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- Ecuador currently has 12 public policies related to soils, which have a multi-thematic character. These are framed within the period from 1949 to 2017; in addition, they are distributed among Decrees, Laws and even the Political Constitution.

According to their thematic area, the number of existing public policies in the country regarding soils is detailed below:

● SOIL CONSERVATION: 7

- Agreement No. 45 - Norms of the National Environmental Authority for Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought. Date of text: 04-01-2014
- Constitution of Ecuador. Date of text: 28-09-2008
- Decree No. 3.399 - Issues the Unified Text of the Secondary Legislation of the Ministry of the Environment. Date of text: 28-11-2002
- Agreement No. 155 - Environmental Technical Norms for the prevention and control of environmental pollution for the electricity, telecommunications and transportation sectors. Date of text: 12-12-2006
- Decree No. 3.609 - General Regulations of the Agrarian Development Law (Book I, Title I of the Unified Text of the Secondary Legislation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock). Date of text: 20-03-2003

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- Agreement No. 97/A - Environmental quality norm for soil resources and remediation criteria for contaminated soils (Annex 2, Book VI of Environmental Quality, of the Unified Text of the Secondary Legislation of the Ministry of the Environment). Date of text: 30-07-2015
 - Resolution No. 169 - NTE INEN 2642 on the test method to determine the anaerobic biodegradation in the soil of plastic materials or residual plastic materials after composting. Date of text: 24-07-2012
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● SOIL RESTORATION: 3

- Agreement No. 32 - Creates the Management and Monitoring Unit (UGM) for environmental remediation projects. Date of text: 30-03-2006
 - Agreement No. 97/A - Environmental quality norm for soil resources and remediation criteria for contaminated soils (Annex 2, Book VI of Environmental Quality, of the Unified Text of the Secondary Legislation of the Ministry of the Environment). Date of text: 30-07-2015
 - Resolution No. 169 - NTE INEN 2642 on the test method to determine the anaerobic biodegradation in the soil of plastic materials or residual plastic materials after composting. Date of text: 24-07-2012
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● SOIL QUALITY: 8

- Decree No. 1.589 - Basic environmental policies of Ecuador. Date of text: 07-07-2006
 - Decree No. 3.609 - General Regulations of the Agrarian Development Law (Book I, Title I of the Unified Text of the Secondary Legislation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock). Date of text: 20-03-2003
 - Resolution No. 44 - Specific procedure for the evaluation of commercial brand inputs for organic production. Date of text: 19-04-2017
 - Resolution No. 43 - Master Procedure for the Evaluation of Inputs for Organic Production and Administration of the Information List of Brands. Date of text: 19-04-2017
 - Agreement No. 155 - Environmental Technical Norms for the prevention and control of environmental pollution for the electricity, telecommunications and transportation sectors. Date of text: 12-12-2006
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● **SOIL MONITORING: 1**

- Resolution No. 44 - Specific procedure for the evaluation of commercial brand inputs for organic production. Date of text: 19-04-2017
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● **SOIL EROSION: 1**

- Agreement No. 45 - Norms of the National Environmental Authority for Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought. Date of text: 04-01-2014
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● **SOIL ORGANIC CARBON LOSS: 1**

- Resolution No. 43 - Master Procedure for the Evaluation of Inputs for Organic Production and Administration of the Information List of Brands. Date of text: 19-04-2017
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● **NUTRIENT IMBALANCE: 3**

- Constitution of Ecuador. Date of text: 28-09-2008
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- Resolution No. 43 - Master Procedure for the Evaluation of Inputs for Organic Production and Administration of the Information List of Brands. Date of text: 19-04-2017
 - Resolution No. 44 - Specific procedure for the evaluation of commercial brand inputs for organic production. Date of text: 19-04-2017
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● **SOIL BIODIVERSITY LOSS: 4**

- Decree No. 1.589 - Basic environmental policies of Ecuador. Date of text: 07-07-2006
 - Decree No. 3.399 - Issues the Unified Text of the Secondary Legislation of the Ministry of the Environment. Date of text: 28-11-2002
 - Constitution of Ecuador. Date of text: 28-09-2008
 - Decree No. 3.609 - General Regulations of the Agrarian Development Law (Book I, Title I of the Unified Text of the Secondary Legislation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock). Date of text: 20-03-2003
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● **SOIL POLLUTION: 2**

- Agreement No. 32 - Creates the Management and Monitoring Unit (UGM) for environmental remediation projects. Date of text: 30-03-2006
 - Agreement No. 97/A - Environmental quality standard for soil resources and remediation criteria for contaminated soils (Annex 2, Book VI of Environmental Quality, of the Unified Text of the Secondary Legislation of the Ministry of the Environment). Date of text: 30-07-2015
 - Resolution No. 169 - NTE INEN 2642 on the test method to determine the anaerobic biodegradation in the soil of plastic materials or residual plastic materials after composting. Date of text: 24-07-2012
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● WATERLOGGING: 2

- Agreement No. 155 - Environmental Technical Standards for the prevention and control of environmental pollution for the electricity, telecommunications and transportation sectors. Date of text: 12-12-2006
- Decree No. 1.589 - Basic environmental policies of Ecuador. Date of text: 07-07-2006

As a summary, a table is detailed below in which the public policies mentioned above are displayed and what are the thematic areas with which they are linked:

PUBLIC POLICY	THEMATIC AREA									
	SC	SR	SQ	SM	SE	SOCL	NI	SBL	SP	WI
Agreement N° 45										
Constitution of Ecuador										
Decree N° 3.399										
Agreement N° 155										
Decree N° 3.609										
Agreement N° 97/A										
Resolution N° 169										
Agreement N° 32										
Decree N° 1.589										
Resolution N° 44										
Resolution N° 43										

SC: Soil conservation; SR: Soil restoration; SQ: Soil quality; SM: Soil monitoring; SE: Soil erosion; SOCL: Soil organic carbon loss; NI: Nutrient imbalance; SBL: Soil biodiversity loss; SP: Soil pollution; WI: Waterlogging.