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I. Explanatory note

1. Introduction

This exploratory soil map of Kenya, at printing scale 1:1,000,000, is the fourth attempt of presenting the soils of the country comprehensively. It takes into account the information available at the end of 1979. The first provisional map of the country was included in Milne's provisional soil map of East Africa of 1936, at scale 1:2,000,000 (Milne, 1936). The second map at scale 1:2,000,000, was prepared by Gethin-Jones and Scott for the first edition of the National Atlas of Kenya (Gethin-Jones and Scott, 1959). Essentially the same information was used by Scott for the 1:4,000,000 soil map of East Africa as figuring in Morgan's book on the peoples and natural resources of the region (Scott, 1969).

In all these maps, the soils were presented largely following the "Catena" concept developed by Milne. This concept was used either in its narrow sense (first class catena: a regular sequence of soil types down a slope, derived from the same parent material) or in its wider sense (second class catena: a regular sequence, but derived from different parent materials). The soils terminology applied was basically the early U.S.A. soil classification (Baldwin, Kellogg and Thorp, 1938), which often had a descriptive East African terminology included.

The catena concept was taken a step further, into a "land system" approach, with the preparation of a "Land System Atlas for the western part of Kenya", scale 1:500,000 (Scott, Webster and Lawrence, 1970). In this publication the soils terminology applied was the one developed by the Commission for Technical Cooperation in Africa (CCTA) for the continent as a whole (D'Hoore, 1964).

2. Map compilation and accuracy

It should be stressed that the information contained in the map and its legend is of a schematic and often generalised nature. Only for some areas of the country there existed - at the end of 1979 - published soil surveys at reconnaissance or more detailed level. The data of a number of other surveys were at that time available only in a preliminary form. In both cases, the data had to be strongly compressed to enable presentation on a 1:1,000,000 scale. Much information became "hidden" in this process.

Readers are therefore advised to consult the final maps and reports of these surveys. For more information on these survey areas, the reader is referred to the soil survey inventory maps and the lists of publications as regularly published by the Kenya Soil Survey.

For all areas where such surveys - preliminary or final - did not exist at the end of 1979, the compilation of the mapping pattern and the characterisation of the mapping units is based on scattered observations (surface, augerholes and profile pits) throughout the country. These were carried out during a number of exploratory field trips during the years 1973 to 1977 inclusive. The observation sites were chosen after preceding consultation of existing topographic, geologic and vegetation maps, aerial photographs and especially satellite imagery (ERTS-LANDSAT), to ensure the best degree of representativeness of the sites. The same documents were used for the final delineation of the mapping units. For the characterisation of a mapping unit, the field descriptions and laboratory data of the exploratory trips were compared and compiled (the original forms of these can be consulted at the KSS Data Storage). In some cases, use could also be made of the existing soil data cards of the former EAAFRO soils section at Muguga.

Notwithstanding the above data gathering, there are still a number of mapping units for which the soils information is little more than intelligent guess work. This applies in particular to several units in the northeastern part of the country and also to some areas in the so-called "high-potential" parts of the country west of the Rift Valley. It may be expected that in a decade's time a new edition of the exploratory soil map of the country will be prepared, with far more accurate information, based on ongoing and future KSS survey work.

3. Composition of the legend

In a way, the catena has been maintained in the present map. However, the enlarged scale of mapping allowed in many cases for separate presentation of the main elements of the major catena's. In other cases, the soils are presented as associations or complexes.

The soils pattern in Kenya is very intricate, due to striking differences in altitude, landforms (their shape, stability, age), geology and climate (including past climates). In general, the present map attempts to visualise the complex relation landforms-geology-soils through a methodology as developed by the Kenya Soil Survey from 1972 onwards ("physiographic soil survey").

The landforms, described in a pragmatic rather than strictly geomorphologic way, are the first entry to the legend. They should give the reader of the maps a first insight in the physiography of the country, the altitudes and the slope patterns. The landforms are also reflected in the first capital letter of the mapping unit symbol, where necessary with a rider of lower-case letter and/or a digit (see table 1).

The geological units form the second entry to the legend and are also presented by capitals. Also in this case, the grouping is done pragmatically (see table 2), mainly according to the resistance to weathering of the rock and the richness of the parent material. This allows for a correlation between the type of parent material and the soil formation.

The third entry of the legend describes the main soil, the soil association or the soil complex of the individual mapping units in a descriptive terminology, again applying the standards at present in use at the Kenya Soil Survey for more detailed mapping (KSS Staff, 1980). Such descriptive terminology is applied to allow the interested non-soil specialists (agronomists, planners, extension officers, geography teachers) an insight in the features of the soils concerned, without being put off by the complicated terminology of modern soil taxonomists.

For the latter, however, the scientific classification of the soils is indicated between brackets at the end of the description. This classification is also reflected in the lower-case lettering at the end of the symbols that denote the various mapping units (see details in table 4). This lettering is a divergence from the current practise at the KSS for more detailed mapping, where a pragmatic combination of lower-case letters and digits is applied, denoting a number of soil characteristics. The reasons for this change are the following: a) the practical impossibility to apply these notations, in view of the number of the mapping units of the present map (about 380); b) the confidence gained over the past years with the application of the FAO/Unesco soils terminology c) the possibility for easy correlation of the soils of Kenya with those in neighbouring countries and other tropical and subtropical regions, on the basis of the existing FAO/Unesco "Soil Map of the World" at scale 1:5,000,000 (1974).

4. Soil classification and soil phases

As intimated above, the soil classification applied is the FAO/Unesco soils terminology (FAO 1974), slightly adapted to Kenyan conditions (cf. Siderius and Van der Pouw, 1980). This terminology is not yet a categoric soil classification system in the strict sense of the word, but rather a system of reference between the different existing official classification systems

with an international reach. It was, however, felt at KSS that the terminology provides for an easier understandable and memorable framework of classification than the official systems. It is moreover better suited to highlight the important differences between the Kenyan soils at high categoric level (e.g. Nitosols, Planosols, Solonchets).

Although the soil classification appears last in the legend, the colours of the map denote the main soils classification-wise, according to the following scheme: light purple: Andosols; dark purple: Nitosols, bright red to bright yellow: Ferralsols; etc.

Finally, a number of properties of the soil or the land that are of direct importance for soil management, such as shallowness, stoniness and salinity are indicated as phases of the soil mapping units. They are reflected by a letter directly underneath the unit symbols, and by screens on the map (see details in table 5).

5. Accompanying maps (under preparation)

The soil map will be accompanied by a map, at the same scale, on the agroclimatological zonation of the country, as prepared by H.M.H. Braun of KSS. It will provide an insight in the intricate pattern of moisture and temperature regimes as they are of importance for agriculture in its broadest sense.

The information of the soil map and the agroclimatology map is combined and translated into a land evaluation key for some major land use alternatives/land utilization types (rainfed arable farming, dry farming, forestry, range management, irrigation).

Again, it should be stressed that the land suitabilities indicated in this key are of necessity of a broad and provisional nature. This is not only because of the restrictions inherent to the small scale of the map, but also because some land qualities have not been taken into account: country-wide maps at the same scale on vegetation/range condition and on surface/ground water resources do not yet exist. Nevertheless, the land suitability indications given should form a provisional guide for planning of the agricultural development of the country, at national, provincial and even district level. For that purpose, copies of a black and white combined version of the soil and agroclimatology maps, at an enlarged scale of 1:500.000 are available at KSS in Nairobi. They may be hand-coloured by the user, following the land evaluation key, to obtain a visual impression on the various land suitabilities.

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Table 1. Glossary of landforms

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Landform</u>	<u>Page</u>
A	floodplains	57
B	bottomlands	55
D	dunes	60
F	footslopes	24
F/Y	footslopes and piedmont plains undifferentiated	26
H	hills and minor scarps	15
Hs	step-faulted scarps of the Rift Valley	18
L	plateaus and high-level structural plains	18
Lc	coastal plateaus	22
Ls	step-faulted floor of the Rift Valley	21
Lu	plateau/upper-level upland transitions	22
La	Lava flows	60
M	mountains and major scarps	14
P	plains	41
Pc	coastal plains	51
Pd	dissected erosional plains	45
Pf	sedimentary plains of large alluvial fans	54
Pf1	older fans	54
Pf2	younger fans	55
P1	lacustrine plains	52
Pn	non-dissected erosional plains	41
Ps	sedimentary plains	46
Ps1	higher-level plain ("red sand" plain)	46
Ps2	middle-level plains ("enclosed" plain and "sealing loam" plain)	47
Ps3	lower-level plain ("grey clay" plain)	48
Ps	undifferentiated levels	49
Pt	sedimentary plains of upper river terraces	54
Pv	volcanic plains	50
R	volcanic footridges	22
S	swamps	59
T	tidal swamps (mangrove)	61
U	uplands	28
U1	upper-level uplands	28
U2	upper middle-level uplands	28
U3	lower middle-level uplands	30
U4	lower-level uplands	33
Uc	coastal uplands	38
Up	upland-plain transitional lands	39
U	undifferentiated upland levels	36
V	minor valleys	61
W	badlands	60
Y	piedmont plains	26
Z	beach ridges	60

Table 2. Glossary of geology

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Geology</u>
A	(alluvial) sediments from various sources
B	basic and ultrabasic igneous rocks (basalts, etc)
B ⁺	like B, but with volcanic ash mixture
D	mudstones
E	aeolian sediments (cover sands)
F	gneisses rich in ferromagnesian minerals/hornblende gneisses)
G	granites, granodiorites
G ⁺	like G, but with recent volcanic ash admixture
G/P	like G, but with predominant volcanic ash influence
G/F	biotite-hornblende granites
G/F ⁺	like G/F, but with volcanic ash admixture
G/R	complex of G and R
I	intermediate igneous rocks (syenite, etc.)
I ⁺	like I, but with volcanic ash admixture
J	lagoonal deposits
K	siltstones
K/T	complex of K and T
L	limestones/calcareous mudstones/marls
N	biotite gneisses
N ⁺	like N, but with volcanic ash mixture
O	Plio-Pleistocene bay sediments
P	pyroclastic rocks
Q	quartzites
R	quartz-feldspar gneisses
S	sandstones, grits, arkoses
T	shales
U	undifferentiated Basement System rocks (predominantly gneisses)
U ⁺	like U, but with volcanic ash admixture
U/P	like U, but with predominant volcanic ash influence
V	undifferentiated igneous rocks
W	marls
X	various parent materials
X ⁺	like X, but with volcanic ash admixture
Y	acid igneous rocks (rhyolite, aplite)
Y ⁺	like Y, but with volcanic ash admixture

Table 3. List of symbols of landform-geology combinations
(alphabetically)

Symbol	Page	Symbol	Page	Symbol	Page
AA	58	La	60	PnB	41
AB	57			PnB ⁺	41
AL	58	LB	19	PnF ⁺	42
AO	58	LD	18	PnG ⁺	42
AP	57			PnG/P	42
AU	58	LG/F ⁺	21	PnK	44
AV	57	LI	21	PnK/T	44
		LL	18	PnL	42
BI	56	LP	20	PnM ⁺	42
BJ	56	LQ	21	PnS	45
BL	56	LR	21	PnT	44
BP	55			PnU	43
BS	56	LcE	22	PnU ⁺	43
BU	56	LcL	22	PnU/P	43
BV	55	LcS	22	PnX	44
		LsB	21		
D	60	LuP	22	Ps1K	46
				Ps1S	46
FE	25	MF	15	Ps1U	46
FL	25	MP	14	Ps2F	47
FP	24	MU	15	Ps2O	48
FQ	25	MV	14	Ps2S	47
FS	26			Ps2U	47
FU	25	Pc1J	51		
FV	24	Pc2J	51	Ps3A	49
FX ⁺	26	Pc3J	51	Ps3O	48
FY ⁺	24	PcL	52	Ps3V	48
F/YK	26	PdN	46	PsE	49
F/YL	26	PdU	45	PsW	49
F/YU	26	PdV	46		
		PdW	45	PtL	54
HB	16	PdX	45	PtO	54
HC	16			PtU	54
HI	16	Pf1O	54		
HK	17	Pf1U	54	PvB	50
HL	18	Pf2O	55	PvP	50
HP	15			RE	22
HQ	17	P1A	52	RB ⁺	23
HS	17	P1B	52	RP	24
HU	17	P1D	53	RV	22
HV	15	P1L	52		
HX ⁺	17	P1P	53	S	59
HY ⁺	16	P1V	52	T	61
HsV	18			ULI ⁺	28

Symbol	Page	Symbol	Page
U1U	28	UpB	39
U1Y ⁺	28	UpB ⁺	40
U2B	28	UpF	40
U2F	30	UpH	40
U2G	29	UpH ⁺	41
U2I ⁺	29	UpU	41
U2N	30	UpY ⁺	40
U2Q	30	V	61
U2U	29	W0	60
U2X	30	WX	60
U2X ⁺	30	YL	28
U2Y ⁺	29	YP	27
U3B	31	YU	27
U3F	32	YV	26
U3G	31	Z1	60
U3G/F	31	Z2	60
U3I	31	Z3	61
U3N	32		
U3P	30		
U3Q	32		
U3U	32		
U3U ⁺	33		
U3X	33		
U3Y	31		
U4B	33		
U4I	34		
U4F	35		
U4G	35		
U4G/R	35		
U4N	35		
U4U	35		
U4X	36		
U4Y	34		
UB	37		
UB/P	37		
UP	37		
UU	38		
UV	36		
UcI	39		
UcK	38		
UcO	39		
UcS	33		
UcT	39		
UcX	39		

Table 4 Glossary of classification units and symbols ¹⁾
(sequence according to the "Key to the Soil Units"
of the FAO/Unesco legend of their "Soil Map of
the World")

<u>o</u>	<u>HISTOSOLS</u>	<u>q</u>	<u>ARENOSOLS</u>
od	dystic Histosols	qf	ferralic Arenosols
<u>i</u>	<u>LITHOSOLS</u>	ql	luvic Arenosols
	(no subdivision)	qa	albic Arenosols
		qc	cambic Arenosols
		qk	calcaric Arenosols
		qk	calcareo-cambic Arenosols
<u>v</u>	<u>VERTISOLS</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>REGOSOLS</u>
vp	pellic Vertisols	re	eutric Regosols
vc	chromic Vertisols	rt	ando-calcaric Regosols
<u>j</u>	<u>FLUVISOLS</u>	rd	dystic Regosols
jc	calcaric Fluvisols	re	calcaric Regosols
je	eutric Fluvisols		
jt	thionic Fluvisols	<u>u</u>	<u>RANKERS</u>
			(no subdivision)
<u>z</u>	<u>OLONCHAKS</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>RENDZINAS</u>
zo	orthic Solonchaks	eo	orthic Rendzinas
zt	takyric Solonchaks	ec	cambic Rendzinas
zg	gleyic Solonchaks		
<u>g</u>	<u>GLEYSOLS</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>FERRALSOLS</u>
gv	vertic Gleysols	fr	rhodic Ferralsols
gc	calcaric Gleysols	fn	nito-rhodic Ferralsols
gm	mollic Gleysols	fn	nito-humic Ferralsols
gd	dystic Gleysols	fh	humic Ferralsols
gh	humic Gleysols	fa	acric Ferralsols
		fo	orthic Ferralsols
<u>t</u>	<u>ANDOSOLS</u>	<u>w</u>	<u>PLANOSOLS</u>
tm	mollic Andosols	wo	eutric Planosols
th	humic Andosols	wv	verto-eutric Planosols
tu	vitric Andosols	ws	solodic Planosols
to	orthic Andosols	wh	humic Planosols
		wd	dystic Planosols

- 1) For soil complexes which include many different units
a C is used in the symbol of the mapping unit.

