



# The effect of ecosystem engineers on N cycling in an arid agroecosystem

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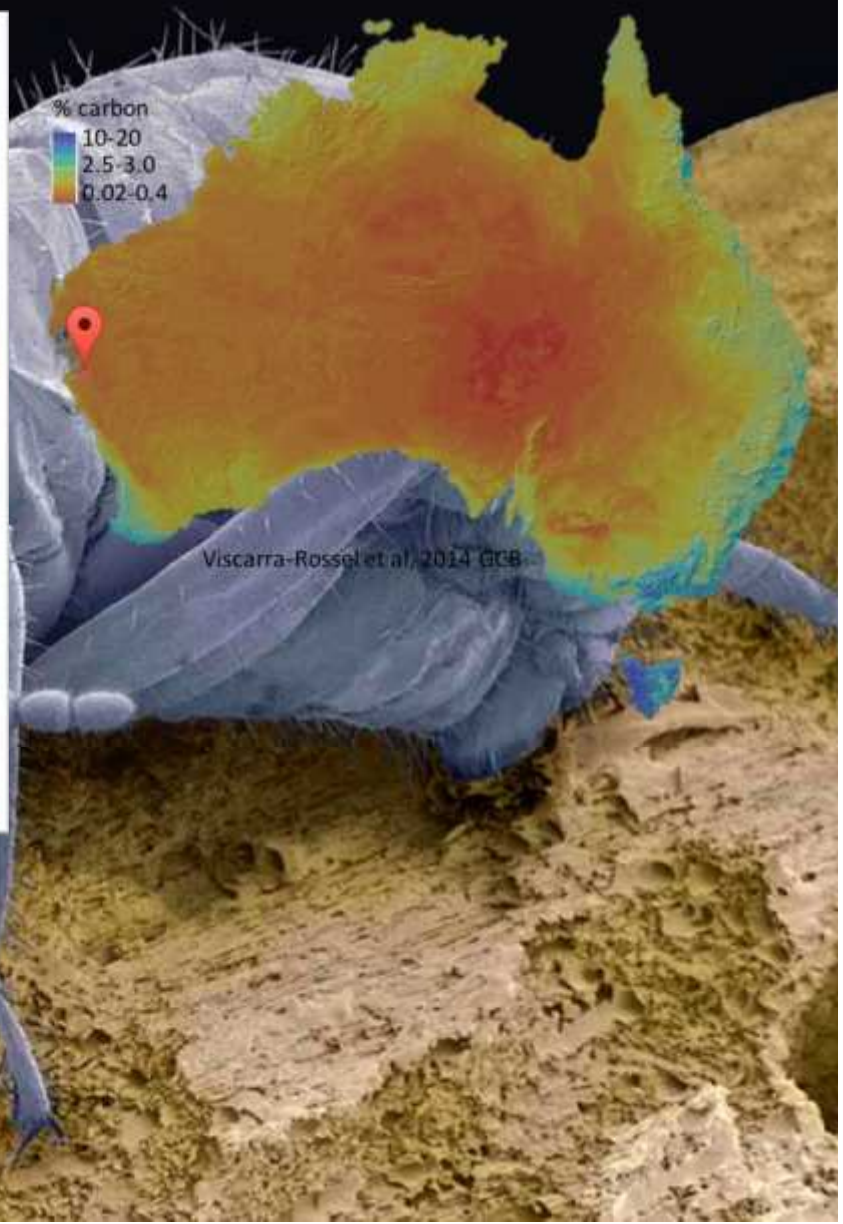
