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Erić, R., Đukić, V., & Anđelić, N. (2019). Poređenje metoda Clark-ovog i Snyder-ovog jediničnog hidrograma za modeliranje površinskog oticaja. *Erozija*, 45, 31-46. <https://doi.org/10.5937/erozija1945031E>. U tekstu: (Erić i sar., 2019)

Book chapter:

Zlatić, M., Todosijević, M., Lazarević, K. & Momirović, N. (2022). Natural and Socio-Economic Effects of Erosion and Its Control in Serbia. u: Li, R., Napier, T.L., El-Swaify, S.A., Sabir, M., Rienzi, E. [ur.] *Global Degradation of Soil and Water Resources*, Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore, 399-414. U tekstu: (Zlatić et al., 2022)

Dragović, N. & Vulević, T. (2020). Soil Degradation Processes, Causes, and Assessment Approaches. u: Leal Filho Walter, Azul Anabela Marisa, Brandli Luciana, Lange Salvia Amanda, Wall Tony [ur.] *Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals*, Cham: Springer International Publishing. U tekstu: (Dragović & Vulević, 2020)

Conference article:

Zlatanović, N., Drobnjak, A., Milovanović, I., Puzović, R. (2015). Application of open source GIS algorithms for erosion mapping. u: 21th Conference and Exhibition, YUinfo conference, 08.-11.03.2015., Kopaonik, 131-134. U tekstu: (Zlatanović et al. 2015)

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(2018) *Zakon o vodama. Službeni glasnik RS*, br. 30/2010, 93/2012, 101/2016, 95/2018 i 95/2018 - dr. zakon. U tekstu: (2018)

Web reference:

FAO (2020): FAO Soils Portal Key definitions. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), <https://www.fao.org/soils-portal/en/>. U tekstu: (FAO, 2020)

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