

#### 7.4.1. Identification of the Zone:

I. Further to regulate the eco-tourism in the region the State Government has issued some rules and regulations through notifications are as under

- a) Sikkim Wildlife ( Regulation of trekking) Rule, 2005, Notification No.887/FEWMD, dated.10.2.06.
- b) Guidelines for the Appointment of Himal Rakshaks, Notification No.888/FEWMD, dated.10.02.06.
- c) Singalila Ecotourism Promotion Zone, Notification No.892/FEWMD, dated.10.2.06.

With an objectives to promote sustainable community based ecotourism with minimum negative impact and provide incentives to the local community from conservation, the singalila ecotourism promotion zone is being defined and set aside in West Sikkim. The Singalila Ecotourism zone comprises of 4 approved treks and 27 designated camping sites.

II. **Conservation importance and values:** Located at the northern tip of the Onglaktang valley, due north of Samiti Lake beyond Jemathang, one has to cross the 4800 m high Gochela pass to descend in to Yongzokdrak meadows. These meadows are hidden between glaciers and forms amongst the last refuge for the globall endangered Blue Sheep in West Sikkim. Yangzokdrak is the sacred rock (Naydo) of Sikkim (Notified by Government of Sikkim) and Guru Padmasambhava meditated here on the way to Tibet. This meadows of Yangzokdrak is bounded by Talung glacier towards north, Pandim mountain towards the east, Kabur Mountain towards the west and Forked Peak towards the south.

