

# Data Quality and Fitness for Purpose

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## FITNESS FOR PURPOSE

Fitness for purpose is the affordance of data to be interpreted and used in a context that renders a certain usage, that is, the purpose, possible.

## DATA QUALITY

Data quality is the discrepancy between the fitness for purpose of optimal data, that is, of data with maximal fitness for purpose but the same scope as the actual data, and the fitness for purpose of the actual data, aggregated for all possible purposes.

*The map below is not fit for the purpose of deriving a soil classification (because soil types are not depicted) ...*

*... but might still be of good quality!*

