	53.83	68.77	253.74	478.27
Busia	0.14	0.37	2.13	5.76	13.27	14.42	84.66	176.16
Busia	0.42	1.01	5.98	16.68	34.26	46.3	187.06	326.36
Elgeyo-	2.21	4.15	20.54	47.21	85.2	110.6	381.12	797.47
Marakwet								
Embu	1.43	3.49	11.85	24.3	45.26	55.41	216.03	398.7
Garissa	0.04	0.09	0.29	0.62	1.22	1.43	6.07	13.26
Homa Bay	1.27	2.96	12.98	25.4	49.39	64.17	241.87	460.75
Isiolo	0.31	0.46	1.35	2.7	5.11	5.79	24.15	58.87
Kajiado	1.03	1.47	3.89	7.68	12.98	15.6	55.57	138.84
Kakamega	0.57	1.32	7.71	20.23	42.55	53.18	229.32	423.42
Kericho	0.77	1.75	11.35	40.34	85.99	112.63	445.07	880.44
Kiambu	1.62	3.1	8.47	17.06	33.22	41.06	148.06	374.2
Kilifi	0.71	1.1	2.59	5.21	8.55	9.96	37.07	76.14
Kirinyaga	1.7	3.44	10.73	19.94	32.15	39.14	130.04	311.77
Kisii	0.45	1.4	11.03	41.69	87.38	112.13	478.9	855.23
Kisumu	0.77	1.67	8.2	18.87	36.78	48.58	179.19	312.46
Kitui	1.13	1.82	4.82	8.97	15.76	20.05	77.05	120.3
Kwale	1.08	1.74	4.26	8.38	14.26	16.58	65.69	131.82
Laikipia	1.67	2.7	5.78	12.16	19.15	22.38	77.39	154.36
Lamu	0.16	0.27	0.67	1.28	2.21	2.65	10.33	28.36
Machakos	2.21	3.27	8.91	17.72	29.72	36.16	140.89	268.93
Makueni	2.18	3.42	8.82	16.8	28.63	35.4	135.48	257.18
Mandera	0.15	0.28	0.89	1.98	4.08	4.67	18.59	52.47
Marsabit	0.24	0.44	1.39	3.23	6.21	6.98	28.61	77.57
Meru	4.35	6.23	15.49	29.6	47.43	55.31	208.95	381.88
Migori	0.72	1.83	8.79	20.35	40.86	52.09	207.99	401.34
Mombasa	0.24	0.53	2.85	5.82	11.92	14.11	56.94	144.75

District	A_{min}	$A_{0.025}$	$A_{0.25}$	A _{median}	A _{mean}	$A_{0.75}$	$A_{0.975}$	A _{max}
Murang'a	0.91	2.4	13.75	32.42	64.47	74.91	298.77	736.36
Nairobi	0.6	0.99	2.49	4.96	8.19	9.67	30.22	62.62
Nakuru	1.98	3.55	10.32	19.15	34.75	42.17	137.92	327.17
Nandi	0.8	1.67	10.92	44.57	95.42	123.65	501.74	1044.62
Narok	1.94	3.8	9.94	18.79	31.77	38.16	122.35	278.61
Nithi	0.88	2.12	9.61	21.72	41.55	50.02	216.83	401.98
Nyamira	0.36	1.01	7.94	46.09	100.58	129.21	553.75	1049.56
Nyandarua	1.55	2.96	10.19	20.41	37.28	44.56	161.21	421.7
Nyeri	3.75	4.91	15.23	28.99	49.03	58.68	200.25	509.01
Samburu	2.93	4.28	11.13	21.12	35.95	43.86	149.83	364.36
Siaya	0.42	0.93	5.42	14.69	30.4	38.9	161.58	289.34
Taita	1.22	1.85	4.32	8.38	13.9	17.05	53.06	98.17
Taveta								
Tana	0.12	0.2	0.57	1.14	2.21	2.55	10.38	26.09
River								
Trans-	1.06	2.24	8.36	17.34	32.72	41.69	135.38	317.96
Nzoia								
Turkana	0.63	1.16	4.21	8.84	17.56	20.1	87.18	235.97
Uasin	0.45	1.32	5.04	11.16	20.91	26.36	92.86	194.55
Gishu								
Vihiga	1.01	2.43	14.82	42.74	90.58	116.79	490.03	894.4
Wajir	0.05	0.1	0.36	0.84	1.7	2.01	7.96	22.51
West	5.7	8.19	19.57	38.27	62.83	74.23	282.83	658.77
Pokot								

