

The Role of Sustainable Tourism in Protecting Mountain Ecosystems: A Comparative Study of the Himalayan and Carpathian mountain Ranges

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Main Points

- Sustainable Tourism is tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social, and environmental impacts, addressing the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment, and host communities
- Nepal, in the Himalayas, used a localized effort to implement ST and preserve the Himalayas
- Hungary and other countries located in the Carpathian mountain region used a collective governance stance to help overcome environmental challenges

Himalayas

- Research showing reduced forest loss and minimized climate change effects through sustainable tourism practices.
- Integration of conservation and cultural heritage preservation.

Carpathians

- The Protocol on Sustainable Tourism promoting eco-friendly practices and community-based tourism.
- Positive impacts on biodiversity conservation, local economies, and cultural preservation.

Closing

- Himalayan and carpathian regions show that the role of sustainable tourism is important in protecting mountain ecosystems. Through multiple case studies, sustainable tourism has proved to be an effective tool in fighting for preservation of land, forests, cultural heritage, and has even show to induce economic growth in those regions.