

# Inner Asian Frontiers of China

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# China in Relief

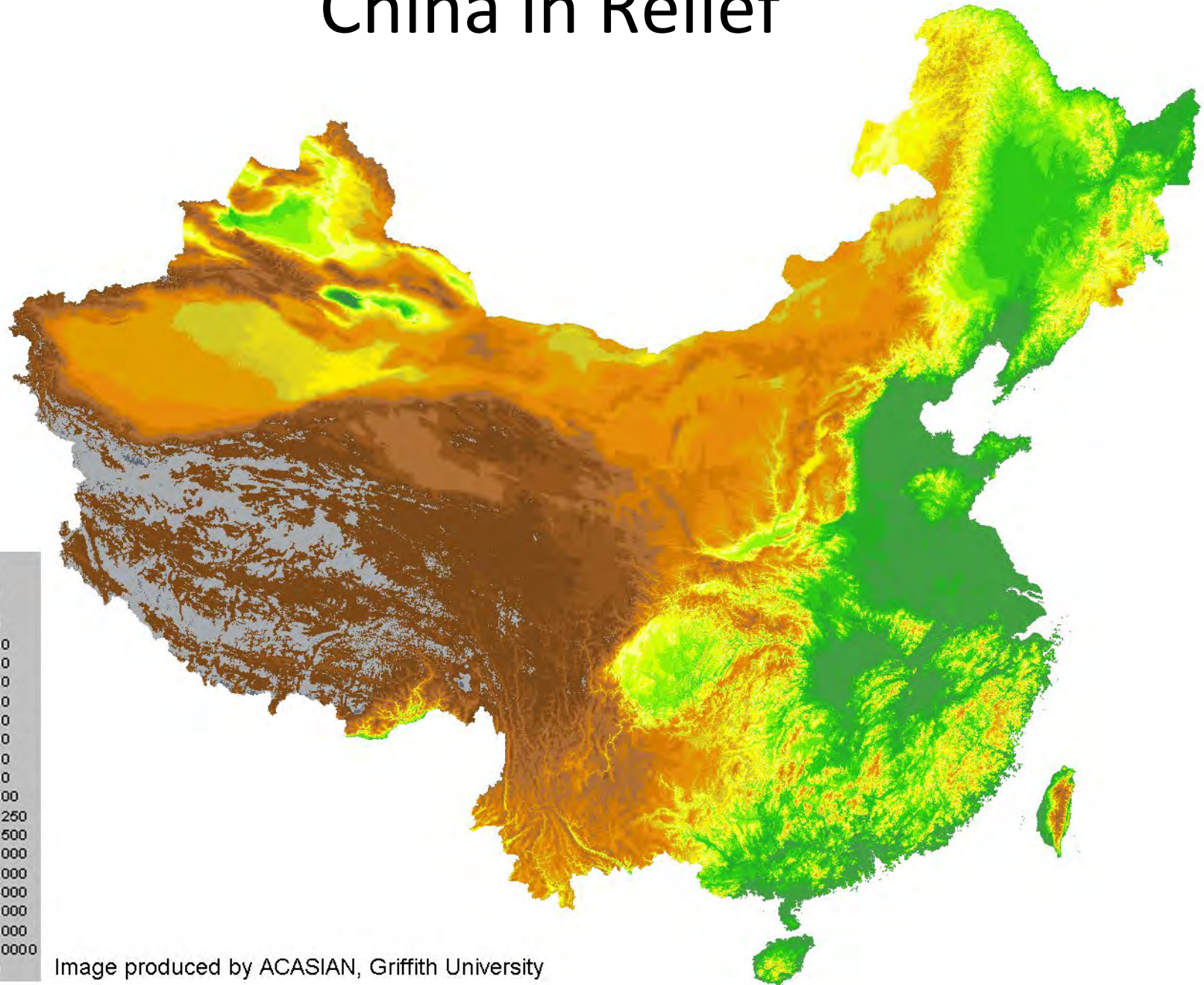
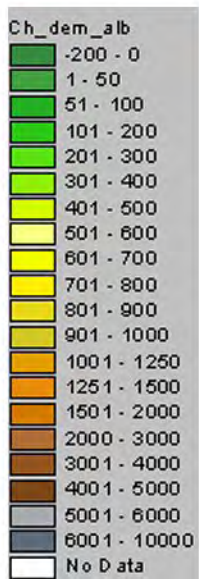
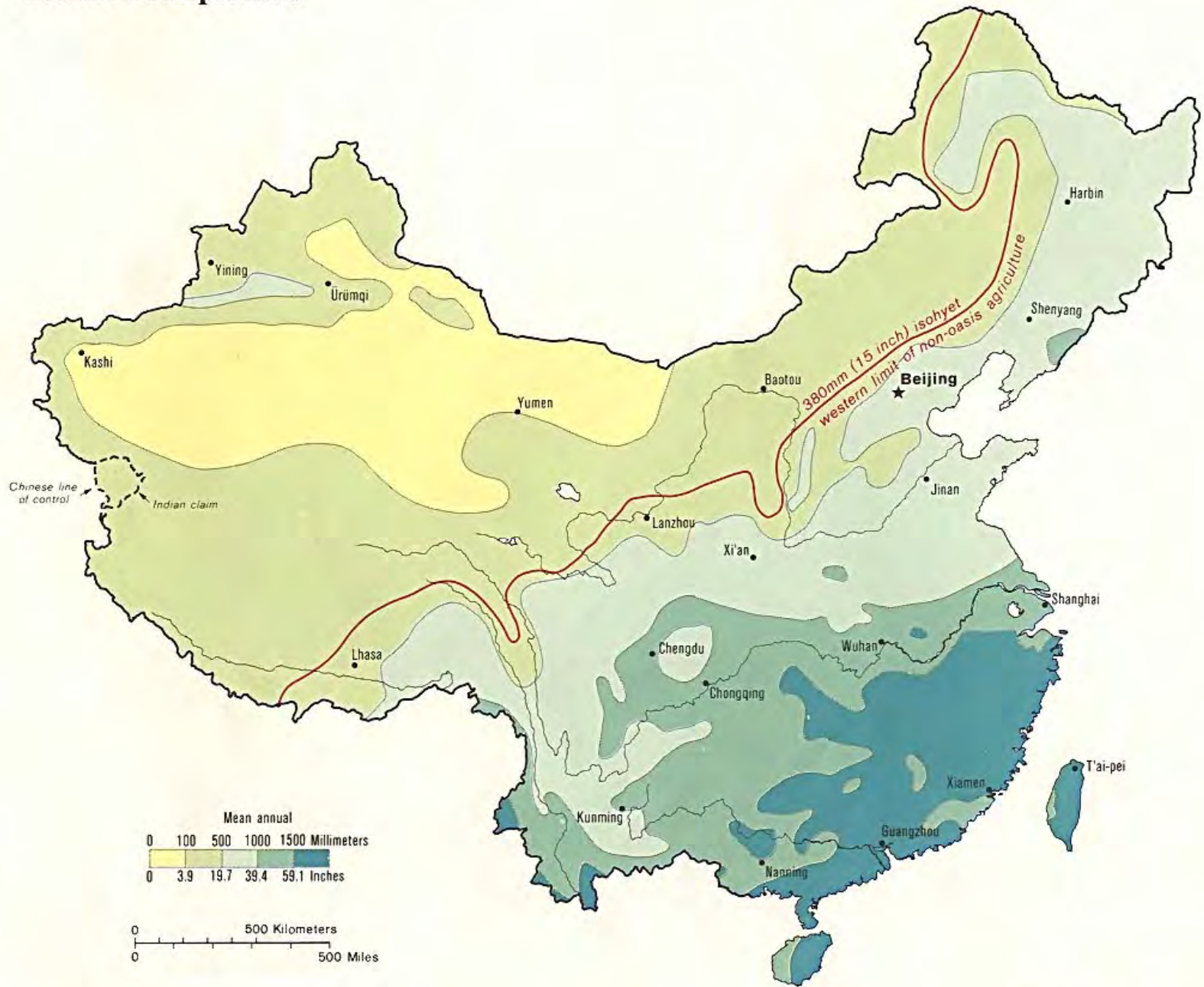


