

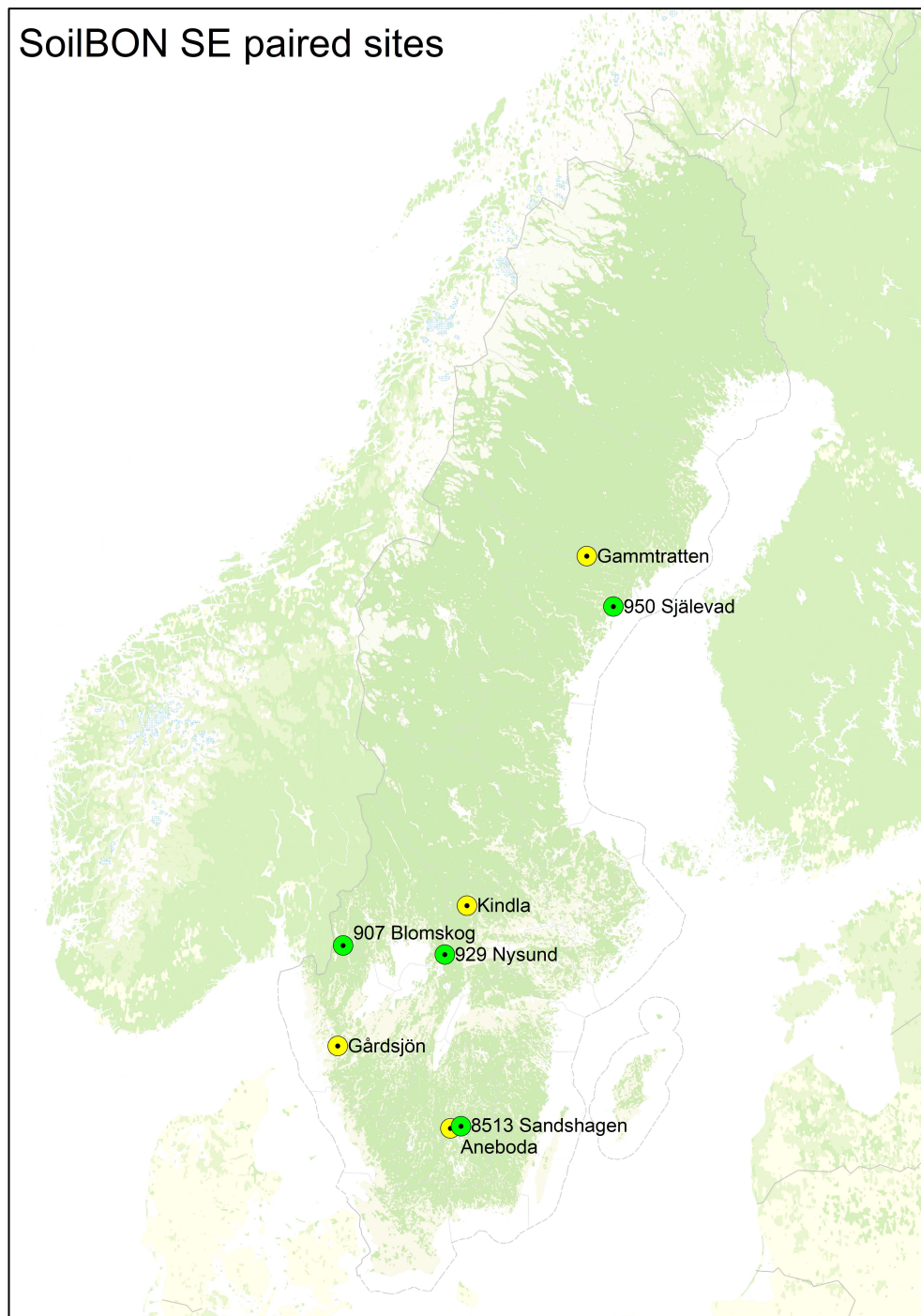
Dear Carlos,

We agree to participate in the SoilBON initiative with the sites below, which are the result of discussions between the Swedish ICP IM and the Unit for Field-based Forest Research at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SLU and belonging to the Swedish eLTER. Initially, we will participate with four pairwise arranged reference and managed forest sites dominated by Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*, (L.) H. Karst) according to the Table 1 and Figure 1.

In the near future, we may want to complement the Swedish SoilBON with more sites representative for other types of soils and land cover/land use e.g. alpine areas, peatlands, meadows and arable fields. The Swedish infrastructure for Ecosystem Science, SITES (<https://www.fieldsites.se/en-GB>), being part of the LTER Sweden network (<https://www.slu.se/en/departments/aquatic-sciences-assessment/environment/lter-sweden/>), will be contacted for potential collaboration and selection of additional Swedish SoilBON sites. We will inform you on potential new Swedish sites as soon as possible, but unfortunately we foresee that the deadline 30 September will be exceeded. Hopefully, that is OK with you.

**Table 1.** Names, status, location coordinates and web sites for the Swedish SoilBON sites.

No	Site name	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Web site
1.	SE14 Aneboda	Protected semi-natural	57,11357	14,5512	<a href="https://deims.org/9dd45aa6-ed7a-49d2-bea4-7750351c55d0">https://deims.org/9dd45aa6-ed7a-49d2-bea4-7750351c55d0</a>
	LTER Asa 8513 Sandshagen	Managed	57.1394	14.7818	<a href="https://www.silvaboreal.com/?p=trial&amp;id=8513">https://www.silvaboreal.com/?p=trial&amp;id=8513</a>
2.	SE04 Gårdsjön	Protected semi-natural	58,0541	12,0213	<a href="https://deims.org/c7f490fb-76a4-4d6c-ba3e-2fd2f33822ec">https://deims.org/c7f490fb-76a4-4d6c-ba3e-2fd2f33822ec</a>
	LTER Siljansfors 907 Blomskog	Managed	59,2487	12,0447	<a href="https://www.silvaboreal.com/?p=trial&amp;id=907">https://www.silvaboreal.com/?p=trial&amp;id=907</a>
3.	SE15 Kindla	Protected semi-natural	59.7538	14.9055	<a href="https://deims.org/9aa88bb6-b4a9-4569-8520-3d26643e6de9">https://deims.org/9aa88bb6-b4a9-4569-8520-3d26643e6de9</a>
	LTER Siljansfors 929 Nysund	Managed	59.1720	14.3957	<a href="https://www.silvaboreal.com/?p=trial&amp;id=929">https://www.silvaboreal.com/?p=trial&amp;id=929</a>
4.	SE16 Gammtratten	Protected semi-natural	63,8591	18,1086	<a href="https://deims.org/27415652-8de8-40e7-92c1-f82526116a2d">https://deims.org/27415652-8de8-40e7-92c1-f82526116a2d</a>
	LTER Svartberget 950 Själevad	Managed	63.2460	18.7383	<a href="https://www.silvaboreal.com/?p=trial&amp;id=950">https://www.silvaboreal.com/?p=trial&amp;id=950</a>



**Figure 1.** Site map for the Swedish SoilBON sites.

In the brochure on sampling method (SoilBONFieldPamphlet.pdf), we do not find any information on when the soil samples are to be collected. We assume that the first survey will be performed 2022, but is there any restrictions regarding seasons or months?

Yours sincerely,

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