

## Soil type file

### Required:

Always

### Name:

User-specified

### Read by:

`InitSoilMap()`

### Format:

2D Matrix

### Purpose:

Contains the soil type for each pixel. The ID numbers correspond to those specified in the configuration file.

### Details:

- If the format is `BIN` or `BYTESWAP`, then an `unsigned char` should be used.
- If the format is `NetCDF`, then `NC_BYTE` should be used and the variable name in the NetCDF file should be `Soil.Type`.
- The soil type file is masked based on the content of the mask file.