Table 4 cont'd

s	<u>SOLONETZ</u>	a	<u>ACRISOLS</u>
sm	mollic Solonetz	ah	humic Acrisols
sl	luvo-orthic Solonetz	ac	chromic Acrisols
so	orthic Solonetz	ai	ferralo-chromic Acrisols
sg	gleyic Solonetz	ai	ferralo-ferric Acrisols
		ai	ferralo-orthic Acrisols
m	<u>GREYZEMS</u>	ao	orthic Acrisols
mv	verto-orthic Greyzems	ag	gleyic Acrisols
mo	orthic Greyzems		
		l	<u>LUVISOLS</u>
c	<u>CHERNOZEMS</u>	lk	calcic Luvisols
ch	haplic Chernozems	lv	vertic Luvisols
ck	calcic Chernozems	lc	chromic Luvisols
		lo	orthic Luvisols
k	<u>KASTANOZEMS</u>	li	ferralo-ferric Luvisols
kh	haplic Kastanozems	li	ferralo-orthic Luvisols
		li	ferralo-chromic Luvisols
h	<u>PHAEZEMS</u>	lf	ferric Luvisols
hv	verto-luvic Phaeozems	lg	gleyic Luvisols
hr	chromo-luvic Phaeozems	la	albic Luvisols
ho	ortho-luvic Phaeozems	ln	nito-ferric Luvisols
hg	gleyic Phaeozems	ln	nito-chromic Luvisols
hh	haplic Phaeozems		
ht	ando-luvic Phaeozems	b	<u>CAMBISOLS</u>
ht	ando-haplic Phaeozems	bn	nito-chromic Cambisols
		bh	humic Cambisols
x	<u>XEROSOLS</u>	bc	chromic Cambisols
xk	calcic Xerosols	bt	ando-eutric Cambisols
xh	haplic Xerosols	bt	ando-chromic Cambisols
xy	gypsic Xerosols	bf	ferralic Cambisols
		bk	calcic Cambisols
n	<u>NITOSOLS</u>	bc	eutric Cambisols
ne	eutric Nitosols	bd	dystic Cambisols
nv	verto-eutric Nitosols	bg	gleyic Cambisols
nt	ando-humic Nitosols		
nm	mollic Nitosols		
nh	humic Nitosols		
nd	dystic Nitosols		

Table 5. List of soil phases and key to soil depth classes.

A. List of soil phases

soil depth phases

- k petrocalcic phase
50-100 cm deep over petrocalcic material ("kunkar")
- K petrocalcic phase
0-50 cm deep over petrocalcic material ("kunkar")
- m petroferric phase
50-100 cm deep over petroferric material ("murrum")
- M petroferric phase
0-50 cm deep over petroferric material ("murrum")
- p lithic or paralithic phase
0-50 cm deep over rock

rockiness and stoniness phases

- r rocky phase
- g gravelly phase
- s stony phase
- b bouldery phase
- gm gravel-mantle phase
- sm stone-mantle phase
- bm boulder-mantle phase

salinity and sodicity phases

- a saline phase
- o sodic phase
- ao saline-sodic phase

B. Key to soil depth classes

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 0 - 50 cm | shallow |
| 50 - 80 cm | moderately deep |
| 80 - 120 cm | deep |
| 120 - 180 cm | very deep |
| more than 180 cm | extremely deep |

II. LEGEND OF THE EXPLORATORY SOIL MAP OF KENYA

- | | | |
|----|---|---|
| M | <u>MOUNTAINS AND MAJOR SCARPS</u> | |
| MV | <u>Soils developed on olivine basalts and ashes of major older volcanoes</u> | |
| 1. | MVtm | well drained, moderately deep, dark reddish brown, smeary clay loam, with humic topsoil (mollic ANDOSOLS) |
| 2. | MVne | well drained, deep, dusky red to dark reddish brown, friable clay (eutric NITOSOLS) |
| 3. | MVbn | well drained, shallow, dark reddish brown, friable, rocky and stony clay loam (nito-chromic CAMBISOLS, rocky phase) |
| 4. | MVbh | well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown, friable, humic, rocky and stony clay loam (nito-humic CAMBISOLS, rocky phase) |
| 5. | MVod | imperfectly drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark greyish brown, very friable, acid humic to peaty, loam to clay loam, with rock outcrops and ice in the highest parts (dystic HISTOSOLS, lithic phase; with LITHOSOLS, rock outcrops and ice). |
| 6. | MVth | well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, very friable and smeary, clay loam to clay, with thick, acid humic topsoil; in places shallow to moderately deep and rocky (humic ANDOSOLS, partly lithic phase) |
| 7. | MVbn | well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, rocky and bouldery, clay loam to clay; in places with humic topsoil (nito-chromic CAMBISOLS; with haplic PHAEOZEMS, lithic phase, LITHOSOLS, eutric REGOSOLS and Rock Outcrops) |
| 8. | MVro | well drained, shallow, dark brown, firm, rocky and stony, clay loam (eutric REGOSOLS; with Rock Outcrops) |
| MP | <u>Soils developed on ashes and other pyroclastic rocks of recent volcanoes</u> | |
| 9. | MPrt | somewhat excessively drained, shallow to moderately deep, brown to dark brown, firm and slightly smeary, strongly calcareous, gravelly to stony clay loam; in many places saline and/or sodic and with inclusions of lava fields (ando-calcaric REGOSOLS) |

- MF Soils developed on Basement System rocks rich in ferromagnesian minerals
10. MFbc complex of well drained soils, ranging from shallow, rocky and stony to deep, non-rocky and non-stony, dark red to dark brown, friable to firm, sandy loam to sandy clay (chromic CAMBISOLS, partly lithic phase; with eutric REGOSOLS and Rock Outcrops)
- MU Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks, predominantly gneisses
11. MUbh well drained, moderately deep, reddish brown to brown, friable, stony sandy clay loam, with humic topsoil (humic CAMBISOLS: with eutric REGOSOLS and Rock Outcrops)
12. MUbC somewhat excessively drained, shallow to moderately deep, reddish brown, friable, rocky and stony, sandy clay loam (eutric CAMBISOLS with LITHOSOLS, eutric REGOSOLS and Rock Outcrops)
- H HILLS AND MINOR SCARPS
- HV Soils developed on undifferentiated Tertiary volcanic rocks (olivine basalts, rhyolites, andesites)
13. HVi well drained, shallow, dark reddish brown, friable, very calcareous, bouldery or stony, loam to clay loam; in many places saline (LITHOSOLS; with calcic XEROSOLS, bouldery and saline phase and Rock Outcrops)
14. HVrc complex of well drained to moderately well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark brown, firm, stony, clay loam to clay; in places with humic topsoil (eutric REGOSOLS; with verto-luvic PHAEZEMS, partly lithic phase)
- HP Soils developed on ashes and other pyroclastic rocks of recent volcanoes
15. HPtm well drained, moderately deep to deep, black, very friable and smeary, very gravelly loam, with humic topsoil (mollic ANDOSOLS)
16. HPbt somewhat excessively drained, shallow, dark brown to brown, friable and slightly smeary, rocky and stony clay loam (ando-eutric CAMBISOLS, lithic and stony phase; with Rock Outcrops)

17. HPTm+bt complex of:
- well drained, deep to very deep, dark brown to greyish brown, friable and smeary clay loam, with thick humic topsoil (mollic ANDOSOLS)
- soils of unit HPbt
- HI Soils developed on intermediate igneous rocks (syenites, trachytes, etc.)
18. HIhv well drained to moderately well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, firm, bouldery or stony clay, with humic topsoil
(verto-luvic PHAEZOZEMS, lithic and bouldery phase)
- HB Soils developed on basic igneous rocks (serpentinites, basalts, nepheline phonolites; older basic tuffs included)
19. HBi well drained, very shallow to moderately deep, very dark brown, firm, stony and rocky, clay loam
(LITHOSOLS; with verto-luvic PHAEZOZEMS, lithic phase and Rock Outcrops)
20. HBbh somewhat excessively drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown, friable, gravelly clay, with acid humic topsoil
(humic CAMBISOLS, partly paralithic phase)
21. HBbn well drained, shallow, dark reddish brown, friable, rocky and stony clay loam
(nito-chromic CAMBISOLS, lithic phase; with Rock Outcrops)
- HY⁺ Soils developed on acid igneous rocks (rhyolites, aplites), with recent volcanic ash admixture
22. HY⁺u somewhat excessively drained, shallow, dark reddish brown, friable, gravelly clay; in places with humic topsoil, partly acid
(RANKERS; with ando-haplic PHAEZOZEMS, lithic phase and LITHOSOLS)
- HG Soils developed on granites
23. HGrd complex of somewhat excessively drained, shallow, stony and rocky soils of varying colour, consistence and texture (dystic REGOSOLS; with ferralic CAMBISOLS, lithic phase and Rock Outcrops)

- HQ Soils developed on quartzites
24. HQu somewhat excessively drained, shallow, dark brown, very friable, rocky, sandy loam to clay loam; in many places with acid humic topsoil (RAINKERS; with LITHOSOLS and Rock Outcrops)
- HX Soils developed on various parent materials (mixed igneous and metamorphic rocks)
25. HXbc well drained, shallow, reddish brown, friable, rocky and stony, sandy clay to clay (chromic CAMBISOLS, lithic phase; with eutric REGOSOLS, LITHOSOLS and Rock Outcrops)
- HU Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks, predominantly gneisses
26. HUr somewhat excessively drained, shallow, reddish brown, friable, rocky or stony, sandy clay loam (eutric REGOSOLS; with Rock Outcrops and calcic CAMBISOLS)
27. HUr complex of excessively drained to well drained, shallow, dark red to brown, friable, sandy clay loam to clay; in many places rocky, bouldery and stony and in places with acid humic topsoil (dystic REGOSOLS; with LITHOSOLS, humic CAMBISOLS lithic phase and Rock Outcrops)
28. HUb somewhat excessively drained to well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown to brown, friable, rocky and stony, sandy clay to clay; in many places with acid humic topsoil (humic CAMBISOLS, lithic phase; with LITHOSOLS/REGOSOLS, chromic LUVISOLS, lithic phase and Rock Outcrops)
29. HUb somewhat excessively drained, predominantly moderately deep, red, very friable, sandy clay loam to sandy clay; in places rocky (ferralic CAMBISOLS; with rhodic or orthic FERRALSOLS and Rock Outcrops)
- HS Soils developed on Jurassic sandstones, grits and conglomerates
30. HSr well drained, shallow, brown, friable, rocky and stony, sandy clay loam (on hills and plateau rests) (eutric REGOSOLS)
- HK Soils developed on fine sandstones, siltstones and sandy limestones (Jurassic-Cretaceous)
31. HKi somewhat excessively drained, shallow, dark brown, friable, rocky and stony clay loam (on hills and plateau rests) (LITHOSOLS)

- HL Soils developed on limestones and calcitic mudstones
32. HLi (sedimentary limestones and calcitic mudstones)
somewhat excessively drained, shallow, strongly
calcareous, stony clay (on hills and plateau
rests) (LITHOSOLS)
33. HLeC (Kambo sedimentary limestone)
well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark
brown to yellowish brown, firm, moderately
calcareous clay (cambic REUDZINAS)
34. HLeo (crystalline limestones)
somewhat excessively drained, shallow, dark grey,
firm, moderately calcareous, stony clay
(orthic REUDZINAS)
- Hs STEP-FAULTED SCARPS OF THE RIFT VALLEY
- HsV Soils developed on undifferentiated Tertiary volcanic
rocks (olivine basalts, rhyolites, andesites)
35. HsVi predominantly well drained, shallow, dark reddish
brown, friable, strongly calcareous, rocky or
stony, clay loam; in many places saline
(LITHOSOLS; with Rock Outcrops and XEROSOLS,
bouldery and saline phase)
- PLATEAUS AND HIGH-LEVEL STRUCTURAL PLAINS
- LD Soils developed on Tertiary claystones
- (Danissa beds, "intermediate" peneplain)
36. LDfr well drained, deep, dark red, friable clay, over
 (m) petroplinthite (rhodic FERRALSOLS, petroferrie
 phase)
- LL Soils developed on Jurassic limestones
- ("Muguda surface", structural plain)
37. LLlk well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark
 (k) reddish brown, firm, moderately calcareous clay,
 often over petrocalcic material (on oolitic
 limestones)
 (calcic LUVISOLS, petrocalcic phase)
38. LLi well drained, shallow, dark reddish brown, firm,
 (b) moderately calcareous, bouldery clay loam (on
 non-oolitic limestones and calcitic mudstones)
 (LITHOSOLS, bouldery phase)

