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Silk road, silk scarves: Women scarf producers in Kyrgyzstan

Small groups of women producers in Kyrgyzstan live on what was once the Silk Road - the network of trade routes that enabled cultural exchange between Asia and Europe for centuries. In the spirit of tradition, history and culture, these mountain women create silk scarves adorned with felt decorations ... [Read more](#)

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On The Shelf



[NEW: Mountain Partnership Annual Report 2019](#)

The Mountain Partnership Secretariat Annual Report outlines key achievements in promoting sustainable mountain development last year in its 2019 annual report. The publication documents the Secretariat’s work in the areas of advocacy, communication and knowledge management, promoting International Mountain Day, brokering joint action and leading capacity development initiatives...[Read more](#)



[NEW: Mountain Recipes: Cooks in High Places](#)

In this recipe book, we feature the top 30 recipes from the International Mountain Day 2019 contest, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat to help promote mountain products and cultural traditions. Over 70 entries were received from 27 countries... [Read More](#)

Events



[GROW](#) 15 – 25 September



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[Tales of Mountain Biodiversity](#)

The Mountain Partnership and the [Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment](#) created the "[Tales of Mountain Biodiversity](#)" initiative as a way to celebrate International Mountain Day's theme: #MountainsMatterForBiodiversity with stories from around the world.

This comic strip was submitted by Dr. Deborshee Gogoi from India. It aims to create awareness about the rich biodiversity of Eastern Himalayas and the large hydro power projects that threaten it.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH...land of the dawn

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Hi! I'm your friend Sumu. Today I'll take you to one of my favorite destinations, Arunachal Pradesh: the easternmost state of India. Nestled in the Eastern Himalaya, it is an unexplored paradise on earth. It is home to 216 species of mammals, 129 species of reptiles, 55 species of amphibians, 218 species of fishes and 770 species of birds.



80% area of the state is covered with forest & is home to almost 4900 species of flowering plants, 95 species of bamboos, 20 species of canes, 57 species of Rhododendron & 900+ orchid species.



Forests here are largely managed by local communities. There are 26 major tribes and more than 100 sub-tribes who have been co-existing with Mother Nature for centuries. But yes, hunting is also prevalent among many tribes.



Recent discoveries of species like Arunachal Macaque in 2005, Pugini Macchia in 2006, Himalayan Greyish in 2007, discovery of 4 line-checked Macaque (new record for India) in 2016, Arunachal Glory (moth) in 2017, Impressed Tortoise in 2019, 2 new species of venomous snakes in 2019, 2 new species of orchids in 2020 are just few examples that establishes the importance of conserving of Eastern Himalayan Habitat.



In the last few years the state has witnessed rise in cases of deforestation mainly because of highway projects and Oil palm plantation.



Measures are needed to protect globally threatened endemic bird species like the Bengal Florican, Black-breasted Parrotbill, Swamp Prinia, Marsh Babbler and Jerdon's Babbler who need grassland habitats for breeding from further hydropower developments.

But still there are rays of hope. The young generation of the region are now aware of their rich biodiversity. Many tribes have given up their age old hunting traditions. Many communities have joined hands to protect and preserve their forests and their inhabitants. Don't you think that's encouraging? And yes, if you make a plan to visit this part of the planet, do let me know. We can together go birding.



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Call for Action

MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 400 members:

60 governments, 8 subnational authorities, 18 intergovernmental organizations and 314 major group organizations (*e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector*).

Please feel free to contact them for possible collaborative projects and ideas.

CALL FOR NEWS

Keep Mountain Partnership members informed of your activities!

Please email Sara.Manuelli@fao.org info about new projects and programmes, initiatives, events, publications, newsletters, vacancies or calls for papers.

The Mountain Partnership is a United Nations voluntary alliance of partners dedicated to

We wish to welcome the following new members:

improving the lives of mountain peoples and protecting mountain environments around the world.

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