



Reconciling conservation, development and community benefits in mountain ecosystems

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The Mountain Partnership – Vision



The members of the MP envision a world with increasing public and private sector attention, commitment, engagement, and investments in sustainable mountain development (SMD) that:

- Maintain and enhance the **conservation, health, vitality and stewardship of mountain ecosystems** for their inherent value and for the mutual benefit of mountain communities and those who live in the larger geographic regions which include mountains;
- Improve **the social and economic** well-being and livelihoods of, and opportunities for, both mountain people – **particularly the most vulnerable** – and those who live in the larger geographic regions which include mountains; and
- Empower and **enable mountain people to be fully engaged in the decision-making processes** that determine the future of mountain communities and ecosystems, particularly **in light of global change and globalization processes.**





Typical Ecosystem Services provided by a Montane Forest

Water Supply and Regulation

Erosion Control and Sediment Retention

Soil Formation and Nutrient Cycling

Carbon Sequestration

Climate Regulation

Food Production, Grazing and Raw Materials

Pollination and Biological Control

Refugia and Genetic Resources

Recreation

Cultural Services





Ecosystem Services, Poverty and Development Nexus





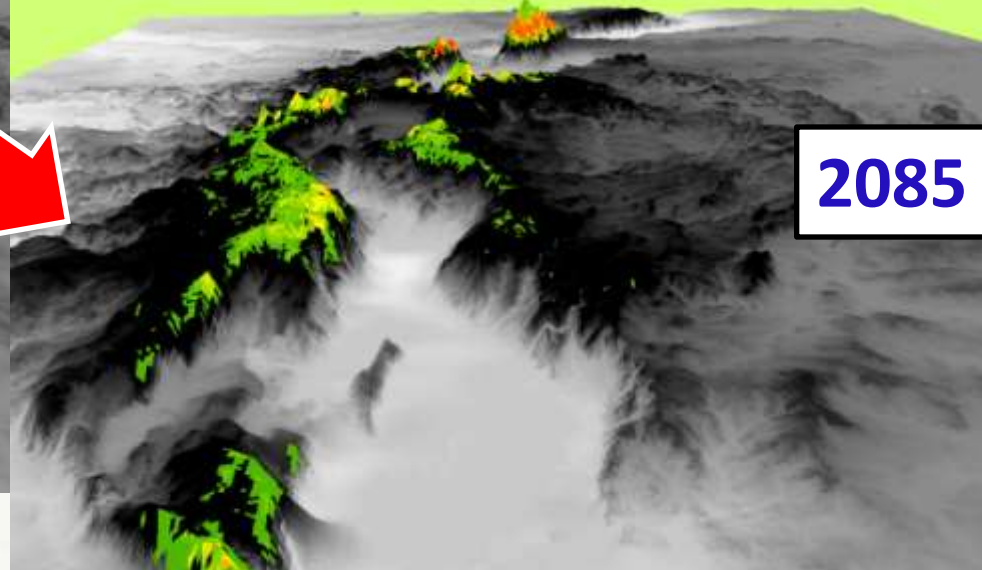
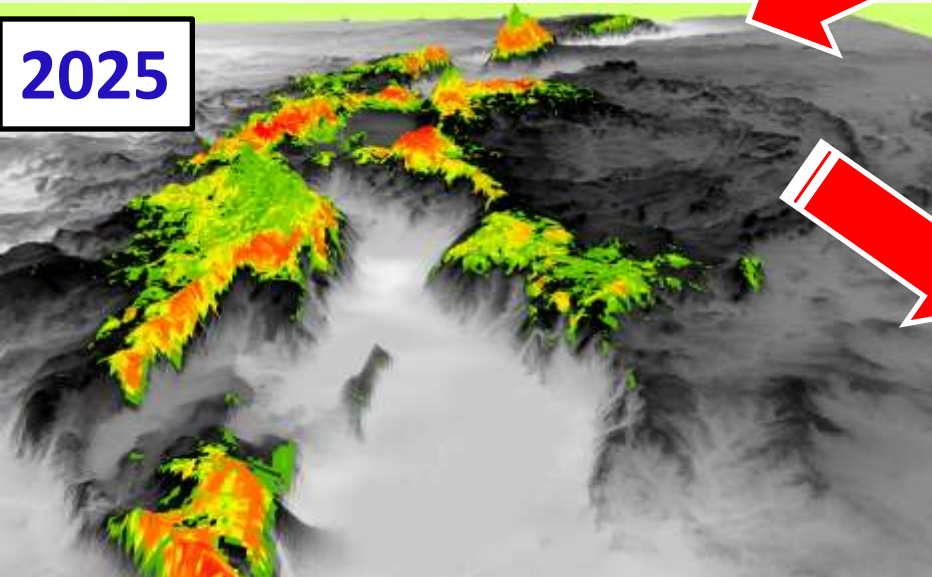
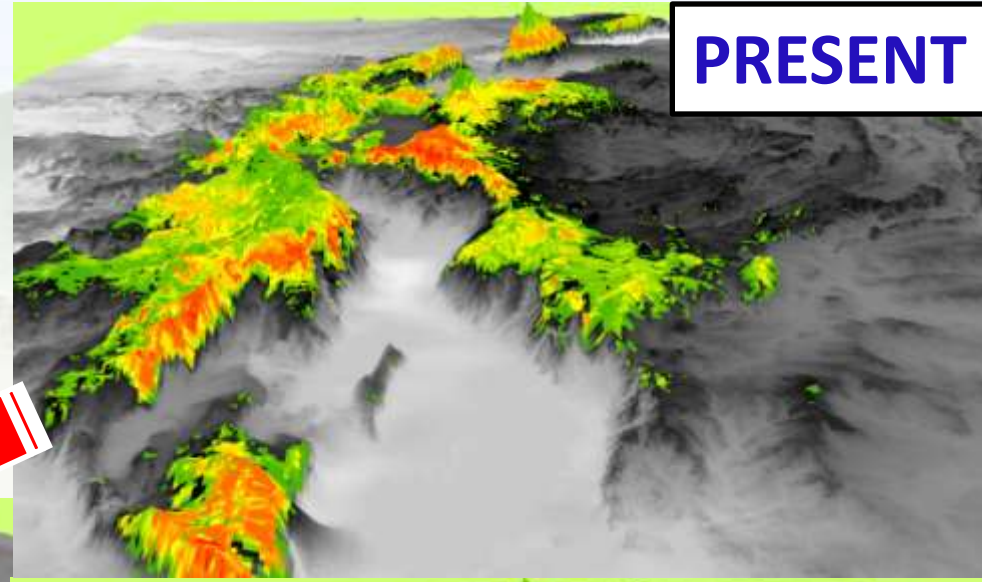
Glaciers melting in Ruwenzori Mountains



