

Vision and Work

Vision

The vision of Climate Himalaya Initiative is to serve as a link between practice, science, policy and decision making, for Sustainable Mountain Development.

Scope of Work

Initially the initiative will focus on Indian Himalayas, while in future it intends to work in other Himalayan Countries through partner's and various stakeholder's involvement.

Partners

There is a huge interest shown by people and organizations worldwide. Some of our strategic and knowledge partners include: Times Foundation, Third Pole, Climate Deal, Aranyak, Beej Bachao Aandolan and Zee News. There are over 500 individual members of the initiative, ever growing as you read this.



Launch of Climate Himalaya Initiative at IIT Roorkee, India on 5 June 2010

What's Up

At present we focus on partnership and interactive platform building as part of our long term strategy. In the next phase, starting from 2011, there will be series of meetings, workshops, discussions and efforts towards strengthening partner's involvement, capacity building, deepening the actions and closely observing the climate change adaptation efforts in Himalayan Mountains. You can also read NEWS at CHI Blog <http://chimalaya.org> that covers important regional climate change issues on daily basis.

Who is Supporting

The initiative is not funded or supported by any individual or donor by now. It is supported by the volunteers at Prakriti, a mountain environment group [www.prakriti-india.org] in India.



Get Involved

You can make a difference by supporting the initiative in various possible ways, like; to run the Secretariat, to build capacities of people and organizations, to develop a knowledge platform, to hold the workshops and seminars, develop communication material etc.

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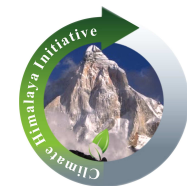
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<http://chimalaya.org>

Why Climate Himalaya Initiative

About Initiative

Recognizing various ongoing climate change phenomena and their impact, a group of people and organizations proposed a collaborative initiative, called 'Climate Himalaya Initiative', towards Sustainable Mountain Development. The initiative works towards the need of closing the existing knowledge gap in the Himalayas by developing a knowledge sharing platform, strengthening the capacities of people and organizations, generating awareness, developing leadership and conducting vulnerability mapping. It envisions a reform in the present environment governance system in Himalayan Mountains and at present works closely with volunteers and partners in building an interactive platform, scientific and practitioners' database, a vibrant leadership network and keeps a close watch on various climate change adaptation and mitigation processes in the region.



A native looks upon the remains of glacial -moraine

The Need

It is evident that, the Hindu Kush Himalayan region is in a state of crisis, affecting the vulnerable population due to various environmental changes. The region lacks in coordinated and comprehensive research, whereas the pool of research on various aspects remains a great deal of academic and policy research on various scientific and developmental fronts. The research done in an uncoordinated manner is often not shared effectively in the region. There is a sheer knowledge gaps and lack of understanding on various climatic issues, while, no adequate shared understanding and action plan in place for the regional problems as a whole, and no map of potential risks.

Objectives

- Developing a scientific and practitioner's database /Knowledge platform on climate change in Himalayan region.
- Developing a vibrant advocacy and Climate Action Network in Himalayan region.
- Developing capacities of people and organizations on various climate change related issues.
- Developing an interactive platform for advocacy, research and capacity building needs of the region



The Snout of Gangotri Glacier in Himalaya

- Keeping a close watch on various climate change adaptation and mitigation processes in the region.

Secretariat

The Prakriti, a mountain environment group www.prakriti-india.org hosts the Secretariat for Climate Himalaya Initiative in India.

Launch

The initiative has been officially launched in India on 5 June 2010, on the occasion of World Environment Day.

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