



How to attract pupils for soil education

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At present time is the protection of the environment more and more important. Soil as integral part of the environment has to be protected and exploited according to the principles of sustainability. Soil is considered as non renewable resource because of very long time (more than the human life) of its creation. Also degradation processes of soil need very long time for removal of their effect and the result is not always the same soil as it was before degradation - quality of many soil properties is lost and the recovery process is time and many consuming. People simply need healthy soil for their existence of the Earth. Because of these facts the soil protection and sustainable use is crucial. Thus crucial is also education of young generation to be able to understand the value of soil for human beings. Soil is very multifunctional subject, thus also education of its protection can be variable. One way which we used was to attract children via painting competition with the topic: Soil importance and protection. Children had to create pictures by use colours made directly from different soils. The response was very positive. Children understand very well the importance of soil protection. What they do not understand, but what they recognized is that sometimes adults use soil in such a way which leads to soil degradation.