



## **International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers**

### **Submission by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**

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The International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers has been finalized after extensive internal and external consultations, in collaboration with the Global Soil Partnership and the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils. It was endorsed by the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the FAO Conference<sup>1</sup>.

The International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers<sup>2</sup> is an important tool for implementing the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management<sup>3</sup>, with special regard to nutrient imbalances and soil pollution. The Code promotes practices including nutrient recycling, and agronomic and land management to improve soil health; and recommends regulation related to the sale, distribution and labelling of fertilizer products wherever appropriate. It also promotes capacity development and education programs for all stakeholders involved in the fertilizer value chain, and encourages developed countries to assist others in developing infrastructures and capacity to manage fertilizers throughout their life cycle.

The International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers is submitted to the Co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group for consideration in the consultations on the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

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<sup>1</sup> C 2019/REP, paragraph 49 b.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.fao.org/3/ca5253en/ca5253en.pdf> and <http://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/resources/highlights/detail/en/c/1200213/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.fao.org/land-water/land/land-governance/land-resources-planning-toolbox/category/details/en/c/1043063/>