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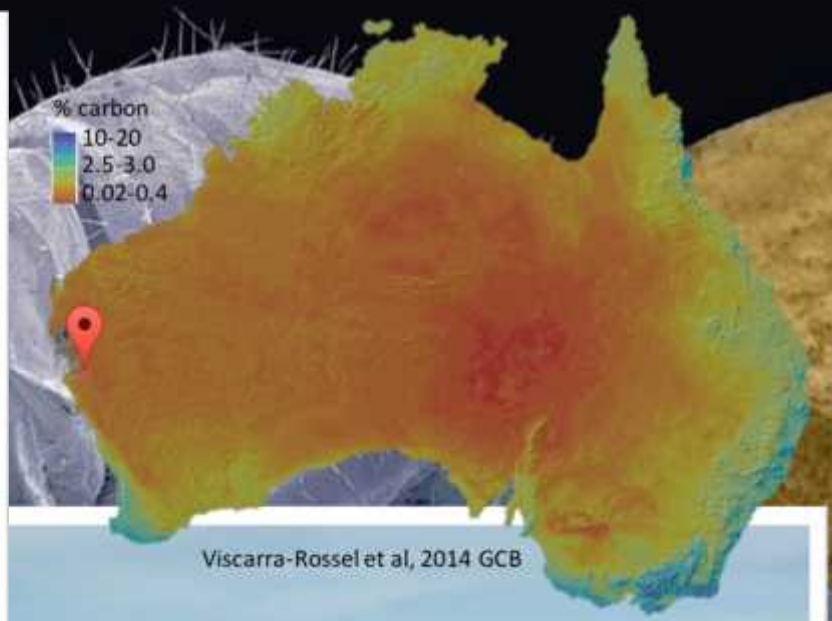
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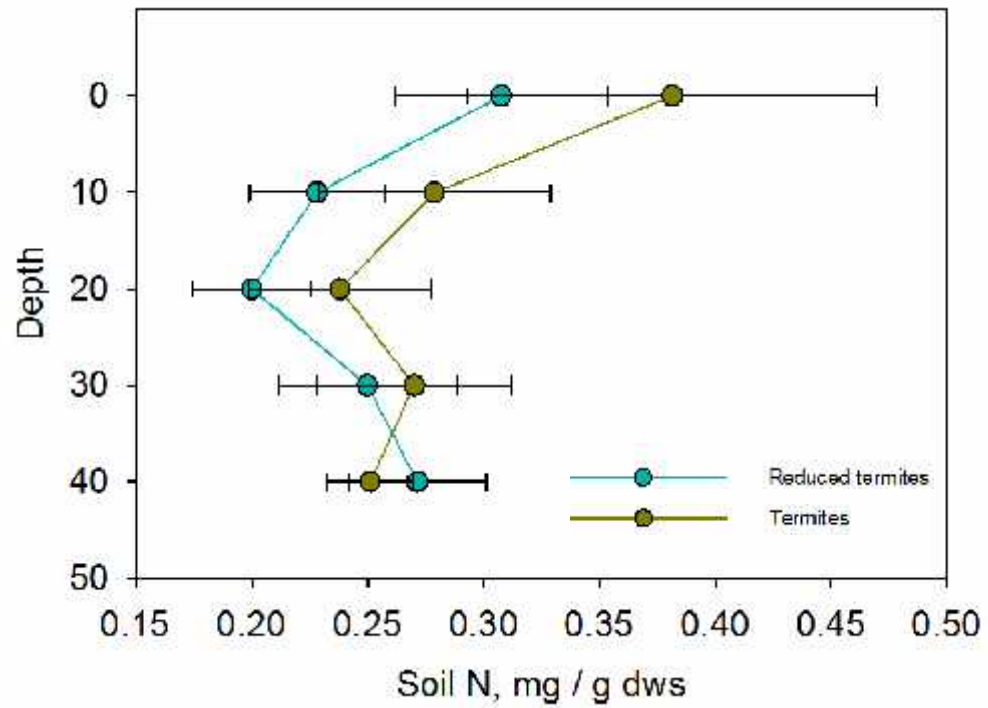




