

# Form 0 Target region

Comments on vegetation boundary lines<sup>3)</sup>

Country code <sup>1)</sup>		Date	Researcher(s)
Target region code <sup>1)</sup>			

**Altitude of major vegetation boundary lines (in metres)**

Potential natural forestline <sup>2)</sup>		Potential natural treeline <sup>2)</sup>		Alpine-nival ecotone <sup>2)</sup>	
Current forestline <sup>2)</sup>		Current treeline <sup>2)</sup>			

Predominant bedrock material and approximate soil pH at the summit sites of the target region <sup>4)</sup>	Short description of the target region, particularly regarding land use history and the current land use situation <sup>5)</sup>
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SUMMITS	Summit code <sup>1)</sup>	Summit name	Altitude (m a.s.l.)	Vegetation zone or ecotone <sup>6)</sup>	Comments on the summit situation <sup>7)</sup>
LOW					
↑ Altitude					
↓ HIGH					

**Notes**

1) See Box 6.1 for coding. 2) Enter the approximative metres above sea level (m a.s.l.) for each vegetation boundary line which indicates its average altitude in the *target region*; the forestline (or timberline) is defined as the line where closed forests end; the treeline is defined as the line where groups of trees taller than 3m end; the alpine-nival ecotone is the transition zone between the upper alpine belt and the nival belt - make an estimation of the altitude of the upper boundary line of the alpine zone, where closed vegetation ends (this line may coincide with the permafrost limit in many mountain regions). 3) Where required make comments on the indicated altitudinal positions of boundary lines; e.g. deviations from the average altitude; mention if a boundary line does not exist in the *target region* and comment on the reasons for its absence. 4) Bedrock material of the summit sites of the target region, which should be consistent throughout the four summits (consistent regarding the influence of the bedrock on the species composition); in addition, make a rough estimate on the average soil pH (e.g. acid: <4.5, intermediate: 4.5-6.5, neutral/alkaline: >6.5). 5) If the situation is not pristine or natural, indicate what kind of land use have or had an impact on the present vegetation. 6) Only the following entries are possible: treeline ecotone, lower alpine, lower/upper alpine ecotone, upper alpine, alpine-nival ecotone, nival. 7) Make comments on the situation of the particular summit if vegetation zone or ecotone is not properly applicable and describe the deviations. Further comment on any other pronounced deviation from an 'ideal' standard summit situation (compare chapter 2.2 in the field manual).

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