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Recent publications:

Nekesa, A. O., J. R. Okalebo and S. Kimetto. (2007) Adoption of leguminous trees/shrubs, compost and farmyard manure as alternatives to improving soil fertility in Transzoia District, Kenya. **In:** Bationo, A., B. Waswa, J. Kihara and J. Kimetu. (Eds). (2007). Advances in Integrated Soil Fertility Management in sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Opportunities. Springer NL. pp 951-956.