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Based on ICIMOD studies on sustainable mountain agriculture, the paper highlights the imperatives of specific mountain conditions and relates them to problems and prospects of sustainable development in mountain areas of the Hindu Kush-Himalayan Region. The paper also covers issues such as the vicious circle of poverty and resource degradation; conflict between agricultural growth and environmental stability/sustainability; and possibilities and approaches to reconcile such conflicts.

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