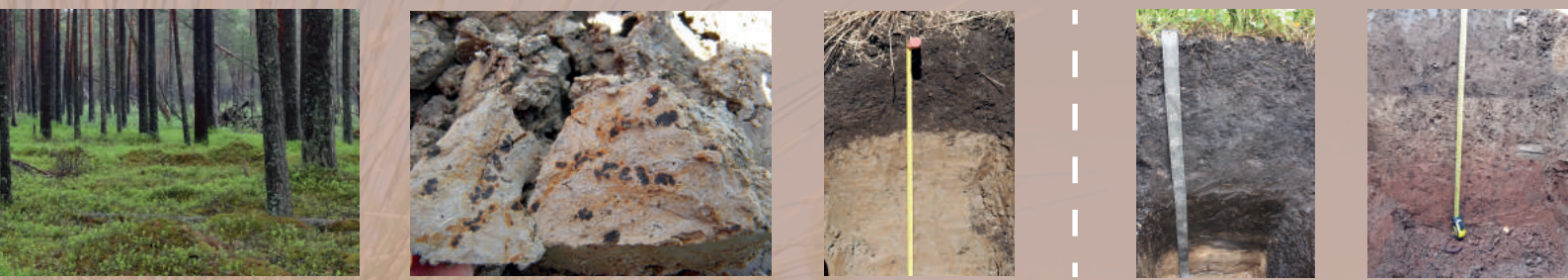


Soils of Estonia

The main soil types are Gleysols covering 28 % of the total land area and 17% of agricultural area and Histosols making up 13,8 % of the total land area and 7,8 % of the total cultivated area.



In Central and Southern Estonia where the study area locates the main soil types are Luvisols with variable texture and calcareousness.

Specific soil degradation problems:

Unbalanced use of nutrients



Decomposition of organic matter



Compaction



Erosion

Soil acidification

