



A MOUNTAIN OF LIFE



Next Generation



The world's mountains encompass some of the most spectacular landscapes and pockets of life that are found only at a particular elevation and on a specific mountain or range. However, climate change, poverty, commercial mining, logging and poaching all exact a heavy toll: mountain gorillas in Central East Africa, spectacled bears in the Andes and the resplendent quetzals of Central America are all clinging to ever-shrinking patches of cloud forest.

As arks of life, preserving much of the world's biodiversity, mountains deserve international attention.

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