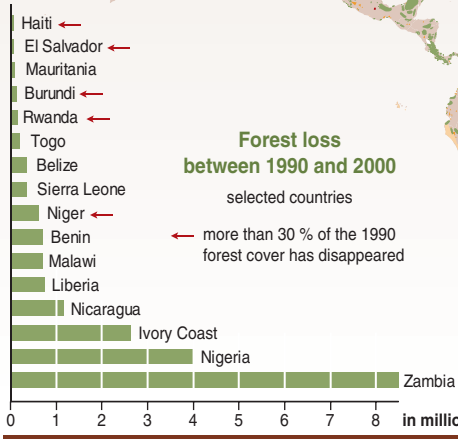
BARREN lands



Forest loss between 1990 and 2000

selected countries

← more than 30 % of the 1990 forest cover has disappeared

burned areas

deforestation hot spot*

deserts

very high vulnerability to desertification

* A 'hot spot' is an area where major changes of the forest cover are going on at present (initiated during the past 5 years) or are expected to take place in the near future (within the next 5 years).

Sources: TRopical Ecosystem Environment observations by Satellite (TREES) Joint Research Center (JRC), 2000; USDA, 2001, Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2000, FAO