



THE INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAINEERING AND CLIMBING FEDERATION
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Mission, objectives and goals of the Mountain Protection Commission

Mission

To contribute to maintaining mountains as wild and free for the enjoyment of mountaineers and for all humankind as well as for nature itself.

Objectives

- To protect the mountain areas of the world as one of the last natural, unspoilt and free spaces on earth.
- Prevent irreversible impacts in mountain eco-systems.
- Promote environmental behaviour and education amongst mountaineers, climbers and other people.
- Develop demonstrative actions to restore and protect nature in the mountains.
- Specify and implement the "UIAA Environmental Objectives and Guidelines" together with its annexes within the UIAA and beyond.
- Promote the policies laid out in the UIAA/IUCN policy brochure "Guidelines on Access and Conservation on Crags and Cliffs".
- Research the impact of mountaineering and climbing on the environment.

Goals

- Develop codes of conduct for the UIAA and its member Federations (e.g. "GA Resolution on climate change")
- Assist UIAA bodies and members organisations when requested in environmental and conservation issues.
- Help formulate the UIAA position on specific local and regional specific problems relating to mountain protection as they arise.
- Maintain and develop links with other international conservation organisations and networks.
- Provide regular articles to the UIAA Journal and other publications with an interest in mountain protection.
- Contribute to maintaining interesting news and information on the UIAA website.