Why Mountains Matter



cover about:



of the earth's land area

are home

of the world's population

13%

provide

70%

of the world's fresh water

supply renewable energy



host about

25%

of terrestrial biodiversity

contribute to food security



with key mountain crops

attract about

15-20%

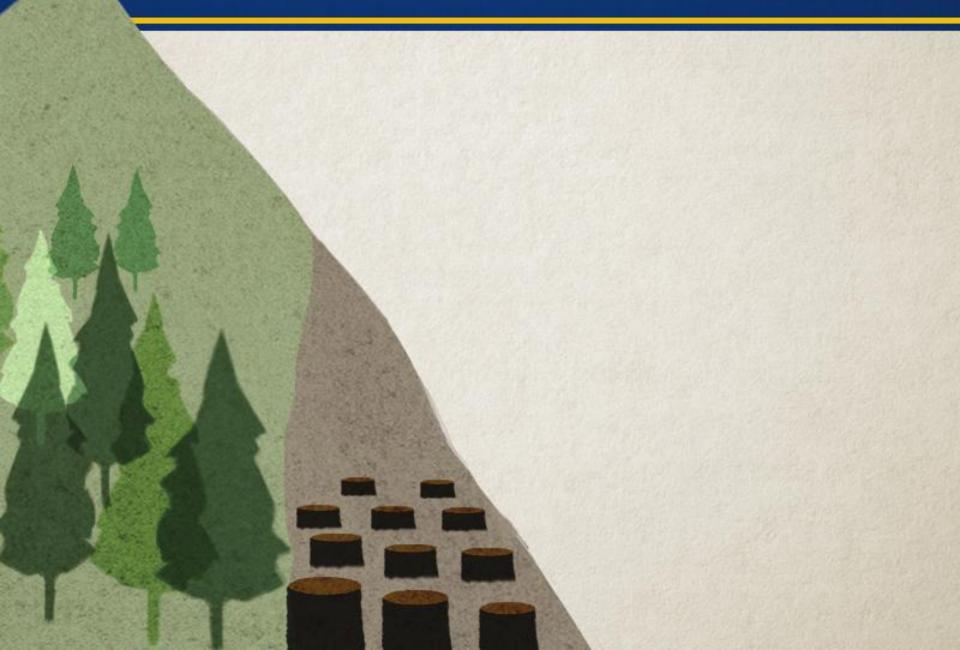
of global tourism



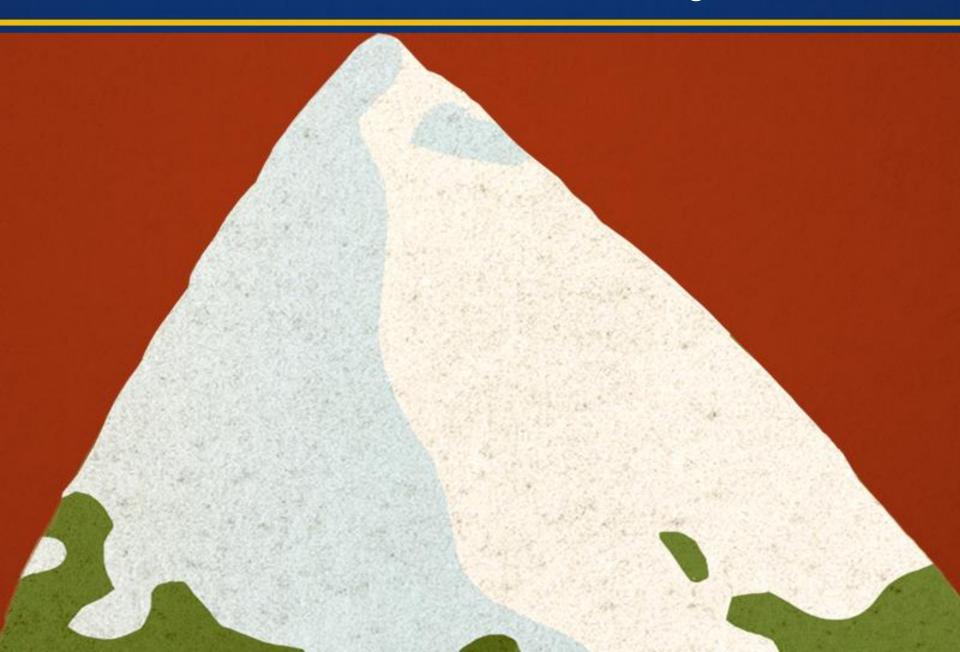
Mountain peoples are among the world's poorest and hungriest

Harsh living conditions which leads to migration

fragile ecosystems



Indicators of climate change



Vulnerable to extreme weather events



natural disasters

Mountain communities have traditional knowledge



solutions, adaptation options to build resilience

Mountain peoples' voices often unheard



We need to join forces to protect people and the environment



so that mountains can contribute to a more sustainable future

