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A valley in the high altitude of the trans-Himalayan region in Nepal. The terraced fields are planted with buckwheat. This landscape was built by humans over generations and is designed to maximize crop returns in steep and difficult terrain. Much of the vegetation in the terraces and around the houses is irrigated with water channeled from nearby streams and rivers. Crops that do not require lots of rain, such as barley or the buckwheat seen here thrive in this region.



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