Instructions for using these KMZ files

1 Open the 1_IndexMap.pdf to identify the mapsheet numbers for the areas of interest.

2 Download the applicable AgCap and/or Soil KMZ files to your computer. Note: If you just click on the file, it will download to your default Downloads folder – look for it there. If you right click on the file, you will have to option to download it to a folder of your choice.

3 Download and install Google Earth (if you don't already have it. It is free)

4 Double-click on the KMZ file.   This should launch Google Earth and overlay the mapping.

5 Use the zoom and pan tools and when you click on a polygon, you will get a pop-up window showing the attributes for that polygon.

> To access the detailed information about a Soil Name - use the SOILLINK_1, 2 or 3 hyperlinks (this takes you to the CANSIS webpages with details about the soil)

> Remember that if you pan/zoom to an area outside the map tile/s you have downloaded and you don't see any data, you will need to come back to this website and also download the additional KMZ file/s .

For more information see the Help document at:
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/esd/distdata/ecosystems/Soil_Share/LMainland_ErosionPotential/SIFT_Help.pdf

Note: this Help document refers to a prototype of a similar map viewing tool launched from our website(link is in the .pdf).   Differences are: 1)   the map on our website only includes the Lower Mainland and is an older prototype version, 2)   the KMZs contain the latest version which has some minor field name changes, and slightly different fields.

Please provide feedback about the attributes you particularly like/use the most and any information that you would want/need to mailto:TEI_Mail@gov.bc.ca.   MoE is soliciting feedback from users so that we can make any needed changes prior to finalizing the database.

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