

Strategy for Responsible Peatland Management



Purpose of the Strategy

to improve standards of peatland management and to increase knowledge of good peatland management among governments, regulatory bodies and peatland managers.

The aims of the **Strategy for Responsible Peatland Management** are to:

- Undertake peatland management according to the '*Wise Use of Mires and Peatlands*' by safeguarding their environmental, social and economic functions and respecting their local, regional and global values.

The aims of the **Strategy for Responsible Peatland Management** are to:

Ensure that

- high conservation value peatlands are identified and conserved,
- ‘utilised’ peatlands are managed responsibly and
- drained, degraded or otherwise irreversibly changed peatlands are rehabilitated to restore as many ecological and landscape functions as possible.

The aims of the **Strategy for Responsible Peatland Management** are to:

- Provide those involved in or responsible for peatland management with strategic objectives and actions for implementation.

Peatland Management

- Peatland management is the organising, controlling, regulation and administration of a peatland for specified purposes.
- Management should be appropriate to the peatland type, use and socio-economic, cultural and environmental conditions.

Vision for Responsible Peatland Management

- **Promoting Wise Use of peatlands through safeguarding their environmental, social and economic functions and respecting their local, regional and global values.**

Organisation of strategic objectives

Values of and services provided by peatlands:

- Biodiversity
- Hydrology and Water regulation
- Climate and climate change processes

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Activities related to peatlands:

- Economic
- After-use, rehabilitation and restoration

Organisation of strategic objectives

Means of promoting Wise Use:

- Human and institutional capacity and information dissemination
- Engagement of local people
- Good governance

Strategic Objectives and Actions

Under each heading the Strategy sets out:

- The importance of the heading
- Objectives to be pursued
- Actions to be taken to achieve objectives

FOLLOW-UP

- Parties that have responsibility for peatland management and the supply chain should incorporate the provisions of the SRPM into their own peatland management activities and plans.

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The Strategy should be used as the basis for the development of a certification system for peatland and peat products.

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The Guidelines for the Practical Implementation of Wise Use which the IPS has been developing should be completed through a participative process. These Guidelines should assist in the practical implementation of this Strategy.

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The IPS will convene meetings of the parties to the Strategy every two years to review how it has been implemented.