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followed by a description of the world's population, water and land resources, the extent of human-induced land degradation. Salinization aspects of crop irrigation are briefly discussed. Processes of land and water resource salinization are described. Engineering and other options for the management of salinity are discussed. Salinity problems in 13 selected countries are described, including Argentina, China, Egypt, India, Iran, Pakistan, South Africa, Thailand and the USA. Names and addresses of institutions involved in salinity research in each country are provided.

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