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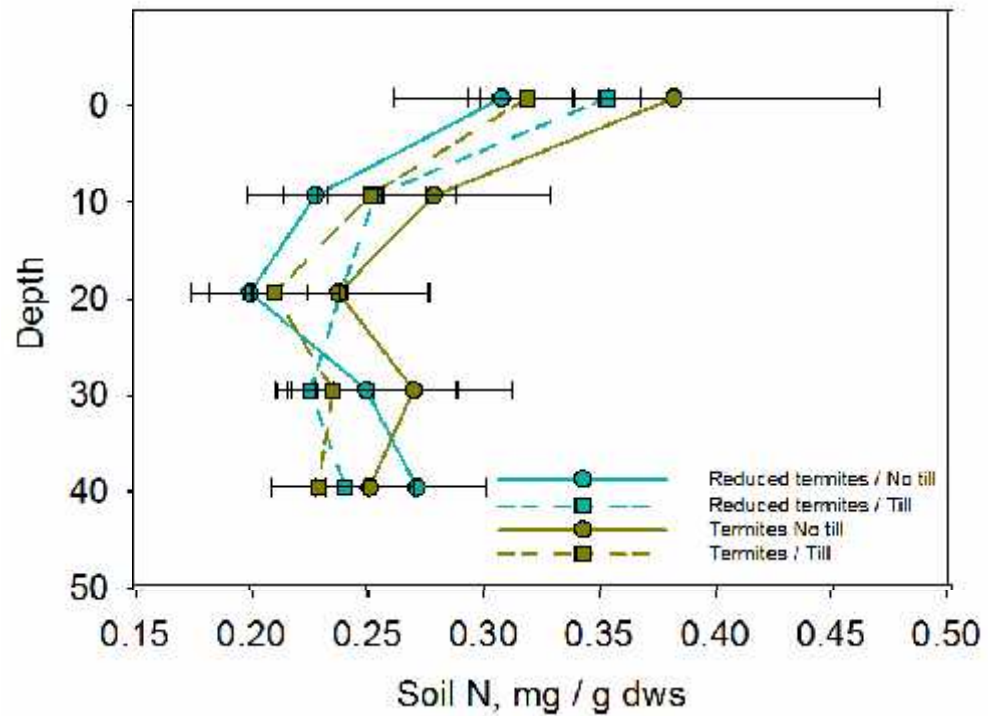
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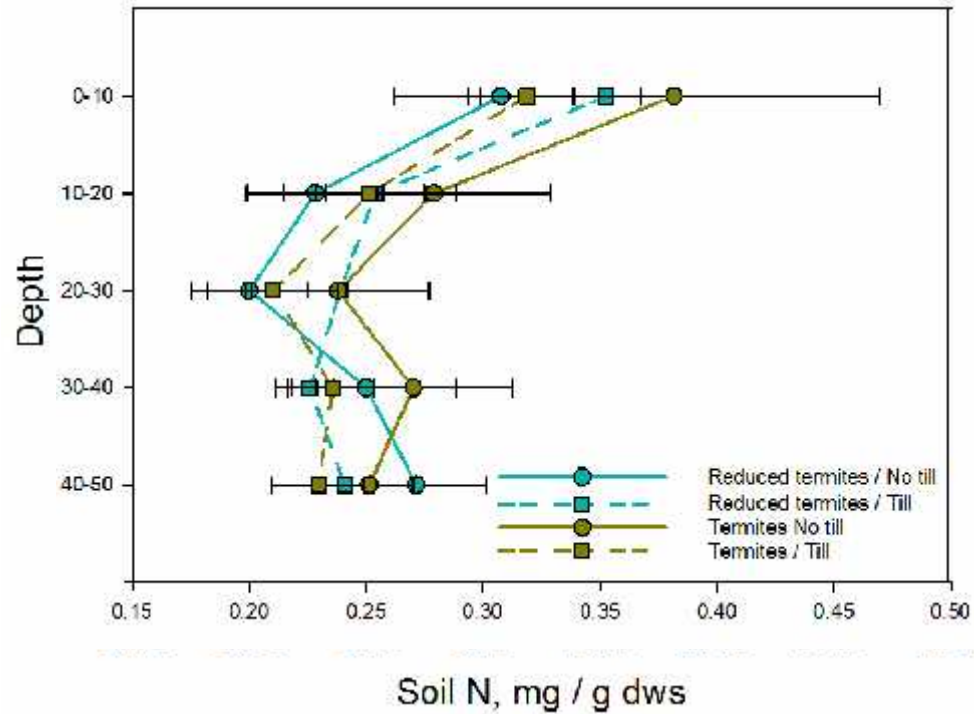
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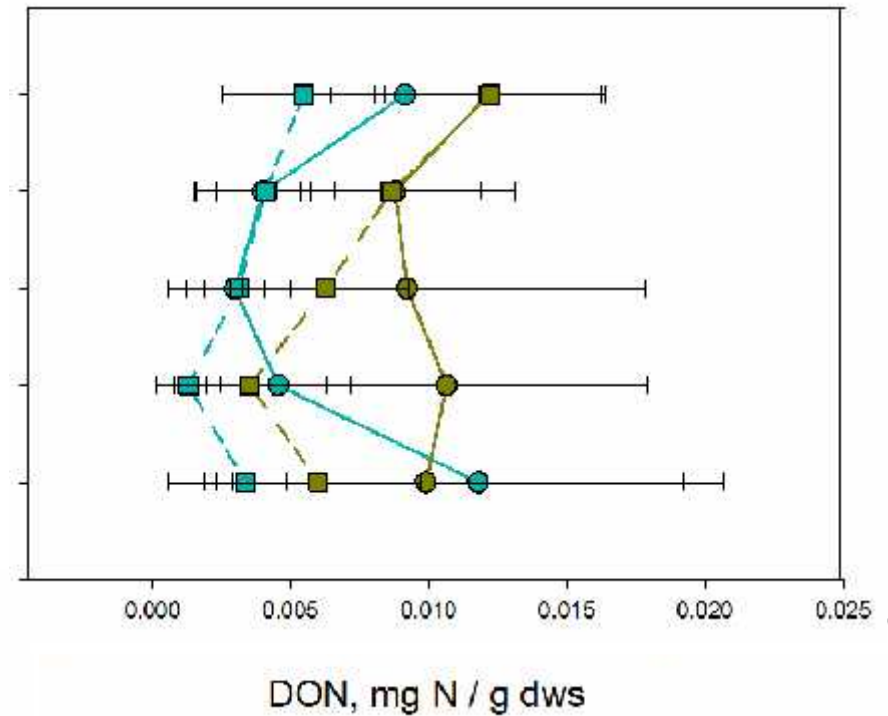


