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PREFACE

ICIMOD's approach to problem oriented research involves both knowledge reviews and field studies. The focussed reviews and field studies conducted by the Mountain Farming Systems' Division cover various aspects of agricultural development. Since early 1988, a series of 'State of the Art' reviews of agricultural policies and programmes were sponsored by ICIMOD in different countries of the HKH Region. The purpose of these studies and the subsequent National Workshops in different countries was to understand some of the constraints and prospects of mountain area development. These exercises were also aimed at acquiring comparative perspectives of development approaches and strategies in different countries.

This paper was a part of this series of studies commissioned by ICIMOD, and was also presented at the Workshop on "Horticultural Development in the Hindu Kush-Himalayas organised by ICIMOD, the Ministry of Agriculture of HMG (Nepal) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 19-21 June, 1989. The paper provides an overview of horticultural development in the Himalayan and Hengduan Mountains of China covering major fruit and vegetable crops.The paper also contains a number of recommendations for future consideration.

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