

CURRENT EXPERIENCE OF PEATLAND MANAGEMENT IN “LATVIA’S STATE FORESTS”

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LATVIJAS VALSTS MEŽI

Company Overview

- Founded in 1999
- Manages 1.62 million ha
- JSC “Latvijas valsts meži” (“Latvia’s State Forests”) pursue state interests in forestry by sustaining and increasing the forest value, while gaining maximum possible value from forest management.
- One of Baltics’ leaders in efficient and innovative forestry

Source: LVM



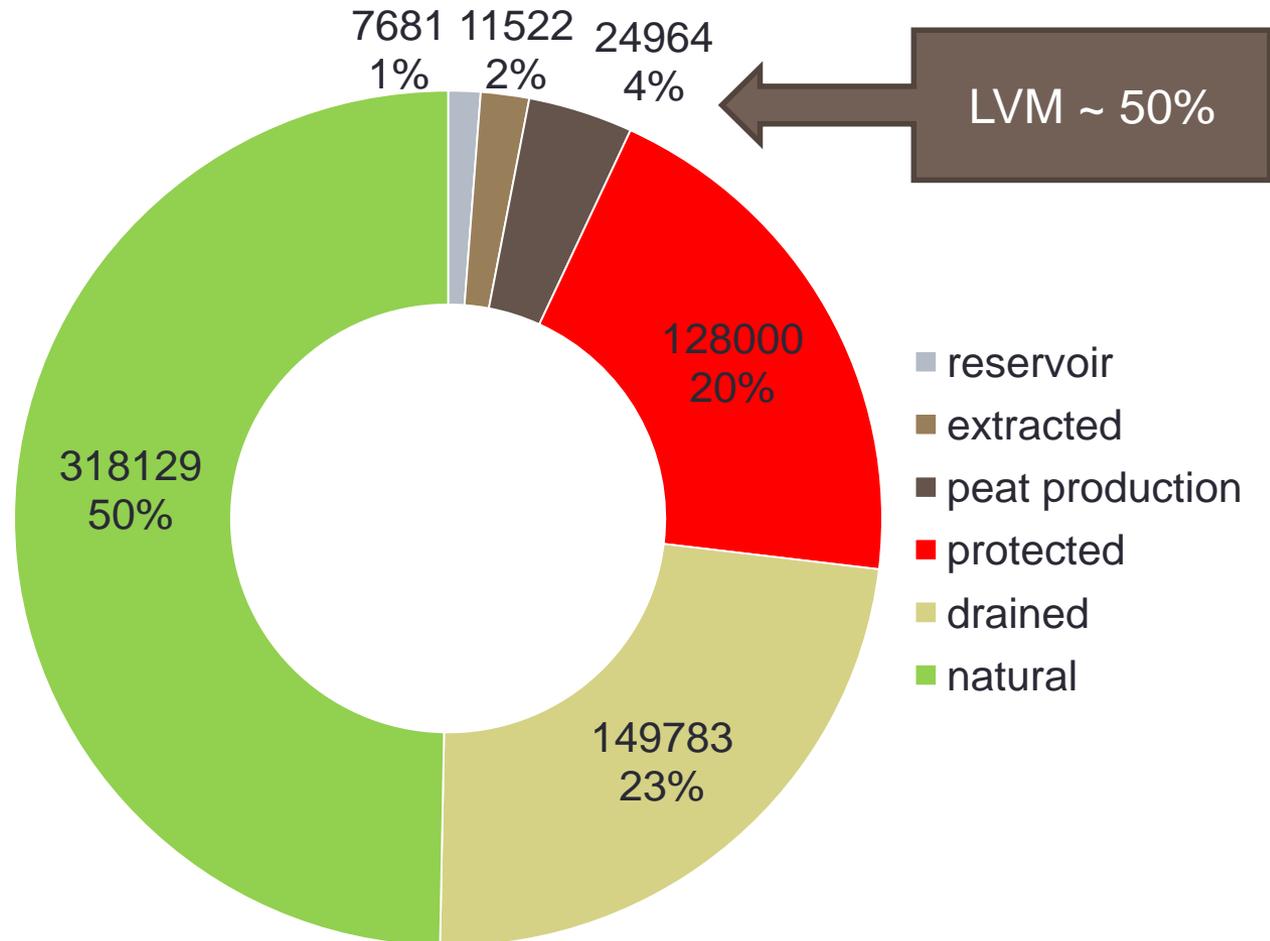
LVM Products and Services

- Supply of wood assortment;
- Supply of fuel chips;
- Seeds and plants;
- Services in recreation and hunting;
- Mineral resources:
 - **sand;**
 - **gravel;**
 - **peat for excavation**
 - *peatland leased out*



