

## **Survey: Challenges and priorities in biodiversity data collection, access, sharing, and usage in African mountains**

Data and knowledge about the current status of and long-term trends in African mountain species are largely insufficient for informing policy and guiding management.

Following up on inputs collected during the first Southern African Mountain Conference, the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment (GMBA) African Hub, together with researchers from Imperial College London and the University of the Free State, invites contributions to an online survey aimed at:

- (i) identifying challenges related to data collection, access, sharing, and usage in African mountains,
- (ii) assessing their severity across various respondent groups and geographic locations, and
- (iii) evaluating possible solutions for addressing them.

According to Dr Davnah Urbach from the GMBA office, who is also affiliated with the Institute for Plant Sciences at the University of Bern and the Interdisciplinary Centre for Mountain Research at the University of Lausanne Switzerland, the results will help identify short- to long-term actions and clarify responsibilities in addressing critical technical, financial, capacity, institutional, and communication gaps.

He encourages all interested parties to [reach out](#) to her via email for access to the survey and to participate.