



Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

working together for mountain peoples and environments



Call for case studies on mountain culture

Your case studies are invited for the factsheets currently being created by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS) for International Mountain Day (IMD), which will take place on 11 December 2016. "Mountain Cultures: celebrating diversity and strengthening identity" is the theme chosen for this year's celebration of International Mountain Day, which will take place on 11 December 2016. "Mountain Cultures: celebrating

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HIGHLIGHTS



Alysh Dan: a mountain apricot community



Mountain communities call for climate action



Increasing mountain forest cover in Costa Rica



How NGOs can apply for UNFCCC observer status

The [Farmer Cooperative 'Alysh Dan'](#) was established in 2008 and is currently comprised of 1 200 members, including 63 households of bio-farmers. The cooperative produces organic products for domestic and export markets. Alysh Dan is located in the mountain village Kara-Bak, in the Batken region in southern Kyrgyzstan. Batken province is commonly known as "the

As half of the world's population relies on mountains for their water, 18 indigenous mountain communities call for support to strengthen traditional natural resource management systems. Mountain communities are among the most vulnerable to climate change, with many communities already suffering due to erratic rainfall, drought, increased temperatures

Costa Rica, a country with an area of only 51 100 sq km, contains a wealth of species, approximately 3.6 percent of the expected biodiversity of the planet (between 13 and 14 million species). The country has an approximate record of 94 753 known species, i.e., about 5 percent of the biodiversity known worldwide (SINAC, 2014). It is important to point out that, in the period of

For representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to attend any sessions or meetings of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), they must first be admitted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) as observer organizations. If your organization is interested in being admitted as an observer organization, you must apply through the Online

land of apricots" ...
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and pests ...
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1800–1950, ...
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FEATURED NEWS

- **Promoting mountains at the UN**
- **Yachay Wasi re-visits Andean lakes projects**
- **From our valley to the world**
- **Alpine high fire tradition rekindled**
- **Hiking from Bangkok to Barcelona**
- **Examining food justice in the Rocky Mountains**
- **Journalists blog about their Alpine tour**
- **Mountain summer course in Ormea, Italy**
- **New ICIMOD publications about yaks**
- **Clean energy for women of the Pamirs**
- **New blog from mountain writer Tamara Griffiths**
- **Volunteering with the MP Secretariat**
- **July issue of eco.mont journal now available**
- **MiratecArts announces mountain photo contest**

UPCOMING EVENTS

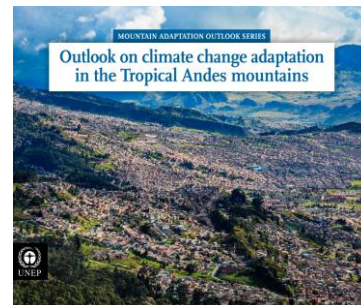
- **Recording rock-art: new technologies for the documentation and management of mountain and valley heritage**
Venue: Edolo, Italy
- **World Water Week 2016**
Venue: Stockholm, Sweden

NEW MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 286 members: 57 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations, 210 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector) and 5 subnational authorities. Please feel free to contact them for possible collaborative projects and ideas. We welcome the following new members:

- [Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada \(CBME\)](#)
 - [Fundación PASOS](#)
 - [Institute of Himalayan Environmental Research and Education \(INHERE\)](#)
 - [Institute of Sustainable Development \(ISD\)](#)
 - [Public Organization "Kuhhoi Pomir"](#)
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PUBLICATION



The Tropical Andes will experience some of the most drastic climate changes in South America. By the end of this century, the coldest years in the Tropical Andes mountains ...

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VIDEO



The New Zealand Alpine Team has put together an awe-inspiring video documenting their successful climb to the top of Taulliraju, of the Cordillera Blanca. It's an incredible accomplishment even to attempt ...

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CALL FOR NEWS

Keep Mountain Partnership members informed of your activities! Please email Mia.Rowan@fao.org info about new projects and programmes, initiatives, events, publications, newsletters, vacancies or calls for papers.

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