Table S.14: Quantiles of mean soil loss estimates for all Ugandan districts based on the 756 USLE model setups in $tha^{-1}yr^{-1}$

District	A_{min}	$A_{0.025}$	$A_{0.25}$	A_{median}	A _{mean}	A _{0.75}	A _{0.975}	A_{max}
Abim	0.45	0.87	3.77	9.32	19.57	20.93	111.83	266.39
Adjumani	0.17	0.4	1.39	3.54	8.27	8.56	51.3	135.02
Amolatar	0.14	0.32	1	1.96	3.81	4.45	20.53	47.31
Amuria	0.32	0.48	1.34	2.74	4.6	5.56	20.97	47.91
Amuru	0.25	0.61	2.15	4.73	9.51	11.26	51.36	125.75
Apac	0.11	0.25	1.1	2.45	5.38	6.17	32.21	71.53
Arua	0.52	1.09	3.48	7.76	15.51	18.14	87.64	218.54
Budaka	0.26	0.51	1.53	3.46	6.72	7.55	36.1	83.14
Bududa	7.2	16.99	48.59	90.69	138.78	173.71	544.75	1080.05
Bugiri	0.18	0.44	2.18	5.8	12.62	15.63	72.79	144.78
Bukedea	0.29	0.4	1.07	2.54	4.65	5.62	24.03	57.89
Bukwo	4.01	6.71	18.91	40.58	71.78	83.36	346.17	862.47
Buliisa	0.34	0.69	1.8	3.63	6.62	7.74	32.8	81.8
Bundibugyo	2.77	4.81	11.56	22.82	35.2	42.36	149.53	351.58
Bushenyi	0.83	1.62	8.15	21.92	45.47	55.09	234.39	581.16

District	A_{min}	A _{0.025}	A _{0.25}	A _{median}	A _{mean}	$A_{0.75}$	A _{0.975}	A_{max}
Busia	0.14	0.37	2.13	5.76	13.27	14.42	84.66	176.16
Busia	0.42	1.01	5.98	16.68	34.26	46.3	187.06	326.36
Butaleja	0.09	0.22	1.05	2.32	4.94	5.46	26.27	70.94
Dokolo	0.23	0.49	1.65	3.26	6.56	7.63	36.51	82.59
Gulu	0.17	0.43	1.56	3.66	7.27	8.25	43.18	94.47
Hoima	0.38	0.86	3.58	8.73	18.36	20.3	107.23	263.87
Ibanda	0.56	1.18	7.3	22.89	48.91	61.11	255.55	638.36
Iganga	0.1	0.25	1.47	4.19	10.02	10.68	58.44	141.16
Isingiro	1.31	2.96	10.81	21.64	39.31	48.51	176.13	440.66
Jinja	0.35	0.77	3.83	10.23	21.65	25.05	122.2	260.94
Kaabong	1.35	2.08	7.9	15.31	30.26	35.03	140.63	417.29
Kabale	6.33	11.42	38.18	75.16	139.47	168.4	591.69	1528.61
Kabarole	3.51	5.83	17.44	31.97	58.4	71.15	252.52	679.17
Kaberamaido	0.15	0.34	1.37	2.65	5.67	6.57	32.23	72.59
Kalangala	0.44	0.83	2.37	4.56	7.47	9.24	29.94	77.59
Kaliro	0.19	0.43	1.59	3.09	6.62	7.83	37.97	76.33
Kampala	0.36	0.9	2.84	5.78	10.47	12.18	48.75	134.17
Kamuli	0.13	0.31	1.32	3.13	6.88	7.94	38.47	94.85
Kamwenge	0.24	0.52	3.37	11.81	26.91	34.51	142.76	362.28
Kanungu	1.03	2.17	11.96	29.16	58.95	72.99	281.56	716.8
Kapchorwa	3.73	5.72	18.18	35.99	59.51	69.22	273.16	683.5
Kasese	5.87	9.7	28.24	54.78	100.06	116.5	462.94	1456
Katakwi	0.15	0.31	0.84	1.73	2.85	3.37	12.85	31.6
Kayunga	0.06	0.14	0.75	2.66	6.36	7.38	36.85	95.09
Kibaale	0.12	0.27	1.84	12.02	27.74	34.26	154.96	440.75
Kiboga	0.11	0.25	1.79	7.42	16.46	21.55	85.2	184.72
Kiruhura	0.28	0.6	3.51	7.98	17.86	21.00	93.63	219.21
Kisoro	4.17	7.66	26.4	55.33	104.63	123.9	502.82	1176.19
Kitoum	0.35	0.63	21	5.31	11.36	12 15	66.64	175.6
Koboko	0.5	1 14	4.08	8.58	17.76	21.09	96.81	255.96
Kotido	0.26	0.43	1.00	2 44	4 67	5 45	20.23	200.90 54.87
Kumi	0.20	0.10	1 39	2.11	5.5	6.76	26.23	61.67
Kveniojo	0.00	0.4)	1.57	12.67	29.33	37 14	156.18	408.83
Liro	0.00	0.21	2.01	3 76	27.55	8.96	33 35	400.05 68.17
Lita	0.25	0.50	2.01	5.70 4.44	10.47	12.61	61 59	1/3 02
Luwero	0.05	1.05	0.05	10.64	10.47	24.01	112 22	280.42
Manafwa	0.45	1.05 6.27	4.70 21.04	10.04	Z1.0Z 75.25	24.90 02.07	224 56	200.45
Magaka	2.02	0.27	21.9 4 4 4	45.10	20.52	92.97	100.07	704.10
Masindi	0.45	0.9	4.4	10.10	20.55	24.71 12.67	E4 42	110.20
Masman	0.11	0.26	1.30	4.62	10.04	12.07	04.45 06.40	110.00 004 E4
Mayuge	0.24	0.6	2.70	7.64	10.94	19.9	96.49	224.34
Mbale	0.8	1.86	8.88 10.92	20.37	39.45	47.56	192.09	491.53
Nibarara	1.17	2.4	10.83	22.35 12.11	44.29	53.06	216.08	537.82
Mityana	0.11	0.24	1.38	13.11	29.6	37.63	163.1	421.42
Moroto	0.34	0.54	2.61	6.22	12.15	14.5	54.41	143.37
Moyo	0.75	1.54	5	11.57	23.45	25.48	128.32	348.41
Mpigi	0.17	0.4	2.48	9.51	21.05	26.32	117.76	266.3

