## Mountain Peaks of Bhutan

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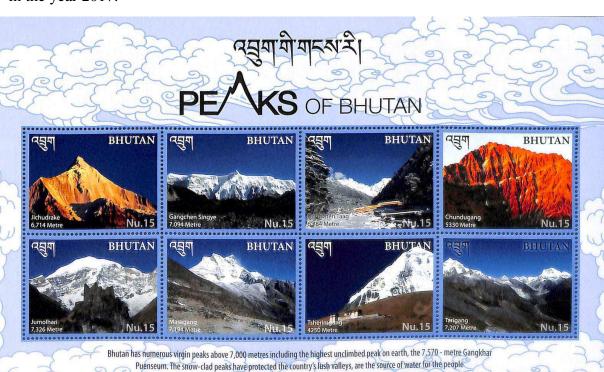
The kingdom of Bhutan is a landlocked country and has one of the most rugged Himalayan mountainous terrains, whose elevations range from 160 metres to more than 7,000 metres above sea level. Bhutan's highest peak **Gangkhar Puensum** is at 7,570 metres above sea level, close to the border with Tibet, and is the still highest unclimbed peak in the world. The Next highest peak is **Jomolhari**, overlooking the Chumbi Valley in the west is 7,326 metres above sea level.



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The other prominent peaks are Tarigang (7,207 metres), Masagang (7,194 metres), Gangchen Singye (7,094 metres), Gangchen laag (6,784 metres) and Jichudrake (6,714) metres. The glaciated peaks are the main sources for the water for perennial rivers in Bhutan. Weather is extreme in the mountains: the high peaks have perpetual snow, and the lesser mountains and hewn gorges have high winds all year round, making them barren brown wind tunnels in summer, and frozen wastelands in winter. The blizzards generated in the north each winter often drift southward into the central highlands.

The Kingdom of Bhutan has released these beautiful stamps for peaks of Bhutan in the year 2017.



and the rich biodiversity, and shape the geographic identity, of the country. Mountains are believed to be sacred and

mountaineering is banned, a national policy decision that respects the sentiments of the people.