



**MOUNTAINS  
GIVE US WATER  
WATER IS LIFE**



# Next Generation



*Mountains are not just simply water reservoirs*, storing water in the form of glaciers, snow, wetlands, lakes and subsurface deposits. Supplying fresh water to more than half of humankind, mountains are of strategic importance for agriculture, food security and biodiversity. Around 4,000 cubic kilometres of fresh water are withdrawn every year – equivalent to roughly 1,700 litres per person per day – but water for agriculture is by far the largest extractive category.

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## Mountains in a Rio+20 world