Wednesday, 13th January 2021

Welcome & Introduction (9:00 - 9:20 CET)

- Technical and logistical information
- Outgoing French Presidency of the Alpine Convention and Presidency of the Carpathian Convention
  Francesco Gaeta (Director of European and International Affairs/ French Ministry of the Ecological Transition)
  Bożena Haczek (Head of Unit, Department of Nature Conservation, Ministry of Climate and Environment of Poland)

Moderation by Matthias Jurek & Musonda Mumba (United Nations Environment Programme)

Keynotes (9:20 - 9:40 CET)

Short poll with the audience

- Keynote: Perspectives from the United Nations Environment Programme on the global agenda for the protection of mountain biodiversity
  Bruno Pozzi (Director Europe Office, United Nations Environment Programme)

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

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

Word cloud with the audience

- Video: “Capturing the Ghost” - Protection of snow leopards in Central Asia under UNEP’s Vanishing Treasures programme
- Indirect and direct drivers of change of mountain biodiversity and ecosystem service supply
  Prof. Dr. Markus Fischer (Chair of Scientific Steering Committee, Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment)
- Increasing socio-ecological resilience of mountains
  Dr. Adrienne Grêt-Regamey (Mountain Research Initiative Co-Principal Investigator, ETH Zürich)
- The Hindu Kush Himalaya: A repository of biocultural diversity and global biodiversity hotspots
  Srijana Joshi Rijal (Ecosystem Specialist, ICIMOD)

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

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

Word cloud with the audience

- Video on glacier loss on Kilimanjaro and with ice climber and UNEP Mountain Hero Will Gadd
- Central Asian mountains: Climate change, endangered mountain species and human-wildlife conflict
  Mirzo N. Mirzoev (Conservationist, Association of Nature Conservation Organizations of Tajikistan)
- Andes: Threats of agrobiodiversity loss, climate action and food for health
  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)
  Pauliina Upla (Associate Programme Officer UN Environment Programme) & James Byamukama (Program Coordinator, Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration)
Session 3: Mountains offer opportunities - Means for conservation (11:35 - 12:00 CET)

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**

Wildlife conservation and ecosystem-based adaptation in times of climate change under UNEP’s Vanishing Treasures programme in the Himalayas, Bhutan

*Dr. Tshering Tempa* (Director of the Bhutan Tiger Center under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests of the Royal Government of Bhutan)

**Interview 2: Landscape connectivity and protected areas**

Insights from projects on connectivity and Protected Areas management/ConnectGREEN and Centralparks

*Cristian Remus Papp* (Project manager, WWF Romania) & *Isidoro De Bortoli* (Project manager, EURAC Research)

Coffee break II (12:00 - 12:15 CET)
Post-2020 SEGMENT
(12:15 - 13:00 CET)

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

Moderation: Musonda Mumba, Matthias Jurek and Chris Walzer

Panel:
- Stéphanie Croguennec (Head of Department for Climate change and sustainable development, Ministry of the Ecological Transition, France, outgoing French Presidency of the Alpine Convention)
- Gabriel Quijandria Acosta (Minister of Environment, Ministry of the Environment of Peru, CBD national focal point)
- Bożena Haczek (Head of Unit, Ministry of Climate and Environment of Poland, CBD and Carpathian Convention national focal point, Polish Presidency of the Carpathian Convention)
- Michaela Künzl (Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment, EUSALP AG7 leader - Green Infrastructure)
- Dr. Paolo Angelini (Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of Italy, Chair of Alpine Biodiversity Board)
- Gabriele Obermayr (Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology of Austria, CBD national focal point)
- Francis Meri Sabino Ogwal (National Environment Management Authority of Uganda, Co-Chair OEWG on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework)

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

LUNCH BREAK (13:00 - 14:00 CET)
Mountain Biodiversity Day – VIRTUAL – 13 January 2021

Alpine Convention

Final Programme

Mountain Biodiversity Day

ALPS

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

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

- Outgoing French Presidency of the Alpine Convention
  Stéphanie Croguennec (Head of Department for Climate Change and sustainable development, Directorate of European and International Affairs, Ministry of the Ecological Transition, France)

- French Presidency of EUSALP
  Christiane Barret (General delegate of the French EUSALP Presidency)

- Alpine Convention / Permanent Secretariat
  Alenka Smerkolj (Secretary General of the Alpine Convention)

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

- Key-note speech and moderation of thematic sessions - Alpine biodiversity and actual threats
  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
  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

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

- Alpine habitats and species - an outstanding but threatened world. Impacts of global change, adaptation strategies, wildlife management
  Dr. Francesca Cagnacci (Edmund Mach Fondation, Trento / I)
Long term ecological research in the European Alps to uncover effects of Global change (especially climate change and biological invasions)

**Prof. Dr. Ingolf Kühn** (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ, Halle / D)

Questions /Discussion

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

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

- Ecological connectivity in the Alps - a strategy to strengthen biodiversity for the whole Alpine space?
  **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
  **Cédric Conteau** (National Agency for the cohesion of territories) & **Sandrine Descotes-Genon** (Region Auvergne Rhône-Alpes) & **Cécile Cadet** (Direction Coopération Euro-Méditerranéenne - Region Sud Provence-Alpes Côte d’Azur) / F

Questions /Discussion

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

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

  **Participants**:

  - **Bérangère Abba** (State Secretary for Biodiversity, Ministry of the Ecological Transition, F)
  - **Alenka Smerkolj** (Secretary General of the Alpine Convention, SI/Int)
  - **Harald Egerer** (Secretary General of the Carpathian Convention, A / Int)
  - **Gudrun Bruckner** (Young Professionals, Action Group 7, EUSALP, A)
  - **Rachel Lühti** (Young Professionals, Action Group 7, EUSALP, CH)
  - **Dr. Paolo Angelini** (Head of Alpine Biodiversity Board, Ministry of the Environment, I)

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

**Bérangère Abba** (State Secretary for Biodiversity, France)