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AFRICAN ELEPHANT POPULATION ESTIMATES AND DISTRIBUTION: 1995 UPDATE

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Data in this report are from Douglas-Hamilton and Michelmore (1996, with estimates for 1991) with updated figures after Said *et al.* (1995), plus our own 1999 update for a few countries. Said *et al.* (1995) did not provide estimates for Sudan and Sierra Leone; numbers in parentheses are after Douglas-Hamilton and Michelmore (1996). Here, we provide our interpretations of minimum and maximum African elephant estimates for each country on the map (below), with a total ranging from 278,205 to 637,599 elephants. Note that, with the exception of Eritrea, Sierra Leone, and Sudan, our minimum estimate for each country is the "definite" estimate of Said *et al.* (1995), and our maximum estimate for each country is the sum of "definite", "probable", "possible", and "speculative" estimates of Said *et al.* (1995). The total range of estimates for the continent is based on the numbers given in Figure 1.

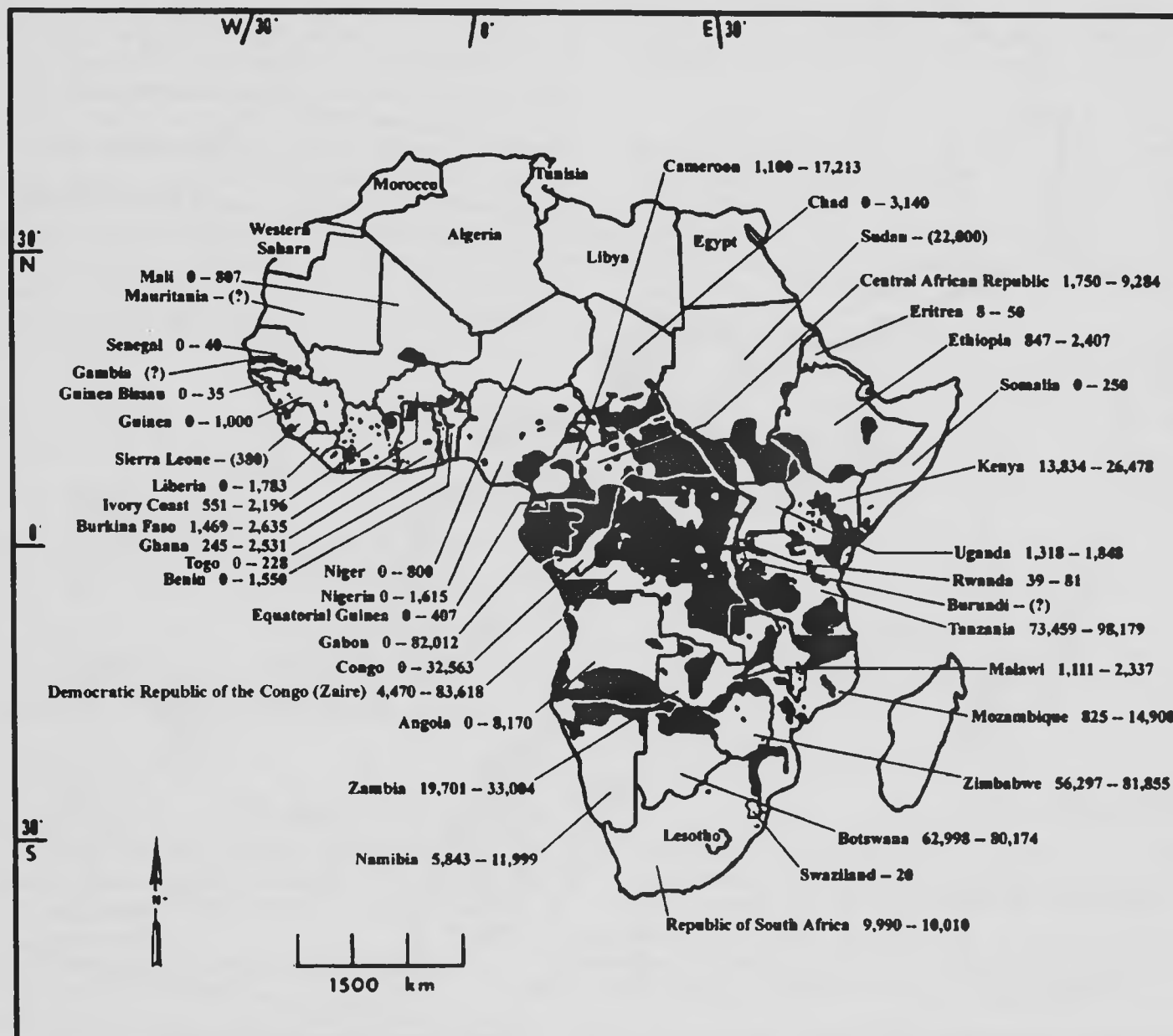


Figure 1. A distribution map of African elephants (*Loxodonta cyclotis* and *L. africana*) with minimum and maximum population estimates for each country; sources given in text.

