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Georgia's Fully Convertible Currencies

Coins struck in Georgia served not only the local market. They were involved in international trade. Findings of Georgian numismatic data outside the country attest to this fact.

Colchian (Western Georgian) II type didrachm (5th c. B.C.) was found on archaeological site of Hermonassa, Ancient Greek colony (Taman Peninsula, Russia).



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Colchian (Western Georgian) II type hemidrachms (5th-3rd cc. B.C.) were found on archaeological site of Nymphaion, Ancient Greek colony (Crimea, Ukraine).

Colchian II type hemidrachms were found in Central Asia.



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Stater of Colchian king Aka (beginning of 2nd c. B.C.) was found in Trabzon (Turkey).



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Only four specimens are known from the issue (979) of David III Kuropalates, ruler of Southwestern Georgia. From the 4 silver specimens none of them was found in Georgia. They were discovered far away from there, in Russia, Estonia, Germany and Sweden (Near St. Petersburg, place Lodeinoe Pole, Russia; place Völlja, Estonia; Mecklenburg-Schwerin, place Schwaan, Germany; Gotland, Dalhem, Hallföse II, Sweden).



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There are numerous findings of coins of Tamar (1184-1210) and Rusudan (1223-1245), queens of Georgia, in Armenia and Azerbaijan.



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<http://geonumismatics.tsu.ge/ge/catalogue/types/?type=74>

Coin below is sirma vertskhli (silver) of Erekle II (1745-1798), king of Eastern Georgia, with the Persian inscriptions. Due to high fineness, these coins were in circulation for a long time not only in Georgia, but also in Armenia and Azerbaijan. Nukha khanate in Azerbaijan imitated sirma vertskhli, as well as governor of the Georgian king in Ganja during its occupation (1786-1791). Indeed, sirma vertskhli was very much popular.



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