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**Scope of assessment**: actions to enhance soil fertility for agricultural systems across the world.

**Effectiveness measure** is the median % score.

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**Certainty measure** is the median % certainty of evidence, determined by the quantity and quality of the evidence in the synopsis.

**Harm measure** is the median % score for negative side-effects for the farmer such as reduced yield, crop quality or profits, or increased costs.

This book is meant as a guide to the evidence available for different conservation interventions and as a starting point in assessing their effectiveness. The assessments are based on the available evidence for the target group of species for each intervention. The assessment may therefore refer to different species or habitat to the one(s) you are considering. Before making any decisions about implementing interventions it is vital that you read the more detailed accounts of the evidence in order to assess their relevance for your study species or system.

## Full details of the evidence are available at www.conservationevidence.com

There may also be significant negative side-effects on the target groups or other species or communities that have not been identified in this assessment.

A lack of evidence means that we have been unable to assess whether or not an intervention is effective or has any harmful impacts.