39. LLbk (p) well drained, shallow, red, moderately calcareous, sandy loam (on dolomitic limestones)
(calcic CAMBISOLS, lithic phase)
- LB Soils developed on Tertiary basic igneous rocks
(olivine basalts, nepheline phonolites; older,
basio tuffs included)
40. LBxk (bm) well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown, firm, strongly calcareous clay loam, with stony to bouldery surface, partly saline and/or sodic
(calcic XEROSOLS, boulder-mantle and saline-sodic phase)
41. LBbc (bm) well drained, shallow, brown, firm, gravelly clay; with stony to bouldery surface
(chromic CAMBISOLS, lithic and boulder-mantle phase)
42. LBhv well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, friable to firm, slightly cracking clay; in places with humic topsoil
(vertic-eutric NITOSOLS; with mollic NITOSOLS)
43. LBhr (p) well drained, shallow to moderately deep, reddish brown, firm clay loam, with humic topsoil
(chromo-luvic PHAEZOZEMS, partly lithic phase)
44. LBho well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark brown, firm clay, with thick humic topsoil
(ortho-luvic PHAEZOZEMS)
45. LBhv well drained to moderately well drained, deep, very dark greyish brown, firm and slightly cracking clay, with thick humic topsoil
(vertic-luvic PHAEZOZEMS)
46. LBvc imperfectly drained, deep, very dark greyish brown, very firm, cracking clay (chromic VERTISOLS)
47. LBvp+hv imperfectly drained, deep, black to dark grey, very firm, slightly to strongly cracking clay
(pellic VERTISOLS and vertic-luvic PHAEZOZEMS)
48. LBwo imperfectly drained, deep, dark greyish brown, firm clay (hardpan), abruptly underlying a topsoil of sandy clay loam (eutric PLANOSOLS)
49. LBfn+bn well drained, shallow to very deep, dark red, friable clay; in many places rocky and bouldery
(nito-rhodic FERRALSOLS and nito-chromic CAMBISOLS, lithic and/or bouldery phase)
50. LBv+g complex of:
(M) - moderately well drained, shallow, yellowish red to dark yellowish brown, friable, gravelly clay over petro plinthite or rock (50-70%),
(murram cuirass soils, with some LITHOSOLS)

- poorly drained, deep to very deep, dark brown to very dark greyish brown, mottled, firm to very firm, cracking clay; in places moderately deep to deep over petroplinthite (VERTISOLS, undifferentiated and vertic GLEYSOLS)
- 51. LBhv+ w? moderately well drained, very deep, dark greyish brown, firm clay (verto-luvic PHAEOZEMS; with eutric PLANOSOLS)
- 52. LBfn well drained, very deep, dark red, very friable clay (nito-rhodic FERRALSOLS)
- 53. LBvp (ao) imperfectly drained to poorly drained, deep to very deep, dark grey to black, very firm, calcareous, saline and sodic, cracking clay (pellic VERTISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
- 54. LBvp (s) imperfectly drained, very deep, dark grey to black, firm to very firm, bouldery and stony, cracking clay; in places with calcareous, slightly saline deeper subsoil (pellic VERTISOLS, stony phase and partly saline phase)
- 55. LBvp+eo imperfectly drained, moderately deep to deep, very dark grey to black, firm to very firm, slightly calcareous, cracking clay; in many places with gravelly calcareous deeper subsoil (pellic VERTISOLS and orthic RENDZINAS)
- 56. LBmv imperfectly drained, very deep, very dark greyish brown to black, very firm, cracking clay, with a topsoil of friable, humic clay loam (verto-orthic GREYZEMS)
- LP Soils developed on volcanic ashes and other pyroclastics of recent volcanoes
- 57. LPht well drained, moderately deep to very deep, dark brown, friable and slightly smeary, clay loam to clay (ando-luvic PHAEOZEMS)
- 58. LPho well drained, very deep, very dark greyish brown to dark brown, friable clay (ortho-luvic PHAEOZEMS)
- 59. LPtm well drained, deep to very deep, very dark greyish brown, friable and smeary, loam to clay loam, with a thick humic topsoil (mollic ANDOSOLS)
- 60. LPht/v complex of :
 - well drained, deep to very deep, very dark greyish brown to dark brown, friable and slightly smeary clay loam (ando-luvic PHAEOZEMS)
 - imperfectly drained, deep, very dark greyish brown to black, firm, moderately calcareous, slightly cracking clay (verto-luvic PHAEOZEMS)

- LI Soils developed on intermediate igneous rocks (syenites, trachytes, phonolites, etc.)
61. LIf_r (m) well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark red, friable clay, over petroplinthite; with inclusions of small bottomlands of unit B1g (rhodic FERRALSOLS, petroferrie phase)
62. LIf_n well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark red, friable clay (nito-rhodic FERRALSOLS)
- LG/F⁺ Soils developed on biotite-hornblende granites, with volcanic ash admixture
63. LG/F⁺mo imperfectly drained, very deep, very dark greyish brown to black, very firm sandy clay, with a topsoil of friable, humic, sandy clay loam to clay loam (orthic GREYZEMS)
- LQ Soils developed on quartzites
64. LQf_h well drained, deep to very deep, reddish brown, friable clay, with acid humic topsoil (humic FERRALSOLS)
- LR Soils developed on quartz-feldspar gneisses
65. LRvp+we association of:
 - imperfectly drained, moderately deep, dark greyish brown to black, very firm, gravelly ofacking clay; in places saline (pollic VERTISOLS, partly saline phase)
 - imperfectly drained, moderately deep, dark greyish brown to black, very firm, gravelly clay, abruptly underlying 10-30cm of gravelly sandy clay loam (eutric PLANOSOLS)
- Ls STEP-FAULTED FLOOR OF THE RIFT VALLEY
- LsB Soils developed on Tertiary basic igneous rocks (olivine basalts, nepheline phonolites; older basic tuffs included)
66. LsBbt (b) well drained, moderately deep, dark reddish brown to reddish brown, friable to firm and slightly smeary, bouldery and stony, clay loam to clay; in places calcareous (endo-chromic CAMBISOLS, bouldery phase; with calcic XEROSOLS)
67. LsBbk - do - , but mainly calcic XEROSOLS

- Lo COASTAL PLATEAUS
- LoS Soils developed on Pliocene sandstones
(Magarini sands)
68. LoSfa/r well drained, extremely deep, red to dusky red,
very friable, sandy clay loam to clay
(acric to rhodic FERRALSOLS)
- LoE Soils developed on cover sands (mainly derived
from Magarini sands)
69. LoEqf excessively drained, very deep, yellowish red to
pale yellow, loose, loamy sand to sandy loam
(ferralic ARENOSOLS; with albic ARENOSOLS)
- LoL Soils developed on limestones (Kambe limestone)
70. LoLnc well drained, deep, dark reddish brown, friable,
fine sandy clay (eutric NITOSOLS)
- Lu PLATEAU/UPPER-LEVEL UPLAND TRANSITIONS
- LuP Soils developed on ashes and other pyroclastic
rocks from recent volcanoes
71. LuPth well drained, deep to very deep, dark brown,
friable and smeary, sandy clay to clay, with
acid humic topsoil (humic ANDOSOLS)
72. LuPtm well drained, deep to very deep, very dark
greyish brown, friable and smeary, clay loam,
with thick humic topsoil (mollic ANDOSOLS)
- R VOLCANIC FOOTRIDGES
(dissected lower slopes of major older volcanoes
and mountains)
- RV Soils developed on olivine basalts, ashes and
other pyroclastic rocks
73. RVi+xk well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark
(b) brown, firm, very calcareous, stony clay loam,
with rocky and bouldery surface; in many places
saline and sodic; with inclusions of recent
lava flows (LITHOSOLS and calcic XEROSOLS,
bouldery phase and partly saline-sodic phase)
- RE Soils developed on Tertiary basic igneous rocks
(basalts, nepheline phonolites; basic tuffs
included)
74. RBbn/c well drained, shallow to very deep, dusky red to
(b) dark brown, friable, rocky, bouldery, stony or
gravelly, silty clay loam to clay
(nito-chromic CAMBISOLS and eutric CAMBISOLS,
lithic and bouldery phase)

75. RBnh/bh association of:
- well drained, extremely deep, dark reddish brown, friable clay, with acid humic topsoil; on interfluves (humic NITOSOLS)
 - well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, friable clay loam to clay, with acid humic topsoil; on valley sides (humic CAMBISOLS, partly lithic phase)
76. RBnt well drained, extremely deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, friable and slightly smeary clay, with acid humic topsoil (endo-humic NITOSOLS; with humic ANDOSOLS)
77. RBnh well drained, extremely deep, dusky red to dark reddish brown, friable clay, with acid humic topsoil (humic NITOSOLS)
78. RBne well drained, extremely deep, dusky red to dark reddish brown, friable clay; with inclusions of well drained, moderately deep, dark red to dark reddish brown, friable clay over rock, pisolitic or petroferic material (eutric NITOSOLS; with nito-chromic CAMBISOLS and chromic ACRISOLS, partly pisolitic or petroferic phase)
79. RBne+bn well drained, deep to extremely deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, friable to firm clay; in places gravelly (eutric NITOSOLS and nito-chromic CAMBISOLS; with chromo-luvic PHAEOZEMS)
80. RBhv well drained, moderately deep, dark reddish brown, firm, slightly cracking clay, with humic topsoil (verto-luvic PHAEOZEMS)
81. RBhr well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark reddish brown, friable to firm clay, with humic topsoil (chromo-luvic PHAEOZEMS)
- RB⁺ like RB, but with volcanic ash admixture
82. RB⁺nt+bn association of:
- well drained, extremely deep, dark reddish brown, friable and slightly smeary clay, with acid humic topsoil; on interfluves (endo-humic NITOSOLS)
 - well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark brown, friable, clay loam to clay, with acid humic topsoil; on valley sides (humic CAMBISOLS, partly lithic phase)

- RP Soils developed on ashes and other pyroclastic rocks from recent volcanoes
83. RPTm+bt association of:
- well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown, very friable and smeary, sandy clay loam to clay, with thick humic topsoil; on interfluves (mollic ANDOSOLS)
- well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark brown to dark reddish brown, very friable and slightly smeary, clay loam to clay; on valley sides (ando-eutric CAMBISOLS, partly lithic phase)
84. RPhr well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown, friable to firm, clay, with humic topsoil (chromo-luvic PHAEZOZEMS; over buried NITOSOLS)
85. RPTm well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark yellowish brown, friable and smeary, sandy clay loam to clay loam, with humic topsoil (mollic ANDOSOLS)
- F FOOTSLOPES
- FV Soils developed on colluvium from various volcanic rocks (mainly basalts)
86. FVxk (bm) imperfectly drained, moderately deep, dark reddish brown to dark greyish brown, friable to firm, strongly calcareous and often moderately saline and strongly sodic, stony clay loam; in many parts with boulder surface (calcic XEROSOLS, boulder-mantle and saline-sodic phase)
87. FVC complex of well drained to moderately well drained, deep, reddish brown to very dark greyish brown, firm, sandy clay loam to clay; partly with humic topsoil and/or cracking; often moderately calcareous (LUVISOLS, undifferentiated, luvic PHAEZOZEMS and chromic VERTISOLS)
- FP Soils developed on colluvium from ashes and other pyroclastic rocks of recent volcanoes
88. FPht well drained to moderately well drained, very deep, dark brown, friable and slightly smeary clay, with humic topsoil (ando-luvic PHAEZOZEMS)
- FY⁺ Soils developed on colluvium from acid igneous rocks (rhyolites), with volcanic ash admixture
89. FY⁺hg moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, deep, dark reddish brown, mottled, friable clay loam, with humic topsoil and deeper subsoil of compact clay (gleyic PHAEZOZEMS)

- FE** Soils developed on colluvium from basic igneous rocks (serpentinites, basalts, etc.)
90. FBbk well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown, firm, moderately calcareous clay (calcic CAMBISOLS)
91. FBfn well drained, deep to very deep, dusky red to dark reddish brown, friable clay, often with humic topsoil (nito-rhodic FERRALSOLS, with verti-mollic NITOSOLS)
- FL** Soils developed on colluvium from crystalline limestones
92. FLlv well drained, very deep, dark brown, firm, moderately to strongly calcareous, slightly to moderately sodic, cracking clay (vertic LUVISOLS, sodic phase)
93. FLlc well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown, firm, slightly calcareous, slightly cracking clay, with a slightly to moderately sodic deeper subsoil (chromic LUVISOLS, sodic phase)
- FQ** Soils developed on colluvium from quartzites
94. FQah well drained, deep to very deep, reddish brown to yellowish red, friable, sandy loam to clay, often with acid humic topsoil (humic ACRISOLS; with luvic ARENOSOLS)
- FU** Soils developed on colluvium from undifferentiated Basement System rocks
95. FUXh well drained, very deep, brown, friable, slightly to moderately calcareous, coarse loamy sand to sandy clay loam (haplic XEROSOLS; with calcario ARENOSOLS)
96. FUlc well drained, very deep, yellowish red to dark reddish brown, friable, coarse loamy sand to sandy clay loam (chromic LUVISOLS; with rhodic FERRALSOLS and luvic/ferralic ARENOSOLS)
97. FUfr well drained, very deep, dark red, friable, coarse loamy sand to sandy clay loam (rhodic FERRALSOLS; with ferralic ARENOSOLS and ferralo-chromic LUVISOLS)
98. FUqf complex of well drained, deep to very deep, dark reddish brown to dark yellowish brown soils of varying consistence and texture, in places gravelly and stratified (ferralic ARENOSOLS; with ferralo-chromic/orthic LUVISOLS)
99. FUa complex of somewhat excessively drained to well drained, deep to very deep, dark red to brown, sandy loam to clay (ACRISOLS, undifferentiated; with ARENOSOLS)

