

# MOUNTAIN BIODIVERSITY DAY

One voice to protect Mountains, Wildlife and People in times of global change

## GLOBAL MOUNTAINS

hosted by: outgoing French Presidency of the Alpine Convention in cooperation with the French Presidency of EUSALP

organized by: outgoing French Presidency of the Alpine Convention, UNEP, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and ALPARC

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Welcome & Introduction (9:00 - 9:25)

- Technical and logistical information (3 min) (from the organisers-UNEP or ALPARC)
- Outgoing French Presidency of the Alpine Convention (tbc) and Presidency of the Carpathian Convention (tbc), (15 min)  
**Francesco Gaeta** (Director of European and International Affairs/ Ministry of the Environment)  
**Bożena Haczek** (Head of Unit, Department of Nature Conservation, Ministry of Climate and Environment of Poland)
- United Nations Environment Programme, Director Europe Office, Bruno Pozzi (7 min) tbc

*Moderation by Matthias Jurek & Musonda Mumba (UNEP)*

Keynotes (9:25-9:40)

- Keynote: The global agenda for the protection of biodiversity until 2050 (7 min) (**Francis Ogwal - Co-Chair OEWG on Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework** tbc)
- Keynote: Mountain biological diversity, ecosystem services and mountain people in times of climate change: a perspective from the Eastern Himalayas (7 min) (**Nakul Chettri, Regional Programme Manager, Transboundary Landscape, ICIMOD**)

Session 1: Mountains are rich - Biodiversity and local cultures (09:40 - 10:30)

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- [Video](#): “Capturing the Ghost” - Protection of snow leopards in Central Asia under UNEP’s Vanishing Treasures programme (3 min)
- Indirect and direct drivers of change of mountain biodiversity and ecosystem service supply (10 min) (**Markus Fischer, Chair of Scientific Steering Committee, Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment**)
- Increasing socio-ecological resilience of mountains (10 min) (**Adrienne Grêt-Regamey, MRI Co-Principal Investigator, ETH Zürich**)
- Mountains - Hotspots of endangered and endemic species and local traditional knowledge in Hindu Kush Himalaya (10 min) (**Srijana Joshi Rijal, Ecosystem Specialist, ICIMOD**)

*Interactive session with white board or online inquiry 15 min*

Coffee break I (10:30-10:45)

**Session 2: Mountains are exposed - Threats to biodiversity and mountain communities (10:45 - 11:35)**

- Glacier loss - Video and message from Kilimanjaro by ice climber and **UNEP Mountain Hero Will Gadd** (5 min)
- Central Asian mountains: Climate change, endangered mountain species and human-wildlife conflict (10 min) (**Mirzo N. Mirzoev, Association of Nature Conservation Organizations of Tajikistan**)
- Andes: Threats of agrobiodiversity loss, climate action and food for health (10 min) (**Stef de Haan Scientist Andean Food Systems & lead Andean Initiative, International Potato Center**)
- East Africa/Virunga: Conservation of mountain gorillas (under the perspective of land-use change, intensive agriculture, spreading of zoonotic diseases) (10 min) (**GRASP**)

*Discussion with audience 15 min*

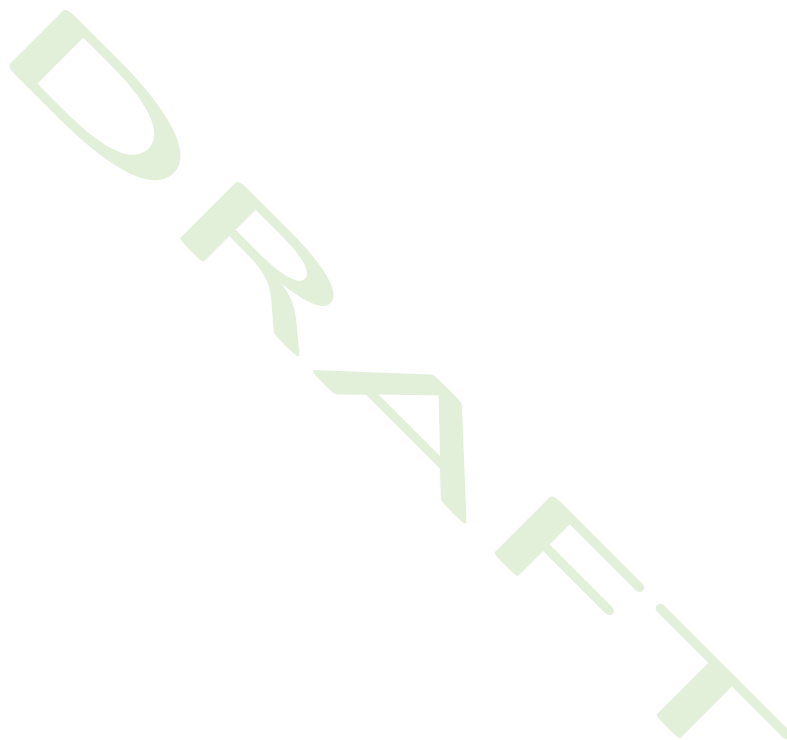
**Session 3: Mountains offer opportunities - Means for conservation (11:35 - 12:00)**

Interview sessions together with the audience: Approaches, solutions and best practices to increase resilience towards threats in mountains (climate change, habitat loss etc.)