Projected species richness-BL International et al.



Projected species richness of
4 Albertine Rift bird endemic
species across time periods



Something must be wrong!!!!!!!!!!

So what is wrong?

Market failures

Poor communication and information and transparency

Policy failures

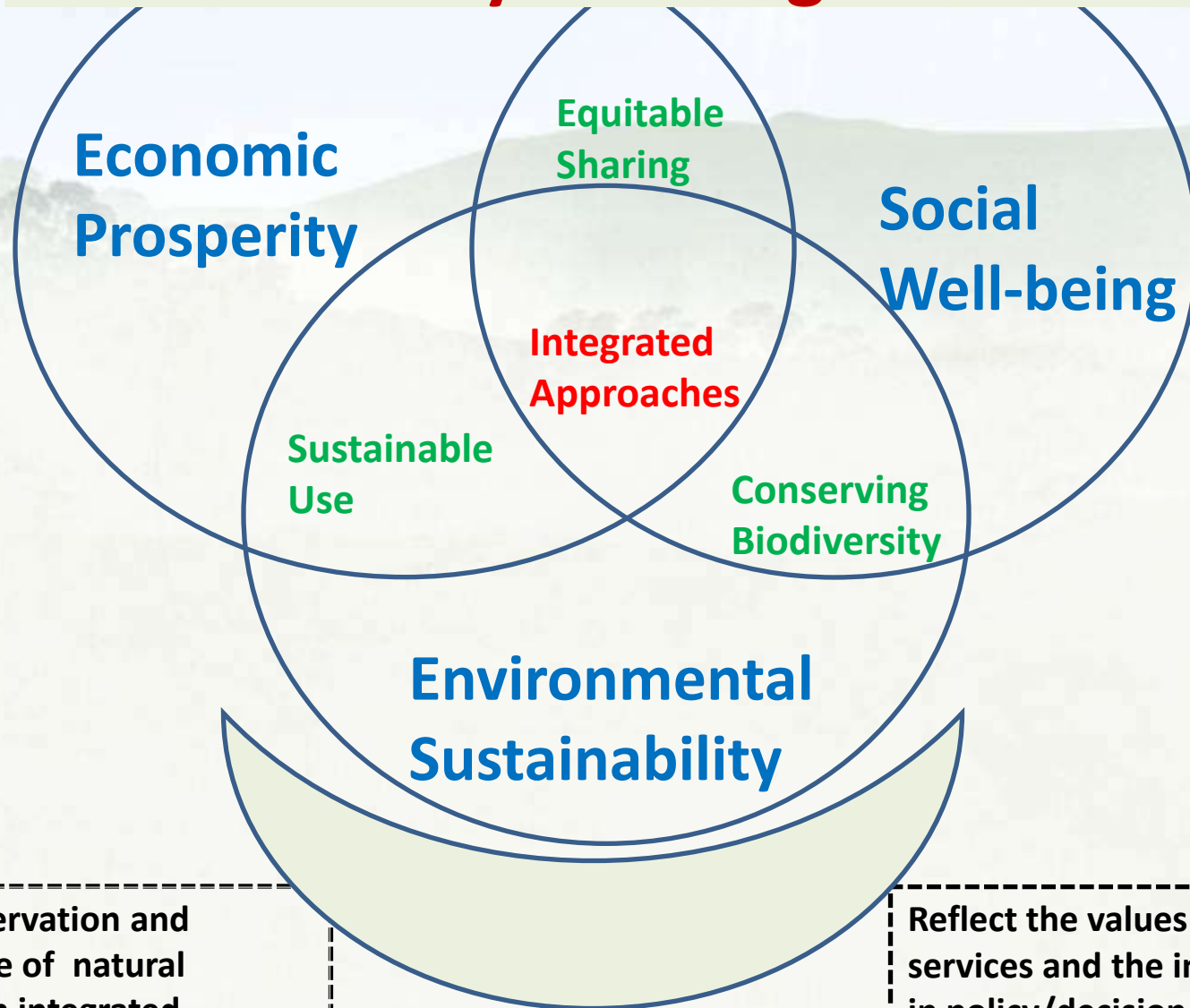
Inequalities

Insufficient benefits and sharing

Etc.....



Sustainability Challenge in Mountains



Promote conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in an integrated manner (CBD)

Reflect the values of ecosystem services and the integrated aspect in policy/decision-making



Mountains and Rio Process





Africa Mountain Partnership Members

INTERGOVERNAMENTAL/ INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

MAJOR GROUPS/NGOS

COUNTRIES

- Algeria
- Cameroon
- Congo (Democratic Republic of)
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Madagascar
- Morocco
- Uganda

- African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN)
- International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
- FAO
- UNEP
- IUCN
- WWF

- African Conservation Foundation
- Akwapim Mountain Women's Forum (AMWF)
- Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS)
- Association pour la Protection des Montagnes du Burundi
- Cameroon National Network of Associations and NGOs of the Mountain Partnership
- Environment and Tourism Support
- Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR)
- Foundation for Environment and Development
- Ghana Wildlife Society
- International Centre of Insect Physiology and Education (ICIPE)
- International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- Ghana Wildlife Society (GWS)
- Nile Basin Society
- Volunteers for Africa / ECODECO Partnership
- Wonderland Development Organization



MacArthur
Foundation



AFRICA MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS MEETING

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Enhancing the mountain partnership in Africa for
Sustainable Development in African Water Towers

WORK PLAN 2013-2015

MEETING SUMMARY



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WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

Research: Understand the changes in mountains in relation to economic development and human well-being

Encourage broad participation in policy dialogue at all levels to increase productivity, enhance environmental quality, and contribute to economic well-being

Mainstream Ecosystem Based Adaptation and Benefits from Ecosystem Services into national adaptation, biodiversity and sustainable development policies.



THANK YOU

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