



## **Soil protection through trees and shrubs in the Russian Confederation**

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Soil protection has a far more than century-old tradition in Russia. But it has chosen an entirely different way than the countries in the Central and Western Europe. In consideration of the specific Russian landscape and land use traditions an advanced form of agro forestry has been implemented. It is nowadays a sustainable element of soil protection in the Russian Confederation. Stripes and patches of trees are used almost universally - in the wind-erosion-endangered farming areas of the Russian steppe as well as in the mountainous country to protect against water erosion downhill, land slide, ovrags (Russian gullies), mudflows and so on. This paper is intending to show some experiences of the specific Russian way in soil protection and the actual state of investigation.