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Think Globally. Act Locally!

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RE: International Mountain Day, 11 December 2020



The United Nations is holding International Mountain Day <<https://www.un.org/en/observances/mountain-day>> on Friday, 11 December. Not only are mountains significant features of our landscapes, they are also home to 15% of Earth's population and provide fresh water to half of humanity. Naturally, their conservation is necessary for sustainable development, which is why an annual observance day has taken place since 2003.

The theme for International Mountain Day 2020 is Mountain Biodiversity. Mountains are home to around half the world's biodiversity hotspots, with their mix of altitude and isolation providing the environment needed for several types of crops, livestock, and forests. Mountains are also responsible for originating six vital food sources: maize, potatoes, barley, sorghum, tomatoes, and apples. However, mountain biodiversity is threatened by climate change, natural disasters, and overexploitation.

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. proudly promotes International Mountain Day 2020 and invites you to raise awareness on Friday, 11 December. Everybody can get involved by sharing facts and photos of their local mountains on social media with the hashtag #MountainsMatter.

Also, keep up-to-date with HOPE Inc. on our website <<http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au>> and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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