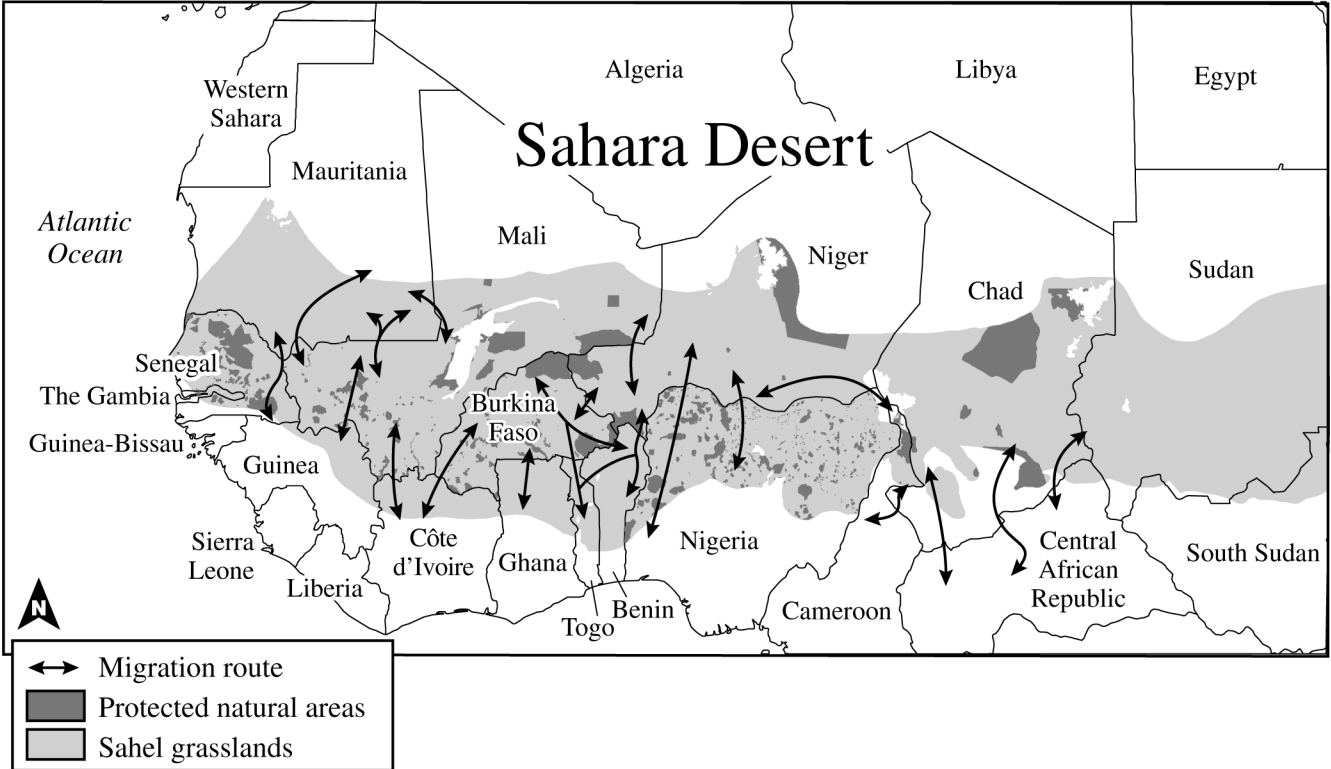


Question 3

PASTORAL NOMADISM IN THE SAHEL REGION OF AFRICA



Source: Food and Agriculture Organization

The Sahel is an environmental transition zone between the Sahara desert and the wet tropical forest regions of Africa. The landscape is a semiarid grassland, having distinct dry and wet seasons, and the region is interspersed with shrubs and small woodlands.

SOURCES OF TENSION RELATED TO PASTORAL NOMADISM

Groups	Potential Sources of Tension
Nomadic herders versus crop farmers	• Damage to fields by migrating herds • Overgrazing by migrating herds • Competition for access to water • Increasing size of crop farms
Nomadic herders versus conservation organizations	• Grazing of protected areas • Degradation of natural habitats
Nomadic herders versus government officials	• Failure to follow regulations on cross-border migration • Activities such as smuggling foreign goods

Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

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3. Pastoral nomadism is widely practiced in the Sahel region of Africa. The map and table provide information about spatial patterns and social tensions associated with this type of agriculture.
- A. Describe ONE reason for the migration patterns shown on the map.
 - B. Describe ONE cause of desertification in the Sahel region.
 - C. Explain how pastoral nomadism may affect the cultural landscape of the Sahel region.
 - D. Explain ONE way mixed-crop farming could be affected by climatic conditions.
 - E. Using the map and table, explain why expanding protected natural areas may affect the migration routes of nomadic herders in the Sahel region.
 - F. Using the information in the table, explain why farmers’ increased use of irrigation may increase conflicts with nomadic herders.
 - G. Explain the degree to which increased access to communication technologies may create cultural convergence among nomadic herders.

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