

The greater Himalayan region served by ICIMOD extends for 3,500 km from Afghanistan in the west to Myanmar in the east sustaining over 150 million people. The HKH people are disproportionately vulnerable, poor, marginalised and cut off from access to markets and social services. Mountain areas of the HKH and the world are home to most of today's conflicts. Yet promising new opportunities exist for sustainable, community-based natural resource management, new products and incomes, hazard mitigation, social inclusion and empowerment, long-term sustainability, and effective communication and knowledge sharing.

The HKH Region



Afghanistan



Bangladesh



Bhutan



China



India



Myanmar

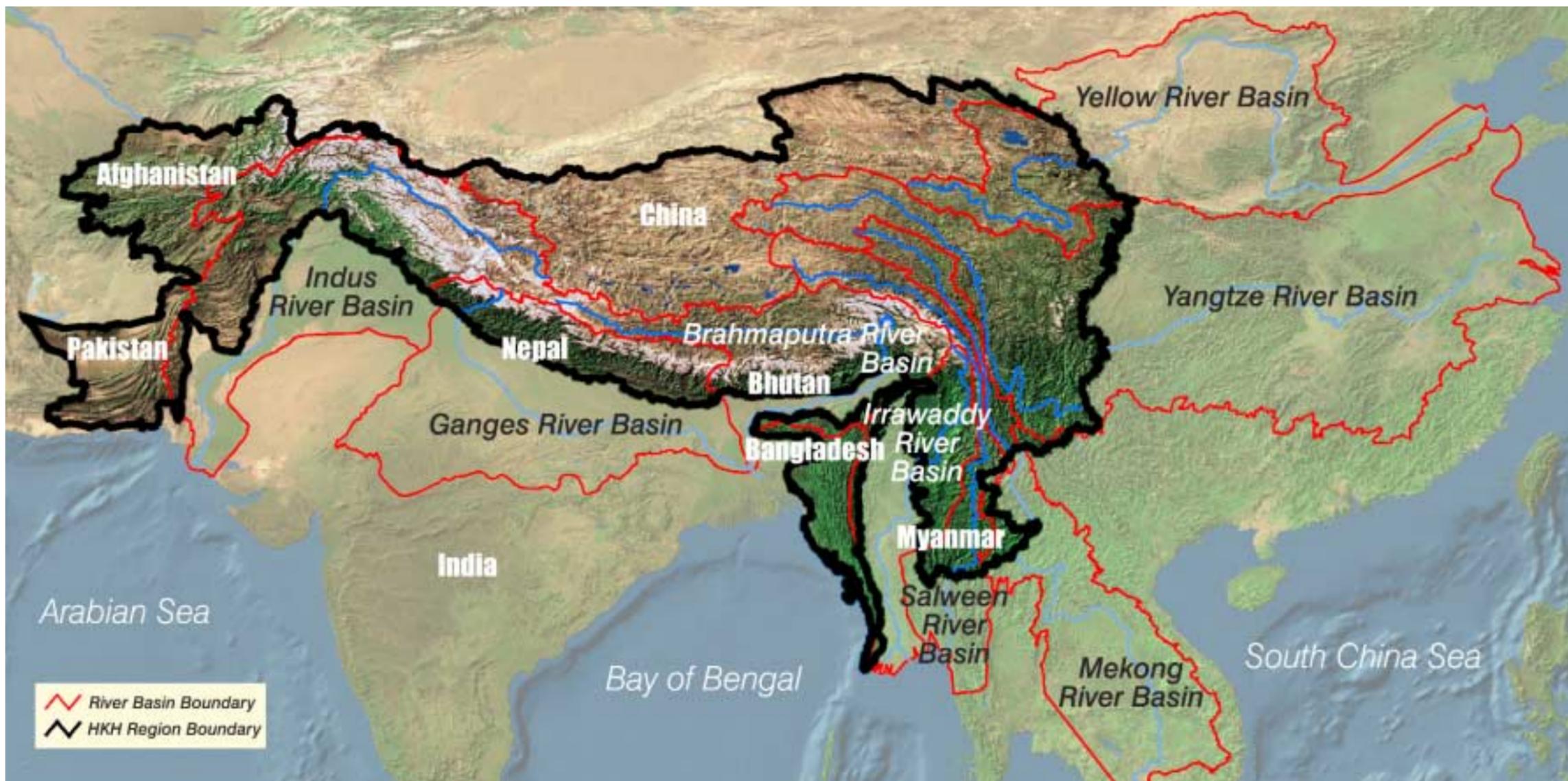


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Pakistan

Regional Collaborative Partner Countries



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THE MOUNTAIN LEARNING AND KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

As an applied research and development institution in the heart of the Himalayan region, ICIMOD's strategy is based on working with its partners to identify, test, adapt and communicate opportunities for overcoming mountain vulnerabilities and transforming them into greater security and sustainability for poor and marginalised mountain peoples. ICIMOD seeks to build on its comparative advantage, as a regionally mandated and grounded mountain-specific institution with a wide network of partners, to serve as a Mountain Learning and Knowledge Centre that identifies and fosters solutions across the mountain world. ICIMOD works to build the cooperative networks and enabling environments through which these solutions can be implemented on a scale that will produce tangible results for the poor and marginalised of the region and beyond.

ICIMOD builds institutional capacities and facilitates the development of mountain policy and regional cooperation through its main functions as a:

- multidisciplinary documentation centre,
- focal point for problem solving by research,
- focal point for training, and
- consultative centre on the sustainable development of mountain natural, human and institutional resources.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- ▲ Mountain natural resources – land, water, forests, rangelands, and surface minerals – provide the natural capital upon which all rural mountain livelihoods are based.
- ▲ Approximately 39% of the Hindu Kush-Himalaya consists of pasture, 21% is classified as forest, 11% is protected area, and 5% is agricultural land.