Peat Resources in Latvia

640 thousand ha

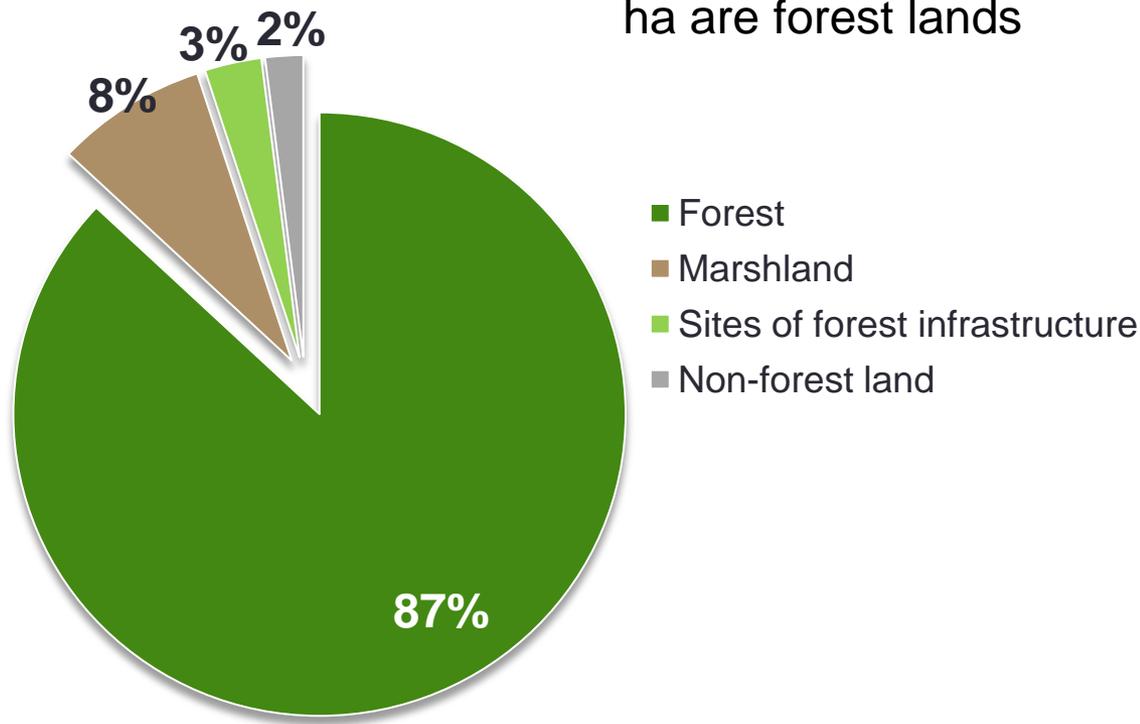
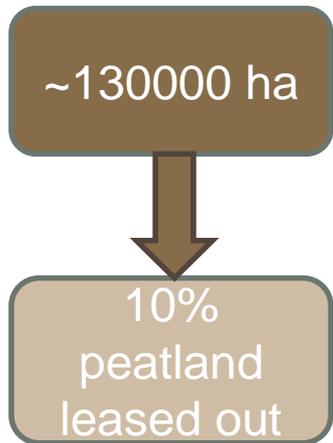


According to: ilze.ozola@peat.lv

Ilze Ozola (Latvian Peat Producers Association) Peat for Energy. Fact sheet. 2014

LVM Resources

Area under Management

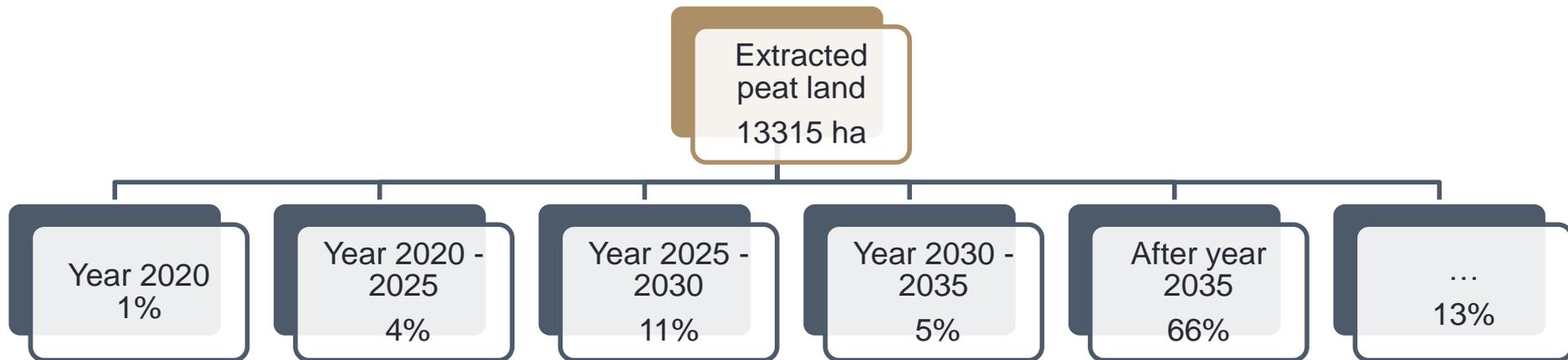


LVM **Priority** of Peatlands Use

- Already been drained
 - historically prepared for peat production
 - not completely used peatlands