- FX Soils developed on colluvium from various rocks
100. FX1c well drained, moderately deep to very deep, dark red to reddish brown, friable to firm, sandy clay to clay (chromic LUVISOLS; with rhodic FERRALSOLS)
- FS Soils developed on colluvium from sandstones, grits and conglomerates (Taru, Mazeras)
101. FSq1 excessively drained, very deep, reddish yellow, loose, sand to loamysand (luvic ARENOSOLS; with ferralic and albic ARENOSOLS)
- F/Y FOOTSLOPES AND PIEDMONT PLAINS UNDIFFERENTIATED
- F/YK Soils developed on colluvium and alluvium from fine sandstones, siltstones and sandy limestones
102. F/YKbk well drained, very deep, dark red, friable, moderately calcareous, very fine sandy clay loam (calcic CAMBISOLS)
- F/YL Soils developed on colluvium and alluvium from crystalline limestones
103. F/YL1c +kh well drained, deep to very deep, dark brown, friable to firm, clay loam to sandy clay; in places calcareous (chromic LUVISOLS and haplic KASTANOZEMS)
- F/YU Soils developed on colluvium and alluvium from undifferentiated Basement System rocks
104. F/YU1c +lv well drained, moderately deep to deep, red to dark reddish brown, firm, sandy clay loam to clay (chromic and vertic LUVISOLS)
- Y PIEDMONT PLAINS
- YV Soils developed on alluvium from Tertiary/Quaternary volcanic rocks (mainly basalts)
105. YVzo (sm) moderately well drained, very deep, dark brown to greyish brown, predominantly strongly calcareous, moderately to strongly saline and often sodic, firm, fine sandy loam to clay loam, with stone surface (desert pavement) (orthic SOLONCHAKS, stone-mantle phase)
106. YVlv (o) well drained, deep to very deep, dark brown, firm clay; in places cracking and/or calcareous, and sodic (vertic LUVISOLS; with calcic LUVISOLS, sodic phase and chromic VERTISOLS, sodic phase)
107. YVbe well drained, deep to very deep, dark brown, very friable, clay loam to gravelly clay loam (eutric CAMBISOLS)

108. YVbk (ao) well drained, moderately deep to very deep, dark brown, very friable, moderately calcareous, gravelly clay loam, with slightly saline and sodic deeper subsoil; in places over petrocalcic material
(calcic CAMBISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
- YP Soils developed on alluvium from volcanic ashes and other pyroclastic rocks of recent volcanoes
109. YPtm+ch (r) well drained, shallow to deep, greyish brown to black, very friable and smeary, rocky or bouldery, gravelly sandy clay loam to clay (mollic ANDOSOLS, rocky phase and haplic CHERNOZEMS, stony and partly lithic phase)
- YU Soils developed on alluvium from undifferentiated Basement System rocks
110. YUxh (o) moderately well drained, very deep, dark yellowish brown to strong brown, friable, slightly to moderately calcareous and slightly sodic, loamy sand to sandy clay loam (haplic XEROSOLS, sodic phase; with calcareo-cambic ARENOSOLS)
111. YUbk (o) well drained, deep, dark brown, friable, moderately calcareous clay loam, with sodic deeper subsoil (calcic CAMBISOLS, sodic phase)
112. YUli well drained, very deep, dark red, friable, sandy clay to clay (ferralsol-chromic LUVISOLS)
113. YUlo well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, friable to firm, sandy loam to sandy clay (orthic LUVISOLS; with luvic ARENOSOLS)
114. YUwv imperfectly drained, very deep, very dark grey to black, very firm, cracking, gravelly clay to clay, with calcareous deeper subsoil; in places gravelly (vertisol-eutric PLANOSOLS)
115. YUwe poorly drained, very deep, dark greyish brown to very dark grey, mottled, firm to very firm, clay, abruptly underlying a topsoil of friable, sandy clay loam; in places with a sodic deeper subsoil (eutric PLANOSOLS; with solodic PLANOSOLS)
116. YUC complex of moderately well drained to poorly drained, very deep, dark brown to dark grey, firm to very firm, sandy clay to clay; in places stratified, sodic and/or cracking (PLANOSOLS, GLEYSOLS, SOLONETZ, VERTISOLS and FLUVISOLS)

- YL Soils developed on alluvium from crystalline limestones
117. YLli+lv association of:
- well drained, deep to very deep, dark reddish brown, friable to firm, sandy clay to clay; on convex to straight slopes (ferralsol-ferric LUVISOLS)
 - moderately well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, firm, moderately calcareous clay, with saline and sodic deeper subsoil; on concave slopes
(vertic LUVISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
- U UPLANDS
- U1 UPPER-LEVEL UPLANDS (usually rolling to hilly; altitudes 6500-11,000 feet; about 4000 feet above local base level)
- UIY⁺ Soils developed on acid igneous rocks (rhyolites), with volcanic ash admixture
118. UIY⁺ht well drained, deep to very deep, dark reddish brown, friable and slightly smeary silty clay loam, with thick humic topsoil
(ando-luvic PHAEZOLS)
- UII⁺ Soils developed on intermediate igneous rocks (syenites, trachytes, andesites), with volcanic ash admixture
119. UII⁺hm+hr well drained, deep to extremely deep, reddish brown, friable clay, with thick humic topsoil ((dystro-) mollic NITOSOLS and chromo-luvic PHAEZOLS)
- UIU Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks
120. UIUu+bh complex of:
- well drained, shallow, black to very dark brown, acid humic, very friable loam; in places rocky (RANKERS)
 - well drained, moderately deep, dark brown, friable clay loam, with a very thick acid humic topsoil (humic CAMBISOLS)
- U2 UPPER MIDDLE-LEVEL UPLANDS (often undulating to rolling; altitudes 5000-8000 feet; about 2500 ft. above base level)
- U2B Soils developed on Tertiary or older basic igneous rocks (basalts, nepheline phonolites, etc.; basic tuffs included)

121. U2Bnm well drained, extremely deep, dark reddish brown, friable clay, with humic topsoil (mollic NITOSOLS)
122. U2Bnc well drained, extremely deep, dark reddish brown, friable clay (eutric NITOSOLS)
123. U2Ebn well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown to dark red, friable clay (nito-chromic CAMBISOLS, partly lithic phase)
124. U2Bnc+bn complex of soils of units U2Bnc and U2Ebn
125. U2Bnh well drained, extremely deep, dark reddish brown to dark red, friable clay, with acid humic topsoil (humic NITOSOLS)

U2I⁺ Soils developed on intermediate igneous rocks (syenites, andesites, etc.), with volcanic ash admixture

126. U2I⁺nm well drained, extremely deep, reddish brown, friable clay, with thick humic topsoil ((dystro-) mollic NITOSOLS)

U2Y⁺ Soils developed on acid igneous rocks (rhyolites), with volcanic ash admixture

127. U2Y⁺fm well drained, very deep, dark red to dark reddish brown, friable, sandy clay to clay (nito-rhodio FERRALSOLS)

U2U Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks

128. U2U1c well drained, deep, red, firm sandy clay, with a topsoil of sandy loam (chromic LUVISOLS)
129. U2Uac (r) well drained, moderately deep to very deep, dark red to reddish yellow, friable to firm, rocky sandy clay loam to clay (chromic ACRISOLS, rocky phase; with CAMBISOLS and FERRALSOLS)
130. U2Uai well drained, deep, red to yellowish red, friable sandy clay (ferralo-chromic ACRISOLS)

U2G Soils developed on granites

131. U2Gah well drained, very deep, dark red to yellowish red, friable to firm, sandy clay to clay, with acid humic topsoil (humic ACRISOLS)
132. U2Gah (r) like U2Gah, but rocky (humic ACRISOLS, rocky phase)

133. U2Gbh well drained, deep, yellowish red to brown, friable clay loam, with acid humic topsoil (humic CAMBISOLS; with humic ACRISOLS)
- U2Q Soils developed on quartzites
134. U2Qhr well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown, friable to firm, sandy clay to clay, with humic topsoil (ochromo-luvic PHAEZOZEMS)
135. U2Qbh well drained, very deep, reddish brown to brown, friable, sandy clay loam to clay, with very thick acid humic topsoil (humic CAMBISOLS)
- U2N Soils developed on biotite gneisses
136. U2Nah+bh well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, friable, sandy clay loam to clay, with thick acid humic topsoil; in places shallow and rocky (humic ACRISOLS and humic CAMBISOLS, partly lithic phase; with Rock Outcrops)
137. U2Nnh well drained, extremely deep, dark reddish brown, friable clay, with thick acid humic topsoil (humic NITOSOLS)
- U2F Soils developed on hornblende gneisses
138. U2Fhm well drained, extremely deep, dark reddish brown, friable clay, with thick humic topsoil (mollic NITOSOLS)
- U2X Soils developed on various rocks
139. U2Xai well drained, very deep, dusky red to yellowish red, friable to firm, clay loam to clay; in places with acid humic topsoil (ferralo-chromic / orthic ACRISOLS)
- U2X⁺ like U2X, but with volcanic ash admixture
140. U2X⁺ht moderately well drained, moderately deep, reddish brown to red, firm clay loam, with humic topsoil (ando-luvic PHAEZOZEMS)
- U3 LOWER MIDDLE-LEVEL UPLANDS (often undulating; altitudes 3500-6500 feet; about 1500 feet above local base level)
- U3P Soils developed on ashes and other pyroclastic rocks from recent volcanoes
141. U3Ptm well drained, deep to very deep, dark reddish brown, friable and smeary, silty clay to clay, with humic topsoil (mollic ANDOSOLS)

U3B Soils developed on basic igneous rocks (basalts, etc.)

142. U3Bnm well drained, deep to extremely deep, dark red, friable clay, with thick humic topsoil
(mollic NITOSOLS; with nito-luvic PHAEZOZEMS)
143. U3Bnd well drained, extremely deep, dark reddish brown, friable clay (dystric NITOSOLS)
144. U3Bne well drained, very deep, red to dark red, friable to firm, clay; in places moderately deep over petro-plinthite
(eutric NITOSOLS; with rhodic FERRALSOLS, partly petroferic phase)

U3I Soils developed on intermediate igneous rocks (andesites, etc.)

145. U3Ifm well drained, very deep, dusky red to dark red, friable clay (nito-rhodic FERRALSOLS)
146. U3Ibf (p) well drained, shallow to moderately deep, reddish brown to yellowish red, friable, gravelly sandy clay loam to clay loam, over soft rock
(ferralic CAMBISOLS, paralithic phase)

U3Y Soils developed on acid igneous rocks (rhyolites, etc.)

147. U3Yhr well drained, deep to extremely deep, reddish brown, friable clay, with humic topsoil
(chromo-luvic PHAEZOZEMS; with mollic NITOSOLS)
148. U3Yhr+lo well drained, moderately deep to deep, reddish brown to brown, friable, gravelly clay loam to clay; in many places with a humic topsoil
(chromo-luvic PHAEZOZEMS and orthic LUVISOLS)

U3G Soils developed on granites

149. U3Gah well drained, deep, dark red, friable clay, with acid humic topsoil (humic ACRISOLS)
150. U3Gag imperfectly drained, moderately deep, brown to dark yellowish brown, mottled, friable, gravelly sandy clay loam, in places rocky and shallow.
(gleyic ACRISOLS, partly paralithic and rocky phase)
151. U3Gai well drained, deep to very deep, brown to dark brown, friable, sandy clay to clay
(ferralo-orthic ACRISOLS)

U3G/F Soils developed on biotite/hornblende granites

152. U3G/Ffn well drained, very deep, reddish brown to red, friable clay, with thick acid humic topsoil
(nito-humic FERRALSOLS)

153. U3G/Fah/o well drained, moderately deep to deep, yellowish red to red, friable to firm, clay, partly with acid humic topsoil; in places shallow and rocky (humic to chromic ACRISOLS; with LITHOSOLS and Rock Outcrops)

U3Q Soils developed on quartzites

154. U3Qqf complex of somewhat excessively drained to well drained, shallow to very deep, dark reddish brown to yellowish brown, loose to friable, loamy sand to sandy clay loam; in places rocky and stony
(ferralic AREMOSOLS; with orthic FERRALSOLS, ACRISOLS a.o.; partly lithic and stony phase)

U3F Soils developed on biotite gneisses

155. U3Fai well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark reddish brown to brown, friable to firm, sandy clay loam to clay, partly with acid humic topsoil
(ferralo-orthic ACRISOLS; with dystic and humic CAMBISOLS and humic ACRISOLS)
156. U3F1o well drained, moderately deep to deep, brown to dark yellowish brown, firm sandy clay loam
(orthic LUVISOLS)
157. U3Ffr well drained, deep, red, friable clay
(rhodic FERRALSOLS; with ferralo-chromic ACRISOLS)

U3P Soils developed on Basement System rocks rich in ferromagnesian minerals

159. U3Pfn well drained, very deep, dark red, friable to firm, clay (nito-rhodic FERRALSOLS)

U3U Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks

159. U3U1o+bd complex of well drained, shallow to deep, reddish brown to brown, friable to firm, sandy clay loam to clay
(chromic LUVISOLS and dystic CAMBISOLS, lithic phase)
160. U3U1o well drained, shallow to moderately deep, strong brown to brown, firm, gravelly to stony, sandy clay to clay loam, over soft rock
(orthic LUVISOLS, partly paralithic phase)
161. U3Ubo well drained, shallow, dark brown to dark yellowish brown, friable, gravelly sandy clay loam to sandy clay, over soft rock
(eutric CAMBISOLS, paralithic phase)