- ▲ Mountain farmers depend upon the integrated use of a variety of privately and publicly owned agricultural lands, forests, pasture, and water to survive.

Programme Focus: Institutional, technological, and policy innovations for community-based management to increase mountain productivity, food security, and biological sustainability

Action Initiatives

- Watershed Management
- Rangeland, Pasture and Livestock Management
- Transboundary Biodiversity Management

The long-term future of mountain regions of the Himalayan area and the world can be sustained by instituting compensatory mechanisms for mountain services to downstream users in return for wise conservation and use of upstream watersheds by mountain people.

AGRICULTURE & RURAL INCOME DIVERSIFICATION

- ▲ Mountains are endowed with natural climatic and environmental advantages for niche products. When these are linked to new and diverse market opportunities, poor mountain people can rise above subsistence levels.
- ▲ Diversified incomes can help reduce dependence on degraded land, forest, and pastures, and provide incentives for their conservation.

Programme Focus: *Specialised mountain agricultural and non-farm products with market linkages that enhance economic security*

Action Initiatives

- High Value Products and Sustainable Agriculture
- Medicinal Plants, Rural Enterprises and Mountain Tourism
- Decentralised Renewable Energy Options

Specialised mountain niche products include honey, wax, and other products from indigenous bees; off-season vegetables; non-timber forest products; medicinal plants and herbs; essential oils; fibres and silks; natural dyes; and other organic products (e.g. saffron, spices, tea, honey).

WATER, HAZARDS & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- ▲ Six of the world's largest rivers – the Indus, Ganges, Brahmaputra, Mekong, Yangtze, and Yellow River – originate in the greater Himalayan mountains and are vital for South, Southeast, and East Asia.
- ▲ Water sustains agriculture, livestock, household needs, industry, energy, transportation, and all biological life.
- ▲ The storage of water in glacial ice, snow packs, and underground aquifers provides the source of critical low flow in dry seasons for hundreds of millions of people living downstream.
- ▲ Water also creates mountain hazards such as landslides, floods, and severe erosion that have a devastating impact on the lives and property of mountain people and the many millions living below.

