



RRSS GL001

GLOSSARY

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This glossary is applicable to the following Responsible Reptile Sourcing Standard documents: RRSS-SCH001 and RRSS-TR001.

Acronyms and Abbreviations

CITES	The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.
ILO	International Labor Organization
IMARC	International Multistakeholder Association for Reptile Conservation
RRSS	Responsible Reptile Sourcing Standard
WOAH	World Organization for Animal Health

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Assisted feeding	The practice of presenting feed to the reptile in a manner that allows the reptile to voluntarily (i.e. dependent on positive feeding response) swallow the food.
Breeding farm	A farm where reptiles are bred and raised for commercial purposes in a similar fashion to domesticated livestock. Many breeding farms also include on-site processing facilities and supply neonates and/or eggs to satellite farms.
Certification Body	Legal entity that holds accreditation to demonstrate that they are technically competent to audit and certify activities in accordance with international standards and guidelines.
Certified Entity	Legal entity that holds a valid RRSS certificate issued by an approved certification body, i.e. farm or processing facility.
Collector	Anyone engaged in coordinating the collection of wild reptiles from multiple actors. They may also be harvesters or transporters in their own right.
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	The international legal instrument for the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources, https://www.cbd.int/convention
Containment	The period between being removed from trap or on-farm housing and to arrival at the processing facility.
Cultural Heritage	A legacy of physical artefacts (e.g., trapping methods, traditional foods, materials, medicines) and intangible attributes (e.g., bushcraft, wildlife tracking skills) that are inherited from past generations, maintained in the present, and bestowed for the benefit of future generations
Downstream supply chain	Tannery to retail. All nodes and actors engaged in reptile skins and leather from (and including) the tannery, up to (but excluding) the customer.



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Euthanasia	The process of humanely killing a reptile to relieve suffering or potential future suffering.
Facility	Legal entity that is subject to the RRSS audit, i.e. farm or processing facility.
Farm	Legal entity that produces live reptiles in captivity for commercial purposes. Farms operate independently from wild reptile populations and can involve breeding and/or rearing of reptiles.
Forced feeding	The practice of inserting a feeding tube into the reptiles mouth such that feed can be delivered into the stomach irrespective of the feeding response exhibited by the reptile.
Functional ecosystem	A complex network of interconnected organisms interacting with their physical environment in a manner that supports life through processes such as energy flow through complex food webs and nutrient cycling.
ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work	An expression of commitment by governments, employers' and workers' organizations to uphold basic human values. https://www.ilo.org/topics-and-sectors/fundamental-principles-and-rights-work
Gravid	Carrying eggs or young; pregnant.
Harvesters	Anyone engaged in the collection of wild reptiles for the purpose of trade. Harvesters can be anyone from full-time professional reptile harvesters through to farmers who collect wild reptiles on a purely opportunistic basis.
Harvesting	Collecting of reptiles or their eggs from the wild.
Humane	Protected from avoidable pain, distress or suffering
International Convention <u>Covenant</u> on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)	Covenant of UDHR which enables people to enjoy a wide range of human rights, including those relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • freedom from torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment • fair trial rights • freedom of thought, religion and expression • privacy, home and family life • equality and non-discrimination https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-civil-and-political-rights
International Convention <u>Covenant</u> on Economic, Cultural and Social Rights (ICESCR)	Covenant of UDHR which ensures the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, including the rights to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • education • fair and just conditions of work • an adequate standard of living • the highest attainable standard of health • social security https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/international-covenant-economic-social-and-cultural-rights
Large-scale facility	Farms or processing facilities with 3 or more personnel
Livestock	Live wild harvested or captive bred reptiles destined for commercial trade.
Livestock Register	Record of live reptiles in and transiting through the facility.
Middleman/Middlemen	All actors involved in trading reptiles and/or skins not covered by harvester, transporter, processing facility, or farm.

