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Questions regarding reference depth

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Community comment on "A global map of root biomass across the world's forests" by
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The manuscript would benefit if the authors could provide the reference depth their root biomass estimates are referring to. Is it top 100 cm, 30 cm, or all roots until bedrock? What is the sampling depth of the individual studies? Can we be sure that all the roots were sampled or would it make sense to include sampling depth as an additional predictor in the random forest?