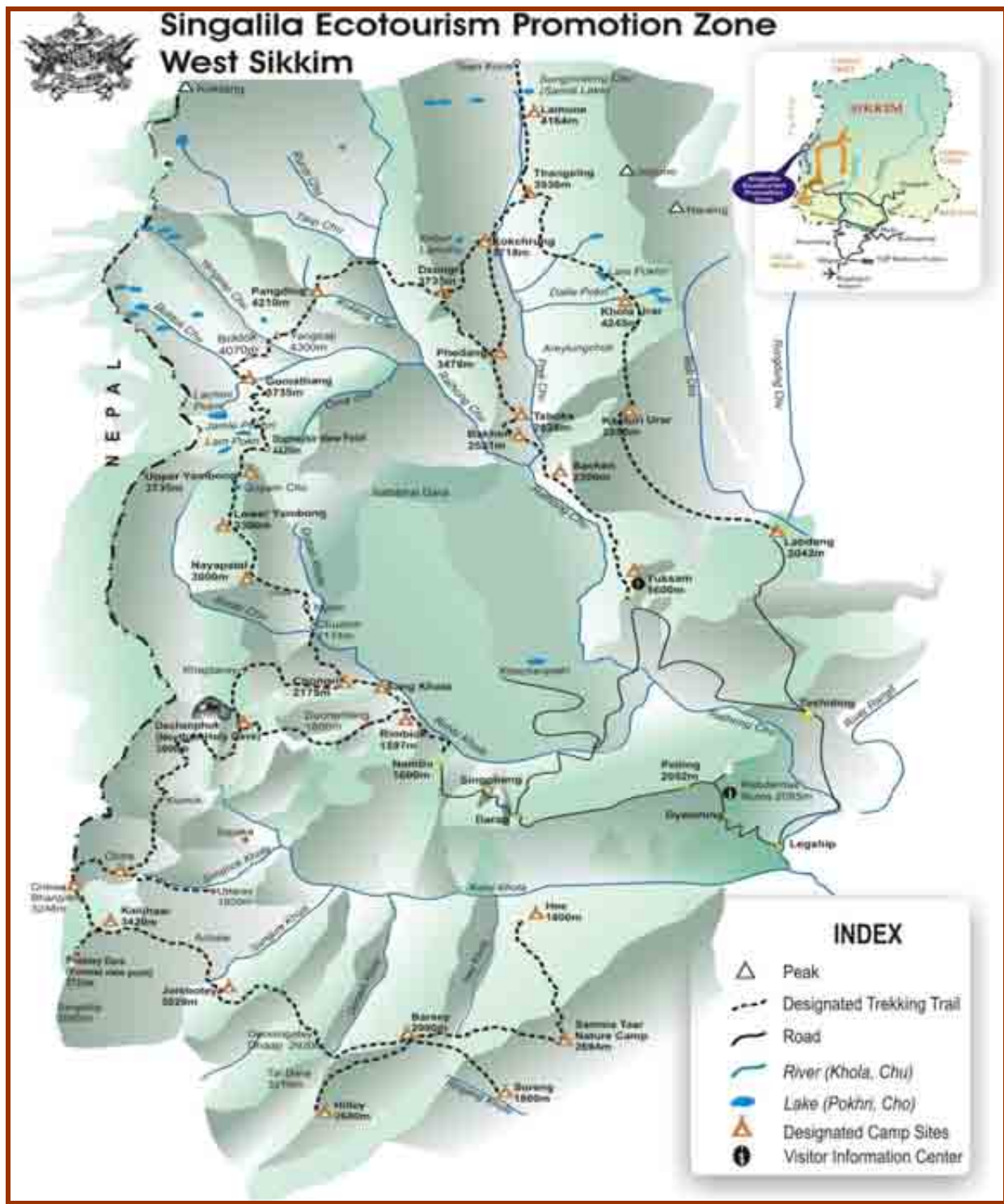


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g) Dzongu Ecotourism Promotion Zone, Notification No.1975/F. Dated:11/12/2006.

