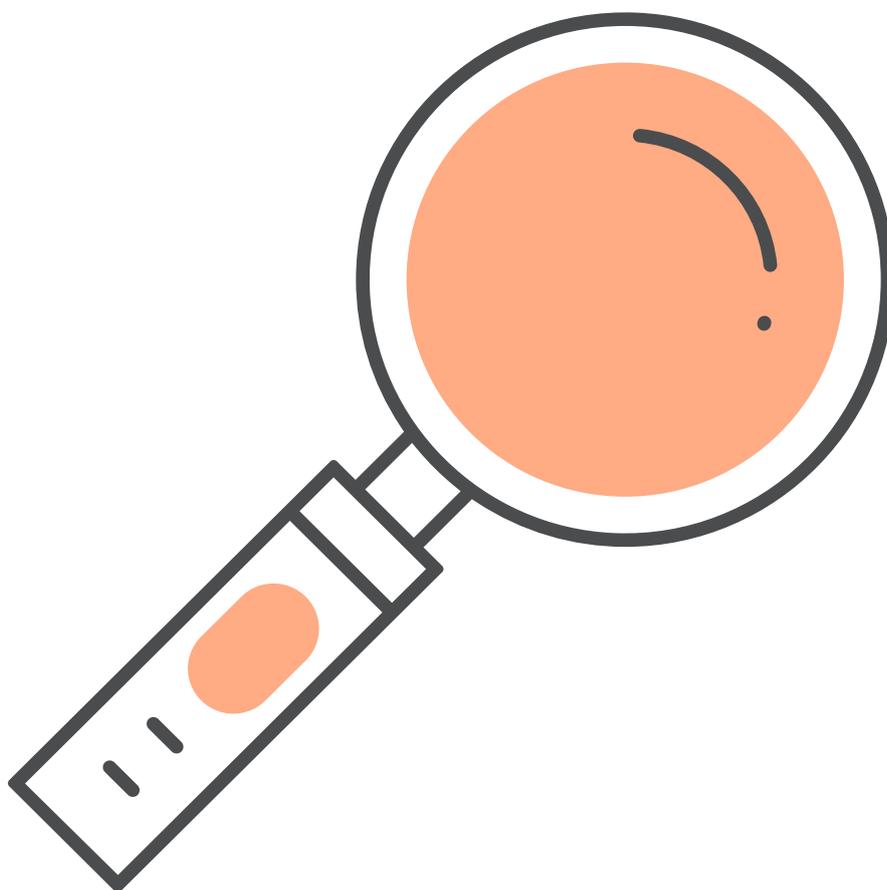


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NOTE: RSPCA Australia is opposed to the use of any animal where the purpose of their death is primarily to produce a non-essential luxury item like fur or skin. See our [policy on fur or skin production](#).

NOTE: RSPCA Australia is opposed to the killing of wild animals for commercial purposes (unless this meets [specific criteria](#)) and to the farming of animals taken from the wild, due to the risk of pain, injury or distress arising from the capture, transport, handling and long-term confinement of these animals. See our [policy on the utilisation of wild animals](#).

Animal welfare considerations

- Capture from the wild
- Intensive farming practices
- Native species listed under CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)
- Slaughter methods



If you have specific questions or challenges arising from your supply chain analysis, get in touch with [RSPCA Australia](#).

Crocodiles are a protected species in Australia, however wild capture and commercial farming of saltwater crocodiles is permitted under license. Depending on the state or territory regulation, crocodile farms may employ captive breeding practices and/or harvest eggs and crocodiles from the wild.

Product range

Leather

By-products: meat, pet food, pet treats

Step one

Where is crocodile leather, meat or by-product used in your business?

- Are you using crocodile leather/by-products on site?
- Are you buying in products that contain crocodile meat?
- Are you buying in crocodile leather or by-products?

What crocodile meat is used in your business?

- Is the crocodile meat used on site fresh or value added?

Step two

For crocodile leather and/or crocodile by-product used in your business, ask your supplier:

- Is the product certified by a third party?
If so, which certification program.
- What country/ies is the crocodile leather/by-product sourced from?
- What is the method of production of crocodile sourced for leather/by-products?
- Is your supplier also the producer?
If not, how many suppliers are involved in the chain back to the producer?

- If product is sourced from crocodile farming, what husbandry practices are carried out and how?
- For wild crocodile, what is the capture method?
- For farmed crocodile, what is the method of stunning and slaughter?

Step three

Compile your findings to work out the following:

- The percentage of certified crocodile leather/by-product in your business supply chain
- The proportion of Australian crocodile leather/by-product and any imported product
- A list of all producers supplying your business
- Husbandry practices, farming methods, and slaughter methods

Step four

Review your organisations current supply chain to identify the animal welfare issues using the information collected from the first three steps.

Step five

Implement plan within your organisation to address the identified issues. See RSPCA Australia's '[How to develop an animal welfare policy](#)' for more information.