



Figure 2.1. Upper: Shaded relief map of parts of Nepal, Tibet, India, and Bhutan. The lowlands of India are green, whereas the average ~5 km elevation of Tibet is shaded white. The map was created using Generic Mapping Tools (Wessel and Smith, 1991). **Lower:** Approximate locations of areas mentioned in the text are highlighted.

- LEGEND:**
1. Bhagirathi River
 2. Kali Gandaki
 3. Modi Khola
 4. Marysandi River
 5. Darondi Khola
 6. Burhi Gandaki
 7. Langtang Khola
 8. Dudh Kosi
 9. Arun River