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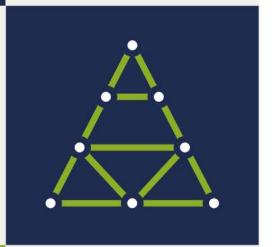
Caucasus Network for Sustainable Development of Mountain Regions (Sustainable Caucasus)

Caucasus Trading Platform – Bridge to global markets for the niche products of the South Caucasus

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Background















- The Scientific Network for the Caucasus Mountain Region (SNC-mt) — an open network of Caucasus scientists and scientific institutions — July 2014; More than 500 members
- Founded by the 7 Caucasus scientific institutions of the six Caucasus countries by the MoU in cooperation with UNIGE and UNEP

















Objectives and main target of Sustainable Caucasus

- The Primary goal:
 - to promote coordination and advocacy in support of sustainable development of the Caucasus ecoregion and beyond.
 - to foster regional collaboration by bringing together key stakeholders, and implementing innovative solutions on the ground.



- Ensure knowledge-based and scientifically-grounded decision-making and development
- Strengthen connections between scientists, practitioners, and decision-makers.





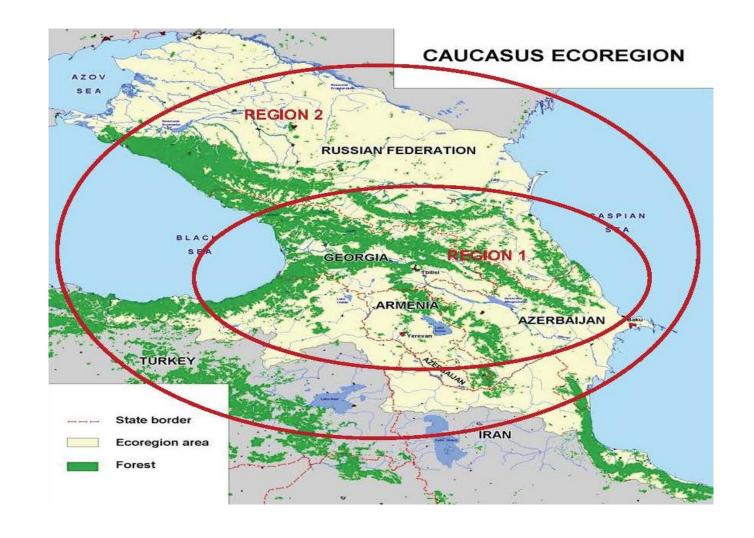




Geographical Coverage Sustainable Caucasus

















Key Guiding Document Sustainable Caucasus





- **B.1** Climate change
- B.2 Biodiversity
- B.3 Forestry conservation and development of forests
- **B.4** Water resources and management
- B.5 Land use and land cover change
- B.6 Natural hazards and risks
- B.7 Population and cultural diversity
- B.8 Tourism and recreation
- B.9 Socio-economic development and planning
- **B.10** Mountain cryosphere











Tourism and Recreation Socio-economic Development















Tourism and Recreation Socio-economic Development

COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM (CBT)

- Focus on Community Engagement
- Experiential and transformational concepts
- Promote learning-by-doing Approach
- Green and Digital (twin) Transition
- Cultural Authenticity and Conservation of Heritage
- Capacity Building and Value Chain Development
- Environmental Ramifications and Carrying capacity
- Circular models and improved waste management















Instruments for Development Sustainable Caucasus



Community Development Strategy





Grant Opportunities and No-interest loans



Workforce Development Trainings and Workshops



Marketing Campaigns to strengthen networks and raise awareness







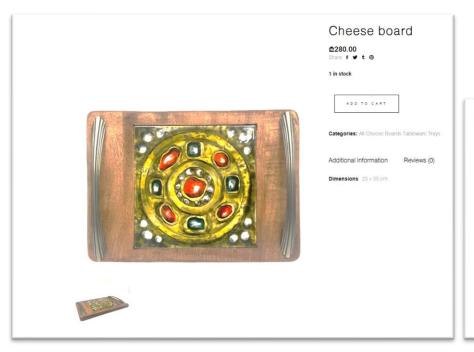


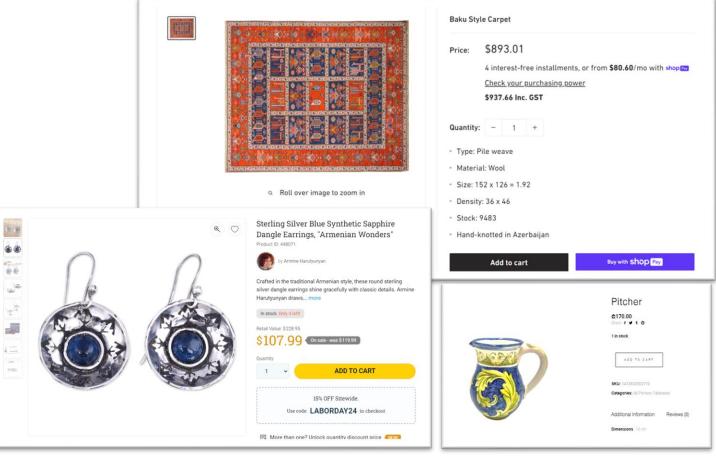


E-commerce Sustainable Caucasus

Caucasus E-marketplace

Regional Trade Platform







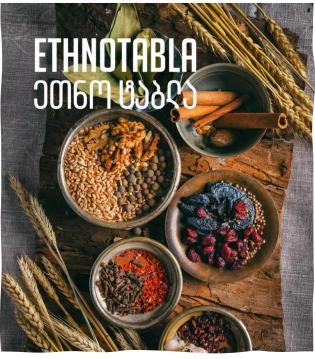














Culinary Classes

- Reviving and Promoting Traditional Local Cuisine
- Developing Gastronomy Master classes
- Publishing Culinary Books per region

















Wine, Amphora Whisky, Amphora Beer Production Classes













Craft Classes

- Pottery
- ■Wood Cutting
- ■Knitting and Embroidery
- Candle Making
- ■Rug Weaving
- ☐ Felt Making
- Iconography







































Risk and Challenges Sustainable Caucasus



- Heavy Outmigration
- · Cybersecurity, copyright, fraud
- Inconsistent supply
- Proximity of Armed Conflicts
- Insufficient marketing and low awareness













- Blockchain technologies for P2P trading
- Mobile apps for smooth operation















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