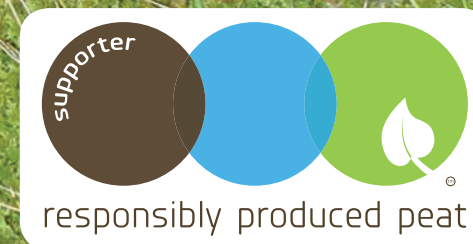




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- vegetation & fauna mapping
- hydrology and geology data collection
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- data processing
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Responsibly Produced Peat

In Europe, peat extraction comes to an annual amount of 64 millions of m³ a year, while half the volume thereof is used to produce growing media. The lively discussions about using the resource peat in growing media production are more or less critical in Europe. Nevertheless the demand for a certification system is increasing.

RPP Certificate should ensure responsible excavation and use of the raw material peat for consumer market and professional production.

Since 2010 we are involved in developing RPP Certificate as active member of:

- Steering Group
- Temporary Technical Committee
- Committee of Experts

Due to a long-term experience in peat excavation, restoration and rewetting of peat bogs, **Hofer & Pautz GbR** is offering support in application to RPP Certificate.



Degraded peat bogs are preferred for RPP Certification

Central points of RPP

- avoidance of damage of natural bogs by future prioritisation of degraded peatlands (site selection)
- avoidance of abandoned extraction sites by a well-managed development, extraction and after-use, regarding the criteria (objects) of nature- and climate protection

Next to these requirements, legality and good governance and furthermore a good cooperation with authorities and stakeholders is demanded.

RPP Certification is supporting peat material, that is produced in preservation of natural resources and climate-friendly.

The quintessence of the RPP Certification and the required processes are explained in www.responsiblyproducedpeat.org.



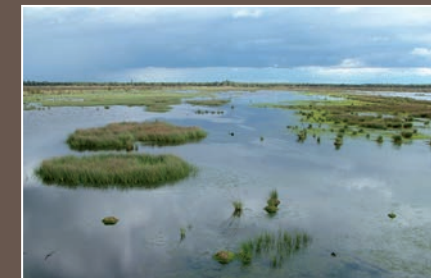
Negative impacts have to be minimised during excavation process

Our services

We support you during all states of application to RPP Certification:

- analysis of documents
translation of licenses, application documents and common explanations (e.g. explanations about excavation methods)
- preparation of site maps
- preparation of RPP-checklist
- upload of all required documents to RPP-portal
- support during application process
- support of applicant during site audit

First certification processes were already supported successfully by Hofer & Pautz GbR.



Successful rewetting after peat excavation