Programme Focus: Decreasing the physical vulnerability and increasing the environmental security of mountain peoples and the downstream poor

Action Initiatives

- Water and Floods
- Climate Change and Responses
- Environmental Services

Climate change is causing snow and ice reserves to melt rapidly and natural water storage capacity is becoming reduced with potentially alarming impacts.

CULTURE, EQUITY, GENDER & GOVERNANCE

- ▲ The majority of mountain peoples belong to a large variety of ethnic groups that have been historically marginalised by dominant elites
- ▲ Well over a hundred languages are spoken in the Himalayan region, each one indicative of the rich diversity of cultural heritage.
- ▲ Women, the backbone of most rural mountain economies, still lack fair access to resources.
- ▲ Mountains are home to a disproportionate number of violent conflicts.

Programme Focus: Promotion of equality and empowerment of vulnerable mountain peoples for enhanced social security and reduced conflict

Action Initiatives

- Gender Mainstreaming
- Equity and Rights
- Community Institutions, Decentralisation and Local Governance

Equitable chances for all inhabitants, flexible institutional settings, and good local governance are essential preconditions for sustainable development in mountain areas. Incorporating gender and social equity are thus vital to long-term resource management regimes that avoid permanent conflicts.

POLICY & PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- ▲ Most country policies for mountain regions have been developed as extensions of plains' programmes and are frequently inappropriate for mountains
- ▲ ICIMOD's networks of partners have untapped potential for increasing their effectiveness in supporting the adoption of mountain specific policies at provincial, national, regional, and global levels

Programme Focus: Providing policy support and strengthening partnerships and ICIMOD's capacity for collaboration in planning, achieving, and monitoring programme activities

Action Initiatives

- Programme Development and Monitoring and Evaluation
- Policy Development and Advocacy Support
- Partnership Development

Mountain policies need to take into account the qualitative differences in mountain livelihoods, diversified landscapes, and access to markets and decision-making to overcome the greater constraints and take advantage of the unique opportunities afforded by mountains.

INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

- ▲ Much information and data are available, but they are not documented or archived in a coordinated fashion and few know how to access them.
- ▲ Inappropriate forms of 'packaging' and channels of delivery means that many people do not receive or understand messages containing information that could transform their lives.
- ▲ New forms of information technology offer possibilities for locating information geographically (GIS), for coordinating documentation on sources, and for reaching dispersed audiences.

Programme Focus: Making mountain information and knowledge accessible and usable to partners, policy-makers and advocates, and development practitioners

Action Initiatives

- Information Management, Communications and Outreach (IMCO)
- Mountain Environment and Natural Resources Information Systems (MENRIS)

Global Secretariat of the Mountain Forum (Hosted Institution)

The Mountain Forum is a global network of networks, comprising of individuals and organisations concerned with mountain communities, environments and sustainable development. ICIMOD hosts the Global Secretariat of the Mountain Forum and operates the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN).

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Programme Activity Partners

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Country Focal Point

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Partners

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Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Arts, Chittagong
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Corporation, Dhaka
Bangladesh Water Development Board, Dhaka
Centre for Environment, GIS, Dhaka
Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board,
Chittagong
Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council,
Rangamati
Global Water Partnership South Asia-Bangladesh,
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BHUTAN

Country Focal Point

Ministry of Agriculture, Thimphu

Partners

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Thimphu
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Thimphu
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Energy, MoTI, Thimphu
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 CAS: Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Beijing
 CAS: Kunming Institute of Botany, Kunming
 CAS: Mountain Disasters and Environment Research Institute, Chengdu
 CAS: Northwest Institute of Plateau Biology, Xining
 Centre for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge, Kunming
 China Meteorological Administration, Beijing
 Eastern Bee Research Institute, YAU, Kunming
 Gansu Agricultural University, Lanzhou
 Livestock Research Institute, TAAAS, Lhasa
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 North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project, Shillong
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 Rural Community Development Centre, Darjeeling
 Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra, Dehradun
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Programme Activity Partners

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Kathmandu

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Conservation, Kathmandu

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Management, Kathmandu

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Kathmandu

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Development Projects Services Centre, Kathmandu

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Federation of Community Forestry Users Group in
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Resources Management Network
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Development, Dhankuta

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Association, Kathmandu
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Kathmandu
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PAKISTAN

Country Focal Point

Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock,
Islamabad

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ICIMOD'S HEADQUARTERS



ICIMOD's headquarters is located at Khumaltar in Lalitpur District in the Kathmandu Valley, on a 1.5 ha site generously provided by His Majesty's Government of Nepal in 2001. The building was inaugurated by His Majesty King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev on 5th December 2004, on the occasion of the Centre's 21st Anniversary.

