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- Schaub, D. 1997. Contribution of soil erosion to diffuse substance input into surface waters in Switzerland. *Mitt. bl. Ingenieurbiologie* 2: 4-6.
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Books:

- Braun-Blanquet, J. 1964. *Plant Sociology: Fundamentals of Vegetation Science* (3rd ed.). Springer, Vienna.
- Parsons, T.R., Maita, Y., & Lalli, C.M. 1984. *A manual of chemical and biological methods for seawater analysis*. Pergamon Press, Toronto.

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