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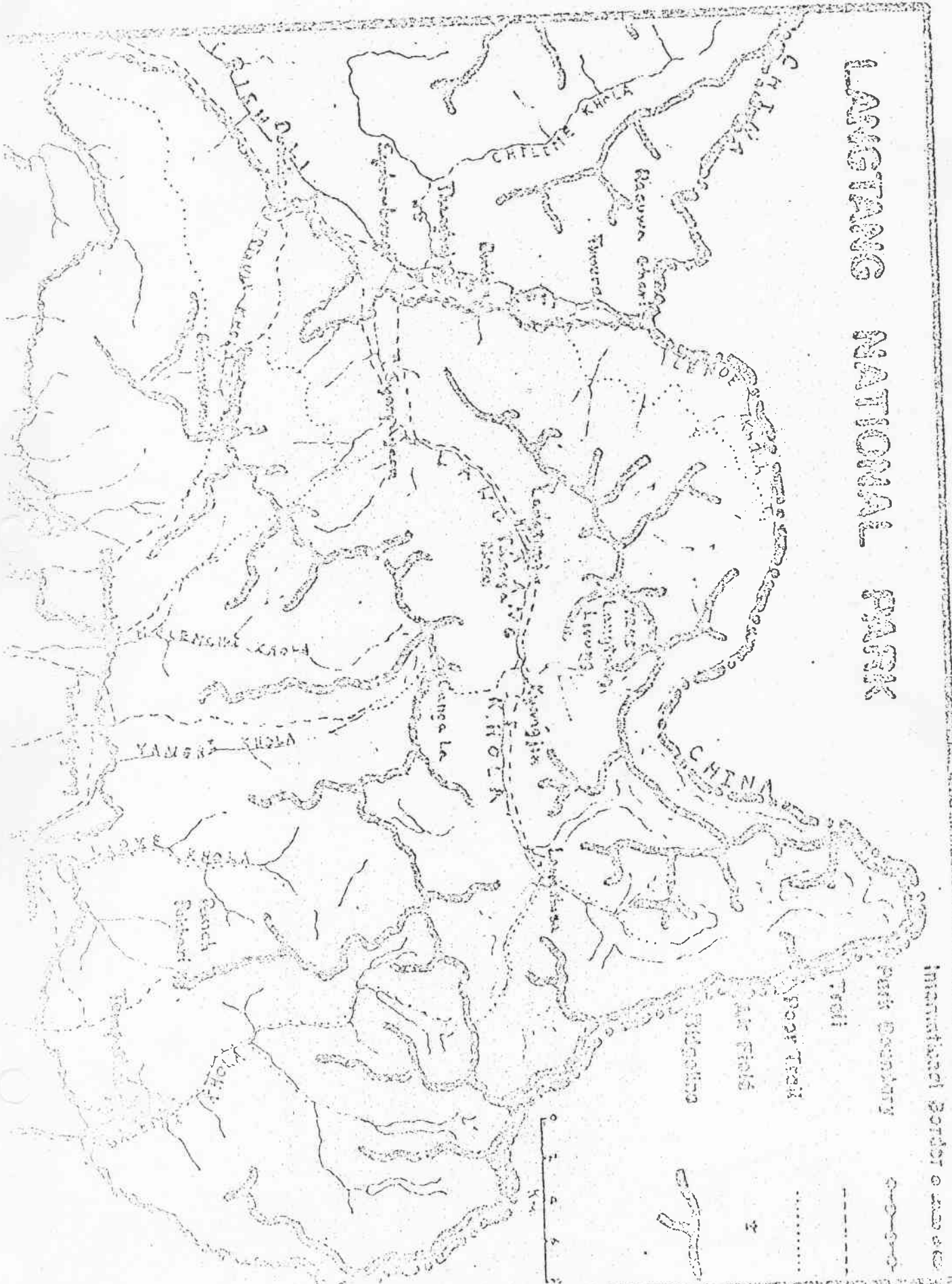
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LANGTANG NATIONAL PARK

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International border

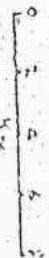
Park Boundary

Trail

Air Field

Pop. 1000

Pop. 500



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Wild Dog, Dhole

Cuon alpinus

Parah (local tibetan)

The Wild Dog is common in the north western region and is also reported to occur in most other areas of the Park. Travelling in packs and roaming widely, these dogs are said to hunt in both daylight and darkness and are very destructive of livestock, for which they are hunted.

The Wolf, Canis lupus, may also occur in the Park but there is no concrete evidence as of now.

Jackal

Canis aureus

Shyal, Lunda (nepali)

Caughley (1969) reports "common" only in the upper regions of the Tadi Khola". I have encountered none.

Snow Leopard

Panthera uncia

Kang singho (local tibetan)

Snow Leopard is reported to be sparsely represented in the high regions of the Park near and above timberline; this information coming from hunters who have encountered the animal. I have found leopard spoor at over 3000 m. in snow near Gosainkund and probable sign at 4000 m. above the Bhoti Kosi, evidence most probably of Snow Leopard. Otherwise very little is known of its status here.

Leopard

Panthera pardus

Chituwa, Chituwa-bagh (nepali)

Leopard are reported in much of the Park below timberline and in relatively low numbers. Caughley (1969) states its usual prey as musk deer, monkeys, barking deer, goral, sheep and goats. Occasionally wood and stone box traps are built to capture leopards which become a problem around villages.

Himalayan Black Bear

Sclenarctos thibetanus

Bhalu (nepali); Thom (local tibetan)

Black Bear are present in the thickly forested regions of the Park generally below about 3200 m. but do not seem to be too numerous. For their alleged destruction of crops and livestock they are hunted when found near a village.