

Transboundary Landscape Management in Mountain Areas - How does it work?

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Why do we need landscape management in the Kailash Sacred Landscape?

- High cultural and religious values and rich and unique biodiversity
- Impacts of complex drivers of change like climate change, intensive tourism, environmental changes, illegal trade, fragile ecosystems, and inappropriate management systems require joint and multidisciplinary actions.



Kailash Initiative Objectives

- **Bridging nations and communities:** Working with the Governments of China, India, and Nepal, and local communities to preserve and develop the landscape
- **Conservation and development:** Mainstreaming sustainable ecosystem management approaches and practices into local and national policies and plans for inclusive growth and socioeconomic development
- **Building capacities:** Building the capacities of local communities and key institutions for implementation of the KSL Regional Cooperation Framework and Conservation and Development Strategy



Phases of the Kailash Initiative with key learning



Setting up inter-country stakeholder platforms and developing common understanding among partners

- Use a **consultative process** to develop the concept and regional cooperation framework in order to **encourage ownership** while respecting national policies and systems
- Ensure integration and **synergies** among components and **themes across boundaries**
- Ensure that **roles, responsibilities and mechanisms** within the initiative are understood and **accepted by partners**

Formalizing partner agreements and implementation plans

- **Team building, communication, and coordination are key** for good team work across boundaries
- **Balance conservation and development interventions** through local stakeholder involvement
- **Ensure mentorship** on opportunities and strategies from the beginning

Joint planning, implementation and review

- **Interventions** must be matched and **leveraged with public programmes**
- Involve the **private sector** where feasible
- Use **thematic regional dialogues** for transboundary learning and to influence policies and practices on local, national, and regional levels
- Conduct **regular joint reviews** of project interventions, challenges, outcomes and expectations of all stakeholders



Kailash Initiative Components



DID YOU KNOW?

The Kailash Sacred Landscape...

- attracts **thousands of visitors** each year. Mount Kailash alone receives on average **60,000 pilgrims** each year.
- is home to more than **130 pilgrimage sites** in India related to Mount Kailash.
- is the source of **four major Asian rivers** providing freshwater to around one billion people.



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