Analyzing Environmental Performance of New Zealand Tannery



TASMAN

INSPIRING NEW LEATHERS FROM NEW ZEALAND

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# Aim of The Study

## Study Overview

• What is the study about?

Environmental evaluation of waterproof shoe leather production using Life Cycle Assessment.

• The goal of this study:

Determination of the "hotspots"



# Aim of The Study

## Where to start? Data collection period June 2018- May 2019

Product type	<b>m2</b>	%	number of hides
Finished Uph	178032	4.4%	41402.8322
Crust Uph	315551	7.8%	73383.96507
Finished Shoe	568994	14.0%	132324.1047
Crust shoe	26241	0.6%	6102.443114
Splits	9157	0.2%	2129.525205
Gloving (from bovine)	9690	0.2%	2253.582139
Wet blue Bovine	1753334	43.1%	407752
Wet blue Ovine	101537	2.5%	156211
Pickle Ovine	337447	8.3%	519149
Salted Ovine	196266	4.8%	301947
Salted Hides	374964	9.2%	87201
Salted Collagen	196961	4.8%	45804.87442

## TASMAN Typhoon shoe leather

Functional unit= 1 raw hide (32.45 kg) to produce finished typhoon leather

### Inventory data collection: Production processes





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#### Inventory data collection: Wastewater treatment



### Inventory data collection: Transportation processes



### What issues have risen?: Allocation of Co-products



### PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT CATEGORY RULES

Leather

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#### Table 25 Allocation factors for bovine leather

From		Ra	w	Semi- processed products		Raw				
То	Semi- processed products, split, hair burn	Semi- Serii- processed products, full split, hair substance, saire hair burn		Semi- processed products, full substance, hair save	Crust or Finished Grain Split Leathers	Finished leather, split, hair save	Finished leather, split, hair burn	Finished Sole Leather		
Grain Splits	64%	60%	100%	91%	100%	60%	63%	100%		
Flesh Splits	36%	31%	-	-	-	31%	37%	-		
Hair	_	9%	-	9%	-	9%	-	-		

### What issues have risen? Lack of data on energy use

- ISSUE: no separate data available FOR
  - $_{\circ}$  Natural gas consumption
  - Diesel consumption
  - LPG consumption
- RESOLUTION: Allocation from the general natural gas use

ANNUAL PRODUCTION							
	m²	%					
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### What issues have risen? Lack of data on energy use

• **RESOLUTION: Allocation from the ANNUAL natural gas, diesel and LPG consumption** 

### Data collection period June 2018- May 2019

	Electricity,	Natural Gas,	Water input,	Landfill waste,	Pondoring T	Diagol I		BOD	$COD(a/m^3)$	0&G (g/m3)	TSS	Sulphide	Chromium - Total $(q/m^3)$
18-May	x 50650	3 5840	50276	226.2	1064	6206	1840	(g/111 <sup>3</sup> )	COD (g/III°)	(g/m <sup>o</sup> )	(g/m°)	(IIIg/I)	10tai (g/111°)
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18-Ju	il 53887	9 6006	48558	187.66	607.72	4851	1053	2404	5735	519	2915	29	149
18-Au	g 52624	5 586:	1 42450	231.14	1252.49	3292	1360	2126	4570	397	1857	45	87
18-Sej	p 48803	0 5260	39010	175.24	445.74	5401	960	1891	4136	186	1053	36	90
18-Oc	t 49706	7 5992	<u>45844</u>	247.08	533.9	4102	1320	1972	4115	180	859	38	53
18-No	v 53206	9 5508	36180	211.1	176.052	6676	973	2199	4473	156	876	55	62
18-Dec	39327	9 4153	3 26014	182.46	471.226	3001	827	2077	4321	261	1255	57	54
Jan-19	9 45124	1 376	1 42771	234.71	162.262	6302	827	2096	4808	362	1671	81	80
Feb-19	9 50389	3 5016	5 32743	197.68	144.376	9350	987	2348	4630	190	1040	80	40
Mar-19	9 57468	4 4924	48471	255.69	580.721	5606	1000	2417	5532	252	2032	78	60
Apr-19	9 50744	8 575	1 43154	199.02	62.108	5024	840	2658	6285	327	3088	55	115
May-19	9 61156	4 6159	9 48122	251.41	551.962	6297	1890	2887	7386	469	2954	71	86

