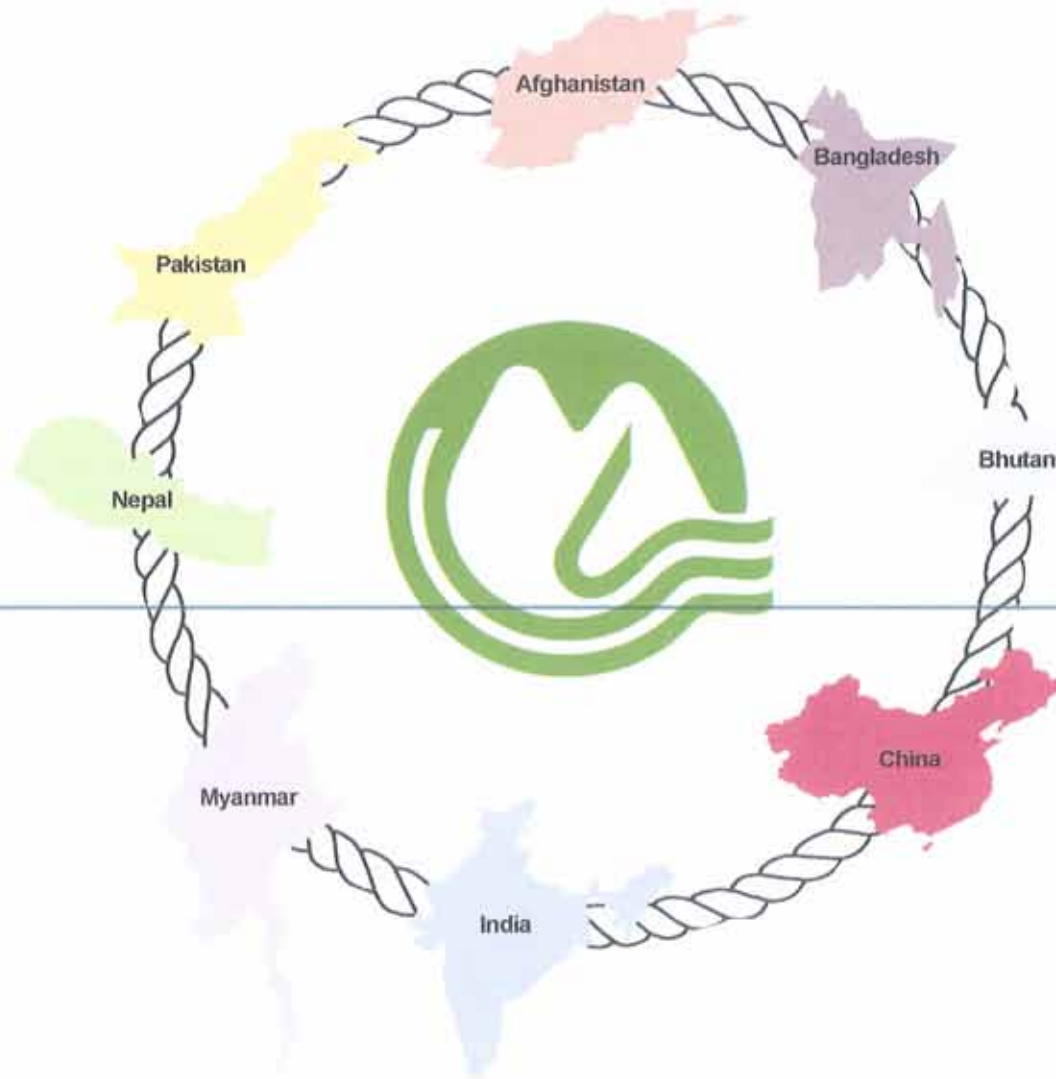


Collaboration with Member Countries



Collaborating Institutions in 2000



AFGHANISTAN

Currently inactive



BANGLADESH

- Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute
- Bangladesh Rice Research Institute
- Centre for Development Research Bangladesh
- Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board, Rangamati
- Chittagong University
- Department of Environment
- Green Hills' NGO, Chittagong
- Hill Development Forum
- Local Government Engineering Department, Dhaka
- **Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs**
- Ministry of Planning
- Management Consultant Group
- University of Dhaka



