

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 **November 15 until December 28, 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. Without further objections, after this comment period, the certificate will be granted to the company for the location in concern.

Company name	Neova OY PL 22, 40101 Jyväskylä, Finland
Extraction site	Name site: Rukoneva
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Latitude : 61.965863 Longitude: 22.842447
	Total licensed area: 72,2 ha
	License information: License number: 68/2008/4; Drno LSY-2007-Y-236 VHO 09/0152/3 LSSAVI/5447/2020
Site description	
<p><u>Environment of the location:</u> Production area is surrounded by forest or marshland. To the north and east of the area, the marshes are drained. Rukoneva is bordered on the west side by a forest road, around which there are clearcut areas (2009). North of Rukoneva are Kangaslampi ponds, the smaller of which (3 ha) is 150 m from Rukoneva. The larger Kangaslampi pond (10 ha) is located about 600 meters north of Rukoneva. There are no settlements in the vicinity of Rukoneva. The nearest property for leisure use is located on the shore of Kangaslampi, about 700 meters north of Rukoneva.</p> <p>In Rukoneva's area of influence, there are no areas belonging to the Natura 2000 network, no conservation areas and no areas included in any conservation programme. The closest area belonging to the Natura 2000 network is Häädetkeidas (FI0336004), located approximately 4.8 km northwest of the production area.</p>	

Protected areas:

Rukoneva is unlikely to have any significant effects on nearby conservation or Natura areas or any other noteworthy areas, as they are located quite far from the peat production area. Most likely Rukoneva does not significantly affect the ecological network of the area, as there is a lot of forest cover left and the production area is relatively small.

Rukoneva does not have a significant impact on large carnivores, as the production area is quite small in size and can probably be circled around and avoided fairly easily.

In order to reduce the environmental impact of peat production, the best available techniques (BAT) must be used. This means using the most advanced, efficient and technically and economically feasible production and water treatment methods and solutions.

Rukoneva's water solution structures include sludge pockets and traps, flow regulation dams, sedimentation basins and an overland flow field.

Rukoneva's water treatment solutions meet the requirements of the best available technique.

In order to reduce the effects of noise and dust of peat production, it is recommended to maintain a sufficiently wide vegetation zone around the production area.

Time in exploitation: Peat production in Rukoneva area started in 2012.

Expected end of production based on peat reserves: Production in the area is estimated to end 2035.

License valid till: until further notice.

Remarks resulting from inspection:

For the next periodical inspection in 2029 the company shall present a detailed technical solution, how after-use on the the depleted fields is arranged.

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See next page for license boundaries.

Rukoneva license boundaries