162. U3Ulc+li complex of well drained, shallow to deep, red to dark red, friable to firm, sandy clay loam to sandy clay; in places rocky
(chromic and ferrallo-chromic LUVISOLS; with chromic CAMBISOLS and Rock Outcrops)
163. U3Ulc/i well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark red to yellowish red, friable to firm, sandy clay to clay, often with topsoil of loamy sand (chromic LUVISOLS and ferrallo-ferric/chromic/orthic LUVISOLS)
164. U3Uai well drained, moderately deep to very deep, dark reddish brown to dark yellowish brown, friable to firm, sandy clay to clay; in many places with topsoil of loamy sand to sandy loam (ferrallo-chromic/orthic/ferric ACRISOLS; with LUVISOLS and FERRALSOLS)
165. U3Ufr/o well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark red to yellowish red, friable, sandy clay loam to clay (rhodic and orthic FERRALSOLS; with ferrallo-chromic/orthic/ferric ACRISOLS)
- U3U⁺ like U3U, but with volcanic ash admixture
166. U3U⁺hr well drained, moderately deep to deep, reddish brown to red, firm, stony sandy clay to clay loam, with humic topsoil
(chromo-luvic PHAEOZEMS)
- U3X Soils developed on various rocks (Kavirondian sediments, often mudstones)
167. U3Xah/g imperfectly drained, moderately deep to deep, very dark greyish brown, firm, sandy clay loam to sandy clay; in places mottled and/or with humic topsoil
(humic to gleyic ACRISOLS)
168. U3Xfr/o well drained, deep to very deep, dark reddish brown to strong brown, friable clay
(rhodic to orthic FERRALSOLS)
- U4 LOWER-LEVEL UPLANDS (often gently undulating, altitudes 2500-6000 feet; about 500 feet above local base level)
- U4B Soils developed on basic igneous rocks (basalts, etc.)
169. U4Bhv (p) moderately well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark brown, firm clay
(verto-luvic PHAEOZEMS, lithic phase)

170. U4Bnc well drained, extremely deep, dark red, friable clay
(eutric NITOSOLS)
171. U4Bhr well drained, moderately deep, red, firm clay, with humic topsoil; with inclusions of imperfectly drained, deep, dark grey, mottled, very firm clay
(chromo-luvic PHAEZOZEMS; with gleyic LUVISOLS)

U4I Soils developed on intermediate igneous rocks
(andesites, etc.)

172. U4Ilo (m) well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark reddish brown, friable clay; in many places over petro-plinthite
(chromic LUVISOLS, partly petroferic phase; with "murram cuirass" soils)
173. U4Ibo (M) well drained, shallow, dark reddish brown to brown, sandy clay loam to gravelly clay, partly over petroplinthite ("murram cuirass" soils (50-75%) and eutric CAMBISOLS, lithic or petroferic phase; with orthic LUVISOLS)
174. U4In/f (M) association of:
- well drained to moderately well drained, shallow soils over petroplinthite (about 50%); on interfluvies ("murram cuirass" soils)
- well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to strong brown, friable clay; on valley sides (dystic/eutric NITOSOLS and orthic FERRALSOLS)

U4Y Soils developed on acid igneous rocks

175. U4Yhg/h well drained to moderately well drained, moderately deep to deep, reddish brown to dark grey, friable clay, with humic topsoil (gleyic and haplic PHAEZOZEMS)
176. U4Yh+1 (M) complex of predominantly well drained, moderately deep to deep, reddish brown to brown, friable, gravelly clay loam to clay, often with a humic topsoil; in many places shallow over petroplinthite (chromo-luvic PHAEZOZEMS and orthic and chromic LUVISOLS; with "murram cuirass" soils)
177. U4Yfo (M) well drained, moderately deep to deep, yellowish red to strong brown, friable clay, over petroplinthite or rock; in places shallow over petroplinthite (orthic FERRALSOLS, partly petroferic phase; with "murram cuirass" soils)
178. U4Yai (M) well to moderately well drained, shallow, dark reddish brown, stony to gravelly clay over petroplinthite; in places moderately deep to deep ("murram cuirass" soils (80%); with ferralo-chromic ACRISOLS)

- U4G Soils developed on granites
179. U4Gfo (M) complex of:
 - well drained, moderately deep to very deep, reddish brown to yellowish brown, friable clay, over petro-plinthite (orthic FERRALSOLS, partly petroferrie phase; with orthic ACRISOLS)
 - moderately well drained, shallow, brown to dark brown soils over petroplinthite (about 30%) ("murram cuirass" soils)
180. U4Gah complex of:
 - well drained, deep, reddish brown, friable, sandy clay loam, with acid humic topsoil (humic ACRISOLS)
 - moderately well drained, shallow, dark reddish brown soils over petroplinthite (about 20%) ("murram cuirass" soils)
- U4G/R Soils developed on granites and quartz-feldspar gneisses
181. U4G/Rfo well drained, deep, strong brown to reddish yellow, very friable, sandy clay loam to sandy clay (orthic FERRALSOLS; with ferralic CAMBISOLS)
- U4N Soils developed on biotite gneisses
182. U4Nfr (M) association of:
 - well drained, moderately deep to very deep, red, very friable, sandy clay to clay, over petroplinthite (rhodic FERRALSOLS, partly petroferrie phase)
 - shallow soils over petroplinthite (about 50%) ("murram cuirass" soils)
183. U4Nfr well drained, very deep, dark red to dark reddish brown, very friable, sandy clay loam to clay (rhodic FERRALSOLS)
- U4F Soils developed on Basement System rocks rich in ferromagnesian minerals
184. U4F1c well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark reddish brown to dark red, friable to firm, sandy clay to clay; in many places with stonelines (chromic LUVISOLS)
- U4U Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks
185. U4U1c+f association of:
 - well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark red to dark reddish brown, friable to firm, sandy clay to clay; on slopes (chromic LUVISOLS)

- well drained, very deep, light brown to strong brown, very friable clay; on flat interfluvies (orthic and xanthic FERRALSOLS)

186. U4Uao (m) complex of well drained to imperfectly drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark red to dark yellowish brown, firm, non-rocky to rocky, non-stony to stony sandy loam to clay, partly over pisolitic material (orthic ACRISOLS, pisolitic phase; with chromic LUVISOLS and eutric CAMBISOLS, lithic phase)

187. U4Ufr well drained, very deep, red to dark red, very friable to friable, clay (rhodic FERRALSOLS)

U4X Soils developed on various rocks (Kavirondian sediments, often mudstones)

188. U4Xfo/r (M) well drained, moderately deep to very deep, dark red to strong brown, friable clay; in places shallow over petroplinthite (orthic to rhodic FERRALSOLS, partly petroferrous phase; with "murram cuirass" soils (10-40%))

189. U4Xhh (M) moderately well drained, moderately deep, dark brown to dark greyish brown, friable gravelly clay, over petroplinthite, with humic topsoil; in places shallow over petroplinthite (haplic PHAEZEMS, petro-ferrous phase; with murram cuirass soils (10-40%))

U UPLANDS, UNDIFFERENTIATED LEVELS

UV Soils developed on undifferentiated volcanic rocks (mainly basalts)

190. UVlc (s) well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown, firm, rocky and stony clay (chromic LUVISOLS, lithic and stony phase)

191. UVrc (sm) well drained, shallow, dark brown, friable, strongly calcareous, stony loam, often strongly saline and moderately sodic; with stone mantle (desert pavement); (dissected older piedmont plain) (calcareous REGOSOLS, stone-mantle and saline-sodic phase)

192. UVht well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to very dark greyish brown, friable and slightly smeary clay, with humic topsoil (ando-luvic PHAEZEMS)

193. UVne+bc (b) complex of:
- well drained to imperfectly drained, moderately deep to very deep, dusky red to very dark greyish brown, friable to firm, clay loam to clay; in many places stony and bouldery and/or

cracking; with severe gully erosion and many rock outcrops (eutric NITOSOLS; with chromic CAMBISOLS, bouldery phase, VERTISOLS and Rock Outcrops)

- somewhat excessively drained, shallow, dark reddish brown, gravelly and bouldery clay loam (on volcanic cones)
(chromic CAMBISOLS, lithic and bouldery phase)

194. UVhr+vc (p) complex of:
- well drained, shallow to moderately deep, reddish brown, friable, stony and gravelly clay loam, with humic topsoil (chromo-luvic PHAEZOZEMS, partly lithic phase)
 - imperfectly drained, moderately deep, very dark greyish brown to black, very firm cracking clay (chromic VERTISOLS)

UB Soils developed on basic igneous rocks (basalts, etc.)

195. UBlc+hv (s) association of:
- well drained, deep to very deep, dusky red to dark reddish brown, friable, stony, clay loam to clay (chromic LUVISOLS; stony phase)
 - imperfectly drained, deep to very deep, dark brown to very dark greyish brown, firm, calcareous, saline and sodic, stony, cracking clay
(verto-luvic PHAEZOZEMS, stony and saline-sodic phase)

196. UBbk (b) well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark greyish brown, friable to firm, calcareous, very rocky and bouldery clay
(calcic CAMBISOLS, lithic and bouldery phase)

UB/P Soils developed on basic igneous rocks (basalts, etc.) with predominant volcanic ash influence

197. UB/Pln well drained, deep to very deep, dark reddish brown to dark red, firm clay; with inclusions of imperfectly drained, moderately deep, dark greyish brown clay (nito-ferric/chromic LUVISOLS; with gleyic LUVISOLS, partly lithic or pisoliferous phase)

UP Soils developed on pyroclastic rocks

198. UPtm well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, very friable and smeary, silty clay loam, with humic topsoil (mollic ANDOSOLS)

- UU Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement
System rocks
199. UUrc
 (gm) well drained, shallow, brown, friable, strongly
 calcareous and moderately to strongly sodic and
 saline, gravelly sandy clay loam with gravel
 mantle (desert pavement) (calcaric REGOSOLS,
 gravel-mantle and saline-sodic phase; with gleyic
 SOLONETZ)
- Uc COASTAL UPLANDS
- UcK Soils developed on fine sandstones and siltstones
 (Mariakani sandstone and Upper Maji-ya-Chumvi beds)
200. UcKws imperfectly drained, deep to very deep, yellowish
 brown, mottled, firm, fine sandy clay loam to
 clay, abruptly underlying 20-100 cm of fine sand
 to fine sandy loam; with sodic deeper subsoil
 (solodic PLANOSOLS)
201. UcKqa/1 well drained, deep to very deep, pinkish grey to
 brown, very friable, fine sand to loamy fine
 sand (albic to luvic ARENOSOLS)
202. UcKbc
 (p) well drained, shallow, dark brown to dark
 yellowish brown, fairly stony, fairly rocky, fine
 sandy clay loam to clay
 (eutric CAMBISOLS, lithic phase; with orthic
 LUVISOLS)
203. UcKao well drained to imperfectly drained, deep,
 yellowish red to dark brown, friable, fine sandy
 clay loam to fine sandy clay, with a topsoil of
 loamy fine sand to fine sandy loam
 (orthic ACRISOLS)
204. UcKlo well drained, deep, dark brown to yellowish
 brown, firm, very fine sandy clay loam to clay,
 with topsoil of loamy very fine sand to very fine
 sandy loam; in places with abrupt transition and
 sodic deeper subsoil (orthic LUVISOLS; with
 solodic PLANOSOLS)
- UcS Soils developed on coarse sandstones and grits
 (Mazeras sandstone and Shimba grit)
205. UcSai+q complex of:
 - well drained to imperfectly drained, very deep,
 dark red to dark greyish brown, friable to
 firm, sandy clay to clay, with topsoil of
 loamy sand to sandy loam
 (ferrals-chromic/orthic ACRISOLS; with
 gleyic LUVISOLS)

- excessively drained to imperfectly drained, very deep, red to light yellowish brown, loose, sand to loamy sand (ferralic to luvic ARENOSOLS)

206. UcSfr/o well drained, very deep, red to dark red and strong brown, friable, sandy clay loam to sandy clay, with topsoil of loamy sand to sandy loam (rhodic and orthic FERRALSOLS)

UcT Soils developed on shales

207. UcTbc+hv association of:

- well drained to imperfectly drained, shallow to moderately deep, yellowish brown to very dark grey, firm to very firm clay; in dissected parts (eutric CAMBISOLS, partly lithic phase)
- imperfectly drained, deep, dark grey to olive grey, very firm clay, with humic topsoil and sodic deeper subsoil; on inter-fluves (vertic-luvic PHAEZOZEMS, sodic phase; with vertic CAMBISOLS, sodic phase)

UcO Soils developed on Plio-Pleistocene bay sediments (Marafa beds)

208. UcOsm imperfectly drained to poorly drained, moderately deep to deep, dark yellowish brown to light olive brown, moderately calcareous, firm to very firm, sandy clay to clay, with humic topsoil; in places saline and sodic (mollic SOLONETZ; with orthic RENDZINAS and vertic-luvic PHAEZOZEMS)

UcI Soils developed on intermediate igneous rocks rich in ferro-magnesian minerals (intrusives)

209. UcIne well drained, extremely deep, dark red to yellowish red, friable clay (eutric NITOSOLS)

UcX Soils developed on undifferentiated sedimentary rocks (Mazeras and Mariakani sandstones and Marafa beds)

210. UcXl complex of well drained to moderately well drained, moderately deep, reddish brown, friable to very firm, sandy loam to clay loam; partly with humic topsoil and/or sodic subsoil (undifferentiated LUVISOLS; with vertic-luvic PHAEZOZEMS)

Up UPLAND-PLAIN TRANSITIONAL LANDS

UpB Soils developed on basic igneous rocks (basalts, etc.)