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ASIAN ELEPHANT POPULATION ESTIMATES AND DISTRIBUTION: 1999 UPDATE

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Data in this report are from Sukumar and Santiapillai (1996), plus our own 1999 update. Here, we provide minimum and maximum Asian elephant estimates for each country on the map (Fig. 1), with a total ranging from 36,450 and 50,250 Elephants.

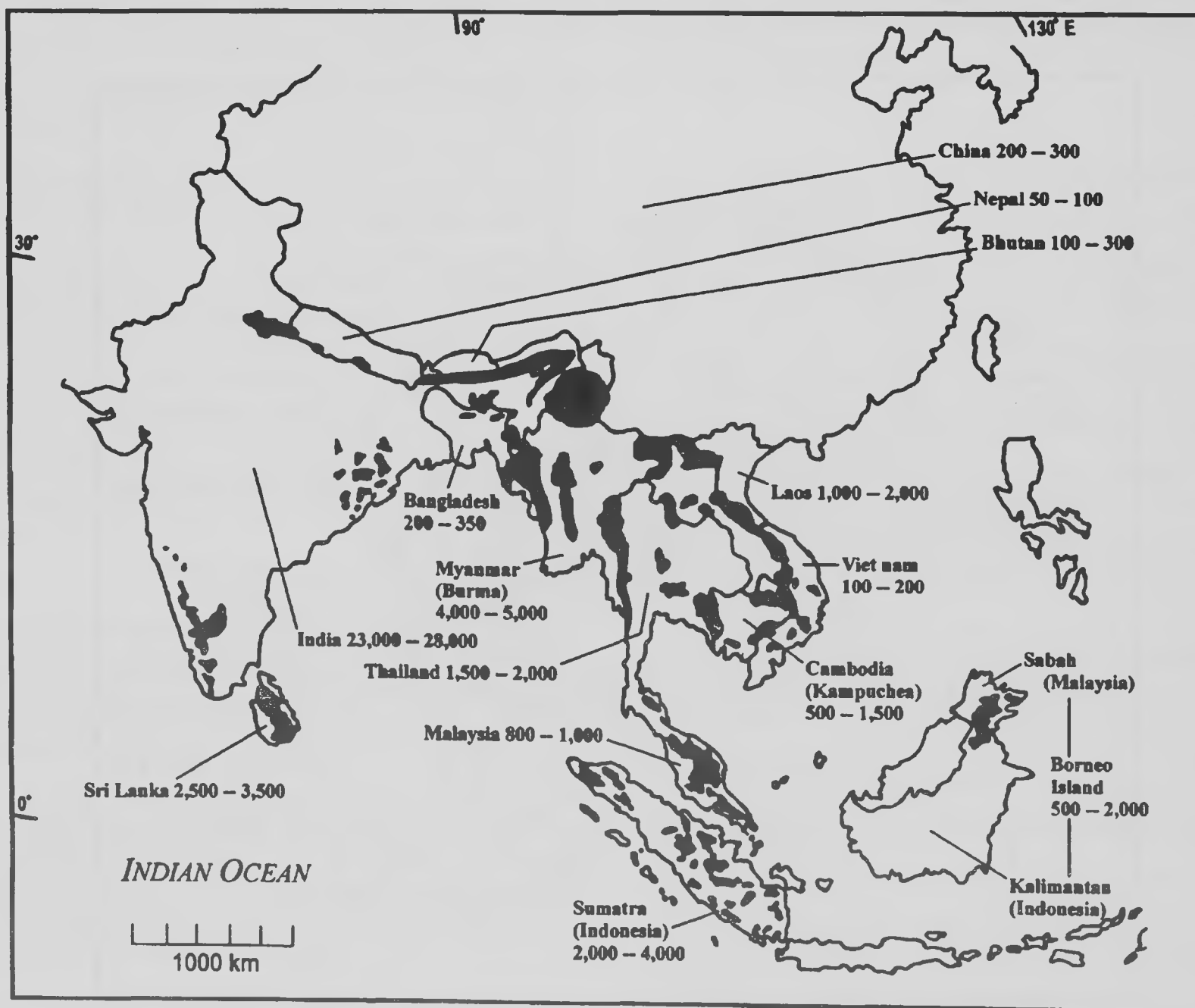


Figure 1. A distribution map of Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) with minimum and maximum population estimates for each country; sources given in text.

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