BHUTAN

- Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Thimphu
- Bhutan Development Finance Corporation
- Crop/Livestock Services Division, Thimphu
- Department of Mines and Geology
- Entrepreneurship Promotion Centre
- Geological Survey of Bhutan
- **Ministry of Agriculture, Thimphu**
- Ministry of Trade, Industry and Power, Thimphu
- National Jersey Breeding Centre
- Natural Resources Training Institute, Lobeysa
- National Women's Association of Bhutan
- National Environment Commission
- Planning and Policy Division, Thimphu
- Renewable Natural Resources' Research Centre
- Research, Extension and Irrigation Division, Thimphu
- Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu
- Tourism Development Board



CHINA

- **Agricultural Research Institute of Tibet**
- Chengdu Institute for Mountain Hazards and Environment, Chengdu, Sichuan
- Chengdu Institute of Biology, Chengdu, Sichuan
- **Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing**
- Haibei Alpine Meadow Ecosystem Research Station
- Kunming Institute of Botany, Kunming, Yunnan
- Ningnan County Government
- Northwest Plateau Institute of Biology, Xining, Qinghai
- People's University of China
- Qinghai Academy of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Xinning, Qinghai
- State Key Lab of Arid Agroecology, Lanzhou, Gansu
- Tibet Academy of Social Sciences
- Tibet Academy of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Sciences, Lhasa, Tibet
- Tibet College of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry
- Tibet University
- Yangtze Water Resources' Commission, Wuhan
- Southwest Forestry College, Kunming



INDIA

- Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology
- Centre for Himalayan Development and Policy Studies
- GB Pant Institute for Himalayan Environment and Development, Almora
- Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
- Indian Council for Agricultural Research, New Delhi
- Institute for Himalayan Bio-Resources Technology
- Jawahar Lal Nehru University
- Ladakh Hill Development Council, Leh

- Ladakh Ecological Development Group
- Ladakh Environment and Health Organization
- **Ministry of Environment & Forests**
- North East Network
- Nagaland Environment Protection and Economic Development Project
- North Eastern Hill University
- National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research
- Peoples Association for Himalayan Areas Research
- Rural Technology
- Uttar Pradesh Academy of Administration, Nainital
- Uttarakhand Paryavaran Shiksha Kendra
- Sardar Patel Institute of Economic & Social Research
- Shree Bhubaneswori Mahila Ashram
- YS Pamar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan

- Institute for Integrated Development Studies
- Kathmandu University
- King Mahendra Trust for Nature Conservation, Kathmandu
- **Ministry of Population and Environment, Kathmandu**
- National Planning Commission, Kathmandu
- Nepal Agricultural Research Council, Lalitpur
- Nepal Internet User Group, Kathmandu
- Nepalese Society for Systematic Collection, Kathmandu
- PANOS South Asia
- Rural Women's Development and Unity Centre
- Surya Social Service Society, Jumla
- Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu



MYANMAR

- Forest Department, Yangon
- Institute of Agriculture, Yezin
- Institute of Forestry, Yezin

NEPAL

- Annapurna Beekeeping and Environment Promotion Energy Systems
- Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies, Kathmandu
- Centre for Rural Technology, Kathmandu
- Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industries
- Department of Forest, Kathmandu
- Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Kathmandu
- Department of Soil Conservation, Kathmandu
- Department of Agriculture
- Himalayan Grassroots Women's Natural Resource Management Association, Lalitpur

PAKISTAN

- Aga Khan Rural Support Programme, Gilgit
- Commission for Science and Technology for the South, Gilgit
- Development Research Group
- Honey Bee Research Institute
- Khush Hali Associates, Quetta
- **Ministry of Agriculture, Islamabad**
- National Arid-Land Development and Research Institute, Islamabad
- National Rural Support Programme
- NWFP Agricultural University, Peshawar
- Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad
- Pakistan Forestry Institute, Peshawar
- Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad
- Pakistan Academy of Rural Development
- Rangeland Research Institute
- Sarhad Rural Development Support Programme
- Sustainable Development Policy Institute
- Worldwide Fund for Nature Conservation, Pakistan
- UNDP Area Development Programme
- Honey Bee Research Institute, Islamabad



