

Appendix 7. Extent of soil degradation in major regions of Africa, early 1980s

	Total productive drylands		Productive dryland type					
			Rangeland		Rainfed cropland		Irrigated land	
	Area (million ha)	Percent degraded	Area (million ha)	Percent degraded	Area (million ha)	Percent degraded	Area (million ha)	Percent degraded
Mediterranean Africa	101	83	89	85	20	75	1	40
Southern Africa	304	80	250	80	52	80	2	30
Sudano-Sahelian Africa	473	88	380	90	90	80	3	30

SOURCE: Abula and Hassan, 1999:481. Adapted from WRI/IIED (World Resources Institute/International Institute of Environment and Development). (1988) *World Resources, 1988-89: An assessment of the resource base that supports the economy*. Basic Books: New York.