

Soil—it is independent natural body and her education are difficult process of cooperation of five natural factors of formations of soils:

- ☐ climate
- ☐ relief
- ☐ the vegetable and animal world
- to time
- ☐ basic property of soil is fertility

## Glossary

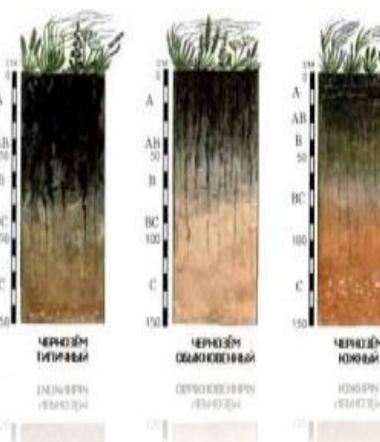
- Soil is a mixture of minerals, organic matter, gases, liquids, and countless organisms that together support life on Earth
- ☐ **Humus**-The well decomposed, more or less stable part of the organic matter in mineral soils.
- □ **Soil science** is the study of soil as a natural resource on the surface of the Earth
- ☐ Chernozem- is a black-coloured soil containing a high percentage of humus
- **Chestnut** -a soil type occurring in arid steppes
- Parent material is the underlying geological material in which soil horizons form.

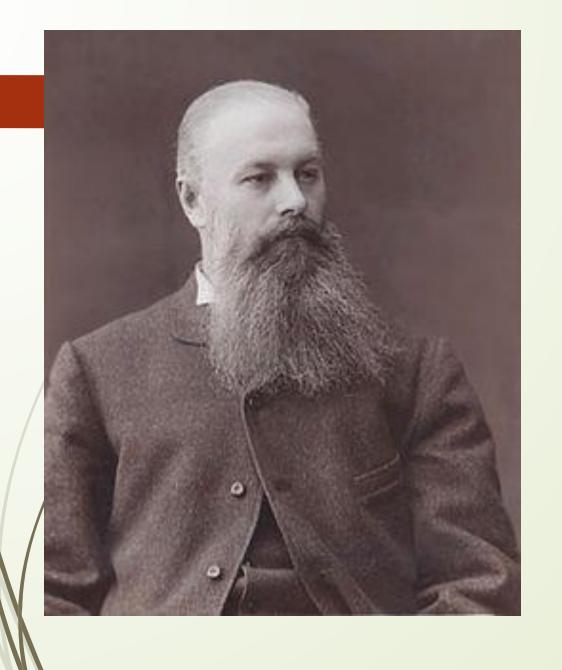
Types of soils of Kazakhstan.

ordinary chernozems southern chernozems dark chestnut soils typical chestnut light chestnut brown soils

grey-brown







Dokuchaev V.V. was a Russian Geologist and Geographer who is credited with laying the foundations of soil science.



## The horizons are:

O – (humus or organic).

A - (topsoil)

E – (eluviated).

B – (subsoil).

C – (parent material).

R – (bedrock



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## Questions

- 1 What is Soil?
- 2 What is a soil horizon?
- 3 What is a parent material?
- 4 What is the main property of soil?

