



South-South Series: Empowering and Growing Women-led Business

Session 7: Women pioneering in the blue and green economies

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DAMASCENE

Organic Herbs & Spices



DAMASCENE About us



Damascene, a woman owned company works hand-in-hand with 3000 smallholder women farmers.

Growing Ethiopian organic indigenous herbs & spices around their home steads on organic, highly fertile soil in a protected native forest of Kafa forest biosphere.

This is the Ethiopian spice belt, where herbs & spices grow symbiotically with coffee and indigenous spice plants under the forest canopy





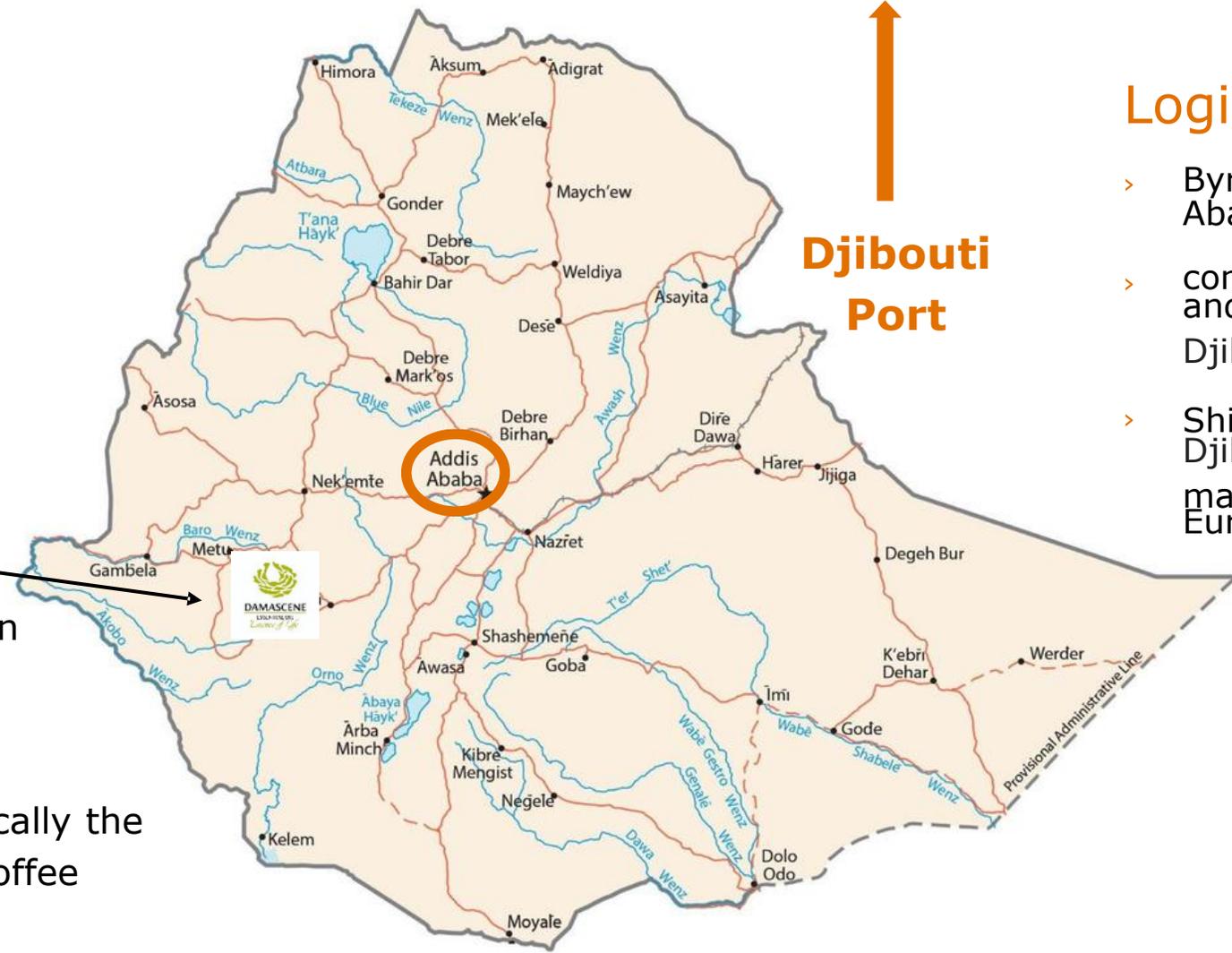
**Rotterdam
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Le Harve**



**Djibouti
Port**

Logistics

- > By road to Addis Ababa, Onto
- > containers and by train to Djibouti
- > Shipping from Djibouti to all major ports in Europe



Damascene

Kafa UNESCO Biosphere
South West Ethiopia People's Region
ETHIOPIA



Kafa, is historically the birthplace of coffee

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Turmeric



Black Pepper
(Gondo Berbere)



Rosemary



Ethiopian Black Cardamom
(Koreri ma)



Ethiopian verbena
(Koseret)



DAMASCENE Accreditations

> EU Organic certification



EU Food Safety Training to be certified with:



DAMASCENE Nurseries

6 x Damascene nurseries provide the women farmers with more than 4 million seedlings,

covers more than 2500ha land permanently with commercially viable commodities to the community by supporting sustainable conservation of the forest.

The plantation supports livelihood and the land and water conservation



Damascene CSR & Sustainability

- > Culturally, in this region, women farmers do not have access to money, the husband manages the household finances
- > Damascene provides a viable market linkage for their women farmers to sell their herbs & spices, and most importantly, to acquire their own income





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