

# Plastic waste in remote and mountainous areas:

## Inspiring stories



### Outreach

In the **Swiss Alps**, 1200 awareness boards with calls against plastics pollution have been installed in more than 50 ski resorts since 2019. Awareness among tourist offices, managers of ski lifts, employers, and tourists has resulted in reduced littering. Annual clean up actions also catch the attention of many tourists and locals.



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### Financing

In **Nepal**, a USD 4000 waste disposal deposit is required from each climbing expedition to ensure that at least 8 kg of trash and human waste is returned down from the mountain. A partnership between alpine clubs, the outdoor retail industry, professional trekking and climbing companies, and local guides has helped to promote this initiative and related actions.



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### Infrastructure

Ten PET collection points were installed in **Cuatro Ciénegas, Coahuila**, a remote desert region in Mexico. These were linked to a collection centre in a nearby municipality and monitored by the local Waste Committee. In 2020, 3000 local people were trained in the separation of waste at source, manuals were developed, and more than 55000 tons of waste were collected.



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### Policy

The "Trash-in-Trash-out" system, led by the **Kilimanjaro Mount National Park, Tanzania**, helped to raise the waste collection rate from 64% in 2003 (87 tonnes) to 94% in 2006 (125 tonnes). 34% of the waste was recyclable. The National Park continues to improve its waste management policy and practices.



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