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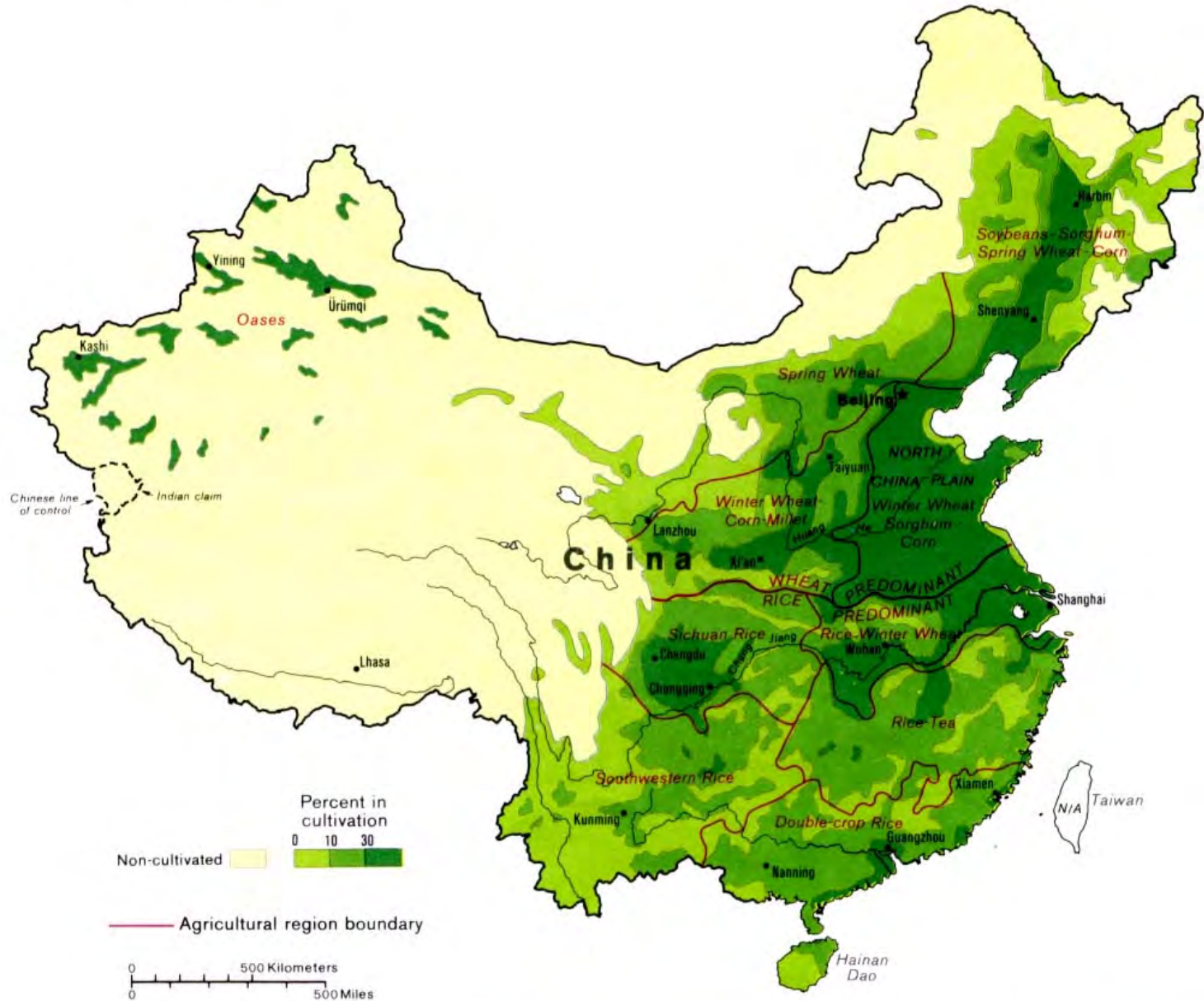
# China: Precipitation



