

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	AS TORF Tallinna mnt 26a, Lihula linn, Pärnumaa, Estonia
Extraction site	Name site: Laiküla I
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Latitude : N 58° 47' 11.32" Longitude: E 24° 01'27.69"
	Total licensed area: 312,15 ha (service area), 281,17 ha (mining plot)
	License information: License No. LMKL-001
<u>Site description</u>	
<p>Environment of the location: Laiküla I peat production area is surrounded by the drained peatland areas, agricultural areas and bordering from the east also Natura 2000 area. The closest dwellings are located in Laiküla settlement, about 580 to 960 m to the west from the extracting permit area. 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 50 m to the east from the peat production area, Laiküla Natura 2000 natural area and special conservation area ~500 m to the north, and Matsalu national park and Väinamere Natura 2000 natural and bird area ~1100 m to the west. The borders of the mentioned Natura 2000 natural and bird areas and special conservation areas and protected area combine in the immediate vicinity of the extracting permit area. Peat production was started in Laiküla peat production area more than 50 years ago. Käntu-Kastja special conservation area was first registered in the region in 2007, Käntu-Kastja natural area in</p>	

2004, habitat of *Myrica gale* in 2009, and habitat types were registered in 2012 and 2015. This means that the existing peat production area and its impact, including the effects on the surface water regime, have been taken into account in the formation and establishment of protected areas.

Time in exploitation: Over 50-60 yrs.

Expected end of production based on peat resources:

Laikula I peat production area will continue approximately for 35 years

License from 2001, elongated in 2019, valid till 2049.

Additional remarks resulting from inspection:

None

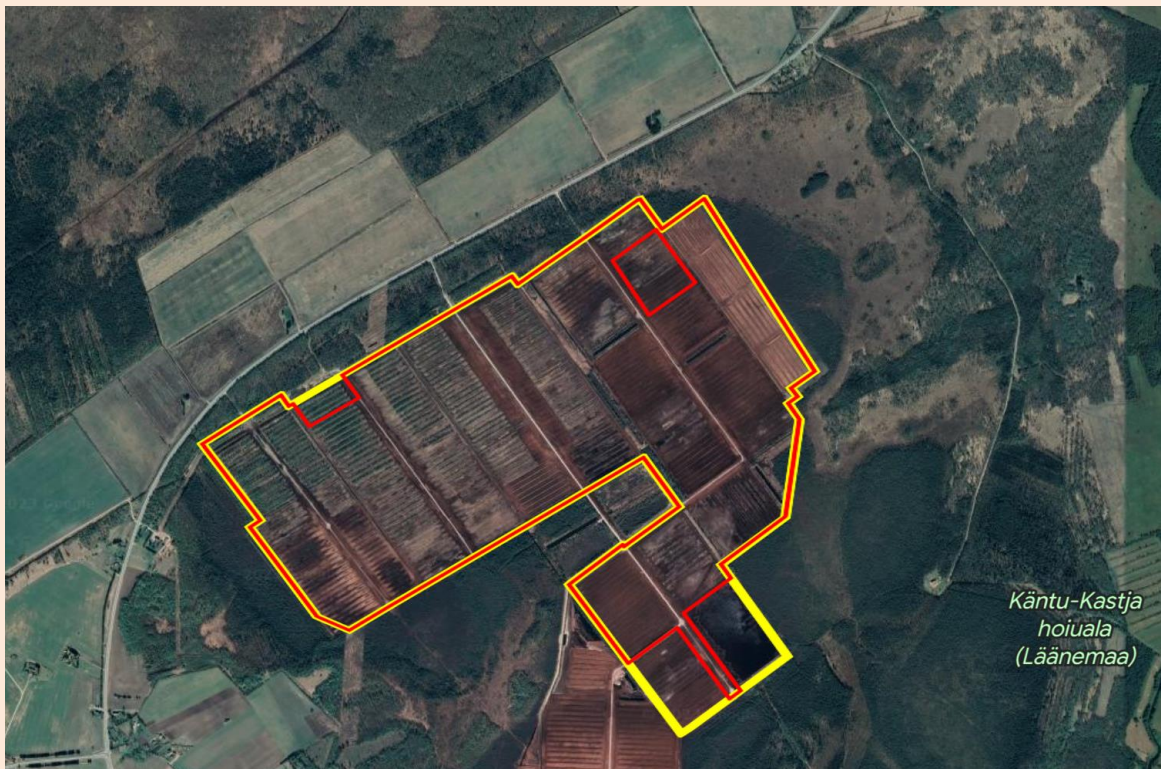
Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See next pages for license boundaries and the N2000 areas

