

## 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 **21<sup>st</sup> of June 2023 until the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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	<b>AS TORF</b> Tallinna mnt 26a, Lihula linn, Pärnumaa, Estonia
Extraction site	Name site: <b>Laiküla II</b>
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: <b>Latitude : N 58° 47' 11.32"</b> <b>Longitude: E 24° 01'27.69"</b>
	Total licensed area: <b>180,11 ha (with service area), 149,89 ha (mining plot)</b>
	License information: <b>License No. LMKL-002</b>
<u>Site description</u>	
<p>Environment of the location: Laiküla II peat production area is surrounded by the drained peatland areas, forest and agricultural areas and bordering from the east also Natura 2000 area. The closest dwellings are located ~370 m to ~870 m southwards from the extracting permit area. The closest dwellings of Laiküla village are located ~1 km to the west. Three Nature conservation areas, with a large variety of protected habitat types, are located in immediate vicinity of the peat production area.</p> <p>N2000 area: Käntu-Kastja Natura 2000 natural and bird area and special conservation area is located approximately 40 m to the east from the peat production area. The borders of Käntu-Kastja area combine in the immediate vicinity of the extracting permit area. Peat production in Laiküla II started in 2001. Käntu-Kastja special conservation area was first registered in the region in 2007, Käntu-Kastja natural area in 2004. This means that the existing peat production area and its impact, including the effects on the surface water regime, have been</p>	

taken into account in the formation and establishment of protected areas. In addition, based on the assessment provided during inventory by the Estonian Fund for Nature, the nature conservation value of the bog is mainly low or lacking. In case of continuing operation, the impact of drainage will not increase or cause any additional impact on the protected areas.

East of the area: A permanent habitat established around the nesting area of the golden eagle (protection category II) reaches also into Laiküla II peat production area, the part which is still in natural condition. Pursuant to the Nature Conservation Act, extraction activities are prohibited in the permanent habitat if it is not possible to prove prevention of any impact on the species. Therefore, peat production is avoided in this area. Monitoring has been continuous and the company has responded to all its responsibilities.

Time in exploitation: since 2001

Expected end of extraction based on peat resources:

At least 15 years (if maximum peat amounts are extracted each year).

License from 2001 till 2026.

**Additional remarks resulting from inspection:**

None

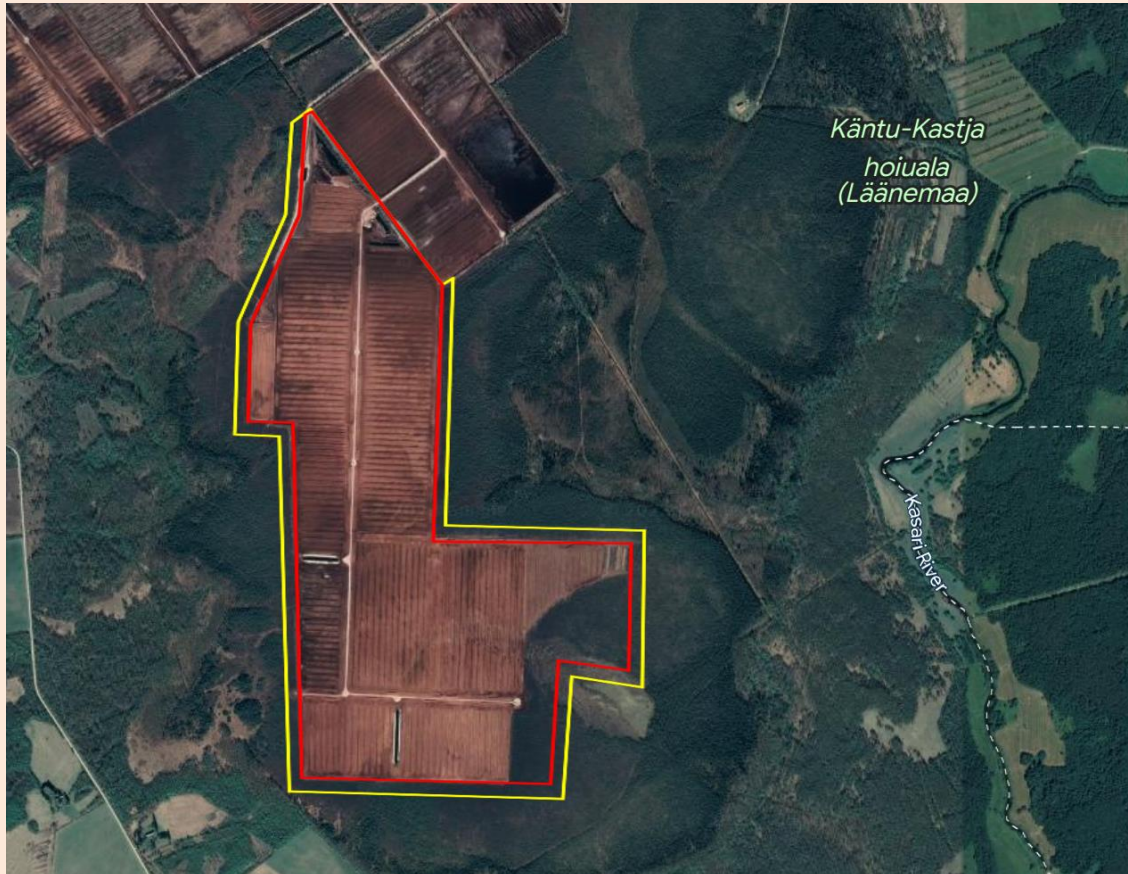
Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See next pages for license boundaries and the N2000 area

