



**Mountain Partnership**  
working together for mountain peoples and environments



### [IMD 2018 celebrated in over 35 countries](#)

For International Mountain Day (IMD), over 100 events were organized around the world on 11 December 2018, when mountaineers, mountain lovers, governments and civil society groups joined together to raise the flag for mountain peoples and environments.... [Read More](#)



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### [Kyrgyz mountain culture lands in Sardinia](#)

An event dedicated to promoting mutual exchange and dialogue between the Kyrgyz Sardinian community and Sardinia took place in December. Music, fashion and culture from the two countries mingled during a special event "We support the world with delicate hands" held at the Convento San Giuseppe in Cagliari, Italy.... [Read More](#)



### [Revitalizing mountains through agriculture and tourism](#)

A tourism project that connects organic and regenerative farming producers with tourist centres in the steppe highlands of Alvelal located on the southeast coast of Spain was launched this past November. Regenerative agriculture is a system of farming that increases biodiversity, improves soil and enhances ecosystem services.... [Read More](#)



### [Call for International Mountain Conference abstracts](#)

The International Mountain Conference (IMC) will be held from 8-12 September 2019 at the University of Innsbruck, Austria. The conference is organized in collaboration with several Mountain Partnership members including [the Mountain Research Initiative](#), [EURAC Research](#) and the [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#)"... [Read More](#)



### [Exploring mountain food systems](#)

The newest issue of Mountain Research and Development: Food Security and Sustainable Development in Mountains, Vol 38, No 4 is now available online. Papers in this issue cover various topics including transitioning towards sustainable food systems, including the nutrition-sensitive agriculture approach tested in several countries... [Read More](#)



### ["The Dark Horse" of the Export Market](#)

Several years ago, Kyrgyzstan's smallest and least populated northern region made a surprising breakthrough into the global agriculture market by becoming one of top twenty - top ten, according to some data - exports of kidney beans, rivaling such giants as China, Argentina, and Egypt. The phenomenon, which became known as "Talas Wonder" .... [Read More](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



[4th UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain Tourism Conference Berchtesgaden, Germany](#)



[Mountain Travel Symposium Whistler, Canada](#)



[Mountains and Cultures Trento Film Festival Trento, Italy](#)



Video:  
[IPROMO Summer School 2018](#)

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We received entries from all over the world on IMD  
2018 <https://bit.ly/2gt5tgN>  
Here's a video submitted by our young IMD Ambassador  
Kiana. [#MountainsMatter](#)

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# Mountain Research and Development



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## Mountain Research and Development Vol 38, No 4: Food Security and Sustainable Development in Mountains

Four papers present opportunities  
and challenges for sustainable food  
systems worldwide and in Nepal,  
Pakistan, and India.

### MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 355 members: 60 governments, 8 subnational authorities, 16 intergovernmental organizations and 271 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector). Please feel free to [contact them](#) for possible collaborative projects and ideas. We wish to welcome the following new member:

Zürcher Hochschule  
für Angewandte Wissenschaften



[Institute of Natural Resource Sciences \(IUNR\)](#)



[National Federation of Communal Forests  
and Pastures of Albania](#)

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### CALL FOR NEWS

Keep Mountain Partnership members informed of your activities! Please email [Sara.Manuelli@fao.org](mailto: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 improving the lives of mountain peoples and protecting mountain environments around the world.

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