Research and Demonstration Sites

Technologies for and approaches to sustainable mountain development that are of interest to people and partner institutions in the HKH are being tested and demonstrated at certain sites in ICIMOD's Regional Member Countries. Research is also being carried out on some of these sites. A list of the projects being implemented in the field is given below and the relevant numbers indicated in parentheses along with the location of the site.

1. The Eastern Himalayan Programme for Collaboration on Biodiversity Management - documentation of indigenous knowledge, buffer zone management, village development, and training of local farmers to support conservation
2. Appropriate Technology for Soil Conserving Farming Systems' Project - monitoring the effect of nitrogen-fixing hedgerows on soil fertility improvement and screening technologies for water harvesting and soil conservation
3. People and Resource Dynamics in Mountain Watersheds' Project - generating and exchanging information on water as a resource; improving the productivity and sustainable management of common property resources, and using participatory on-farm research methods
4. Regional Rangeland Programme - experimenting in techniques for rehabilitation of degraded rangeland ecosystems and improving the productivity of rangeland ecosystems; and promoting forage trials and experiments
5. Beekeeping: Selection and Management of *Apis cerana*

Bangladesh

- Alutla, Khagrochari District, Chittagong Hill Tracts, 20 ha, 600 masl (2)

Bhutan

- King Jigme Dorje National Park (4)

China

- Zixishan Nature Reserve and Hongqiong Administrative Village, Chuxiong District, Yunnan Province, 67 sq. km, 800 - 2,200 masl (1)
- Tanguanyao, Peisha Town, Ningnan County, Sichuan Province, 8 ha, 1,100-1,200 masl (2)
- Masangping, Lutie Township, Ningnan County, Sichuan Province, 10 ha, 1,400-1,500 masl (2)
- Xi Zhuang Watershed, Baoshan County, Yunnan Province, 3,456 ha, 1,700 - 3,075 masl (3)
- Haibei County, Qinghai/Dari County, Qinghai/Maqu County, Gansu/Hangyuan County, Sichuan/Zhongdian County, Yunnan/Changtang, Tibet Autonomous Region (4)
- Eastern Bee Research Institute, Kunming, China (5)

India

- Chimmi, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, 5 ha, 400 - 550 masl (2)
- Suongjang, Mokokchung District, Nagaland, approx. 7 ha 340 - 370 masl (2),
- Bhatta Gad - Garur Ganga Watershed, Almora District, UP, 8,481 ha, 1,090 - 2,520 masl (3)
- Changtang, Eastern Ladakh (4)
- Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, H. P. India (5)

Nepal

- Godawari Test & Demonstration Site, Lalitpur, 30 ha, 1,550 - 1,900 masl (2)
- Pairent, Mugling, Chitwan District, 3.5 ha, 288 - 360 masl (2)
- Langtang National Park & the Syabru Besi Village, Rasuwa District, 1,710 sq. km. [of Langtang National Park], 1,600 - 2,400 masl (1)
- Jikhu Khola Watershed, Kabhre Palanchowk District, 11,141 ha, 800 - 2,200 masl (3)
- Yarsha Khola Watershed, Dolakha District, 5,338 ha, 1,000 - 3,030 masl (3)
- Upper Mustang (4)
- Bohara Gaun, Jumla Bazar, and Chere Chaur in Jumla (5)
- Alital VDC and Samaji Village, Dadeldhura (5)
- Gham Tara Village, Ghochowk, Kaski (5)
- Bee Development Section (BDS), HMG, Godawari (5)
- Dadhikal - Bhaktapur, Thecho - Lalitpur, Thankot (5)

Myanmar

- Piduung Wildlife Sanctuary, Kachin State, 170.017 acres, 80 masl (1)