**License boundaries Laiküla II Peat extraction site**

**Yellow** =service plot

**Red** = mining plot



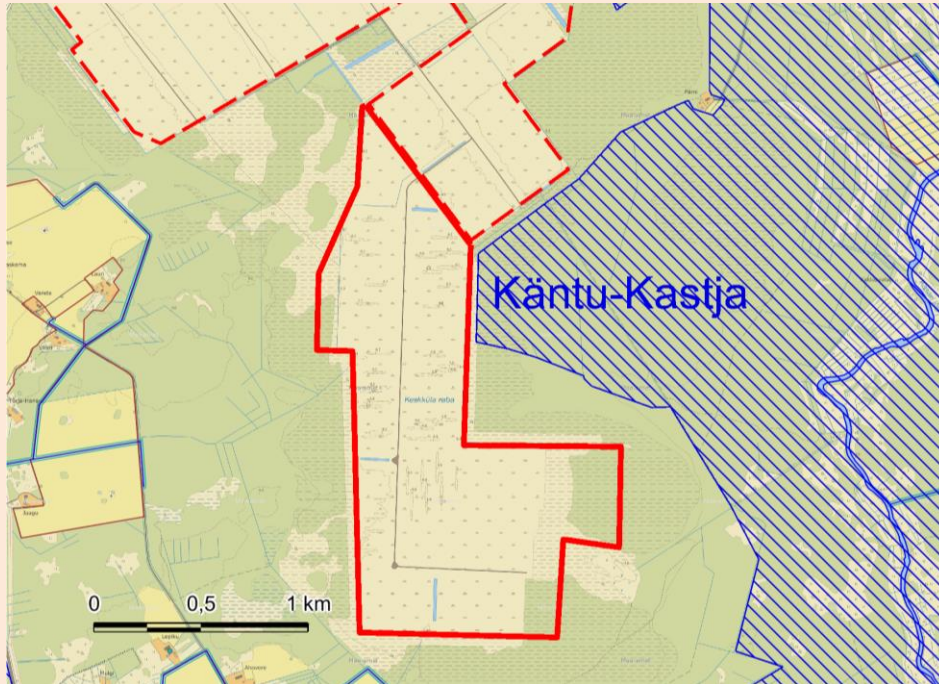


**Natura 2000 area near the Laiküla II peat production area (22.01.2023)**

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

or

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



*Laiküla II peat production area and Käntu-Kastja Natura 2000 natural and bird area  
(red line – border of Laiküla II extracting permit area, red dashed line – border of Laiküla extracting permit area, blue striped area – Natura 2000 natural and bird area)*



*N2000 sites (green) surrounding Laiküla I and II peat extraction sites*