

ICIMOD's Strategy for Mountains and People

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With its vast reserves of snow and ice, the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) is the source of ten large Asian river systems that provide water and ecosystem services to more than 210 million people and supply water downstream to more than 1.3 billion people, a fifth of the world's population. The region's immense cultural and biological diversity provide livelihoods and sustenance across eight countries. For these reasons, the HKH is truly a global asset.

Mountain ecosystems are exceptionally fragile; their cultures and communities are particularly vulnerable to the negative effects of climate change and other factors such as rising migration, land use and cover change, and globalization. However, these challenges also present opportunities: Let us view mountain development as a primary driver of change that can build resilience upstream and downstream, and generate ideas for creating a more sustainable world.

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) is an intergovernmental knowledge and learning centre that generates and shares knowledge using innovation and effective communication to empower eight countries of the HKH. ICIMOD provides a regional platform where policy makers, experts, planners, and practitioners can exchange ideas and perspectives for achieving sustainable mountain development. In this role, ICIMOD facilitates knowledge exchange across the region, helps customize international knowledge, and tailors it to the region's needs. Our mandate inspires us to bring mountain issues to the global stage, drawing upon our more than 30 years of research and experience working in diverse fields, from water and air to livelihoods and transboundary cooperation.

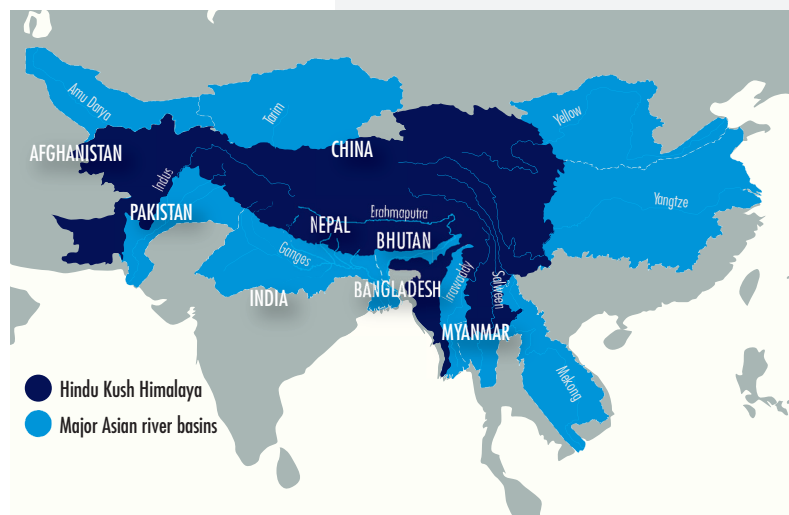
Action to sustain the Hindu Kush Himalaya has the potential to improve the lives of over one-fifth of the world population

Vision

Men, women, and children of the Hindu Kush Himalaya enjoy improved wellbeing in a healthy mountain environment.

Mission

To enable sustainable and resilient mountain development for improved and equitable livelihoods through knowledge and regional cooperation.





Promoting Integrated Approaches to Sustainable Mountain Development

ICIMOD occupies a unique niche in the development community. We combine rigorous, transdisciplinary research with targeted outreach and capacity building. With our unique knowledge sharing experience, ICIMOD provides a crucial link between science partners who generate primary knowledge, and policymakers and implementation partners who bring practical aspects of this research to mountain communities.

ICIMOD sees research and science as a means to promote cooperation in the region. Forming a bridge between science, policy, and development practice, we are well-positioned to share critical knowledge and work with diverse stakeholders in the HKH to develop solutions to address the region's shared challenges.

Sustainable, Equitable, and Inclusive Mountain Development through the SDGs

ICIMOD recognizes that sustainable mountain development needs to be equitable and inclusive as well. Accordingly, we deliberately align our work with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to ensure that the benefits of development reach everyone in vulnerable mountain communities.

Regional Programmes

Adaptation and Resilience Building

To foster transformative action in light of socioeconomic and environmental change

Atmosphere

To inform policy and practice to address air pollution challenges

Transboundary Landscapes

To improve cooperation across borders for sustaining ecosystem services

Mountain Environment Regional Information System

To make better decisions from village, to country, to regional levels

River Basins and Cryosphere

To develop more effective water resource management and disaster risk reduction

Mountain Knowledge and Action Networks

To build capacities of academia and cultivate future generations of scholars and leaders in the HKH

Core Competencies



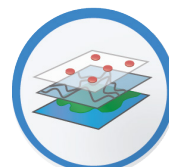
Livelihoods



Ecosystem Services



Water and Air



Geospatial Solutions



Gender



Knowledge Management and Communication

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