Peat for **Excavation**



After Use of Peat Production Areas



Reflooding
(fishing lakes,
bird
sanctuaries)



**Mire
Regeneration**



Forestry



**Agriculture
Berries**

After use conditions are included in the mineral resource projects that are currently ordered by LVM " Leaseholder "

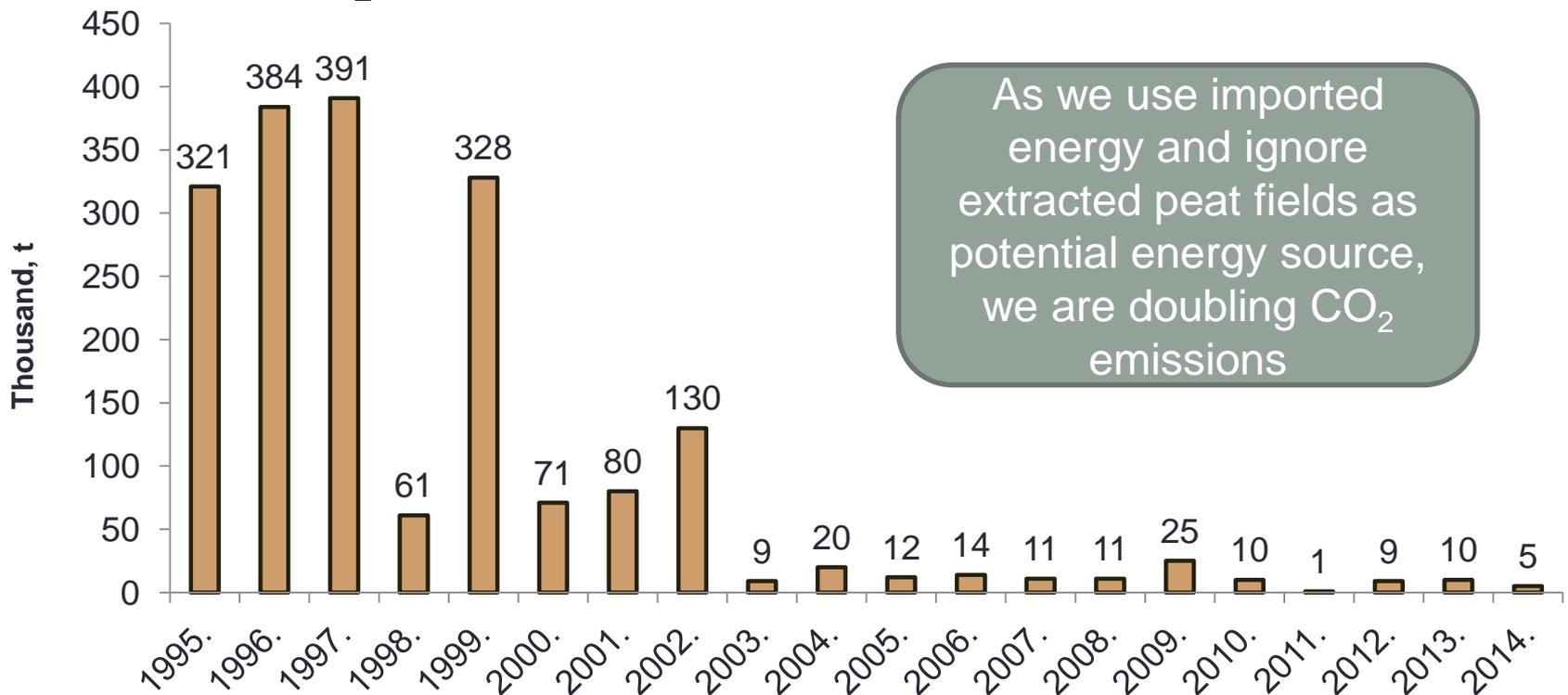
LVM Peatlands Distribution According Potential Uses

- Almost 70% peatlands serve as nature conservation and recreation, 57% have protected area status

Feature	Percentage of peatland areas
Specially protected natural areas	57%
High environmental value, economic activity is not preferable	12%
TOTAL	69%
50% environmental values, 50% economic activities	10%
Estimated areas of possible economic activities	9%
Peatlands (area <45 ha)	12%
TOTAL peatland areas which are not leased	100%

Peat for Energy

- Low use of peatlands for energy purpose in Latvia
 - local resource is not used completely (main product - peat substrates)
 - extracted peat fields, which were not rehabilitated after harvesting, creates CO₂ emissions



LVM View Regards **Peatlands**