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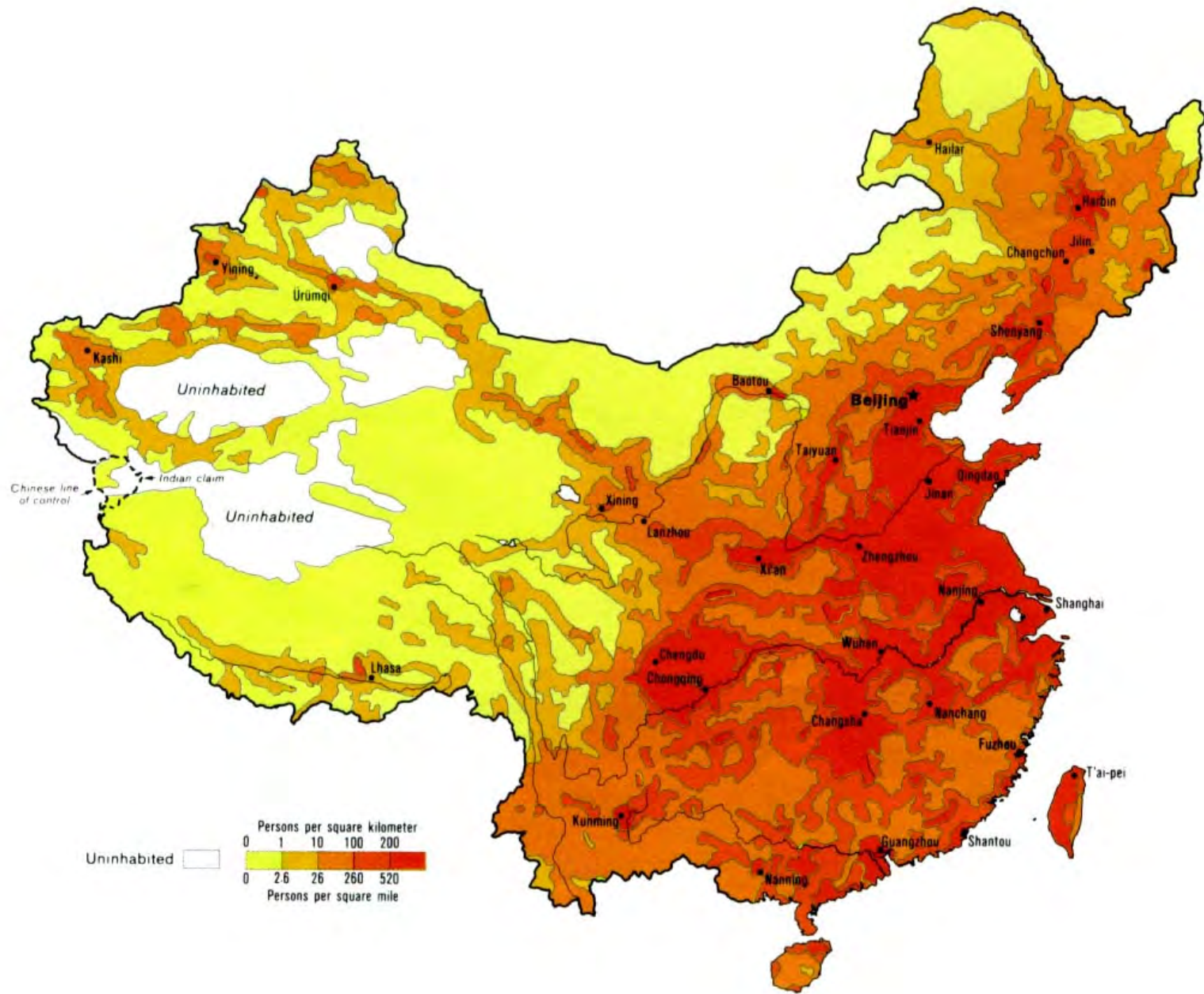


