

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 6 until December 18, 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	Neova Oy PL 22, 40101 Jyväskylä/ Yrjönkatu 42, 40100 Jyväskylä, Finland
Extraction site	Name site: Jämiänkeidas-Hirvikeidas
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Latitude : N 61.982164 Longitude: E 22.538634
	Total licensed area: 571,1 ha
	License information: License number LSY-2003-Y- 411, no 135/2006/4
Site description	
<p><u>Environment of the location:</u> Jämiänkeidas-Hirvikeidas peat production area is located in the city of Kankaanpää about 20 km northeast of the city center in the area of villages Jämiänkeidas and Korvaluoma. The immediate surrounding of Jämiänkeidas is drained forest and peatland. In the northern part of Jämiänkeidas is a natural pond Röömi. Total surface of the pond is 4,14 ha. The catchment area of the pond is small, and bordered by ditches in all the edges. There are no ditches leading to pond or out from it. No other water bodies found near the production site. The immediate surroundings of the Hirvikeidas area is also mainly drained forest and peatland.</p> <p><u>Protected areas:</u> Pitkäniemenkeidas (SAC FI0200155) Natura 2000 area, is located approximately 200 meter from the northern part of the Hirvikeidas production area (north-west area on map license boundaries). River Kivijoki flows between the production area and the Natura 2000 area. To the north of the Jämiänkeidas is Kortteuksen metsä private nature reserve forest (YSA246110,</p>	

decision 5 March 2020). The shortest distance is 100 m, but the area is located outside the boundary of the peat production area in an area that has been drained elsewhere. Approximately 400 m to the west of the southern part of the Jämiänkeidas area is the Peurakeidas private nature reserve (YSA206475, decision 5 September 2011). In the vicinity of Jämiänkeidas, less than 500 meters from the production area, there are two properties in year-round use and 13 properties in recreational use. In the vicinity of the Hirvikeidas is two properties for recreational use, one of which is the hunting club's cabin. The firing range of Finnish Defence Forces Pohjankangas located 3 km to west from Jämiänkeidas-Hirvikeidas. In the area northeast from production block 14 is peat production area operated by a private landowner.

Time in exploitation:

Peat production in the Haukineva area started already at 1975. Peat production in the Haukineva area is estimated to continue for several more years.

Expected end of production based on peat reserves:

Peat production will proceed gradually meaning that on part of the area peat production comes to an end and areas will be transferred to the next land use, while in the other parts the production is estimated to continue still for 40 years. Based on the current estimation and known peat resource the production is estimated to continue for until 2063.

License valid till: until further notice

Remarks resulting from inspection:

- Peat depth maps should be prepared according to the existing information. These are ordered from the Geological survey and the maps will be provided before August 2024.

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See next page for license boundaries.

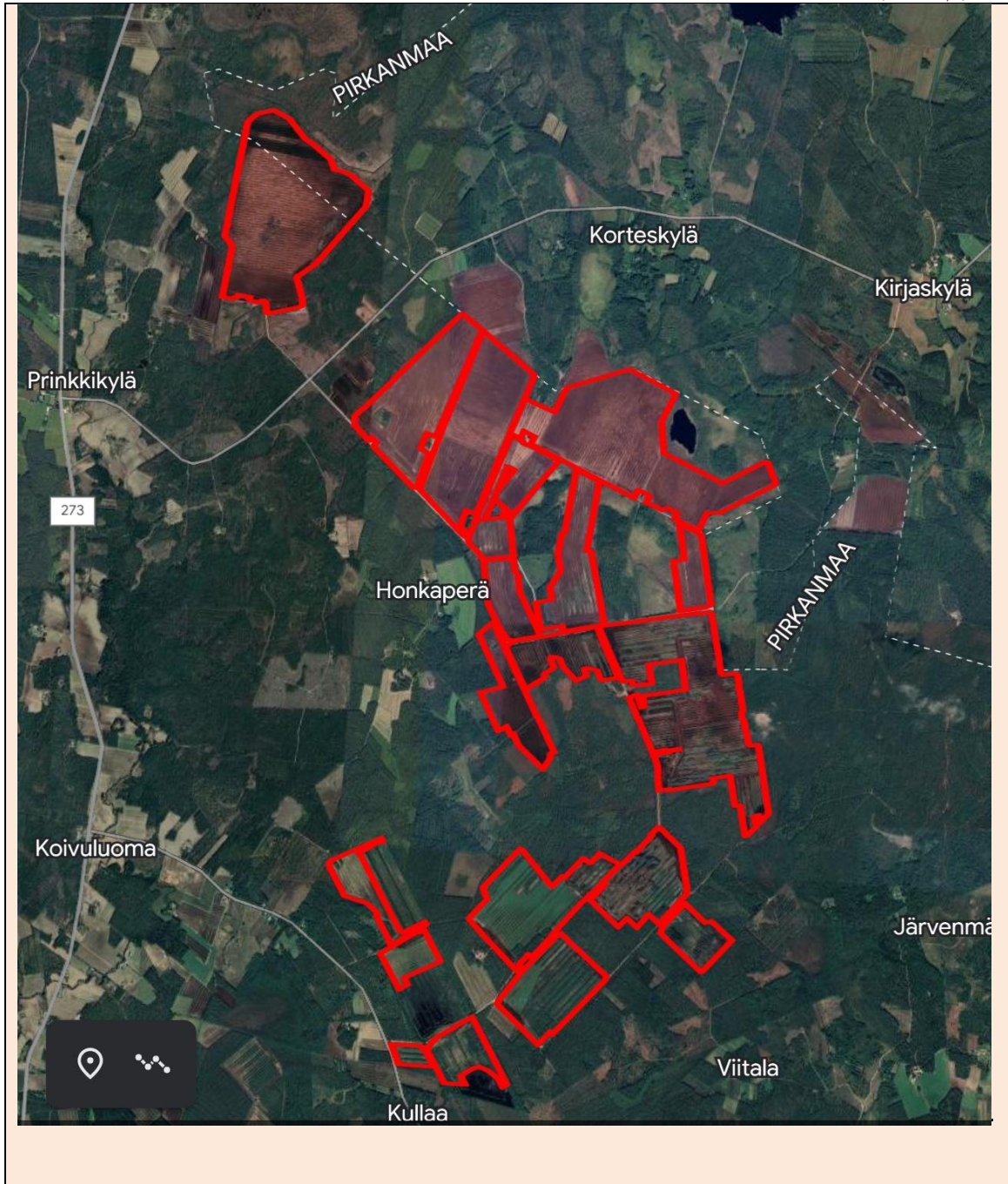


Figure 2: Protectareas surrounding *Jämiänkeidas-Hirvikeidas* from “Protected areas WDPA”
<https://www.protectedplanet.net/en/thematic-areas/wdpa?tab=WDPA>

