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STSM title: WOCAT Training (World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies)

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Topic summary: The main objective of the visit was to learn about WOCAT for documenting, assessment and monitoring sustainable land management (SLM) practices.

Methods summary: We learned WOCAT tools: Questionnaire on SLM ; Technologies (QT); Questionnaire on SLM Approaches (QA); Questionnaire on SLM Mapping land degradation and sustainable land management (QM); Module on SLM Watershed Management (QW); Module on SLM Climate Change (QC).

Results and implications for restoration: The main result I obtained from this STSM is the knowledge about the WOCAT project and the tools that are required. I expanded my vision, from a purely technical approach, and learned the importance of the questionnaires for obtaining knowledge from other perspectives.

The WOCAT website was very useful and the way information about sustainable land management can be transferred elsewhere. There are many examples of technologies, so it is very probable to get find one suitable for a given purpose. From my point of view, this is one of the strengths of WOCAT.

Relevant web links: <https://www.wocat.net>



Permanent cover crop on olive grove



Bare soil in an olive grove