# Agricultural Regions

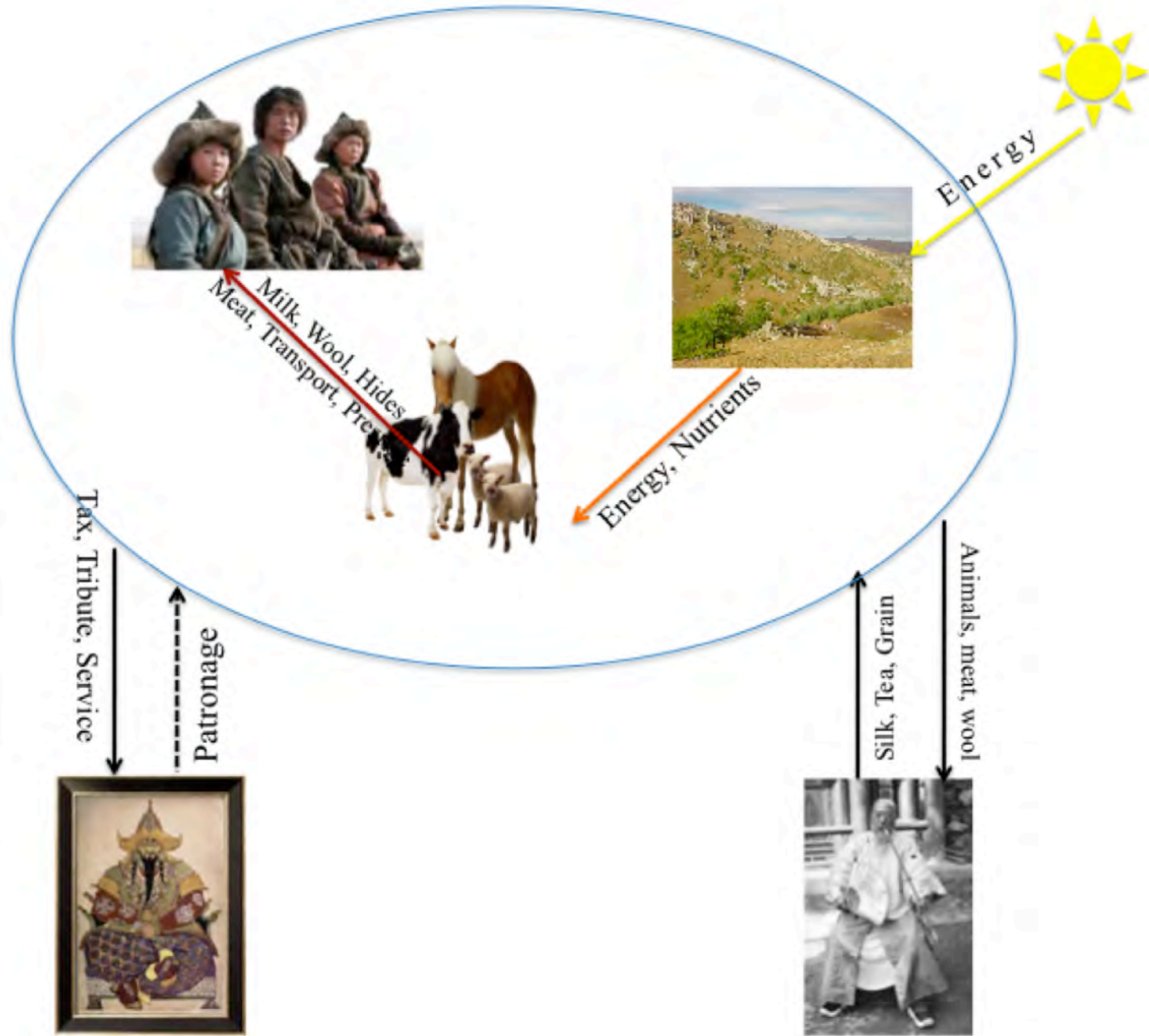


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# China: Population Density



# The Ecology of the Pastoral Household



# The Pastoral Zone: Mutual Stereotyping

靠天放牧  
随草水而行  
吃亏心粮

北渡野狐岭，登高南望，复视太行诸山，晴朗  
可爱。北顾，单旱烟衰草，中原之风，至  
此各绝矣。

开荒

“Digging in the dirt and stooping in  
a back-breaking manner”

