



# Sphagnum moss in Growing media – why?

# Introduction: the company

## History

- Founded around 1910 as agricultural enterprise
- Peat extraction since 1924
- family owned since 1959

## Today

- 320.000 cbm peat as raw material for growing media
- 80.000 cbm growing media for professional horticulture
- 350 ha extraction area
- ca. 1 100 ha rewetted area
- 40 fte (full time employee equivalents)
- 7,5 Mio Euro turnover per year

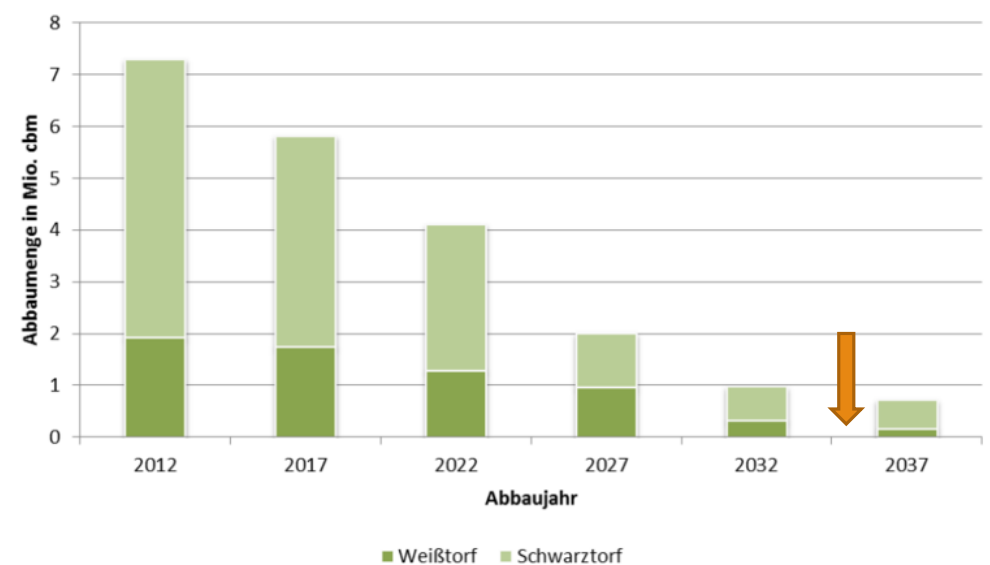
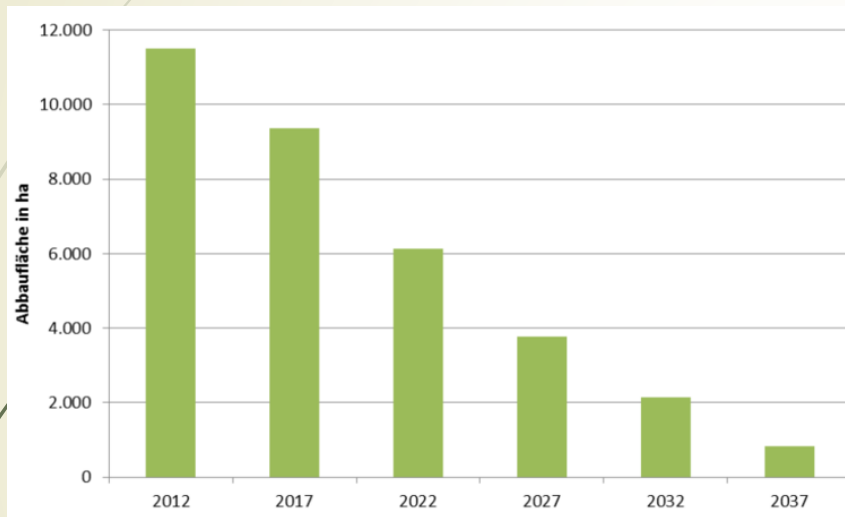
## Certifications

- ISO 9001:2015
- RAL certification for growing media
- RHP certification for peat
- RPP Responsibly produced peat certification