211. UpBwv+vc moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, moderately deep to very deep, very dark grey to

dark greyish brown, firm clay
(verto-eutric PLANOSOLS and chromic VERTISOLS)

UpB⁺ Like UpB, but with volcanic ash admixture

212. UpB⁺ we+ve association of:

- imperfectly drained, deep, very dark greyish brown to very dark grey, very firm clay, abruptly under-lying a topsoil of friable silty clay loam; on straight to convex slopes (eutric PLANOSOLS)
- imperfectly drained, deep, very dark greyish brown to very dark grey, very firm, cracking clay; in places sodic; on flat interfluves (chromic VERTISOLS)

UpY⁺ Soils developed on acid igneous rocks (rhyolites), with volcanic ash admixture

213. UpY⁺ we+hr association of:

- poorly drained, deep, very dark grey, very firm, cracking clay, often abruptly under-lying a topsoil of friable humic loam; on flat parts (eutric PLANOSOLS; with chromic VERTISOLS)
- well drained, moderately deep, dark reddish brown, firm clay loam, with humic topsoil; on slopes (chromo-luvic PHAEZEMS)

UpF Soils developed on gneisses rich in ferromagnesian minerals

214. UpFvp complex of well drained to imperfectly drained, shallow to very deep, dark red to black, friable to firm, cracking clay; in places sodic (pellic VERTISOLS, with verto-eutric NITOSOLS, verto-eutric PLANOSOLS and orthic SOLONETZ, partly lithic phase)

UpN Soils developed on biotite gneisses

215. UpNwv+vp association of:

- imperfectly drained, moderately deep to deep, dark brown to dark grey, firm, sandy clay to clay; on convex to straight slopes (verto-eutric PLANOSOLS)
- imperfectly drained, very deep, very dark greyish brown to black, firm to very firm, cracking clay, with calcareous and sodic deeper subsoil; on concave slopes (pellic VERTISOLS, sodic phase)

- Up⁺ Like UpN, but with volcanic ash admixture
216. Up⁺hv imperfectly drained, deep, very dark greyish brown to black, firm clay, with sodic deeper subsoil (verto-luvic PHAEZOZEMS, sodic phase)
217. Up⁺we imperfectly drained, deep, dark greyish brown to dark grey, very firm, sandy clay to clay, abruptly underlying a topsoil of friable loam (eutric PLANOSOLS)
- UpU Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks
218. UpUlc+we association of:
 - well drained, deep to very deep, dark reddish brown, friable to firm, sandy clay loam to sandy clay, with calcareous deeper subsoil; on upper, convex slopes (chromic LUVISOLS)
 - imperfectly drained, deep to very deep, dark grey to black, firm to very firm, clay, abruptly underlying a topsoil of friable sandy clay loam; on lower, straight slopes (eutric PLANOSOLS)
- P PLAINS
- Pn NON-DISSECTED EROSIONAL PLAINS
- PnB Soils developed on basic igneous rocks (basalts, etc.)
219. PnBvp/c (o) imperfectly drained, very dark greyish brown to dark grey or black, very firm, moderately calcareous and moderately to strongly sodic, cracking clay (pellic to chromic VERTISOLS, sodic phase)
220. PnBbc (b) well drained, shallow, very dark reddish brown, slightly calcareous, stony and bouldery, clay loam to clay (chromic CAMBISOLS, bouldery and lithic phase)
221. PnBfn well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dusky red, friable clay; in places bouldery (nito-rhodic FERRALSOLS)
- PnB⁺ Like PnB, but with volcanic ash admixture
222. PnB⁺vp imperfectly drained, deep, very dark greyish brown to black, very firm, cracking clay, with calcareous deeper subsoil; in places saline and sodic (pellic VERTISOLS, partly saline-sodic phase)

223. PnB⁺wv imperfectly drained, deep, dark brown to dark grey, firm, sandy clay to clay (verto-eutric PLANOSOLS)
- PnG⁺ Soils developed on granites, with volcanic ash admixture
224. PnG⁺we imperfectly drained, deep, dark greyish brown, mottled, very firm, gravelly clay loam to clay, abruptly underlying a thick topsoil of friable loam (eutric PLANOSOLS)
- PnG/P Soils developed on granites, with predominant volcanic ash influence
225. PnG/Pws imperfectly drained, moderately deep, very dark greyish brown, very firm, slightly sodic, gravelly clay, abruptly underlying a topsoil of friable loam (solodic PLANOSOLS)
- PnN⁺ Soils developed on biotite gneisses, with volcanic ash mixture
226. PnN⁺wv imperfectly drained, deep, brown to dark grey, firm clay, with calcareous and sodic deeper subsoil (verto-eutric PLANOSOLS, sodic phase)
227. PnN⁺mv imperfectly drained, deep, very dark grey to very dark greyish brown, very firm clay (hardpan), with a topsoil of friable clay loam (verto-orthic GREYZEMS)
- PnF Soils developed on Basement System rocks rich in ferromagnesian minerals
228. PnFFr well drained, deep to very deep, dusky red to dark red, friable sandy clay (rhodic FERRALSOLS)
229. PnFlc+hl well drained, moderately deep, dark reddish brown, firm, slightly calcareous, sandy clay loam (chromic LUVISOLS and ortho-luvic PHAEZOZEMS)
- PnL Soils developed on crystalline or sedimentary limestones and gypsiferous rocks (Plio-Pleistocene Wajir-El Wak beds)
230. PnLlk (K) imperfectly drained, shallow to moderately deep, strong brown to pale brown, firm, strongly calcareous, sandy loam to loam, over petrocalcic material; in many places stony (calcic LUVISOLS, petrocalcic phase)
231. PnLi imperfectly drained, shallow, pale brown, firm, moderately calcareous, stony loam, over petrocalcic or petrogypsic material (LITHOSOLS; with calcic CAMBISOLS, petrocalcic phase)

232. PnLbc well drained, moderately deep, dark reddish brown, friable clay (chromic CAMBISOLS)

PnU Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks

233. PnUli well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark red to strong brown, friable to firm, sandy clay loam to clay (ferralsol-chromic/orthic LUVISOLS)
234. PnUfr/o well drained, deep to very deep, dark red to strong brown, friable, sandy clay to clay (rhodic and orthic FERRALSOLS)
235. PnUvp (o) imperfectly drained, deep, black to very dark grey, very firm, slightly to moderately sodic, cracking clay (pellic VERTISOLS, sodic phase)
236. PnUlo (ao) moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, moderately deep, dark brown to dark reddish brown, very firm, moderately calcareous, slightly to moderately sodic and slightly saline, clay loam to sandy clay, with topsoil of strongly sealing sandy loam to sandy clay loam (orthic LUVISOLS, saline-sodic phase)

PnU⁺ Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks, with volcanic ash admixture

237. PnU⁺sl imperfectly drained, moderately deep, dark brown, extremely firm, moderately calcareous, moderately sodic and slightly saline, clay loam to sandy clay (hardpan), with topsoil of strongly sealing sandy loam (luvo-orthic SOLONETZ)
238. PnU⁺hv (ao) moderately well drained, deep, yellowish red, firm, slightly calcareous, slightly saline and moderately sodic, slightly cracking clay, with thick humic topsoil (verto-luvic PHAEZEMS, saline-sodic phase)
239. PnU⁺lv+vc well drained to imperfectly drained, deep to very deep, dark reddish brown to very dark greyish brown, friable to firm, slightly calcareous clay; in many places cracking (vertic LUVISOLS and chromic VERTISOLS)
240. PnU⁺lf well drained, moderately deep to very deep, dusky red to dark brown, friable to firm, sandy clay loam to clay (ferrio LUVISOLS)

PnU/P Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks with predominant volcanic ash influence

241. PnU/Plv (ao) moderately well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, firm, strongly calcareous, slightly saline and moderately sodic, slightly cracking clay (vertic LUVISOLS, saline-sodic phase)

242. PnU/Phv (ao) imperfectly drained, very deep, very dark greyish brown, very firm, moderately calcareous, slightly saline and moderately sodic, slightly cracking clay
(verto-luvic PHAEOZEMS, saline-sodic phase)
- PnX Soils developed on various rocks (Kavirondian sediments, often mudstones)
243. PnXwe/s imperfectly drained to poorly drained, deep, dark grey, firm clay, abruptly underlying a topsoil of friable silt loam; in many places with a sodic deeper subsoil
(eutric and solodic PLANOSOLS)
244. PnXsl imperfectly drained, very deep, very dark brown to black, firm, moderately sodic clay
(luvo-orthic SOLONETZ)
245. PnXwe (M) complex of:
- poorly drained, deep, dark grey, mottled, firm clay, abruptly underlying a topsoil of friable silt loam (eutric PLANOSOLS)
- moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, shallow soils over petroplinthite ("murrum cuirass" soils)
- PnK/T Soils developed on siltstones and shales (Lower Maji-ya-Chumvi beds), slightly dissected
246. PnK/Tbo (p) well drained, shallow, dark reddish brown to very dark brown, firm, fine sandy clay loam to clay (eutric CAMBISOLS, lithic phase; with LITHOSOLS)
- PnK Soils developed on fine sandstones and siltstones (Mariakani sandstone), slightly dissected
247. PnKlo (o) well drained, very deep, brown, friable to firm, sandy clay loam to clay, with sodic deeper subsoil; in places with a very thick topsoil of loamy sand to sandy loam
(orthic LUVISOLS, sodic phase)
- PnT Soils developed on shales (Lower Maji-ya-Chumvi beds and Taru carbonaceous shales)
248. PnThv (o) imperfectly drained, moderately deep to deep, dark greyish brown, very firm, cracking, fine sandy clay to clay; with a strongly calcareous and moderately sodic deeper subsoil
(verto-luvic PHAEOZEMS, sodic phase)
249. PnTvp (ao) imperfectly drained, very deep, very dark grey to black, very firm, strongly calcareous, moderately saline and sodic, cracking clay
(pellic VERTISOLS, saline-sodic phase)

Png		<u>Soils developed on gritty sandstones</u>
250.	PnSql	well drained, deep, yellowish red to reddish brown, friable, loamy sand to sandy clay loam (luvic ARENOSOLS; with orthic LUVISOLS)
251.	PnSi (gm)	well drained, shallow, dark brown, friable, gravelly sandy clay loam, with gravel surface (desert pavement) (LITHOSOLS, gravel-mantle phase)
252.	PnSlo	well drained, deep, strong brown to dark brown, firm, sandy clay loam to clay, with a topsoil of loamy sand to sandy loam (orthic LUVISOLS; with orthic ACRISOLS)
253.	PnSic	well drained, deep, red, firm, sandy clay loam to clay (chromic LUVISOLS)
Pd		<u>DISSECTED EROSIONAL PLAINS</u>
PdU		<u>Soils developed on undifferentiated Basement System rocks</u>
254.	PdUbk (p)	complex of well drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark red to yellowish brown, non to moderately calcareous, stony sandy clay loam, over petrocalcic material or quartz gravel (calcic CAMBISOLS, lithic or petrocalcic phase; with chromic LUVISOLS, petric phase)
255.	PdUbc (p)	well drained, shallow, dark red to yellowish red, stony loamy sand to clay (chromic CAMBISOLS, paralithic and stony phase; with ferralic ARENOSOLS, lithic phase)
PdW		<u>Soils developed on marly limestones, gypsiferous shales and sandy limestones (Jurassic Shangalla and Asaharbito beds of Mandera)</u>
256.	PdWxg (s)	well drained, deep, pale brown to yellowish brown, firm, strongly calcareous and often gypsiferous, stony loam (gypsic XEROSOLS, stony phase)
PdX		<u>Soils developed on undifferentiated sedimentary rocks</u>
257.	PdXbc (p)	complex of well drained, shallow, dark reddish brown to strong brown, non to moderately calcareous, firm, gravelly and stony loam to sandy clay loam, partly over petrocalcic material (chromic CAMBISOLS to orthic LUVISOLS, lithic or paralithic phase; with calcic CAMBISOLS, petrocalcic phase)

- PdN Soils developed on biotite gneisses
258. PdNhv (p) well drained to moderately well drained, shallow, dark brown to black, gravelly and stony clay (verto-luvic PHAEZOZEMS, lithic and stony phase)
- PdV Soils developed on various volcanic rocks
259. PdVhr (p) well drained, predominantly shallow, dark reddish brown to dark brown, friable to firm, sandy clay loam to clay loam; in places rocky (chromo-luvic PHAEZOZEMS, lithic phase; with Rock Outcrops)
- Ps SEDIMENTARY PLAINS (mainly from sheetwash)
- Ps1 HIGHER-LEVEL PLAIN ("RED SAND" PLAIN)
- Ps1U Soils developed on sheetwash and aeolian deposits from undifferentiated Basement System rocks
260. Ps1Uli well drained, deep to very deep, dark red to dusky red, friable, sandy loam to sandy clay loam (ferralo-chromic LUVISOLS; with ferralic ARENOSOLS)
261. Ps1Uqf as Ps1Uli, but very deep and loamy sand to sandy loam (ferralic ARENOSOLS)
262. Ps1Uai as Ps1Uli, but predominantly more acid (ferralo-chromic ACRISOLS; with ferralic ARENOSOLS and ferric LUVISOLS)
263. Ps1Uai+Ps20sl complex of soils of units Ps1Uai and Ps20sl (unit 275)
- Ps1K Soils developed on sheetwash and aeolian deposits from fine sandstones, siltstones and sandy limestones
264. Ps1Kqc well drained, deep, red, friable, loamy fine sand to fine sandy loam (cambic ARENOSOLS)
265. Ps1Kws+sl imperfectly drained, very deep, red to reddish brown, firm, slightly calcareous, moderately saline and moderately sodic sandy clay, abruptly underlying a topsoil of loamy sand (mainly on sediments from Mariakani sandstone?) (solodic PLANOSOLS and luvo-orthic SOLOCHETZ, saline phase)
- Ps1S Soils developed on sheetwash sediments, possibly derived mainly from Taru grits
266. Ps1Slo well drained, very deep, dark brown to reddish brown, friable, sandy clay loam to sandy clay (orthic LUVISOLS)

