

# RLRT & the Leather Working Group (LWG)



## What is the relationship between the RLRT and the LWG, and what are the differences in what you do?

The Leather Working Group (LWG) is a member-based organization that manages an audit protocol for leather manufacturers (tanneries); their focus is on environmental stewardship and are also looking at traceability.

The big difference is that the RLRT is looking at the entire leather supply chain and ALL of the issues associated with it, not just environmental issues at the tanneries. We envision the LWG protocol fitting into the Responsible Leather Assessment tool, which aims to be a full supply chain solution for sourcing more responsible leather.

The RLRT & the LWG share many stakeholders. These stakeholders have expressed interest in working with us because the LWG is limited to one area, and they see the value in connecting their work with our assessment tool in the future.

We are maintaining good relations with the LWG and aim to work together for a common goal in bettering the industry.