

# AQC hosts second International Multi-Stakeholder meeting

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Switzerland-based international association of leather bracelet manufacturers, AQC, discussed the sustainable development goals for sourcing crocodile skins during a meeting held in Milan on February 19.

The meeting, whose central theme was the animal welfare of alligators and traceability of skins, welcomed around 100 stakeholders, including brands representatives, watch manufacturers, wristband manufacturers, tanners, laboratories, chemical suppliers, and farmers. A round table

during the meeting discussed how the Mississippiensis alligator, used in the watch industry, already has a very high level of traceability and sustainability. For this, a taskforce comprised of sector representatives was established, which meets on a regular basis and is in charge of providing solutions that meet the various expectations of watch brands and end customers. However, it was agreed that there is still a need for all stakeholders along the supply chain to collaborate further for improved transparency.