*Jagchid and Hyer*

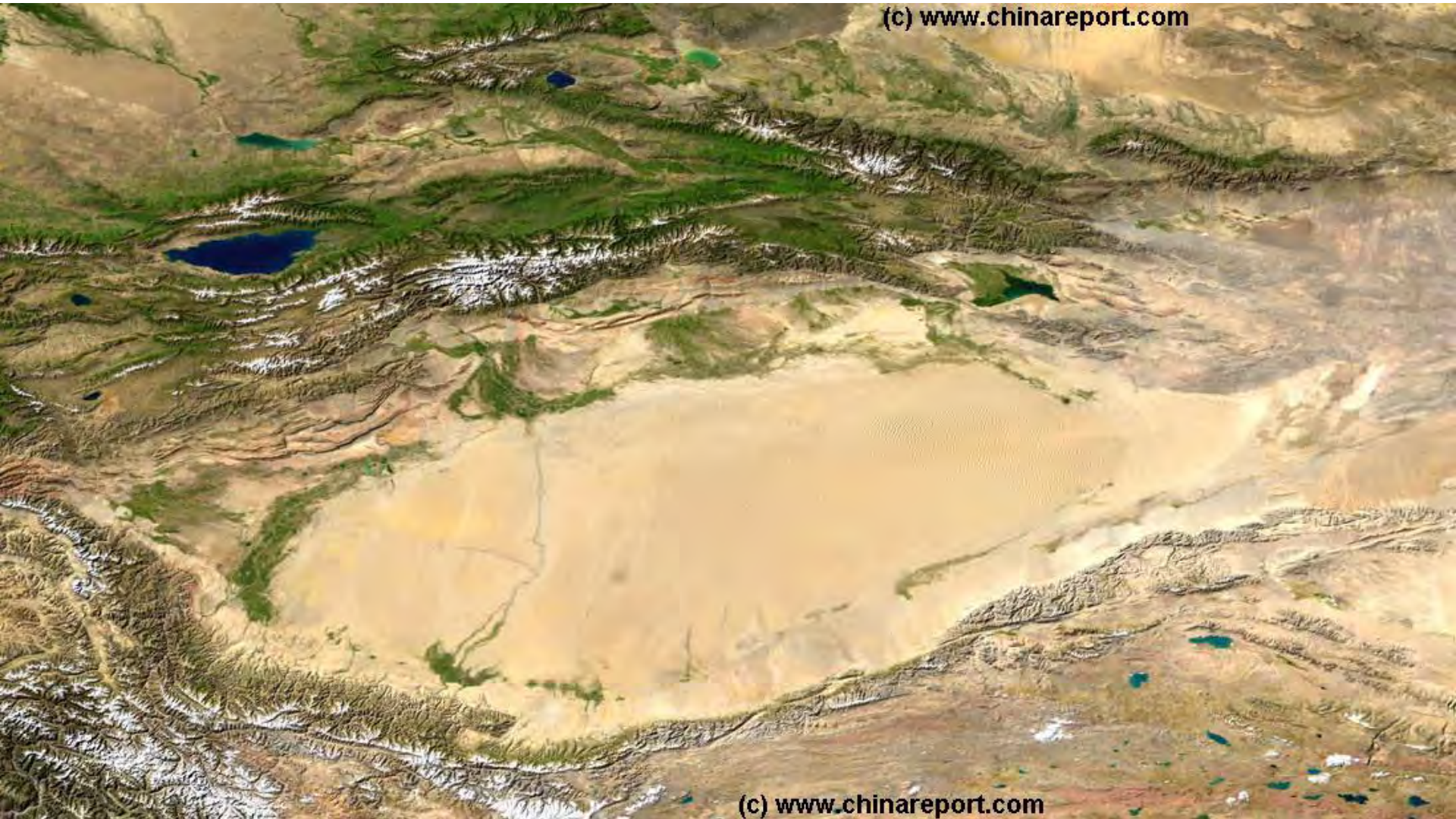
“The term ‘hard’ is used for  
Mongols and the term ‘soft’ for  
Chinese.”

*Lattimore*

*Gajir qagalaqu* “Shattering the  
land”