#### **ASSIGNED TO 14% shoe leather production**



### **Chemical Modelling: Assignment of chemicals in database**

#### PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT CATEGORY RULES

Leather

#### Table 42 Chemicals modelling

Representative Data Process from database Category Family Composition substance quality Adipic acid production | technology mix | production mix, at Adipic 100,0% plant | 100% active substance {RER} [LCI result] Citric acid production | technology mix | production mix, at 50,0% plant | 100% active substance {RER} [LCI result] Hydroxy-carboxylic Citric Tap water | technology mix | at user | per kg water {EU-28+3} acids (Deliming 50,0% [LCI result] agents) Lactic acid production | technology mix | production mix, at 80,0% plant | 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result] Lactic Tap water | technology mix | at user | per kg water (EU-28+3) 20,0% [LCI result] Hydrochloric acid production | technology mix | production 30,0% mix, at plant | 100% active substance {RER} [LCI result] Hydrochloric acid Tap water | technology mix | at user | per kg water (EU-28+3) 70,0% [LCI result] Phosphoric acid | fertiliser grade, dihydrate process | at Acids 17,0% Strong mineral plant| per kg (EU-28+3) [LCI result] Phosphonic acid acids Tap water | technology mix | at user | per kg water (EU-28+3) 83,0% [LCI result] Phosphoric acid | fertiliser grade, dihydrate process | at Phosphoric acid 100,0% plant| per kg {EU-28+3} [LCI result] Sulphuric acid production | technology mix | production mix, Sulfuric acid 100,0% at plant | 100% active substance {RER} [LCI result] Acetic acid production | technology mix | production mix, at 98,0% Strong organic acids plant | 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result] Acetic acid (fixing agent) Tap water | technology mix | at user | per kg water {EU-28+3} 2.0% [LCI result] Strong organic acids Adipic acid production | technology mix | production mix, at Oxalic acid dehydrate 100,0% (clearing agent) plant | 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result] Formic acid production | technology mix | production mix, at Formic acid 85,0% plant | 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result]

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## What issues have risen?: Assignment of chemicals in database

### • ISSUE: in LCA database no data available for

- Polyurethane dispersion
- Synthetic tannins
- Natural tannins
- Basic chromium sulfate
- Synthetic fatliquors

Polyurethane dispersion | Technology mix | Production mix, at plant | 40% in water {GLO} [LCI result]

Syntetic tannins and retanning agents production | technology mix | production mix, at plant | 100% active substance {RER} [LCI result]

Natural tannins extracted from chestnut production | technology mix | production mix, at plant | 100% active substance {RER} [LCI result]

Basic chrome sulfate production | technology mix | production mix, at plant | 100% active substance {ZA} [LCI result]

Synthetic fatliquors production | technology mix | production mix, at plant | 100% active substance {RER} [LCI result]

### <u>RESOLUTION:</u> Assignment of similar/proxy processes

- Polyurethane dispersion= Polyurethane based adhesive
- Synthetic tannins= **X**
- Natural tannins=**X**
- Basic chromium sulfate= Chromium oxide
- Synthetic fatliquors= Lubricating oil (petrochemical based), silicone (silicone based)

Introduction of inventory data into software (Massey University)



### LCA Modelling Gabi software





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## LCA Modelling Gabi software

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Typhoon leather production system -- DB Results \*

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Name Typhoon leather production system

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#### Global Warming Potential (GWP)



GWP 100 years



## Environmental benefits provided by New Zealand system

\* New Zealand has an electricity grid mix with a high proportion of renewable primary energy, comprising nearly 78% of the total electricity supply.



Electricity Mix - New Zealand - NZ - 2015

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\* New Zealand's farming practices, mainly based on extensive farming, are a distinguishing feature in terms of animal welfare. However, the PEFCR is currently limited to assessment of a specified set of environmental impacts and does not include wider sustainability aspects such as social issues and animal welfare.

## Concluding remark

- The waste management stage contributes nearly 95% to the climate change (biogenic) impact category, mainly due to greenhouse gas emissions from landfilling of solid wastes.
- \*\* Production process data regarding **vegetable tannins** and **synthetic tannins** are missing !

\*\*\* In particular, prioritising the optimisation of chemical use and promoting
energy recovery in landfill – or alternative end-of-life management technologies could mitigate multiple environmental impacts associated with leather production.
\*\*\* This is an ongoing study so modelling and assumptions may change.