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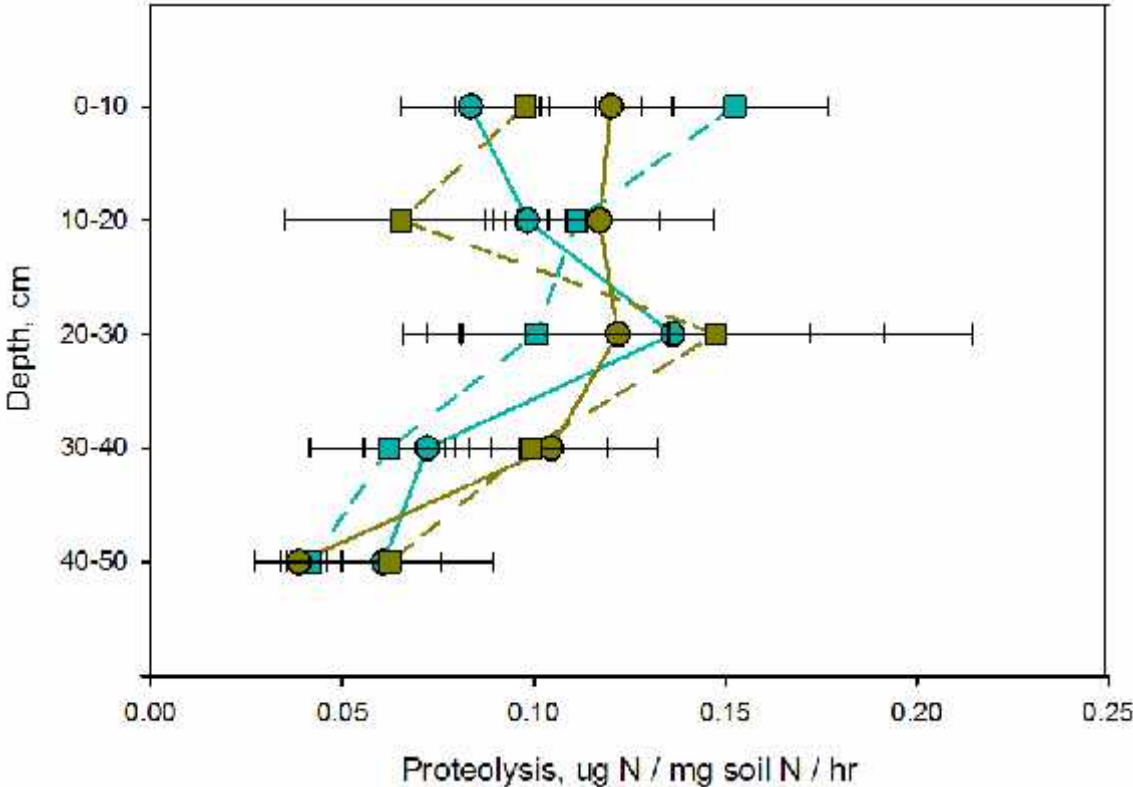


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# Soil N fluxes

## Proteolysis





# Conclusions

- Ecosystem engineers enhanced soil N *pools*, but *fluxes* into the pools were largest when termites were reduced.
- Managing soils to promote biodiversity can have environmental and economic benefits by reducing external N fertilizer demand without yield trade-offs.