

Responsibly Produced Peat in process to grant certificate

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Responsibly Produced Peat intends to grant the RPP-certificate to the company named in this document. This intended decision is based on the fact that the company meets the requirements of the RPP certification scheme version 3.0. The fulfilment of the criteria is checked by an independent qualified inspector, including inspection at location.

During a period of 6 weeks, from **21st of June 2023 until the 3rd of August 2023**, Responsibly Produced Peat offers parties concerned the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed decision. Questions and comments can be sent to info@responsiblyproducedpeat.org. Without further objections, after this comment period, the certificate will be granted to the company for the location in concern.

Company name	Van Der Knaap Eesti OÜ Põlva county, Räpina municipality, Leevaku village, Määrastu, 64428, Estonia
Extraction site	Name site: Meelva
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Latitude : N 58°10'28.8" Longitude: E 27°16'38.6"
	Total licensed area: 124,05 ha
	License information: License No. PoIM-10
<u>Site description</u>	
<p>Environment of the location: The Meelva peat extraction area is located in a relatively sparsely populated area which is mainly used for agriculture and to lesser extent for forestry. The site is surrounded by peatland forest and open peatland areas, which have been articulated by several mineral islands and strips. Drainage water from Meelva is directed through ditches to Lutsu river located about 1,7 km west from the peat production site. For drainage water, company has the environmental permit allowing special-use of water which sets the requirements for the outputs of wastewater. Water quality monitoring is done on the site and settling ponds are used on the site.</p> <p>N2000 area: Meelva Natura 2000 Nature Area is almost bordering the site and has not been negatively impacted by the decades of peat production in Meelva site due to geological conditions. Drainage impact extends max. 20 meters from the peat extraction site and is mitigated by the natural mineral ridges located on the eastern border of the peat production site close to the Natura 2000</p>	

site.

Special bird species are monitored through national monitoring by the “bog and transitional mire bird monitoring programme”

Time in exploitation:

The site was already fully built out in 1960s during the Soviet regime.

Expected end of production:

Based on the peat resources, Meelva peat production area is expected to continue approximately for 40 years

Additional remarks resulting from inspection:

None

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See next pages for license boundaries and the N2000 area

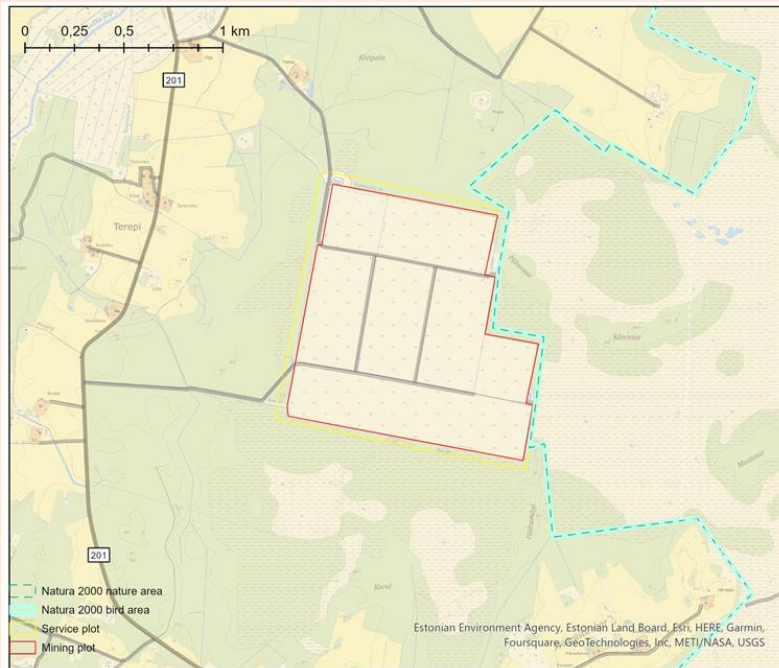
License boundaries Meelva Peat extraction site

Yellow =service plot

Red = mining plot



Natura 2000 area near the Meelva peat production area (22.01.2023)



<https://register.keskkonnaportaal.ee/register/protected-nature-object/9169253>

or

[Natura 2000 viewer \(europa.eu\)](https://natura2000.eu/)

