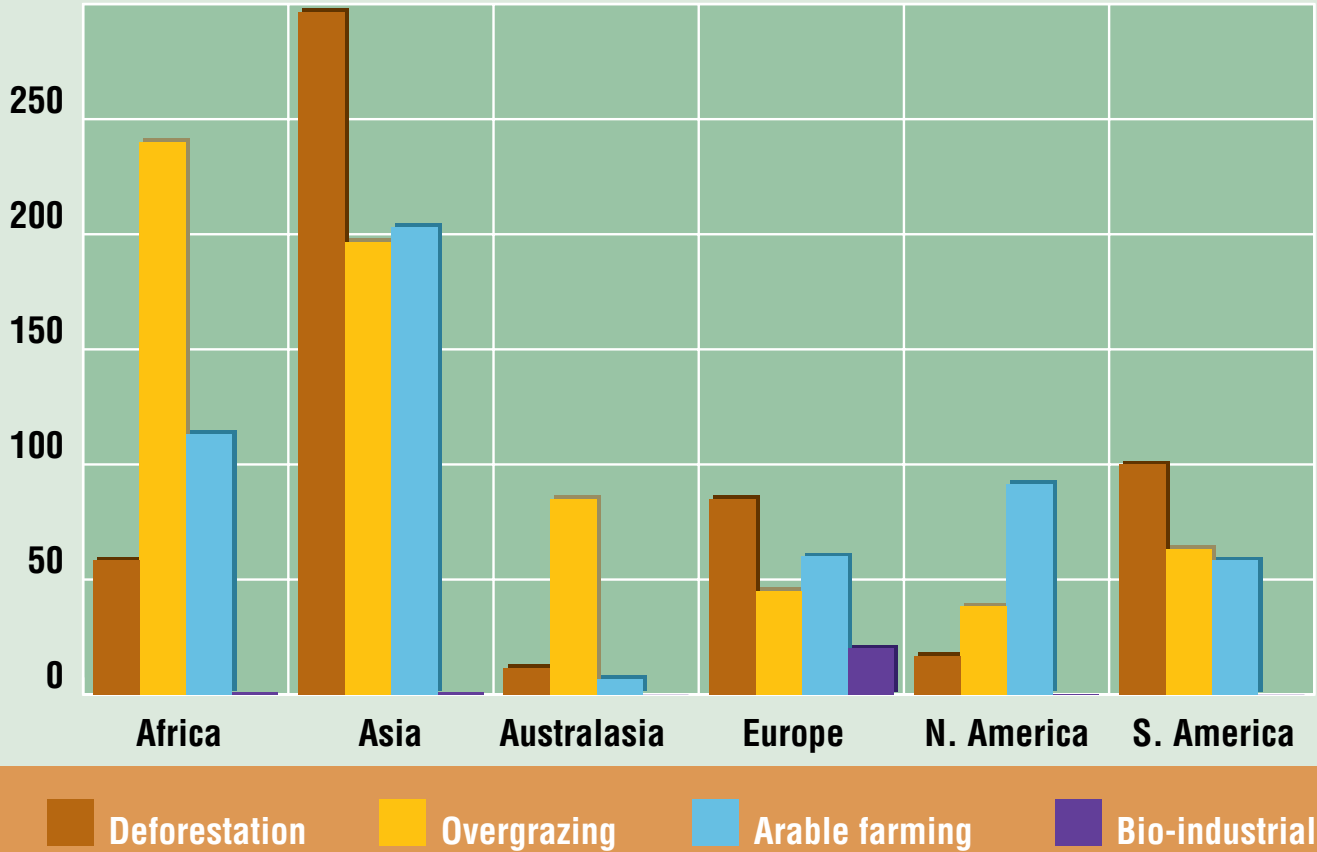


MAIN CAUSES OF DRYLAND SOIL DEGRADATION BY REGION

300 million hectares



Desertification does not refer to the moving forward of existing deserts but to the formation, expansion or intensification of degraded patches of soil and vegetation cover.