



VANISHING TREASURES

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The world's climate is changing and mountains are a reliable indicator of that effect.

As our planet continues to heat up, unique plants and animals struggle to survive in their ever-diminishing and changing mountain habitats. Also local communities in mountain regions, who often live in the proximity of wildlife and dependent on crops and livestock, are faced with great hardships caused by longer dry seasons and less water for irrigation.

As a result, local mountain communities and animals find themselves increasingly in

conflict over natural resources as well as space to live.

The **Vanishing Treasures** project, which is funded by the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, aims to generate maximum synergy between climate change adaptation and biodiversity conservation by:

- **improving** the adaptive capacity of mountain ecosystems while maintaining related ecosystem services;
- **protecting** mountain flagship species who are key to ecosystem functioning;
- **promoting** alternative livelihoods for local communities

GOALS

- 1 To **train** wildlife managers in protected areas in climate-smart wildlife conservation, including adaptation to climate change through nature-based solutions;
- 2 To **improve** communication between climate researchers and biodiversity conservation practitioners to ensure that the conservation sector appropriately responds to recommendations for adaptive action;
- 3 To **promote & develop** a green infrastructure approach including establishment and restoration of habitats & corridors, creation and maintenance of buffer zones & stepping stones, rehabilitation of swamps and water catchment areas while increasing agricultural productivity or providing alternative forms of income to local communities facing the impacts of climate change.

MOUNTAIN GORILLA - Virunga Mountains (Uganda, Rwanda)
SNOW LEOPARD - Central Asia Mountains (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan)
ROYAL BENGAL TIGER - Hindu-Kush Himalayas (Bhutan)

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