Crafts Foundation of Chile
NGO accredited to provide advisory services to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Vision
Crafts Foundation of Chile is a private, non-profit organization that works to preserve, value, promote and disseminate traditional Chilean crafts.

Mission
Created in 2002, the Foundation promotes the integration of craftsmen and artisans into the country’s cultural and economic development processes, in order to create new and better opportunities for them because crafts are a livelihood activity for many families, especially in rural locations.

Geographic Coverage of NGO’s expertise: Chile.

Main areas of work related to the Convention
Crafts Foundation of Chile works at a national level, especially in rural areas, to improve the livelihoods of artisans. It deals with traditional crafts, mainly textiles (alpaca fiber, llama and sheep wool), basketry, woodwork, pottery, silverware and copper art, among others. It preserves and promotes the relationship between artisans and their territories, the oral traditions and expressions of artisans, their social practices, rituals and festive events, knowledge and practices about nature. It carries out the identification, documentation and research of traditional crafts, as well as their preservation, protection and enhancement.

Relevant projects or initiatives
The Foundation administers and manages an online boutique of craft products as well as seven stores located in Santiago, Pucon and Puerto Varas (Chile).

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