- Ps2 MIDDLE-LEVEL PLAINS
"ENCLOSED" PLAIN
- Ps2F Soils developed on sediments from Basement System rocks rich in ferromagnesian minerals
267. Ps2Flf well drained, deep to very deep, red to dark red, friable to firm, sandy clay to clay, over pisocalcic material (on sheetwash and fluvialite sediments) (ferrio LUVISOLS)
268. Ps2Flc well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark red, friable to firm sandy clay; in places moderately calcareous. (on sheetwash and lacustrine sediments) (chromic LUVISOLS; with calcic LUVISOLS)
- Ps2S Soils developed on sheetwash sediments from Taru grits and coarse to fine-grained sandstones
269. Ps2Slk (k) moderately well drained, deep, dark reddish brown, firm, slightly calcareous, sandy clay to clay, over pisocalcic material (calcic LUVISOLS, pisocalcic phase)
- Ps2U Soils developed on sheetwash sediments mainly from undifferentiated Basement System rocks
270. Ps2Uxh (o) well drained, very deep, brown to dark reddish brown, friable, slightly calcareous, sandy loam to clay loam, with a sodic deeper subsoil (haplic XEROSOLS, sodic phase)
271. Ps2Us1 imperfectly drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to reddish brown, very firm, moderately calcareous, slightly saline and very strongly sodic, sandy clay loam to clay (hardpan), with a topsoil of loamy sand to sandy loam (luvo-orthic SOLONETZ)
- Ps2U Soils developed on sheetwash sediments mainly from undifferentiated Basement System rocks, with admixture of sediments from olivine basalts and possibly old lacustrine deposits
272. Ps2Uso imperfectly drained to poorly drained, deep, brown, extremely firm, moderately calcareous, slightly saline and excessively sodic, sandy clay loam to clay (hardpan) (orthic SOLONETZ)
273. Ps2Uzo poorly drained, deep, dark reddish brown, firm, moderately calcareous, moderately saline clay, with crusted (puffed) surface (orthic SOLONCHAKS)
274. Ps2Uso+Dqk complex of soils of units Ps2Uso and Dqk (unit 372)

"SEALING LOAM" PLAIN

Ps20

Soils developed on Plio-Pleistocene bay sediments (Marafa beds), (little or not remodelled; flat surface, dot pattern)

275. Ps20s1 imperfectly drained, moderately deep, brown, extremely firm, moderately calcareous, non-saline but moderately sodic clay loam (hardpan), with a thin topsoil of sealing sandy loam (luvo-orthic SOLONETZ)
276. Ps20gc (o) poorly drained, deep, dark grey, firm, moderately calcareous, slightly sodic clay, with soft surface (calcaric GLEYSOLS (?), sodic phase)
277. Ps20vp (o) poorly drained, deep, black to very dark grey, calcareous, and probably sodic, firm to very firm, cracking clay (?) (pellic VERTISOLS, sodic phase)
278. Ps20sg imperfectly to poorly drained, deep, greyish brown, extremely firm, slightly calcareous, moderately sodic and moderately saline, slightly cracking clay, with a very thin topsoil of sandy clay loam (gleyic SOLONETZ, saline phase)
279. Ps20s1+sg association of soils of unit Ps20s1 on flat parts and soils of unit Ps20sg in depressional parts (braiding pattern, transitional to the Ps3 level)

Ps20

Soils developed on sheetwash sediments from Plio-Pleistocene bay sediments (Marafa beds)

280. Ps20ws imperfectly drained, deep, brown, extremely firm, slightly calcareous, non saline but slightly sodic, clay loam (hardpan), abruptly underlying a thick topsoil of sealing sandy loam (gently sloping, parallel drainage) (solodic PLANOSOLS)

Ps3

LOWER-LEVEL PLAIN ("GREY CLAY" PLAIN)

Ps3V

Soils developed on sediments mainly from volcanic rocks

281. Ps3Vso moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, very deep, dark brown, firm, strongly calcareous, non to slightly saline but strongly sodic, sandy clay (orthic SOLONETZ)

Ps30

Soils developed on remodelled Plio-Pleistocene bay sediments (Marafa beds)

282. Ps30s1 (a) imperfectly drained, deep, brown, very firm, moderately calcareous, moderately saline and moderately sodic clay loam (hardpan), with a thin topsoil of strongly sealing sandy clay loam (luvo-orthic SOLONETZ, saline phase)

283. Ps3Oso (a) imperfectly drained to poorly drained, very deep, dark greyish brown, very firm, slightly calcareous, moderately to strongly saline and predominantly strongly sodic clay (hardpan); in places strongly calcareous and/or gypsic (orthic SOLONETZ, saline phase and gypsic/calcio phase)
284. Ps3Oxb (a) moderately well drained, very deep, greyish brown to reddish brown, firm, slightly calcareous, clay loam to clay, non to slightly saline and/or sodic till about 100 cm (haplic XEROSOLS, saline phase)
285. Ps3Ovp (sa) poorly drained, very deep, very dark grey to black, very firm, slightly calcareous, moderately saline and moderately sodic, cracking clay (pellic VERTISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
- Ps3A Soils developed on sediments from various sources
286. Ps3Aqc well drained, very deep, reddish brown, non to slightly calcareous, non-saline and non-sodic, fine sand to fine sandy loam (cambic ARENOSOLS)
287. Ps3Abk well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown, very firm, strongly calcareous, slightly saline and slightly sodic, clay, with soft surface (calcio CAMBISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
- Ps SEDIMENTARY PLAINS OF UNDIFFERENTIATED LEVELS
- PsE Soils developed on cover sands
288. PsElk/o (o) well drained, very deep, reddish brown, friable, moderately calcareous, moderately sodic sandy clay loam, with a thick topsoil of loamy sand (calcio to chromic LUVISOLS, sodic phase)
289. PsElk+Dqk complex of soils of units PsElk and Dqk (unit 372)
- PsW Soils developed on sediments from marl deposits (Asaharbito beds)
290. PsWxg (a) moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, pale brown, firm, strongly calcareous and gypsiferous, slightly saline, slightly cracking clay loam (gypsic Xerosols, saline phase)

Pv	<u>VOLCANIC PLAINS</u>
PvB	<u>Soils developed on alluvium from early Pleistocene olivine basalts (and pyroclastic rocks)</u>
291. PvBrk (sm)	well drained, deep, dark red, friable, strongly calcareous, non-saline but moderately sodic, clay loam, with stone surface (desert pavement) (calciic XEROSOLS, stone-mantle and sodic phase)
292. PvBzo (o)	imperfectly drained, deep, dark reddish brown to dark greyish brown, firm, strongly calcareous, moderately saline and strongly sodic, clay (orthic SOLONCHAKS, sodic phase)
293. PvBvp (a)	poorly drained, deep, dark grey, very firm, moderately saline and sodic, cracking clay (pellic VERTISOLS, saline phase)
294. PvBlc (b)	well drained, very deep, dark red, friable, stony and bouldery clay (chromic LUVISOLS, bouldery phase)
295. PvBne	well drained, extremely deep, dusky red to dark reddish brown, friable clay (eutric NITOSOLS)
PvP	<u>Soils developed on ashes and pumice from Recent volcanoes</u>
296. PvPwe	poorly drained, deep, black, very firm clay, abruptly underlying a topsoil of friable loam; with a calcareous deeper subsoil (eutric PLANOSOLS)
297. PvPws	imperfectly drained, moderately deep to deep, firm to very firm, slightly sodic, silty clay loam to clay, abruptly underlying a thick topsoil of friable silt loam to clay loam (solodic PLANOSOLS)
298. PvPrt	excessively drained to well drained, very deep, dark greyish brown to olive grey, loose to very friable, stratified, calcareous, fine sand to fine sandy loam or silt (ando-calcaric REGOSOLS)
299. PvPsg (a)	imperfectly drained, very deep, yellowish brown to olive grey, friable, slightly saline and slightly sodic, sandy loam to silt loam, with a brittle and strongly sodic deeper subsoil ((ando-) gleyic SOLONETZ, saline and fragipan phase)
300. PvPtm (o)	somewhat excessively drained, very deep, strong brown to dark yellowish brown, very friable and smeary, slightly sodic, gravelly sandy clay loam (mollic ANDOSOLS, sodic phase)
301. PvPtv	well drained, moderately deep to deep, brown to dark brown, very friable, loam to sandy clay loam (vitric ANDOSOLS)
302. PvPto	(description pending)

- Pc COASTAL PLAINS
- Pc1J Soils developed on higher-level lagoonal deposits (Kilindini sands)
303. Pc1Jqa/f excessively drained to well drained, very deep, reddish yellow to white, loose, sand to loamy sand (albic and ferralic ARENOSOLS)
304. Pc1Jsl+lv (ao) imperfectly drained, deep to very deep, very dark greyish brown to olive brown, mottled, firm to very firm, sandy clay to clay; moderately calcareous and moderately saline/sodic throughout or in deeper subsoil (ortho-luvic SOLONETZ and vertic LUVISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
305. Pc1Jws imperfectly drained, very deep, brown, very firm, sandy loam to sandy clay loam, abruptly underlying a thick topsoil of friable loamy sand; slightly to moderately sodic in deeper subsoil; with inclusions of many small bottomlands of unit BJhg F (unit 343) (solodic PLANOSOLS)
- Pc2J Soils developed on lower-level lagoonal deposits (Kilindini sands)
306. Pc2Jc complex of very deep soils of varying drainage condition, colour, consistence, texture and salinity (albic ARENOSOLS, orthic FERRALSOLS, gleyic LUVISOLS, solodic PLANOSOLS, pellic VERTISOLS)
307. Pc2Jsg (a) imperfectly to poorly drained, very deep, grey to brown, mottled, very firm clay (hardpan); slightly calcareous and strongly saline and sodic throughout or in deeper subsoil (gleyic SOLONETZ; with gleyic or verto-luvic PHAEZEMS, saline-sodic phase)
308. Pc2Jlg/a (o) moderately well drained, very deep, yellowish brown to greyish brown, mottled, very firm, sandy loam to sandy clay loam, with a very thick (60-100cm) topsoil of light brownish grey to yellow, friable loamy sand; with inclusions of many small bottomlands of BJwh (unit 344) gleyic to albic LUVISOLS, sodic phase; with ferralo-chromic LUVISOLS, dystrio or solodic PLANOSOLS and cambic ARENOSOLS)
- Pc3J Soils developed on aeolian deposits (reworked) lagoonal deposits)
309. Pc3Jfo well drained, very deep, yellowish red, very friable, fine sandy loam to fine sandy clay loam (orthic FERRALSOLS)

- PcL Soils developed on raised-coral-reef limestone, with admixture of lagoonal deposits
310. PcLfr well drained, deep, dark red to reddish brown, friable, sandy clay loam to sandy clay, with topsoil of loamy sand (rhodic FERRALSOLS)
311. PcLws imperfectly drained, deep, greyish brown, mottled, firm, slightly calcareous, non to slightly saline and slightly sodic, sandy clay loam (hardpan), abruptly underlying a thick topsoil of friable loamy sand (solodic PLANOSOLS)
312. PcLi
 (p) well drained, shallow, dark brown to dark reddish brown, rocky, sandy clay loam to sandy clay (LITHOSOLS; with ferralic CAMBISOLS, lithic phase)
- P1 LACUSTRINE PLAINS
- PlE Soils developed on sediments from pyroclastic rocks and olivine basalts (upper level of Chalbi)
313. PlEz
 (gm) imperfectly drained, deep, moderately calcareous, strongly saline, gravelly clay loam, with fine gravel surface (desert pavement) (SOLONCHAKS, undifferentiated, gravel-mantle phase)
- PlL Soils developed on sediments from limestone (middle level of Chalbi)
314. PlLi
 (K) imperfectly drained, shallow, greyish brown, friable, excessively calcareous, fine sandy clay loam, over massive petrocalcic material (LITHOSOLS; with calcic CAMBISOLS, petrocalcic phase)
- PlA Soils developed on sediments from various sources (lower level of Chalbi)
315. PlAzt poorly drained, deep, very firm, excessively saline, cracking clay (takyric SOLONCHAKS)
316. PlAzo very poorly drained, deep, firm, excessively saline clay, with puffed, salty surface (orthic SOLONCHAKS)
317. PlAz
 (o) poorly drained, very deep, dark greyish brown, friable to firm, moderately calcareous, moderately saline and strongly sodic, loam to clay loam, with common low sand dunes; in places gypsiferous (SOLONCHAKS, undifferentiated)
- PlV Soils developed on sediments from volcanic ashes and other sources
318. PlVzo+so
 (k) complex of moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, shallow to deep, strongly calcareous,

318. cont'd. strongly saline and strongly sodic soils of varying colour, consistence and texture; over pisocalcic or petrocalcic material (higher level of Amboseli) (orthic SOLONCHAKS and orthic SOLONETZ, petrocalcic phase)
319. P1Vzg (o) poorly drained, very deep, black to very dark olive grey, mottled, very firm, strongly calcareous, strongly saline and strongly sodic clay (lower level of Amboseli) (gleyic SOLONCHAKS, sodic phase)
320. P1Vs (a) imperfectly drained to poorly drained, very deep, dark greyish brown to dark brown, firm to very firm, slightly to moderately calcareous, slightly to moderately saline, but moderately to strongly sodic, silt loam to clay, often with humic topsoil (subrecent lake sides of the central Rift Valley) (SOLONETZ, undifferentiated, saline phase)
321. P1Vvc (o) imperfectly drained to poorly drained, very deep, dark grey to dark greyish brown, very firm, slightly calcareous, non to slightly saline but moderately sodic, cracking clay (upper level of Lambwe valley) (chromic VERTISOLS, sodic phase)
322. P1Vsm very poorly drained, very deep, very dark grey, very firm, slightly to moderately calcareous, gypsiferous, slightly saline but strongly sodic clay, with humic topsoil (lower level of Lambwe valley) (mollic SOLONETZ)
- P1P Soils developed on sediments mainly from volcanic ashes (Gamblian lake of the Central Rift Valley)
323. P1Pht+bg complex of:
 - well drained, moderately deep to deep, dark brown, friable and slightly smeary, fine gravelly, sandy clay loam to sandy clay, with humic topsoil (ando-haplic PHAEZOZEMS)
 - imperfectly drained, moderately deep to deep, strong brown, mottled, firm and brittle, sandy clay to clay (gleyic CAMBISOLS, fragipan phase)
- P1D Soils developed on sediments from lacustrine mudstones
324. P1Dvc (o) poorly drained, shallow to deep, very dark brown to very dark grey, firm to very firm, slightly sodic, cracking clay (upper level of Kano plains) (chromic VERTISOLS, sodic and partly lithic phase)

