





Global network of alpine LTER sites

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Functional significance of mountain biodiversity





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Alpine LTER network

Nucleus of core sites that will use common protocols to ensure comparability of data.

Niwot Ridge, Rocky Mountains USA Sierra Nevada, Spain Aosta valley, Italy Lautaret, Grenoble, France Tyrol, Austria Furka region, Switzerland.

GMBA can provide the framework and coordination, funding for workshops and data management systems have to be raised separately.





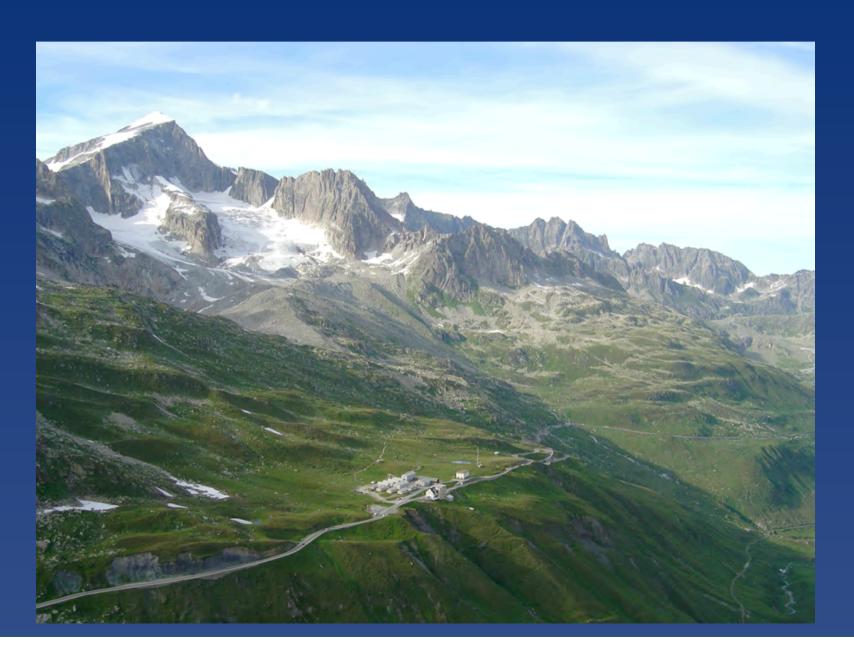


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Information management

Databases document project history, cross-site studies that require communication among the parties involved and the integration of their data.

Data collected by the network will be publicly available and also analysed and published in peer-reviewed journals.





50% of alpine flora present in 1 km² around station (260 plant sp.)



ALPFOR Research station on Furka Pass (3 houses, 50 beds, labs)

(A) Intensive monitoring (daily)

Climate, meteo; N-deposition; phenologie (plants, insects, mammals, birds)

(B) Seasonal monitoring (yearly)

Water quality and quantity; biomass production, fauna and flora

(C) Inventories (every 10 years)

Land use history; soils; aquatic systems, flora inventory, fauna inventory

Mapping: GIS Analysis and modelling, ecosystem processes on landscape level (bush encroachement, erosion, 'exceedance of critical N loads')

(D) Specific research projects (3-4 years)

Processes: geo-hydro-ecological processes (N, C, P)

Global Change effects