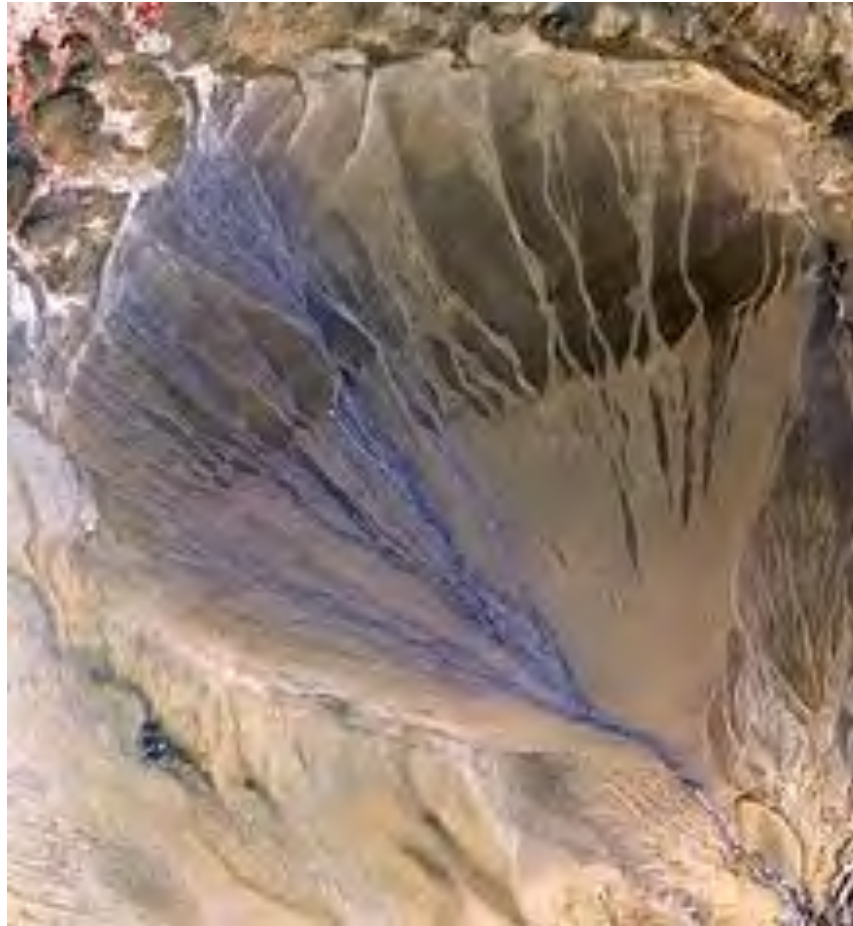


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# Kazak Migration: Winter House

