



# Fairtrade Silk and Climate Change



The rise of mass fashion has caused the destruction of the environment and poor social conditions in many parts of our world. The Fairtrade German Company Seidentraum is committed to a change in textile production that respects nature and humans. It's the only way to keep our earth and the fashion industry alive.

They use Peace Silk fabrics! Peace Silk (or Ahima Silk, non-violent silk) means that the silkworm can complete its metamorphosis and fly as a beautiful butterfly out of the cocoon, before the silk cocoon is unravelled. No animal suffers from the production of this silk. No silkworm dies unlike the usual processing of cocoons which uses hot steam or boiling water.

Seidentraum supports their partners in India in changing social conditions. The artisanal production of silk yarns and fabrics takes place with the involvement of disadvantaged women's groups in the villages and they actively help to ensure that children can attend school (above) in Jharkhand South East India.

These organic silk textiles are made from cocoons where the worms are fed on **mulberry** leaves, on organic farms in India and Cambodia. The cultivation of the **mulberry** trees takes place in a sustainable mixed culture with fruit and other trees. The negative impact of a monoculture on soil and the environment will thus be avoided and biodiversity will be maintained. No artificial fertilizers, antibiotics, growth hormones, fungicides, insecticides or genetic sprays are used during this silk production. The Peace Silk is manufactured under strict social and environmental standards and is mostly certified to the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS). This guarantees the highest possible standard for ecological and social sustainability.

Seidentraum is committed to increasing consumer awareness, exploring the conditions under which their garments are made, and demonstrating the benefits of sustainable, healthy and fair textiles.

*Be yourself the change, you wish for this world. (Mahatma Gandhi)*

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