The two diagrams below show the main causes of land degradation worldwide and their severity in three regions during the 1990.

The pie chart demonstrates that the over-grazing was the biggest danger to land, accounting for 35% of damage. Next to it were deforestation and over-cultivation, causing 30 and 28 percent of degradation respectively. Apart from these three major causes, other issues resulted in 7% of land degradation.

In the table we can see that Europe suffered ~~the~~ most from land degradation with 23% of land being damaged. Almost two times less land was lost in Oceania and nearly 5 times less in the North America. Unlike the information in the pie chart, the reasons for degradation are distributed differently, with over-grazing being the major threat only in Oceania, causing 11.3% of damage, the remaining 1.7% coming from deforestation and none from over-cultivation. In Europe 9.8% of land degraded ~~by~~ due to deforestation, 7.7% by over-cultivation and 5.5 by over-grazing. The North America suffered ~~the~~ most from over-cultivation, affecting 3.3% of land, almost two times less land was affected by over-grazing with 1.5% and 0.2 of land degradation was due to deforestation.

As we can see from the diagrams, worldwide there are three main causes of the decrease of land productivity, resulting in almost equal amounts of land loss, however in different regions of the world their proportions are less balanced, and in the each of three regions shown there seems to be a specific major threat to land.

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