

The plastic waste in remote and mountainous areas project



Remote and mountainous areas are among the areas that are the most affected by plastic waste. Yet, while much attention in recent years has focused on the impacts of plastic waste on the world's oceans, pollution in mountain regions has rarely made the headlines.

Plastic is the most common type of waste found in remote and mountainous areas. The rapid increase of plastic waste in these regions is driven, to a large extent, by tourism. Adding to the burden, microplastics which travel long distances and often end up in remote and mountainous areas from the Arctic to the Alps, from the Rockies to the Mount Everest.

Meanwhile, remote and mountainous areas, especially in developing countries, face unique challenges in minimizing and managing plastic waste, such as:



The project "Plastic Waste in Remote and Mountainous Areas" seeks to address these challenges by strengthening capacity and awareness in remote and mountainous areas. A mix of dissemination of success stories, generation of data and knowledge, education, awareness-raising and pilots on the ground seek to reduce and address plastic waste in these areas.

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To date, the following Parties to the Basel Convention have been identified as pilot countries. Additional countries may be identified in the future.

- Lesotho
- Kazakhstan
- Mauritius
- Nepal
- North Macedonia
- Peru
- Rwanda
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- Uzbekistan

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