Mountain Biodiversity Matters. Let’s protect our future!

Mountains cover about 27% of the Earth’s land surface and are found on all continents.

1/2 of the world’s biodiversity hotspots.

30% of all Key Biodiversity Areas.

Mountains are home to many endangered species.

Mountains and their biodiversity provide food, medicine, as well as climate, water, soil, and air quality regulation to humankind.

The beauty of mountain biodiversity attracts tourism and generates income for mountain communities.

Mountain ecosystems are under pressure from land-use change and climate change, overexploitation, invasive species, and pollution.

Many of the world’s most important crops and livestock species originate in mountains.

Agrobiodiversity is key to sustainable food systems as well as to people’s resilience to climate change.

Mountain communities’ livelihoods are rooted in mountain agriculture.

Halt biodiversity loss by reducing the degradation of mountain ecosystems and promoting their restoration.

Increase investment in research and sound data collection.

Enhance local capacities to reduce biodiversity loss.

Inform policy makers to promote conservation actions and increase the resilience of mountain communities.

Engage and advocate with conventions, networks and movements.

Support sustainable agriculture in mountains to reverse agrobiodiversity loss.

Promote indigenous knowledge and its role in maintaining mountain biodiversity, agroecosystems and improving food security.

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