



Environmental sensitive areas facing desertification processes and public perception

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Abstract

Desertification process is a complex and multidimensional one. Environmental problems may affect and agravate the situation.

Integrated water management is a pre-requisite for addressing these multidimensional aspects of desertification, taking also in consideration the soil systems evolution and management practices in the field.

This paper tryies to built a framework for the study of aspects related with public perception in desertification risk areas, and and discussion of the main factors that explain different attitudes towards these problems and potential solutions.

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