



FIGURE 16.1. Locations of deserts and semi-deserts on the Earth. From Leeder (1999). Hyperarid zones have ratios of precipitation/(evaporation + evapotranspiration) less than 0.03. For arid zones, this ratio is between 0.03 and 0.2, and for semi-arid zones it is between 0.2 and 0.5.