325. P1Dvp
(o) poorly drained, very deep, very dark grey to black, very firm, slightly sodic, cracking clay, with calcareous deeper subsoil (lower level of Kano plains) (pellic VERTISOLS, sodic phase)

Pt SEDIMENTARY PLAINS OF UPPER RIVER TERRACES

PtL Soils developed on sediments mainly from limestones and marls

326. PtLqk well drained, very deep, dark red, friable, strongly calcareous, loamy sand to sandy loam; in places clayey
(calcaric ARENOSOLS; with calcic XEROSOLS)

PtO Soils developed on sediments mainly from Plio-Pleistocene bay sediments

327. PtOso
(a) moderately well drained to imperfectly drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, firm, moderately calcareous, moderately saline and moderately to strongly sodic, slightly cracking clay (orthic SOLONETZ, saline phase)

PtU Soils developed on sediments mainly from undifferentiated Basement System rocks

328. PtUbe well drained to moderately well drained, deep, dark brown, friable to firm, slightly calcareous, clay loam to clay (eutric CAMBISOLS)
329. PtUlk well drained, deep, dark reddish brown to reddish brown, friable, sandy clay loam to sandy clay, over pisocalcic material
(calcic LUVISOLS, pisocalcic phase)

Pf SEDIMENTARY PLAINS OF LARGE ALLUVIAL FANS

Pf1 OLDER FANS

Pf1U Soils developed on sediments mainly from undifferentiated Basement System rocks

330. Pf1U1 well drained, very deep, dark red to dark brown, firm, sandy clay loam to clay
(LUVISOLS, undifferentiated)

Pf1O Soils developed on sediments mainly derived from bay sediments

331. Pf1Osl
(a) complex of well drained to imperfectly drained, very deep, reddish brown to grey, firm clay soils of varying calcareousness, salinity and sodicity, in many places with strongly sealing topsoil; with inclusions of well drained, very deep, brown,

331. cont'd. loose loamy sand (levee complex) (luvo-orthic SOLONETZ, saline phase; with solodic PLANOSOLS, saline phase, chromic VERTISOLS, saline-sodic phase and cambic ARENOSOLS)
332. Pf10xk well drained, very deep, reddish brown, friable to firm, slightly to moderately calcareous, sandy clay to clay, with saline and sodic deeper subsoil (basin lands)
(calic XEROSOLS, partly saline-sodic phase)

Pf2

YOUNGER FANS

Pf20

Soils developed on sediments mainly derived from bay sediments

333. Pf20so (a) moderately well drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark brown, firm, moderately calcareous, moderately to strongly saline and strongly sodic, sandy clay to clay (levee complex) (orthic SOLONETZ, saline phase; with orthic SOLONCHAKS, sodic phase)
334. Pf20vc (ao) imperfectly drained, very deep, dark reddish brown to dark greyish brown, firm, moderately calcareous, moderately to strongly saline and strongly sodic, cracking clay (basin lands) (chromic VERTISOLS, saline-sodic phase)

B

BOTTOMLANDS

BV

Soils developed on infill from undifferentiated volcanic rocks

335. BWok poorly drained, deep, very dark greyish brown, firm, moderately to strongly calcareous and slightly sodic clay, with humic topsoil
(calic CHERNOZEMS)
336. BWv+z imperfectly drained, deep, dark brown to olive grey, firm to very firm clay soils of varying calcareousness, salinity and sodicity; in many places cracking (VERTISOLS and SOLONCHAKS, undifferentiated)
337. BVv imperfectly drained, very deep, dark brown to dark grey, firm, slightly to moderately saline, moderately sodic, cracking clay; in many places calcareous (chromic and pellic VERTISOLS, saline-sodic phase)

BP

Soils developed on infill from volcanic ashes

338. BPwh imperfectly drained to poorly drained, moderately deep, dark greyish brown, mottled, very firm clay loam (hardpan), abruptly underlying a topsoil of acid humic friable loam (humic PLANOSOLS)

- BI** Soils developed on infill from intermediate igneous rocks (phonolites)
339. **BLgm**
(m) poorly drained, moderately deep, dark grey to grey, mottled, firm clay, with humic topsoil; in many places over petroplinthite (mollic GLEYSOLS, partly petro-ferric phase)
- BL** Soils developed on infill from limestones
340. **BLch** poorly drained, deep, very dark grey to very dark brown, firm, moderately calcareous, clay loam to clay, with humic topsoil (haplic CHEMNOSOLS)
341. **BLzt** imperfectly drained to poorly drained, deep, greyish brown to dark reddish brown, strongly calcareous and probably strongly saline, cracking clay loam (takyric SOLONCHAKS)
- BS** Soils developed on infill from Taru sandstones
342. **BSsl** imperfectly drained to poorly drained, very deep, dark brown to dark grey, firm to very firm, sodic clay, with a calcareous and saline deeper subsoil (luvo-orthic SOLONETZ)
- BJ** Soils developed on infill from lagoonal deposits (Milindini sands)
343. **BJhg** imperfectly drained to poorly drained, very deep, light brownish grey to brown, mottled, firm to very firm, clay; in places sodic and cracking (higher-level depressions) (gleyic PHAEOSOLS; with verto-luvic PHAEOSOLS and pollic VERTISOLS, sodic phase)
344. **BJwh** poorly drained, very deep, greyish brown, mottled, very firm clay (hardpan), abruptly underlying a topsoil of friable humic sandy clay loam (lower-level depressions) (humic PLANOSOLS)
- BU** Soils developed on infill mainly from undifferentiated Basement System rocks
345. **BUwd** complex of imperfectly drained to poorly drained, very deep, very dark grey to brown, mottled, friable to firm, sandy clay to clay, often abruptly underlying a topsoil of friable, sandy clay loam; in places saline and sodic (dystrophic PLANOSOLS; with pollic VERTISOLS, vertic and humic GLEYSOLS and plinthic AGRISOLS)
346. **BUgd** complex of imperfectly drained to very poorly drained, very deep, very dark grey to dark greyish brown, mottled, firm clay; in places peaty or with acid humic topsoil (dystrophic GLEYSOLS; with eutric PLANOSOLS and some dystrophic HISTOSOLS)

347. BUvp poorly drained, very deep, dark greyish brown to black, very firm, slightly calcareous, cracking clay; in many places with a saline and sodic deeper subsoil (pellic VERTISOLS, partly saline-sodic phase; with eutric or vertic GLEYSOLS)
348. BUvc
 (ao) imperfectly drained, very deep, dark grey to dark brown, very firm, slightly to moderately calcareous, moderately sodic clay, with a saline deeper subsoil (chromic VERTISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
349. BUso imperfectly drained to poorly drained, very deep, brown to dark brown, very firm, slightly calcareous, strongly sodic clay (orthic SOLONETZ)

A

FLOODPLAINS

AV

Soils developed on sediments from various volcanic rocks and pyroclastics (Rift Valley floodplains)

350. AVz poorly drained, very deep, greyish brown to light olive brown, friable, strongly calcareous, strongly saline and slightly to moderately sodic, silt loam to clay (SOLONCHAKS, undifferentiated; with FLUVISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
351. AVjc
 (o) well drained, very deep, very dark greyish brown to dark yellowish brown, friable, stratified, micaceous, moderately to strongly calcareous, non to slightly saline but moderately sodic, loam to clay (calcaric FLUVISOLS, sodic phase)

AP

Soils developed on sediments mainly from volcanic ashes

352. APjc well drained to moderately well drained, very deep, dark greyish brown to yellowish brown, friable stratified, silty clay loam to clay; in places slightly to moderately saline and slightly to moderately sodic (eutric FLUVISOLS, partly saline-sodic phase)

AB

Soils developed on sediments mainly from olivine basalts

353. ABjc
 (ao) imperfectly drained, very deep, dark brown to dark reddish brown, firm, moderately to strongly calcareous, stratified clay loam to clay, with a deeper subsoil of varying salinity and sodicity (calcaric FLUVISOLS, saline-sodic phase)

361. cont'd. - imperfectly drained, very deep, very dark grey, firm, moderately calcareous, moderately saline and moderately to strongly sodic, cracking clay; on lower parts (pellic VERTISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
362. AA1k (ao) imperfectly drained, very deep, dark brown, firm, strongly calcareous, moderately saline and strongly sodic clay, with a topsoil of sandy clay loam (calcio LUVISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
363. AAbk (K) moderately well drained, shallow to moderately deep, strongly calcareous, sandy clay to clay loam, over petrocalcic material (calcio CAMBISOLS, petrocalcic phase)
364. AAvp (ao) poorly drained, very deep, very dark grey, very firm, moderately calcareous, slightly saline and slightly to moderately sodic, cracking clay (pellic VERTISOLS, saline-sodic phase)
365. AAgm poorly drained, deep, very dark grey, mottled, firm clay, with a sulfidic deeper subsoil (mollic GLEYSOLS, thionic phase)
366. AAjt very poorly drained, deep, dark grey, soft (unripe) strongly saline and strongly sulfidic, clay (thionic FLUVISOLS)
367. AAgh poorly drained, deep, dark greyish brown, mottled, firm clay, with acid humic topsoil (humic GLEYSOLS)
368. AAje complex of well drained to imperfectly drained, very deep, dark greyish brown to dark reddish brown, stratified soils of varying consistence and texture (eutric FLUVISOLS)

S

MISCELLANEOUS LAND TYPES
SWAMPS

369. Szg poorly drained to very poorly drained, very deep, dark greyish brown to dark olive grey, firm to very firm, strongly calcareous, strongly saline and strongly sodic clay; in many places with fragipans at various depths (gleyic SOLONCHAKS, sodic phase and partly fragipan phase)
370. Sgh very poorly drained, very deep, very dark grey to black, firm, cracking clay, with acid humic topsoil (seasonal swamps) (humic GLEYSOLS)
371. Sg+o very poorly drained, very deep, dark grey to black, firm clay, with acid humic topsoil; in many places peaty (permanent swamps) (humic GLEYSOLS and dystic HISTOSOLS)

- D DUNES
372. Dqk excessively drained, very deep, brown, loose, moderately calcareous, loamy sand to sandy loam (calcareo-cambic ARENOSOLS)
373. Dqo excessively drained, very deep, brown to pale brown, loose, sand to loamy sand (cambic ARENOSOLS)
374. Dbk (a) well drained, very deep, dark brown, friable or brittle, strongly calcareous, moderately saline, sandy clay loam, with fragipans at various depths (calcic CAMBISOLS, saline and fragipan phase)
375. Dqk+PIAz complex of soils of units Dqk and PIAz
- La LAVA FLOWS
376. La excessively drained, exceedingly bouldery to stony, extremely rocky land (Boulders and Rock Outcrops)
- W BADLANDS
- WO Badlands developed on Plio-Pleistocene bay sediments (Marafa beds)
377. WOs excessively drained, brown, very firm, strongly sodic, gravelly clay loam to sandy clay of varying depth; strongly eroding and strongly sealed (SOLONCHTZ, undifferentiated)
- WX Badlands developed on various older lacustrine and volcanic rocks
378. WXs (sm) excessively drained, reddish brown, strongly calcareous, slightly to moderately saline and strongly sodic, silt loam to clay loam of varying depth; strongly eroding and often with gravel or stone surface (SOLONCHTZ, undifferentiated; with calcic XEROSOLS, LITHOSOLS, a.o.; stone-mantle phase)
- Z COASTAL OR LAKE-SIDE BEACH RIDGES
- Z1 Soils developed on older coastal beach ridges
379. Zlfr well drained, very deep, red, very friable, sandy clay loam (rhodic FERRALSOLS)
- Z2 Soils developed on younger coastal beach ridges often covering coral rock
380. Z2ai (o) moderately well drained, very deep, dark brown to reddish brown, firm to very firm, often moderately sodic, sandy clay loam, underlying

380. cont'd. a thick topsoil of friable loamy sand; in places shallow over coral rock (ferralo-chromic/orthic ACRISOLS, sodic phase; with solodic PLANOSOLS)

Z3

Soils developed on beach ridges along Lake Victoria

381. Z3z imperfectly drained, very deep, dark brown to greyish brown, friable, sandy loam to sandy clay of varying salinity and sodicity; with inclusions of loose sand to loamy sand soils (SOLONCHAKS, undifferentiated; with ARENOSOLS undifferentiated)

T

MANGROVE SWAMPS

382. Tjt+zg very poorly drained, very deep, olive to greenish grey, soft (unripe), excessively saline and moderately to strongly sodic, loam to clay, often with sulfidic material (thionic FLUVISOLS and gleyic SOLONCHAKS)

V

MINOR VALLEYS

383. VC1 complex of well drained to poorly drained, deep, dark reddish brown to black, firm, silty clay to clay; in places calcareous and/or cracking
384. VC2 complex of well drained to imperfectly drained, shallow to moderately deep, dark reddish brown to very dark greyish brown, firm, slightly to moderately calcareous, rocky, stony, or gravelly clay.