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**CLASSIFICATION OF GREAT SOIL GROUPS IN THE EAST BLACK SEA BASIN ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS**

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**ABSTRACT**

This study was carried out to classify great soil groups in the East Black Sea basin according to international soil classification systems. 13 profiles of 3 great soil groups in this basin have been investigated and classified according to system of FAO/UNESCO (1990), FitzPatrick (1988) and USDA Soil Taxonomy (1998) in this study.

**KEY WORDS:** east black sea basin, soil genesis, taxonomy

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