Pakistan

- Maira, Begowal, Islamabad, 2.5 ha, 600 masl (2)
- Pari, [Quaid-I-Azam University campus], Islamabad, 3 ha, 575 masl (2)
- Hilkot Sharkul Watershed, District, NWFP, 5,230 ha, 1,450 - 2,900 masl (3)
- Northern Balochistan Province Gilgit, Northern Areas (4)
- Honeybee Research Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan (5)

Ongoing Projects - 2000

With the adoption of the Regional Collaborative Programme (RCP- II), ICIMOD has shifted its emphasis from a project mode to a programme mode, and most of its focus has been encompassed by the RCP. However, a number of special projects supported by specific donors are still continuing. These are listed below by title, duration, donor, and participating countries.

Appropriate Technologies for Soil Conserving Farming Systems (Phase II)

(May 1998 - May 2001) *Asian Development Bank*, Bangladesh, China, India, Nepal, and Pakistan

Coordination and Convenorship of the Mountain Forum

(January 1998 - December 2000) *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation*

GLOF Monitoring and Early Warning System

(June 2000 - June 2001) *United Nations Environment Programme*, Bhutan, India, and Nepal

GMP: Investigating Issues and Options for Improving Livelihoods of Marginal Mountain Farmers

(July 1999 - June 2002) *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research*, Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Pakistan

Indigenous Honeybees in the Himalayas: A Community-based Approach to Conserving Biodiversity and Increasing Farm Productivity

(January 1999 - December 2002) *Austroprojekt (Austria)*, Bhutan, China, India, Nepal, and Pakistan

Internet Technologies in Central Asia

(January 2000 - June 2001) *Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation*

Methodologies for Assessing Sustainable Agricultural Systems in the HKH Region

(February 1999 - February 2002) *International Service for National Agricultural Research (Netherlands)*, Bangladesh, China, India, and Nepal

PAR on Equity and Poverty in Community Forestry

(May 2000 - April 2002) *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation*

Participatory Disaster Management Programme in Nepal

(July 2000 - June 2003) *Japan Government through UNDP*

People and Resource Dynamics in Mountain Watersheds of the HKH

3.25 years (October 1999 - December 2002)

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and International Development Research Centre (Canada), China, India, Nepal, and Pakistan

Pilot Project for Providing Internet Services in Northern Areas of Pakistan

(January 1999 - December 2000) *International Development Research Centre (Canada)*, Pakistan

Policies, Governance, Participation and Practices for the Sustainable Management of Mountain Commons of the HKH

(May 1999 - April 2002) *The Ford Foundation*, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal

Regional Collaboration for Biodiversity Management in the Eastern Himalayas

(January 1998 - December 2000) *The MacArthur Foundation*, China, Myanmar and Nepal

Regional Rangeland Programme in the HKH Region

(January 1999 - December 2001) *The Austrian Government*, Bhutan, China, India, Nepal, and Pakistan

Rapid Globalisation Process and Fragile Mountains

(July 2000 - June 2001), *MacArthur Foundation*

Securing Livelihoods in Uplands and Mountains of the HKH

(September 2000 - September 2004), *International Fund for Agricultural Development*

The Asia Pacific Mountain Network (Phase II)

3 years (May 1999 - April 2002), *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation*

Water Quality Assessment in Jhikhu Khola, Nepal

(March 2000 - February 2001), *Australian Agency for International Development*

Women's Entrepreneurship Activities in Bhutan

(May 2000 - April 2001), *Australian Agency for International Development*

Regional Flow Regimes Estimation for Small-scale Hydropower Assessment (REFRESHA)

April 1998 - June 2001, *Centre for Ecology and Hydrology - Wallingford, UK / DFID*, Nepal

Hindu-Kush Himalayan Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data (HKH-FRIEND) Project

(1996 - 2003) *UNESCO/IHP, ICIMOD, WMO, German IHP/OHP National Committee, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology - Wallingford, UK / DFID*. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan

Analysis and Promotion of Sustainable Water Harvesting Technologies and Management Systems in Hindu Kush Himalayas (Phase I)

(July 1997 - March 1999) *Ford Foundation*. Bhutan, China, India, Nepal, Pakistan

