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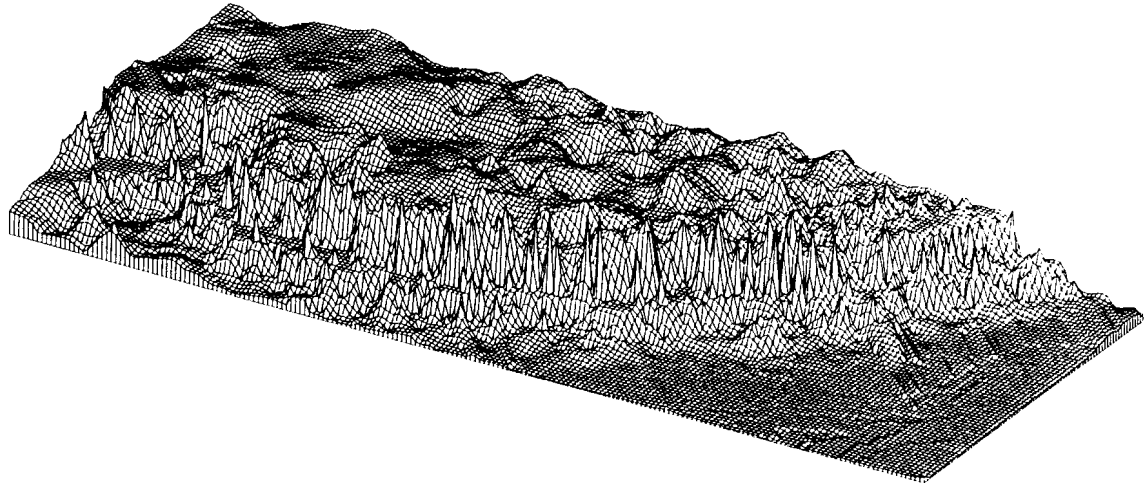
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Map of Bhutan

Dr. P.P. Karan, University of Kentucky professor of geography, is the creator of a new large-scale map of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan. It is based on his explorations in the Bhutan Himalaya since 1961, and has been published by the Institute for the Study of Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo, Japan.

Exploration and field research in Bhutan was supported by the National Geographic Society and the University of Kentucky. The information is up to date as of 1986. The map can be obtained from Dr. Gyula Pauer, Director of the University of Kentucky Cartographic Laboratory, 1477 Patterson Office Tower, Lexington, KY 40506-0027. Price: \$10.00. Dr. Karan's map of Sikkim Himalaya was published in 1984, and the map of Kingdom of Nepal appeared in 1983. Both of these maps are out of print.



PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF HIMALAYAN DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL

The map pictured here is a computer-produced rendition of how the area between about 72 and 98 degrees east of Greenwich and 26 and 34 degrees north looks from an altitude of about 25 kilometers above the Eastern Arabian Sea. The map was produced by digitizing elevations from the Kaptu MNPA World Map at 1 to 2,500,000 published by the Polish and the Bulgarian Peoples Republics and dated 1971. About 1500 elevations were entered into the computer using the MICRODIJ digitizing software and an ALTEK tablet by Joy Chen during the summer of 1986. The point elevations were converted to a grid by the Terrapin terrain mapping program, written by Dr. Keith Clark and students at Hunter College of the City University of New York. TERRAPIN is capable of producing several alternative cartographic portrayals of terrain at any level of detail, including cross-sections, stereoplots and the more conventional contour maps. The plot itself was produced by TERRAPIN on a Zeta 824 plotter.

The map is the first of several to be produced by the Himalayan Computer Cartography Group, a small group of interdisciplinary researchers interested in producing new maps of the Himalayan region. Those interested in the activities of this group should contact Dr. Keith Clarke or Dr. Todd Lewis at the following addresses.

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