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The Department of Land Resource Management and Agricultural Technology (LARMAT) offers high level human resource training for Kenya and other countries within the eastern African region in the fields of soil, water, range and environmental management.

In recognition of the challenges and opportunities associated with the dry lands, LARMAT does offer degree, at both under- and postgraduate levels, in Range Management, which is the only of its kind in the Eastern African region. The BSc degree in Management of Agroecosystems and Environment, that has recently been introduced in the Department is a highly practical programme that will enable graduates to assess and solve environmental problems as managers in diverse fields such as agriculture, rural land development, and management of soil pollution by urban and industrial wastes, among others. This is a big challenge to LARMAT as there is currently no science-based degree offered by University of Nairobi addressing environmental problems and the underlying scientific basis for understanding such problems.

LARMAT also offers MSc and PhD in Soil Science and is proud to host MIRCEN that offers regional training in areas of biological nitrogen fixation and inoculant production. In addition, LARMAT has been given the mandate of managing the Kibwezi, Machang'a and Ngong field stations which have great potential for irrigated agriculture, bee keeping and livestock production. LARMAT has a teaching staff of 21 and over 40 non-teaching staff.

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