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Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	An international agreement which aims at sharing the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources in a fair and equitable way. https://www.cbd.int/abs
Nature-based solutions (NbS)	Actions addressing key societal challenges through the protection, sustainable management and restoration of both natural and modified ecosystems, benefiting both biodiversity and human well-being. https://inbs.iucn.org/
Neonate	A young reptile (up to one month old) that is still relatively vulnerable to adverse conditions.
Niche	A set of environmental conditions that pertain to a specific species.
Personnel	Employees and self-employed workers involved in any aspect of the facility's operations
Processing facility	A legal entity where reptiles are received, temporarily held, killed, and processed for their skin, meat and/or other products, according to their licenses and permits.
Protected areas	Includes both IUCN protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) https://www.protectedplanet.net/en
Quota	A management term defined as a predetermined quantity of individuals from a certain species which under official controls can be sourced, harvested, exported, or imported.
Regenerative agriculture	A conservation and rehabilitation approach to agrifood systems. It focuses on topsoil regeneration, increasing biodiversity, improving the water cycle, enhancing ecosystem services, supporting bio sequestration, and increasing resilience to climate change.
Reptile co-products	Reptiles are farmed and processed for a range of products, the relative values of which fluctuate according to market forces. Key products in the reptile trade include skins, meat, medicinal products, and pets.
Reptile leather	The tough outer integument of a reptile that has been chemically processed into a durable material by means of tanning.
Reptile skin	The tough outer integument of a reptile typically traded in a raw, air or salt-dried format.
Satellite farm	Farm where reptiles are raised for commercial purposes. Typically, satellite farms rely on breeding farms to supply juvenile stock which is then grown-out to harvest size before being sent to a processing facility (often at the breeding farm).
Scheme Administrator	Legal entity with the appropriate infrastructure in place to manage the administration burdens of the RRSS.
Scheme Developer	Legal entity with the appropriate technical competence to support the Scheme Owner in developing the Scheme & Certification Rules and the Technical Requirements of the RRSS.
Scheme Owner	Legal entity with the appropriate governance and infrastructure in place to manage the development and operation of the RRSS.
Second-party audit	A company performs an audit on their supplier to ensure that they are meeting the requirements
Self-assessment	Can be performed by the entity or a second or third-party.
Senior Personnel	Personnel with management oversight of the facility or the activity.
Small scale facility	Farms or processing facilities with a maximum of 2 personnel.
Squamates	Members of the largest reptilian order, Squamata, comprising snakes and lizards.
Stock Register	Record keeping of reptile skins in and transiting through the facility
Stockpile	A quantity of skins which is not from the current supply season / year.

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Supply chain actor	Key individuals and associated roles in reptile skin supply chains. Harvesters and transporters are key actors in the upstream section of reptile skin supply chains.
Supply chain node	Reptiles and reptile products move through a supply chain flowing from one stopping point (node) to another. Farms and processing facilities are key nodes in the upstream section of reptile skin supply chains.
Sustainability	A concept comprising three interconnected pillars (economic, environmental, and social) focused on meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
Taxa (<u>plural of taxon</u>)	A group of similar organisms of any classification rank, such as species, family, or class, based on shared evolutionary relationships.
Traceability	The ability to identify, track and trace reptile skins as they move along the supply chain from live reptiles to finished leather products.
Transport	Transportation on-site, between facilities and between supply chain nodes.
Transporter	An actor responsible for the movement of reptiles from one supply chain node to another.
United Nation Conference on Trade and Development BioTrade Principles and Criteria (UNCTAD BioTrade)	A set of guidelines for businesses, governments and civil society wishing to support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, as well as the fair and equitable sharing of benefits through trade. https://unctad.org/topic/trade-and-environment/biotrade/principles-and-criteria
United Nation Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights	The global standard for preventing and addressing the risk of adverse impacts on human rights involving business activity, and they provide the internationally-accepted framework for enhancing standards and practices with regard to business and human rights. https://www.ohchr.org/en/publications/reference-publications/guiding-principles-business-and-human-rights
United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs)	The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests. https://sdgs.un.org/
Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)	A common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction. https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights
Upstream supply chain	Source to tannery. All nodes and actors engaged with live reptiles and raw skins up to (but excluding) the tanning process.
Venomous	Snakes that are capable of injecting venom that may be considered potentially lethal to humans. In the context of the RRSS, venomous snakes do not include mildly venomous species.



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