

Fashion and Cosmetics BioTrade Platform



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PhytoTrade Africa

- Non-profit membership-based natural product trade association
- OBJECTIVE

To help grow Southern Africa's natural product industry while ensuring its long term sustainability and social equity. Facilitated through product development, market development and supply chain development.

5 Pillar Strategy; PhytoServices, PhytoProducts, PhytoBranding, PhytoInvest & PhytoTech

- Funding from donors, membership fees, services and consultancy work
- PhytoTrade Africa Ethical Biotrade Charter
 - Sustainable and ethical practices
- Access and Benefit Sharing
 - The CBD and Nagoya Protocol



PhytoTech

- Novel and innovative natural ingredients from Southern African biodiversity
- Focal point for PhytoTrade members to commercialise their products
- Facilitate industry compliance with ABS regulations (MAT, PIC, Term Sheets, MOU)

- Network of producers across Southern Africa
- Natural, sustainable and ethical ingredients
 - Active cosmetic ingredients
 - Essential oils, aromatic products, fragrances
 - Functional food and beverage ingredients
 - Herbal and dietary supplements



- Access to IP and know-how for members, partners and clients undertaking projects
- Market focus developed with industry; Southern Africa, Europe, US, Asia



PhytoTrade and PhytoTech





- Discovery and innovation
- Phytochemical analysis
- Stability and standardisation
- Process development
- Efficacy trials
- Formulation
- Regulatory compliance
- License out technical know-how
- Intellectual Property
- Branding

Focal species and products

- Marula seed oil (Sclerocarya birrea)
- Ximenia seed oil (Ximenia caffra and X. americana)
- Baobab seed oil (Adansonia digitata)
- Mongongo seed oil (Schiniziophyton rautanenii)
- Mafura butter (Trichilia emetica)
- Devil's Claw extract (Harpagophytum procumbens and H. zeyheri)
- Kigelia fruit extract (Kigelia africana)
- Baobab fruit powder and extract (A. digitata)

















Pipeline products

- Rich biodiversity and endemism
 - Cape Floristic Kingdom, Mount Mulanje (Malawi), Namibia
- Traditional use of Southern African plants as cosmetic, medicinal and food ingredients
- New ingredients identified through species chemotaxonomy and phytochemistry
 Examples; screening aloes, innovate with Cucurbits
- Informed screening for target applications (themes and project concepts)
 Novel lipids, traditional perfumes, flavours
- Species selection criteria;
 - Conservation status
 - Plant part required and sustainability of harvesting techniques
 - Supply capacity
 - Published research and freedom to operate (IP)
 - Traditional use







Collaboration models

- 1. Design project with customer
 - Agree joint costs, technology transfer and IP issues
 - Potential to use project themes from pipeline
- 2. In-house development
 - Costs covered in-house
 - Active ingredient with safety and toxicity established
 - Pilot scale processing and economics of production
 - IP opportunities
 - Access and Benefit Sharing package
 - Market to appropriate clients, licensing
- 3. Permutations









Thank you



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