

MOHAIR ORIGIN & SUPPLY CHAIN

- Our mohair originates in **Southern Africa**, which produces **~two-thirds** of the world's mohair and handles **~80%** of global top-making.
- This regional concentration provides **scale, practical traceability**, and an **integrated value chain**—from farm to tops, yarn, and fabric—that we know well and visit regularly.

RESPONSIBLE MOHAIR STANDARD (RMS)

- We align with the **Responsible Mohair Standard (RMS)**, developed by Textile Exchange.
- RMS ensures:
 - Responsible treatment of **Angora goats**
 - Strong **land-management** practices
 - **Supply-chain transparency**
 - **Social responsibility**
 - **Independent third-party certification**
- Certification is issued **only after accredited audits**, and RMS product claims require **audited chain-of-custody** to confirm certified fiber throughout the supply chain.

CURRENT STATUS

- A portion of the mohair in our yarns already comes from **RMS-certified farms** in Southern Africa.
- Together with our broker, spinner, and regional partners, we are executing a **multi-year roadmap** to increase certified content annually—without compromising the **hand, durability, or performance** of our velvets.

SUPPORT FOR SMALLER RURAL FARMS

- Many smallholders (typically **20–30 animals**) are not yet RMS-certified due to the time-intensive process.
- Dekortex and partners conduct **targeted animal-welfare audits** at these farms, focusing on:
 - Humane handling
 - Husbandry practices
 - Veterinary access and oversight
- These audits help farmers understand what “good” looks like and accelerate improvement on the ground.
- Important: these audits **do not equal RMS certification**, which also requires:
 - Verified **social responsibility**
 - Verified **land management**
 - Full **chain-of-custody** audits

PATHWAY TO CERTIFICATION

- Textile Exchange has updated its **Communal/Smallholder Audit Module** and internal-control guidance.
- We are applying this framework in the field to create a **realistic pathway** for smallholders to achieve full RMS certification.
- As certified supply grows, our goal is to:
 - Increase the share of **RMS-certified fiber** in our yarns and fabrics
 - Support farmers through **training, audits, and on-farm improvements**



- Ensure rural farmers can **earn a sustainable living** and maintain their place in the supply chain

BOTTOM LINE FOR ANIMAL-RIGHTS-FOCUSED CLIENTS

- We can supply products containing **RMS-certified mohair** from Southern Africa, backed by third-party verification across animal welfare, land stewardship, and social safeguards.
- Our audits at smaller, not-yet-certified farms are raising standards, but **full RMS** is achieved only when **all pillars** are met and chain-of-custody is audited end-to-end.
- We are actively moving the region along this pathway and will **document progress** for your project teams.