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### CULTUROLOGICAL ASPECTS OF TILLING TRADITIONS OF GEORGIANS (ON THE INTERPRETATION OF THE TERM "LARI")

*Lari* is a polysemic word in Georgian and has several lexical connotations (treasure, valuable fabric, string, etc). Results of the ethnographic research allowed us to identify one more meaning of the term: *lari* is arable land made horizontal through terracing the mountain slopes. Such lands were mainly used for leguminous cultures (*dika, asli*).

*Laris* were widespread in traditional geographic zones in Georgia and constituted an important element of the ancient stage of the agriculture, in particular, slash-and-burn agriculture.