Since 1999, the International Cartographic Association Commission on Mountain Cartography has been holding Workshops every two years, alternating with the International Cartographic Conferences. The New Zealand Cartographic Society was host to the 8th Mountain Cartography Workshop at the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Taurewa, near Tongariro National Park, 1st – 5th September 2012. The meeting gathered 24 mountain cartographers and enthusiasts from nine countries: Argentina, Austria, Canada, Germany, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland, USA and New Zealand. This publication is the record of the workshop, consisting of 14 papers and 8 abstracts on aspects of mountain cartography and some new approaches that are of relevance to mountain cartographers. There are paper sections on Mountain and Glacier Mapping, Usability and Cognition, and Professional and Personal Mapping.

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