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## **Ethno Zoological and Socio-cultural Aspects of Monpas of Arunachal Pradesh**

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**ABSTRACT** Arunachal Pradesh is, a tribal state, inhabited by 26 major tribes and 105 sub-tribes. Monpa is one of the major tribe inhabiting mainly in Tawang and West Kameng Districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Monpas has unique socio-cultural entity and claim themselves Indo-Bhutan and Indo-Tibet in origin. In spite of their ritual concepts in Buddhist culture use of animals as food and therapeutic use is not uncommon. Present communication deals with the diversity of use pattern of wild fauna as food item, therapeutic and medicinal purpose and in socio-cultural practices.

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