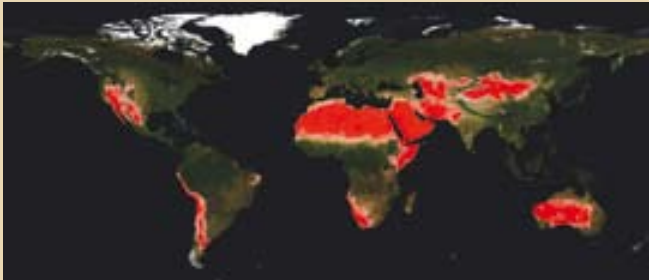
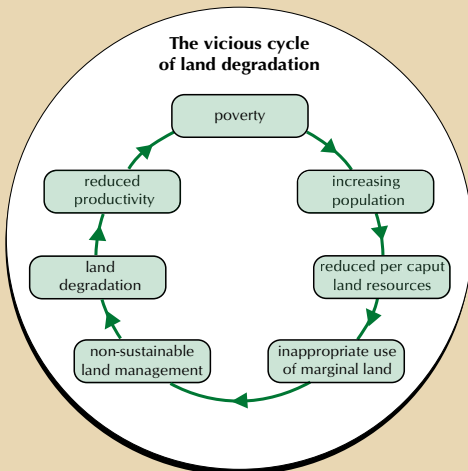
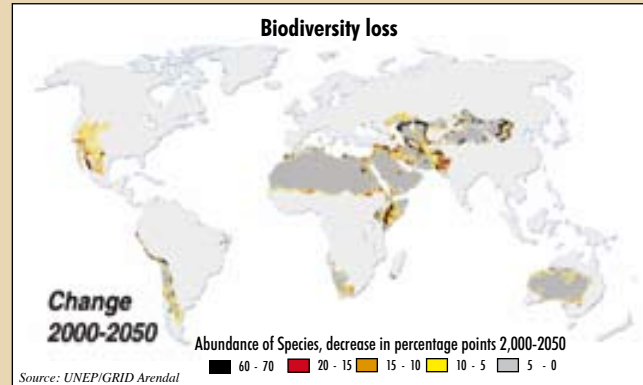


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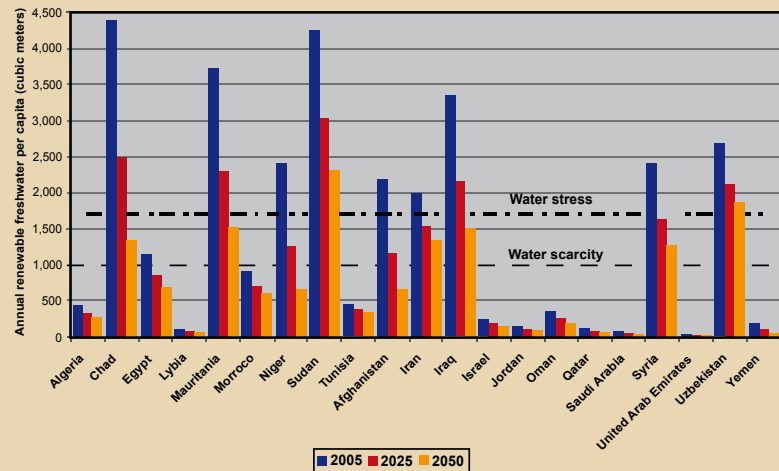
Source: NASA

The Desert Biome defined by three criteria in combination; i.e., aridity, vegetation cover, and ecoregional traits (see map above). The intensity of the red colour indicates congruency between the three criteria: Areas in intense red correspond to regions where the three criteria coincide, areas in intermediate colour highlight regions where two criteria coincide, and areas in pale red show mark where only one criterion operates.



Source: FAO

Renewable freshwater availability per person in selected desert countries 2005-2050



Source: Gleick, 2006, and United Nations Population Division, 2005.