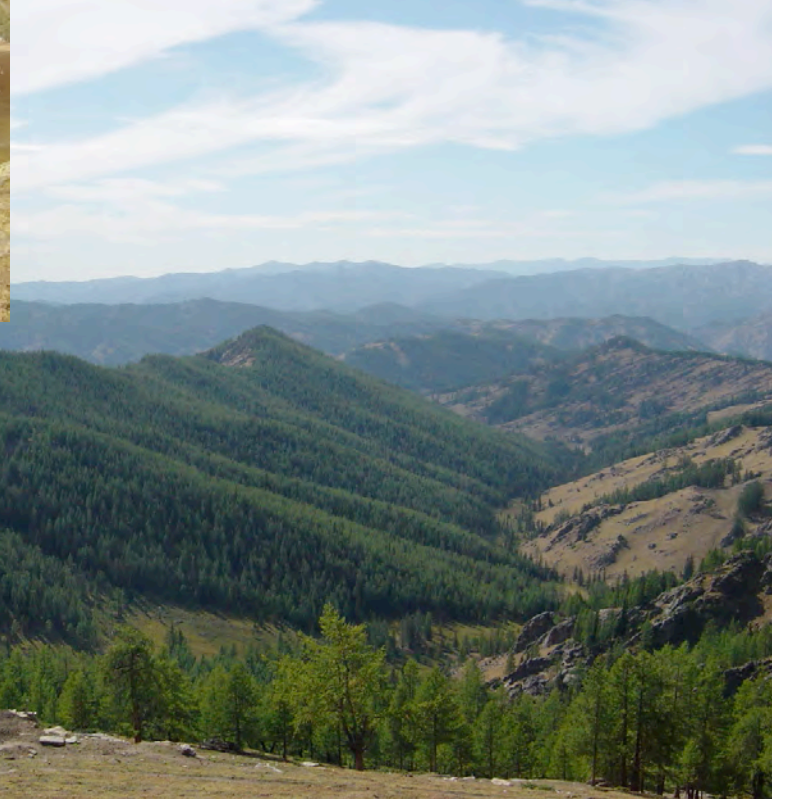


# Spring and Autumn Pastures





# Summer Pastures





# Migration corridor

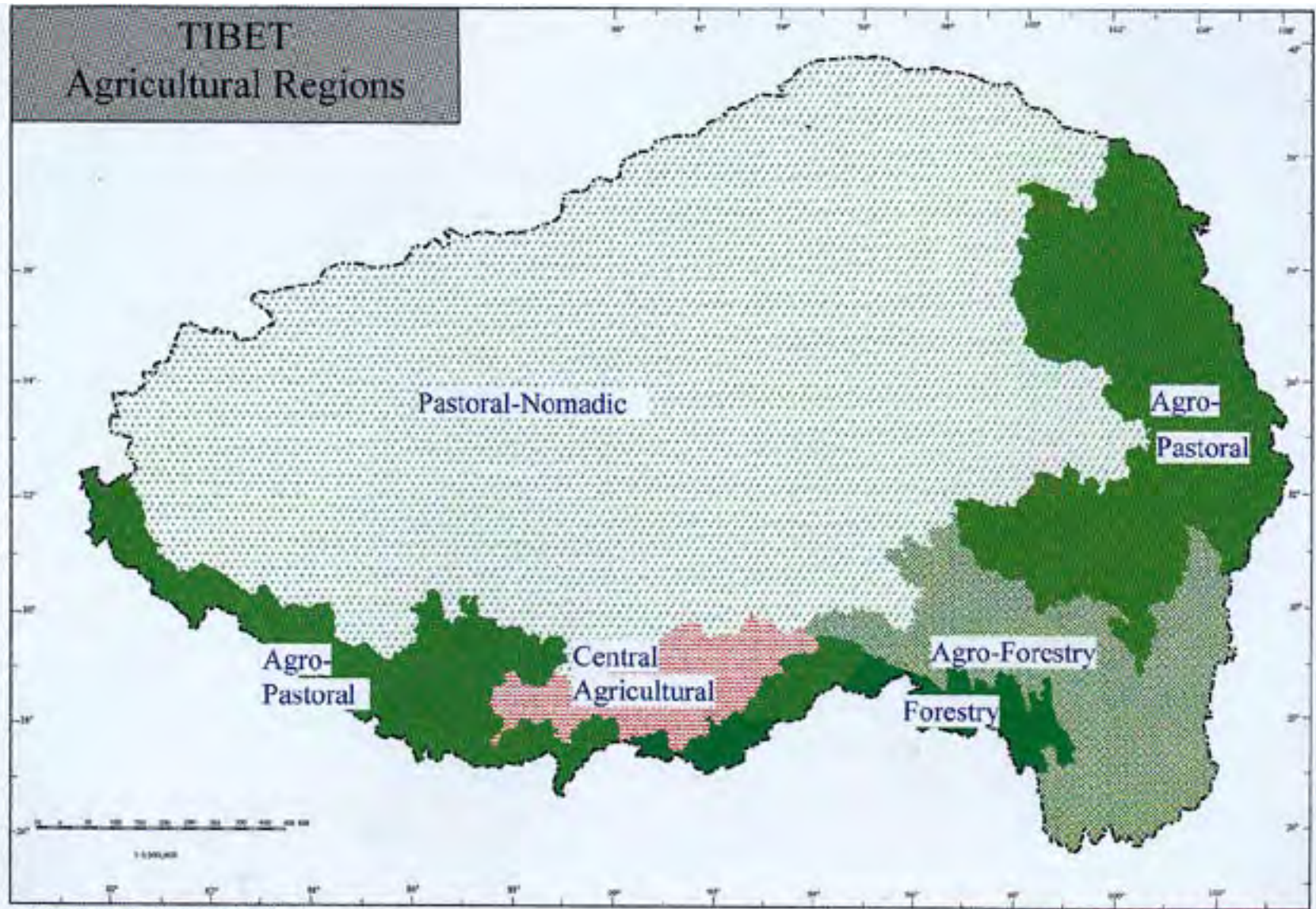


# Traditional Slaughter





# Farmers and Nomads in Tibet



SOURCE: Statistical Yearbook 1994; 1998

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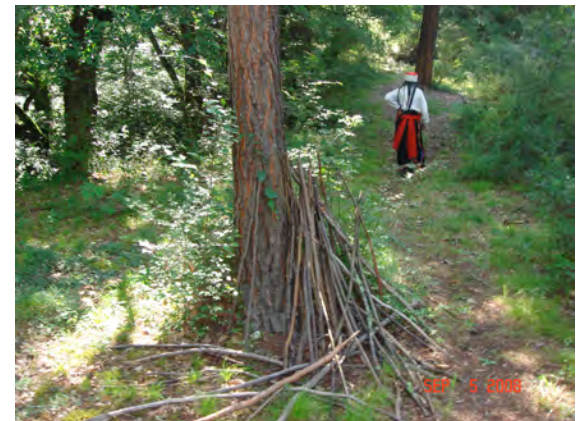
## Tibetan farmers in the Upland Zone: Jiuzhaigou Tibetan Traditional livelihood

- 2000+ years habitation; don't know ethnic identity, but means of livelihood similar
- Limited clearing of forest for agriculture
- Animals pastured in abandoned fields, in alpine areas
- Forest products vital for livelihood: wood houses, firewood, medicines, mushrooms
- Different kinds of wood: birch, oak for firewood, pine for construction



# Tibetan farmers in the Upland Zone: Jiuzhaigou Traditional forest and watershed protection

- Sacred mountain: take nothing away
- Water sources, lakes, waterfalls, water-turned prayer wheels: taboo areas to touch or disturb
- Village stewardship of individual plots of forest
- Pilgrimage sites: take in and bring out everything you need





# Tibetan Nomads



# Monasticism and Demography