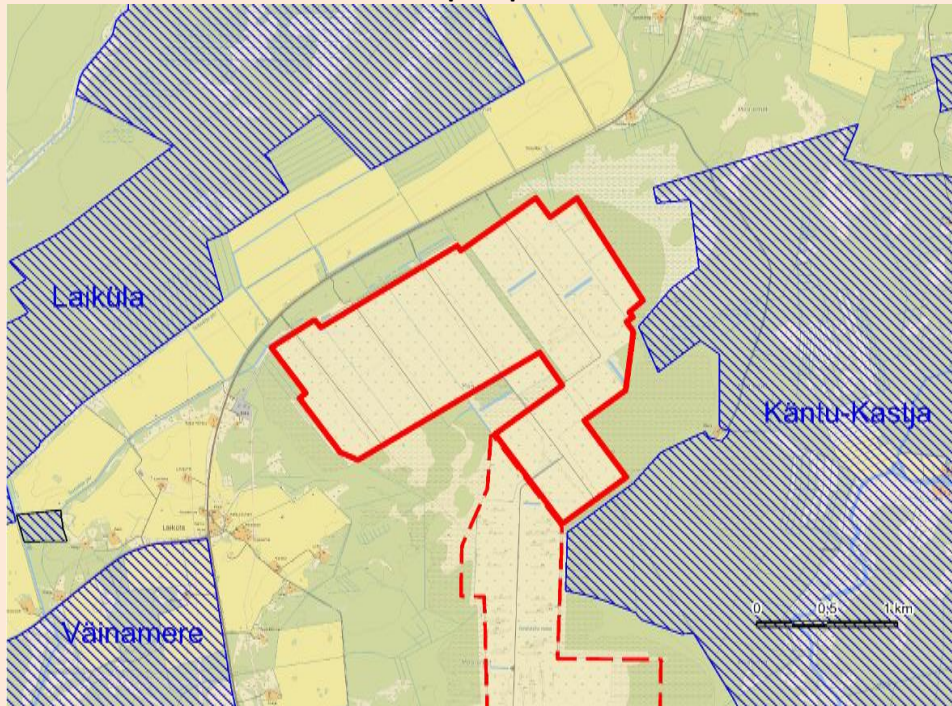
License boundaries Laikula I peat extraction site

Yellow = service plot

Red = mining plot



Natura 2000 area near the Laikula I peat production area

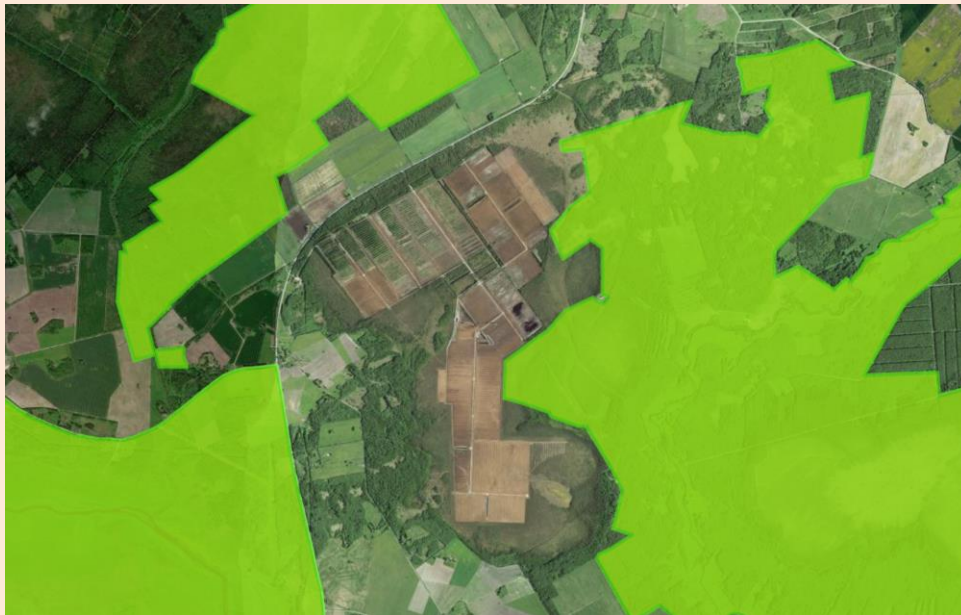


Laikula I peat production area and the 3 Natura 2000 sites (red line – border of Laikula I extracting permit area, red dashed line – border of Laikula II extracting permit area, blue striped area – Natura 2000 areas)

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

or

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



N2000 sites (green) surrounding Laikula I and II peat extraction sites