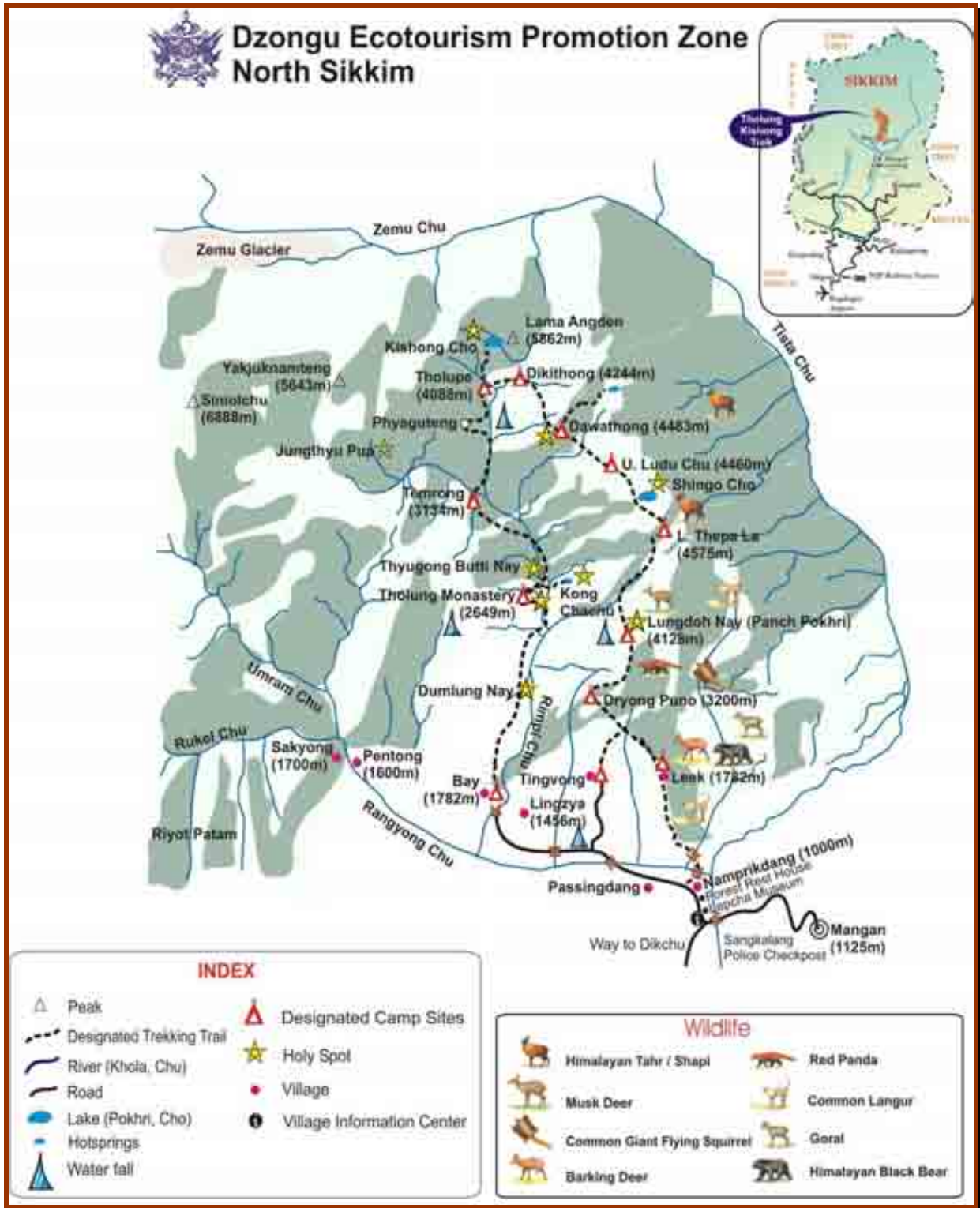


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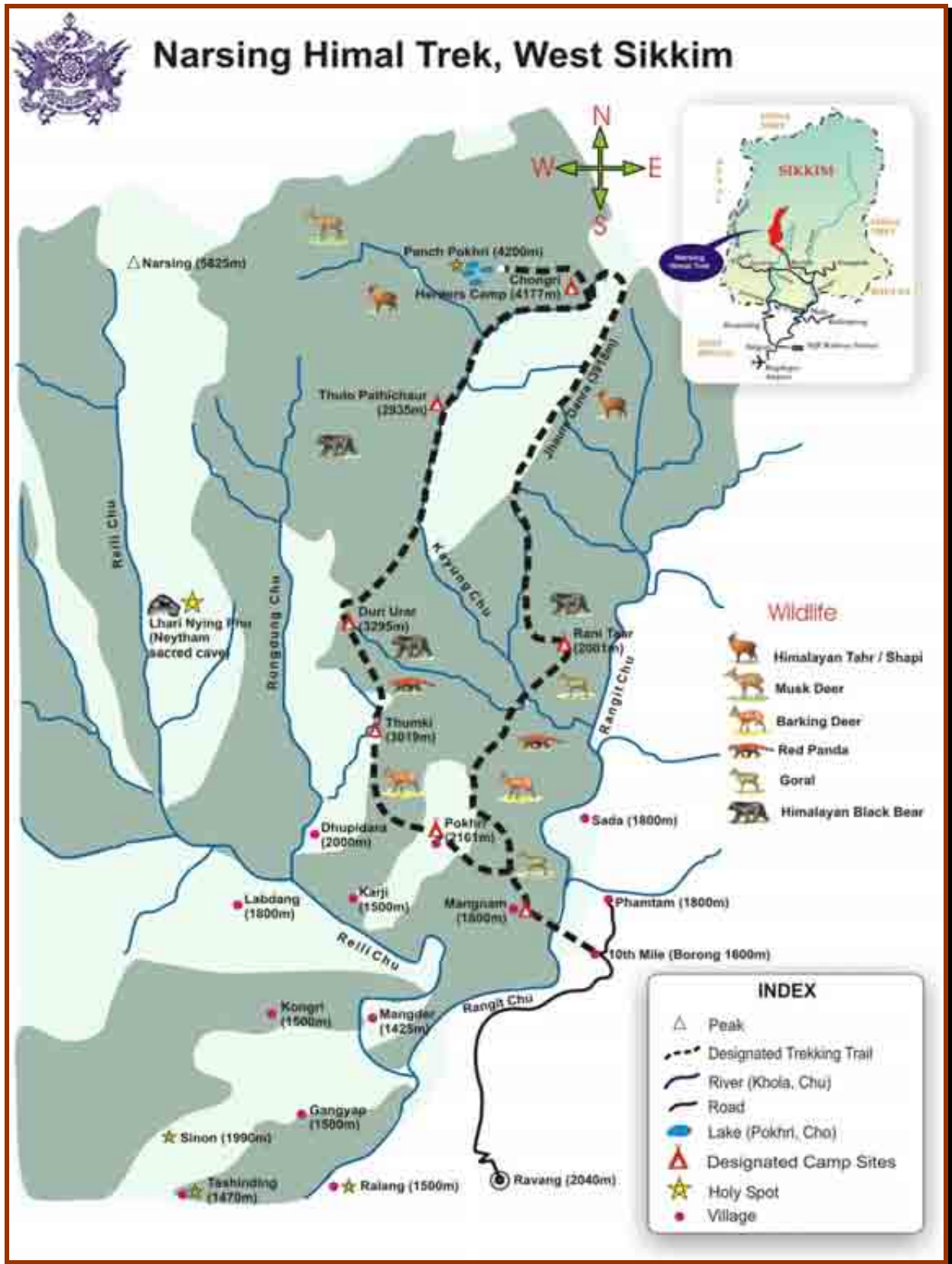


