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Study of Physical and Chemical Soil Properties Variations Using Principal Component Analysis Method in the Forest, North of Iran

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The field study was conducted in one district of Educational-Experimental forest at Tehran University (Kheirood-Kenar forest) in the North of Iran. Eighty-five soil profiles were dug in the site of study and several chemical and physical soil properties were considered. These factors included: soil pH, soil texture, bulk density, organic carbon, total nitrogen, extractable phosphorus and depth of soil. Principal Component Analysis (PCA), was used to identify the variations of soil properties. Results showed that there are significant relationships between some soil factors and two PCA axes. Content of clay in A₁ and A₂ horizons, bulk density, organic carbon and total nitrogen in A₁ horizon, and content of silt in A₂ horizon, correlated to the first PCA axis. Content of clay, pH, carbon percentage and silt content of B₁ Horizon, and soil depth, were the most important factors correlated to the second PCA axis. Soil profiles that consist high content of clay, with heavy soil texture, and soil profiles with high content of silt, occupied different areas in the forest. The content of total nitrogen and organic carbon also varied noticeably amongst the soil profiles. The variations of soil properties showed correlation with the distribution of trees and variations of altitude. REFERENCES Asly, A and Etter, H. (1969) Forest Management Plan for Educational-Experimental Forest of Tehran University. Tehran University, Tehran. pp. 3- 10. Salehi and Zahedi 137 Brady, N. C and Weil, R. R. (1990) The nature and properties of soil (Tenth edition· macmilan publishing company, 621 p. Cornelissen, J. H. C. (1996) An experimental comparison of leaf decomposition rates in a wide range of temperate plant species and types. J. Ecol., 4, pp. 573- 582. Edwards, C. A., D. E. Reichk and A. Crossley, (1970) The role of soil invertebrates in turnover of organic matter and nutrients. Springer- Verlog, New York: pp. 147- 172. Finzi, A. C., Breemen, N. V., Canham, C. D. (1998) canopy tree-soil interaction within temperate forests: species effects on carbon and nitrogen, Ecological application, 8, 440- 446 Fisher, R. F and Binkley, D, (2000) Ecology and Management of Forest Soils (Third edition), John Wiley & sons, INC, 489 p. Gerrard, A. J, (1981) Soils and landforms. George Allen & Unwin Ltd, 219 pp. Goldsmith, F. B. (1973) The vegetation of exposed sea cliffs at South Stack, Anglesey. I. The multivariate approach. J. Ecol., 61, 787- 818. ... Goodall, D. W. (1954) Objective methods for the classification of vegetation. III. An essay in the use of factor analysis. Australian J

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