Small Holar Dairy Farming in Mixed Mountain Farming Systems in the HKH

(1999 - 2001) *International Livestock Research Institute*, Bhutan, India, Nepal

Livestock Resource Database in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan Region

1999 - 2001) *International Livestock Research Institute*, Bhutan, China, India, Nepal

Local Livestock Resource Planning in the HKH

(2000 - 2002) *FAO (Rome)*, India, Nepal

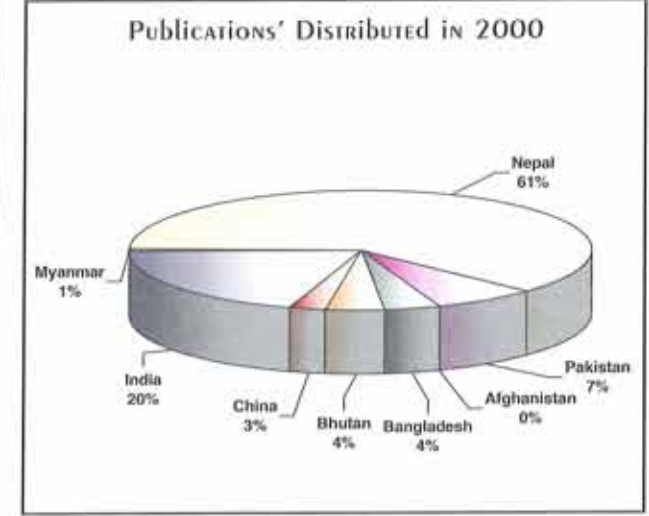
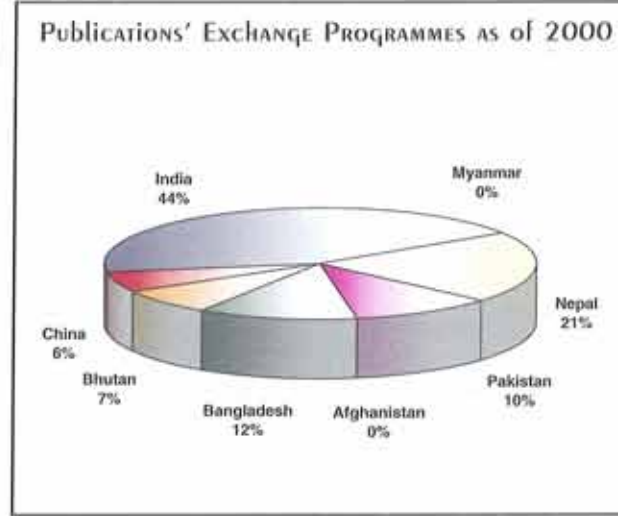
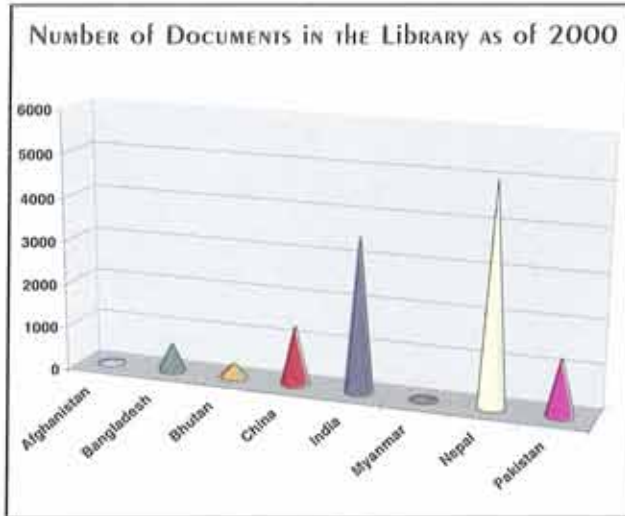
Implementation of the Male Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air pollution and its Likely Transboundary Effects on South Asia.

1999 - 2001 (Phase I), *United Nations Environment Programme and the Stockholm Environment Institute*, Nepal

Strengthening Environment Assessment and Monitoring Capabilities in Nepal - State of the Environment Report.

