



Cover image: Pictured is a pool of water in the alpine zone of the Himalayas. Mountain ranges are biodiversity hotspots, and many montane species are shifting in elevation in response to climate change. Paul R. Elsen et al. examined the distribution of protected areas along elevational gradients in mountain ranges worldwide. On average, mountain ranges in Africa and Asia had the least amount of elevational protection, whereas mountain ranges in North America and Oceania received the most elevational protection. The findings might help inform future conservation planning for protected areas in mountainous regions. See the article by Elsen et al. on pages 6004–6009. Image courtesy of Paul R. Elsen.

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