iHeritage

Engaging citizens to map cultural ecosystem services

Cultural ecosystem services in the landscape

The Kailash Sacred Landscape is a 31,000 sq. km area that stretches across parts of China, India, and Nepal. It is rich in cultural ecosystem services. From the sacred Mount Kailash and Lake Manasarovar to vital rivers, immense biodiversity, and rich cultural heritage, people separated by borders are united by the landscape.

iHeritage is a citizen science app developed by the Kailash Sacred Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative (KSLCDI). It engages community members to map their cultural heritage in the transboundary landscape.

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Why map cultural ecosystem services?

Documenting heritage for posterity	Promoting conservation of cultural heritage	Attracting inflow of tourists	As a resource for tourism planning	For use by researchers and educators

How does iHeritage work?

Mobile phones → Internet service → ICIMOD's Regional Database System → Data cleaning → Database → Map
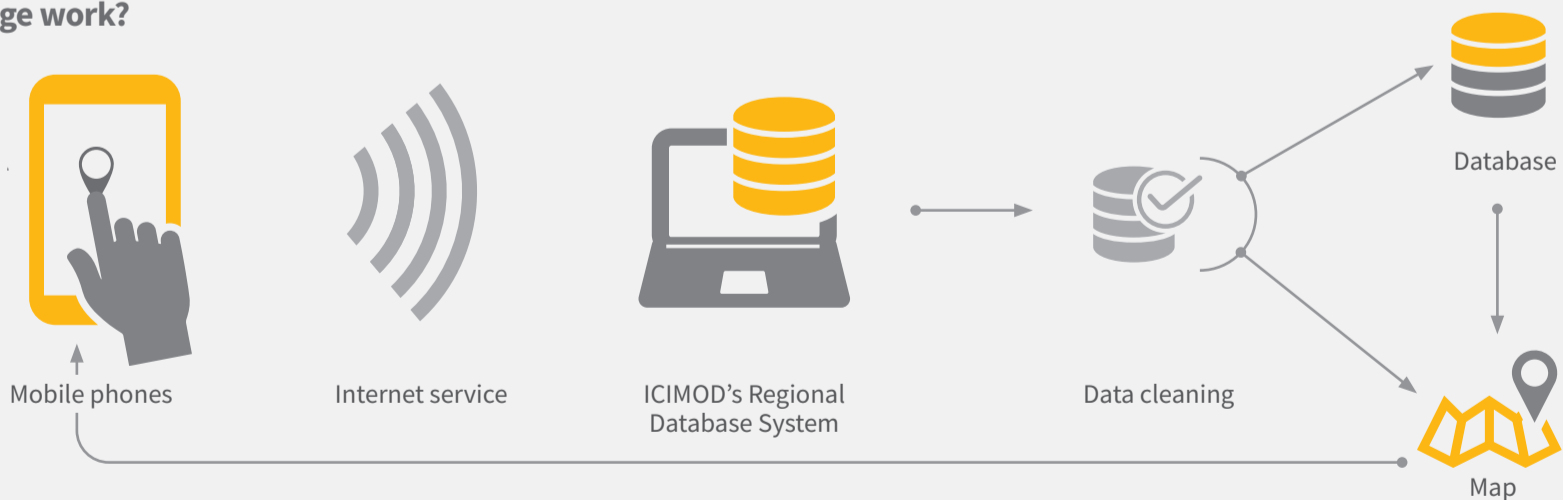
You can contribute to iHeritage if you

Have a mobile phone > Will have access to the internet at some point in time > Have at least 100 MB of memory space in your phone > Are interested in culture and heritage

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