

Interactive comment on “Changes in soil quality due to converting *Pinus* to *Eucalyptus* plantations and subsequent successive *Eucalyptus* planting in southern China” by K. Zhang et al.

Anonymous Referee #1

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The impacts on soil quality after conversion from pine to eucalypt plantations in Guangxi, an area from southern China, is discussed in this research. The research carried out is excellent, and I strongly recommend it as a candidate for publication in Solid Earth.

The manuscript falls within the scope of Solid Earth, BUT a short text should be included in the Introduction stating: why soil quality assessment is necessary? What are the risks of not doing so? What are the expected negative impacts at a worldwide scale, for example in organic matter content, soil erosion or fertility? This will help the final paper to fit perfectly Solid Earth's scope.

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Figures are OK, but I recommend using color instead of grey shading.

In my opinion, there are only some details before the manuscript is ready for publication. I have uploaded a separate file with some general and detailed comments. My recommendation is publication after minor revision.

Congratulations to the authors.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.solid-earth-discuss.net/6/C983/2014/sed-6-C983-2014-supplement.pdf>

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