(1999 - 2002) *United Nations Environment Programme, South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme, and the Norwegian Agency for Cooperation and Development*, Nepal

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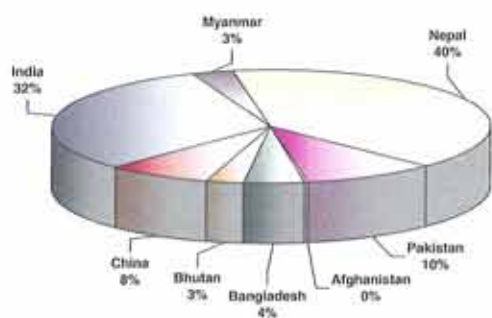


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India	3,544
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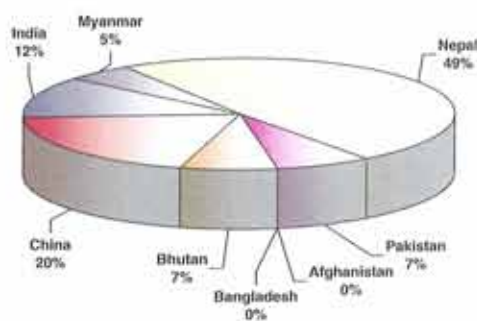
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Nepal	14
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Bhutan	237
China	159
India	1179
Myanmar	47
Nepal	3665
Pakistan	429

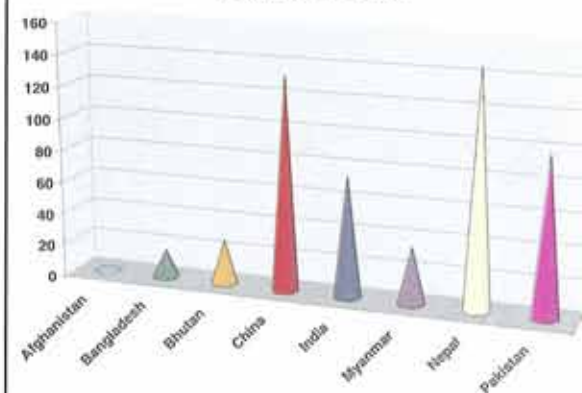
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING COURSES IN 2000



Country	No
Afghanistan	7
Bangladesh	147
Bhutan	101
China	254
India	1061
Myanmar	96
Nepal	1347
Pakistan	326

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Afghanistan	0
Bangladesh	0
Bhutan	3
China	8
India	5
Myanmar	2
Nepal	20
Pakistan	3

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Afghanistan	0
Bangladesh	0
Bhutan	17
China	28
India	133
Myanmar	35
Nepal	146
Pakistan	98

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New Faces at the Centre: From Them to You

J. Gabriel Campbell, Director General (March 2000)



"It gives me great pleasure to greet you from ICIMOD as the new Director General. The opportunities to make use of ICIMOD's unique mission and comparative advantages are great as well as humbling. We are a regional knowledge institution. We can and must work across national and disciplinary boundaries to share research results, application skills, and tools for information management. We can make sure that these shared solutions translate into real policy advice and real grass roots' results. We must ensure that we respect the diversity of ecological, administrative, and cultural conditions in which we need to adapt solutions to our own mountain problems. We have to listen carefully to our mountain clients, build on their knowledge and innovations, and continue our own learning so that we can continue to offer them our best assessments - combining their knowledge with scientific advances across the world. We will strive to communicate these solutions in languages that are readily understood; and this means using our regional languages for grass roots' transmission and coming up with clear policy options for state and national decision-makers.

I am confident that, with the help of all our partners, we can move to a better mountain world that nurtures both mountain people and our downstream neighbours."

Binayak Bhadra, Director of Programmes (April 2000)



"As a professional involved in the Himalayan mountain development process for the last few decades, I feel honoured to be able to serve the Hindu Kush-Himalayan region once again through ICIMOD.

Mountain people do not simply eke out an existence. The environment in which they live challenges them regularly and they have to respond creatively. Through their ingenuity and creativity, mountain people have given us many things: maize, potatoes, yaks, to name but a few; and they have also provided us spirituality through their diverse cultures.

