

**Table 5.2:** Live fine root mass (biomass; <1 mm in diameter, [g dry weight m<sup>-2</sup>]) in different depths at different European forest sites. Data (mean and SE) are averages of different sampling dates for Aubure (May, July, September, October 1996, May 1997; n=5x20) and are from one sampling date only for Schacht and Waldstein (n=24; May 1997) and Skogaby (n=32; October 1997).

Depth [cm]	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>		Skogaby	<i>Picea abies</i>	
	Schacht	Aubure		Waldstein	Aubure
0-2.5	82 (12)	31 (4)	89 (9)	52 (6)	9 (4)
2.5-5	45 (6)	21 (4)	32 (4)	16 (3)	17 (5)
5-10	31 (9)	17 (3)	15 (4)	11 (2)	26 (5)
10-20	20 (3)	16 (3)	6 (2)	21 (7)	9 (2)
20-30	20 (2)	9 (2)	2 (1)	6 (3)	2 (1)
30-40	10 (2)	9 (2)	2 (1)	1 (1)	4 (1)