District	A_{min}	$A_{0.025}$	$A_{0.25}$	A_{median}	A _{mean}	$A_{0.75}$	A _{0.975}	A_{max}
Mubende	0.13	0.32	2.34	14.12	32.39	40.82	179.79	483.67
Mukono	0.25	0.57	2.87	9.73	22.68	27.35	135.69	283.77
Nakapiripirit	0.61	1.18	3.43	6.65	12.36	15.37	53.39	131.04
Nakaseke	0.08	0.16	1	3.06	6.69	8.38	37.5	82.68
Nakasongola	0.11	0.18	0.59	1.34	2.93	3.24	14.96	49.23
Namutumba	0.19	0.42	1.6	3.61	7.82	8.27	46.96	98.26
Nebbi	0.72	1.42	4.41	10.73	21.97	23.54	130.48	320.27
Ntungamo	1.55	3.24	13.54	27.23	51.78	63.08	233.03	589.4
Nyadri	0.69	1.33	4.36	9.5	17.84	20.65	89.71	245.9
Oyam	0.1	0.22	1.19	2.95	6.65	7.86	36.78	85.58
Pader	0.16	0.32	1.23	3.19	6.52	6.5	40.92	91.25
Pallisa	0.25	0.51	1.56	3.25	6.15	7.1	31.89	75.11
Rakai	0.83	1.59	6.37	13.15	25.6	30.5	127.61	289.09
Rukungiri	0.87	1.7	9.16	23.16	47.04	56.62	226.57	555.65
Sironko	3.02	5.88	17.71	34.32	54.44	68.44	214.86	512.23
Soroti	0.27	0.43	1.23	2.96	5.43	6.18	31.19	67.77
Ssembabule	0.18	0.45	2.94	7.78	16.82	19.53	89.37	226.69
Tororo	0.3	0.49	1.61	4.46	10.21	10.28	69.82	152
Wakiso	0.36	0.75	3.77	9.96	22.18	25.48	128.6	283.77
Yumbe	0.26	0.64	2.12	4.44	8.68	10.26	43.56	129.48

The distributions of the mean soil losses that resulted from all 756 USLE model realizations are additionally plotted for the districts of Kenya and Uganda in the figures S.1 and S.2.



Figure S.1: Mean soil loss in the districts of Kenya. The grey dots show the estimated soil losses from all 756 USLE realizations. The boxplots represent the quantiles for the district results.



Figure S.2: Mean soil loss in the districts of Uganda. The grey dots show the estimated soil losses from all 756 USLE realizations. The boxplots represent the quantiles for the district results.

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