ICIMOD, as a regional knowledge centre, cannot stand by and watch events pass by the mountain communities. It will take the initiatives needed to bring mountain people together so that regional collaborations and partnerships can be fostered to enhance the contributions of the mountain areas, and will ensure that mountain communities are well accounted for in the decisions made by downstream and other areas of the world.

Mountains can show the world that it cares and vice-versa."

Atsuko Toda, Assistant Coordinator for IFAD Project (November 2000)



"I am working in a partnership programme between ICIMOD and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). It is challenging to link ongoing IFAD projects implemented in the field with ICIMOD but I have realised how much we have to learn from each other. The IFAD projects provide ICIMOD with a chance to work with people and find out their needs and get feedback, and ICIMOD gives the projects an opportunity to absorb and upscale experiences and innovations found throughout the region. My whole heart is in making this partnership work."



Roger White, Regional Project Coordinator, PARDYP (November 2000)

"Sharing experiences of watershed management problems and solutions from different countries can be rewarding and valuable. If we are to be effective, networking is essential for testing and learning more about natural resource management practices. I have found working as Regional Coordinator for the People and Resource Dynamics Project (PARDYP)

gives me the great opportunity to visit farmers in different countries and to see how they have developed interventions to deal with natural resource management problems. Some things work in some places and not in others but the exciting aspect of this work is being able to act as an intermediary explaining how other farmers have overcome the same problems. It is very rewarding - and challenging.

The recent debate and interest in climate change has clearly shown the need for long-term detailed information on climate - particularly hydrometeorology and its impact on natural resource management. The painstaking work carried out by all the PARDYP partners over the five years will be of great value in this regard."



Chakra Budhathoki, Database Operator, Eco-regional Project (November 2000)

"The eco-regional project at ICIMOD in collaboration with International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR) aims to develop methodologies for assessing mountain agricultural systems in the HKH region to facilitate agricultural planning and development.

As a core activity of the project, initiative has been taken to develop a regional agricultural systems database using relational and interactive database design by combining tools of GIS and database software. My responsibilities include compilation, management and application of the database dealing with various data-types to account agricultural systems of the region. With my previous experience as a Research Agronomist as well as a Lecturer of Biometrics, I have found the present work to be interesting, challenging and rewarding, which has also provided an opportunity to learn new skills. ICIMOD is a centre of excellence, which provides a fascinating working environment to people from different disciplines and socio-cultural background."

Alejandro Camino, Executive Secretary of the Mountain Forum Secretariat, (October 2000)



"Working in launching a global initiative linked to the natural and cultural world of mountains from Kathmandu is a most exciting challenge. The Mountain Forum Secretariat, hosted at ICIMOD and coordinating with five regional electronic communication nodes from an equal number of continents is a most innovative construction for the mountain societies of the future. In a globalised planet, mountain people and organisations from around the world seem to be constructing the first virtual community of peoples with parallel experiences, potentials, and problems. ICIMOD offers a most valuable home for this unique development. MF is a membership driven organisation, with members from over a hundred countries. In my case, a native of the Andes, this challenge in Nepal also becomes a most enriching personal and professional experience."

Nyima Tashi, Researcher, Mountain Agricultural Systems, Eco-regional Fund Project (December 2000)



"The Hindu-Kush Himalayan region is a unique ecoregion on our earth. ICIMOD has advanced an Ecoregional Approach and endeavoured to develop tools and methodologies for assessing complex, diverse and unique agricultural systems in the region under an ecoregional framework, by which it can promote priority setting and ecoregional benchmarks for searching cost-effective measures for disseminating information, knowledge, principles, and technologies in the entire HKH region. This is what I have been working on and it is very challenging and interesting. As I was professionally trained by ICIMOD through a fellowship provided for Tibetans, it has been encouraging working at ICIMOD, particularly on the Ecoregional Fund Project, which is focusing on developing tools and a 'toolbox' for assessing agricultural systems and assisting agricultural development and planning in the HKH region."