

## Responsibly Produced Peat in process to renew certificate

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Responsibly Produced Peat intends to renew 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 **August 19 until October 1, 2024** 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 for the location in concern will be renewed for another 5 years.

Company name	<b>Tootsi Turvas AS</b> Suur -Jõe 63, Waldofi Ärimaja, 80042 Pärnu, Estonia
Extraction site	Name site: <b>Kuislemma</b>
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Latitude: <b>X: 6541624.6 (N: 59° 0' 48.49")</b> ; Longitude: <b>Y: 508122.2 (E: 24° 8' 28.96")</b>
	Total licensed area: <b>308.78 ha</b>
	License information: License number <b>Rapm-095</b>
<b>Site description</b>	
<p><u>Environment of the location:</u> Kuislemma peat production site is surrounded by pristine peatland areas, forest and grasslands. Between the peat production site and highway are located few dwellings, at least 150 m distance from the peat production site. Marimetsa-Õmma Natura 2000 area is bordering the service plot of the peat production site where near the peat production site natura habitats 7110* and 7120 are present (see fig. 1 or use link below). There are also several protected bird species in the vicinity of the peat production site (Tetrao urogallus, Limosa limosa and Aquila chrysaetos), who's proximity is taken into account when planning the peat production site works.</p> <p><a href="https://xgis.maaamet.ee/xgis2/page/app/maardlad">https://xgis.maaamet.ee/xgis2/page/app/maardlad</a> (type Kuislemma turbatootmisala in the search bar)</p>	
<p><u>Protected areas:</u> In the Kuislemma peat production site, the vegetation and water level monitoring is conducted to evaluate the impacts on surrounding valuable peatland areas. So far the</p>	

monitoring shows that there are no impacts on the Natura 2000 site and a buffer area has been left on the service plot between the peat production site and Natura 2000 area. The monitoring will be continued.

Time in exploitation: Since the beginning of the 2000s.

Expected end of production based on peat reserves: About 2090

License valid till: 11.12.47

Remarks resulting from re-inspection:

- There is a clear mitigation and monitoring plan. Waterlevel monitoring results shall not only be provided as absolute values but also as relative water levels from the ground. This is important for regulation of GHG emissions and plant communities.
- The sedimentation ponds should be cleaned as soon as possible, but no later than September 2024.

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See fig. 2 for license boundaries.

*Fig.1: Marimetsa-Õmma Natura 2000 bordering the Kuisemma peat production site.*

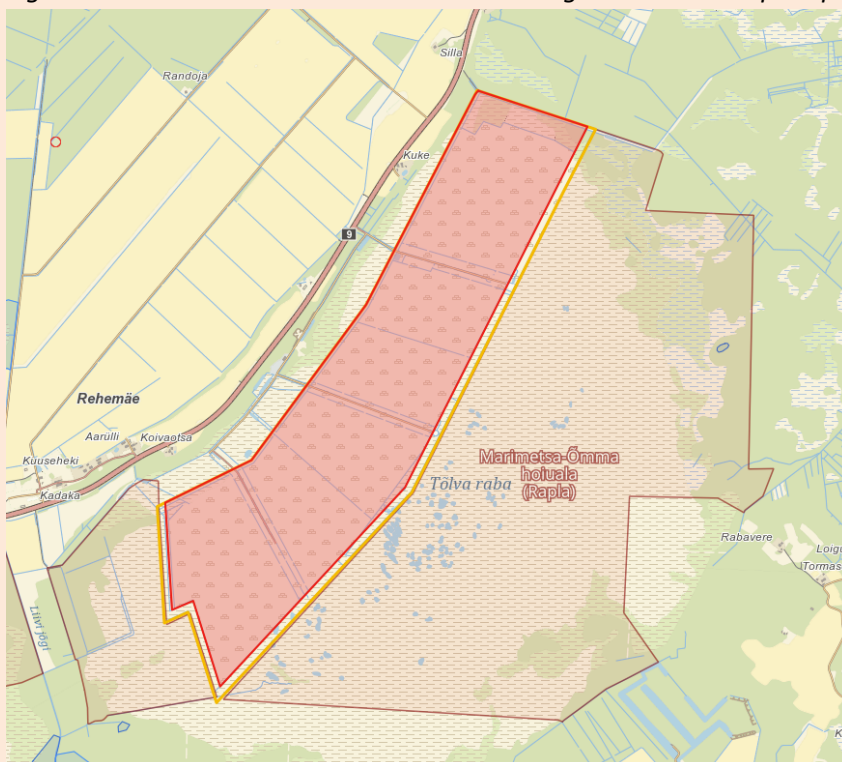


Fig 2: License area ( red mining plot, yellow service plot

