



BOOK LAUNCH

Interpreting mountain treelines in a changing world

21 March 2022 | 14:00–16:30 (NPT); 13:45–16:15 (IST) | Online via MS Teams

About the launch

In conjunction with the [International Day of Forests](#) on 21 March 2022, we are supporting the virtual launch of the book 'Interpreting mountain treelines in a changing world.' The book, authored by a team of experts¹ and led by Prof. Surendra P. Singh, draws upon studies on mountain treelines from all around the world and recent research in the Indian Himalayan Region. The study was supported under the National Mission on Himalayan Studies, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi, and involved 11 Principal Investigators from six research organizations. ICIMOD supported the publication of this book and provided technical and editorial inputs.

With this book launch, we aim to make the public familiar with treeline ecosystems and urge policymakers to treat treelines as a separate entity of study, management, and conservation, with an emphasis on transboundary cooperation.

This year's theme for International Day of Forests is "[Forests and sustainable production and consumption.](#)" The day celebrates and raises awareness of the importance of all types of forests and their sustainable use.

Objectives

- Share our understanding of Himalayan treelines
- Emphasize the need for collaborative research and transboundary cooperation

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Agenda

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Time (NPT)	Activities	Speaker/Facilitator
Opening session		
Moderator: Laurie Vasily , Head of Knowledge Management and Communication, ICIMOD		
14:00–14:10	Sign-in	All
14:10–14:18	Remarks	P.P. Dhyani Chairperson, Central Himalayan Environment Association (CHEA), India Brij M.S. Rathore former Chief Policy Advisor, ICIMOD
14:18–14:28	Welcome remarks and book launch	Pema Gyamtsho , Director General, ICIMOD
14:28–15:00	Key highlights of the book – <i>Interpreting mountain treelines in a changing world</i>	Surendra P. Singh , Coordinator, NMHS-IHTRP, CHEA
15:00–15:10	Q&A and summary	Laurie Vasily , ICIMOD Brij M.S. Rathore , former Chief Policy Advisor, ICIMOD
Technical Session I: Treeline research as a common agenda for the HKH – Panel discussion		
Moderator: Wu Ning , Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)		
15:10–16:10	Panel discussion and Q&A session	Surendra P. Singh , CHEA, India Eryuan Liang , Director, Key Laboratory of Alpine Ecology, CAS, China Narayan Prasad Gaire , Associate Professor, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Shi Peili , Professor, Key Laboratory of Ecosystem Network Observation and Modelling, CAS, China Changa Tshering , Principal Forestry Officer, Department of Forest and Park Services, Bhutan
16:00–16:20	Summary and way forward	Nakul Chettri , Regional Programme Manager – Transboundary Landscapes, ICIMOD

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