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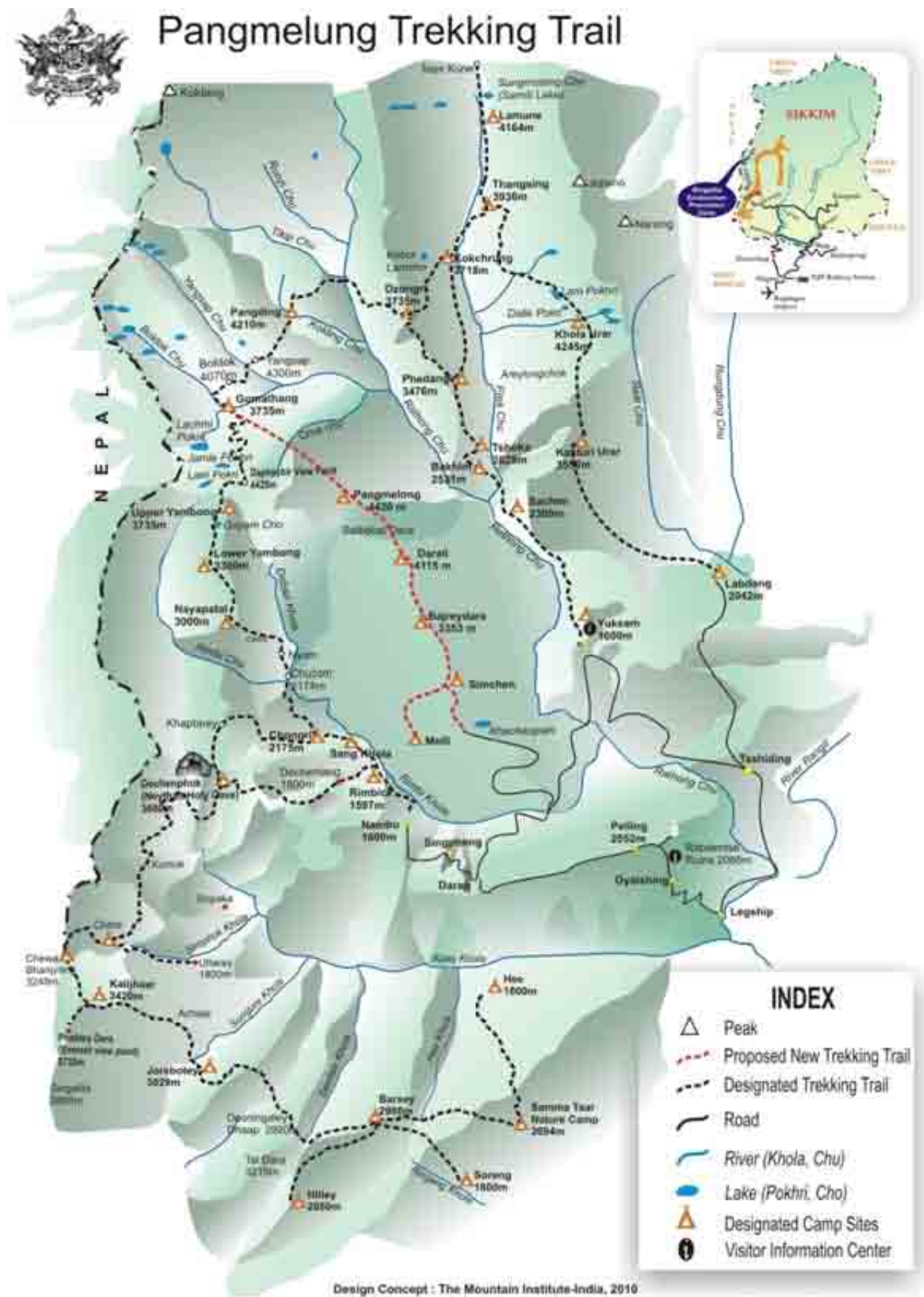


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