- Interview 1: Tiger conservation, water scarcity and community-based action (10 min)  
Wildlife conservation and ecosystem-based adaptation in times of climate change under UNEP’s Vanishing Treasures programme in the Himalayas, Bhutan (**Tshering Tempa, Bhutan Tiger Center**)
- Interview 2: Landscape connectivity and protected areas (15 min)

Insights from projects on connectivity and Protected Areas management/  
Centralparks and ConnectGREEN (Cristian Remus Papp, WWF & Isidoro De Bortoli,  
EURAC)

Coffee break II (12:00 - 12:15)



## Post-2020 SEGMENT

(12:15 - 13:00)

Elevating mountains: Joint message for the Post-2020 process of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Moderation: Matthias Jurek and Chris Walzer

Panel:

- **French Presidency of the Alpine Convention** (Directorate of European and International Affairs, French Ministry of the Environment)  
Stéphanie Croguennec (Head of Department for Climate Change and sustainable development, Ministry of the Environment, France)
- **Polish Presidency of the Carpathian Convention**  
Bożena Haczek (Ministry of Climate and Environment of Poland, CBD and Carpathian Convention Focal Point)
- **EUSALP AG7 leader - Green Infrastructure**  
Michaela Künzl (Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment)
- **Alpine Biodiversity board**  
Paolo Angelini (Ministry of the Environment, Italy)
- **CBD focal points from mountain countries:**  
Gabriele Obermayr (Austria) tbc  
Nona Khelaia/Teona Karchava (Georgia) tbc  
Sonam Lhaden Khandu (Bhutan) tbc  
Francis Meri Sabino Ogwal (Uganda/ Co-Chair OEWG of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework) tbc  
Gabriel Quijandria Acosta (Peru) (Deputy Minister of Strategic Development of Natural Resources)

LUNCH BREAK (13:00-14:00)

**Objectives:**

- Raise awareness for mountain ecosystem restoration
- Highlight common challenges and opportunities
  - Join forces to accelerate action
- Message for the Post-2020 process and main biodiversity-related events

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## ALPS

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### Welcome and introduction (14:00 - 14:30)

- Outgoing French Presidency of the Alpine Convention (Directorate of European and International Affairs, French Ministry of the Environment)  
**Stéphanie Croguennec** (Head of Department for Climate Change and sustainable development, Ministry of the Environment, France) (10 min)
- French Presidency of EUSALP  
**Christiane Barret** (Acting President of EUSALP) (10 min)
- Alpine Convention / Permanent Secretariat  
**Alenka Smerkolj** (Secretary General of the Alpine Convention) (10 min)

### Thematic opening (14:30 - 15:00)

- Key-note speech and moderation of thematic sessions - Alpine biodiversity and actual threats (15 min)  
**Prof. Dr. Chris Walzer** (Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology; University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna / **Executive Director of Health at the Wildlife Conservation Society, New York / USA**)
- Management of biodiversity in daily practical work (10 min)  
**Dr. Massimo Bocca** (**Director Mont Avic Nature Park, Aosta / I**)
- Video clip illustrating the cooperation between the Alps and the Carpathians in terms of ecological connectivity (2 min)

### Session 4: Alpine biodiversity, species and threats in times of global change (15:00 - 15:45)

- Alpine habitats and species - an outstanding but threatened world. Impacts of global change, adaptation strategies, wildlife management (15 min)  
**Dr. Francesca Cagnacci** (**Edmund March Foundation, Trento / I**)

- Long term ecological research in the European Alps to uncover effects of Global change (especially climate change and biological invasions) (15 min)  
**Prof. Dr. Ingolf Kühn (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ, Halle / D)**

*Questions / Discussion* (15 min)

Coffee break III (15:45 - 16:00)

Session 5: Alpine biodiversity - for the whole Alpine territory (16:00 - 16:45)

- Ecological connectivity in the Alps - a strategy to strengthen biodiversity for the whole Alpine space? (15 min)  
**Dr. Ruedi Haller (Swiss National Park, Zernez / CH)**
- The use of forests as nature-based solution to better integrate protection of biodiversity, natural risks management and climate change mitigation in the Alps (15 min) **Cédric Conteau (National Agency for the cohesion of territories) & Sandrine Descotes-Genon (Region Auvergne Rhône-Alpes)**

*Questions / Discussion* (15 min)

Session 6: Strategies to protect Alpine biodiversity - an intergenerational challenge (16:45 - 17:15)

- **Podium Discussion:** Which key elements for international cooperation to ensure biodiversity protection for generations to come? (30 min)

Participants:

Bérangère Abba (State Secretary of Biodiversity, France / Ministry of the Environment) - tbc

or Representative of the Directory of European and International Affairs, France

**Representatives Alpine Convention and EUSALP, Young professionals on biodiversity and ecological connectivity**

CONCLUSIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN BIODIVERSITY DAY (17:15 - 17:30)

**Bérangère Abba** (State Secretary of Biodiversity, France) tbc