

Cause	Number of countries
Land clearing	61
Population pressure	46
Environmental degradation	33
Legislation/policy	22
Pests/weeds/diseases	9
Civil strife	6
Overexploitation of species	52
Reduced fallow	6
Overgrazing	32
Replacement of local varieties	81
Changing agricultural systems	18

Source: Country report in *The State Of The World's Plant Genetic Resources For Food And Agriculture*, FAO, Rome 1997.