

As part of its contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity, FAO has published a book celebrating the richness of biodiversity for food and agriculture in the Southern Caucasus, birthplace of many common foods found on plates all over the world.

Comprising Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, the Southern Caucasus was one of the places where human beings first practised agriculture around 10 000 years ago and food crops such as wheat and grapes have their ancestral home in the region. The Southern Caucasus has also been listed as the centre of origin of apples, apricots, pomegranates, pears and peas. (...)

The article:

<http://www.webwire.com/ViewPressRel.asp?ald=127669>

From FAO's website:

<http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/48180/icode/>

The book:

<http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/core-themes/theme/spi/gbasc/en/>