**2017 Statistics about Peatland Areas Managed for Horticultural Peat Harvesting in Canada**

**Canadian Peatlands**

Canada’s overall peatland is estimated at 113.6 million hectares (ha). Of this, less than 0.03% has been or is currently used for horticultural peat production (overall estimate: 31,675 ha; CSPMA members: 27,615 ha).

**The Peat Industry in Canada**

In 2017, out of the 27,615 ha total footprint, 65% was currently under production and 17% has been restored or reclaimed. The area that still need to be restored accounted for 14% of total footprint, while 3% has been converted to other land-use (mostly agriculture).

Three-quarters of the production areas are located in Eastern provinces (mainly New Brunswick and Quebec), while Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta account for 25% of production areas.

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1 The following statistics are compiled for CSPMA members only (which account for approximately 87% of the total footprint). Overall estimates are provided when available.

More than 80% of the areas under production is certified under the Veriflora® Certification for Responsible Horticultural Peat Moss Production.

**Types of Restoration and Reclamation in 2017:**

From the 4,600 ha that has been restored or reclaimed, 30% was restored by the Moss-Layer-Transfer-Technique (MLTT), 11% by active rewetting, 19% as forested habitat and 39% was naturally regenerated (mostly old block-cut sites).

![Pie chart showing restoration and reclamation methods.]

**Data compiled from the following sources:**

- CSPMA members
- Areas estimated from Google Earth.