We gratefully acknowledge and value the support of our donors and regional member countries that has enabled ICIMOD not only to have its own home but also to enhance its institutional effectiveness.

Regional Member Country Support for the ICIMOD Headquarters Building

Nepal	1.5 ha of land (estimated value over US\$1,000,000)
Bangladesh	US\$ 28,300 (partly used for Bangladesh Pavilion)
Bhutan	In kind (Bhutan pavilion)
China	US\$ 100,000 (Reception area dedicated to China)
India	US\$ 98,717 (Conference room dedicated to India)
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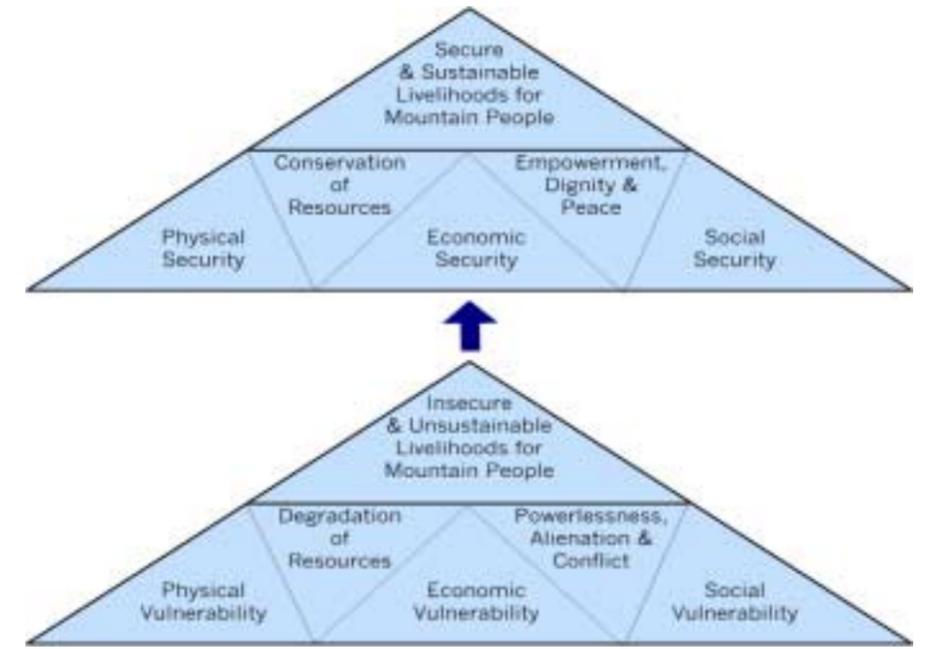
- One hundred and forty staff and associates are drawn from the region and around the world.
- The Board of Governors has 15 members - 8 representatives from regional member countries and 7 independent members nominated by the ICIMOD Support Group.
- The annual budget is approximately US\$5-6 million - half from core programme donors and the remaining half from 24 bilateral, multilateral and private donors.
- From 1983-2002, more than 350 technical publications, nearly 650 general publications, and 20 videos were produced and disseminated.
- The Centre has an active mailing list of over 3000 institutions and individuals.



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Transforming Vulnerabilities into Secure & Sustainable Livelihoods for Mountain People



Vision

Prosperous and secure mountain communities committed to peace, equity and environmental sustainability

Mission

To develop and provide integrated and innovative solutions, in cooperation with regional and international partners, which foster action and change for overcoming mountain people's economic, social and physical vulnerability.