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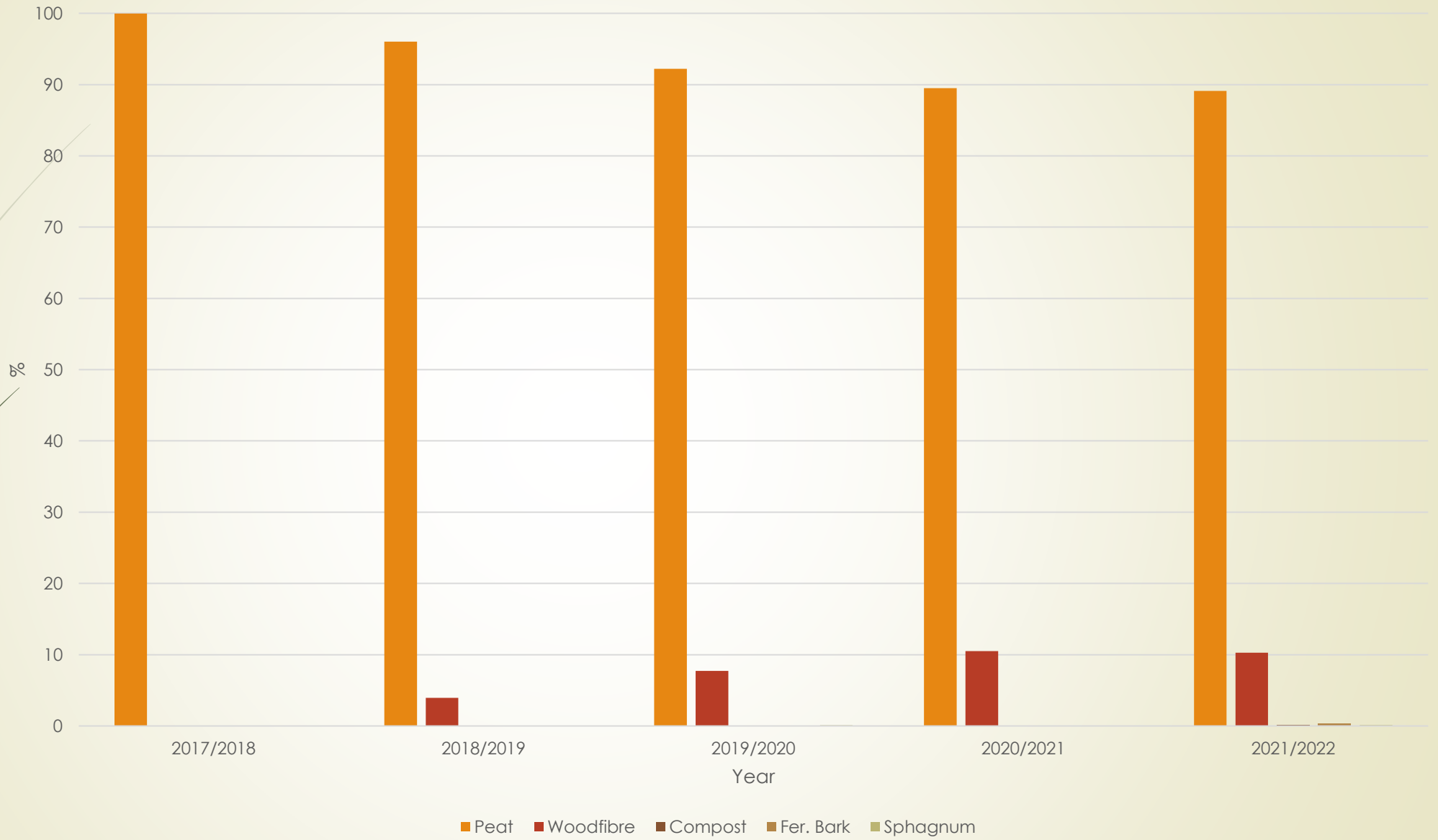
# Peat resources in Germany



Quelle: Schmatzler, E. (2012): Die Torfindustrie in Niedersachsen - Ergebnisse einer Umfrage zur Zukunft der Torfgewinnung in Niedersachsen, TELMA, Bd. 42, S.27-42. Hannover

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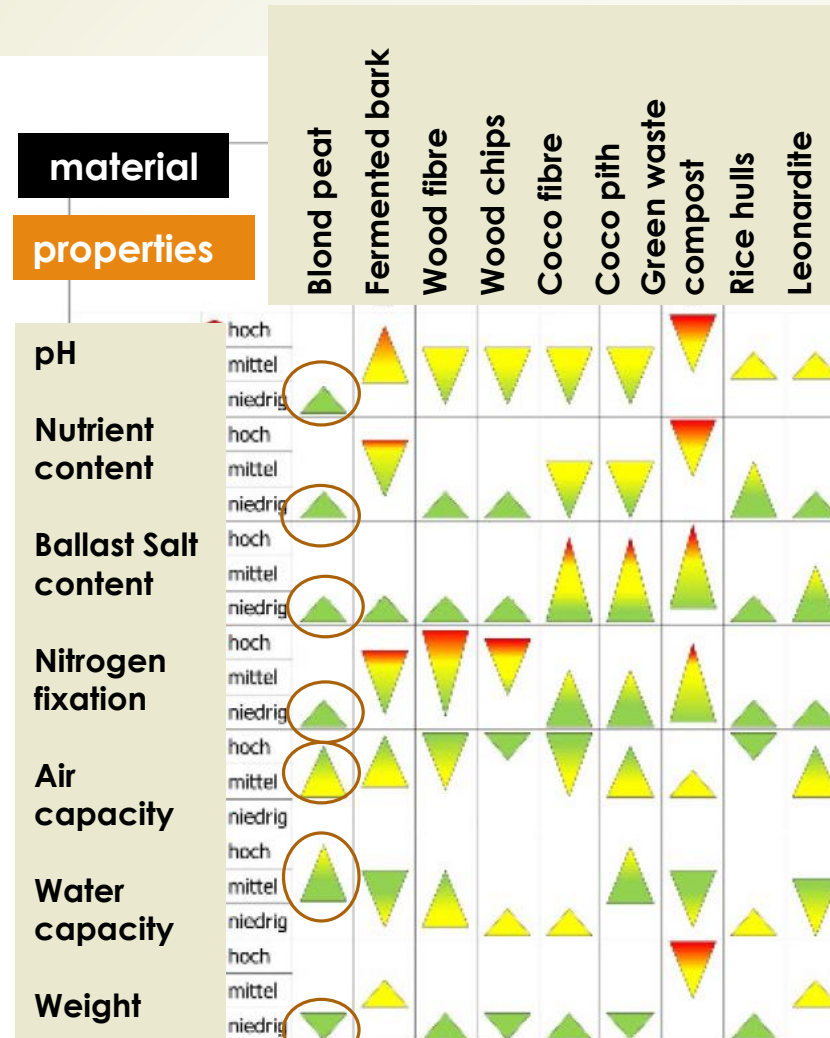
# Torfwerk Moorkultur Ramsloh GM Material Production



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# Properties of important raw materials



\* RAL Gütesicherung durch Gütegemeinschaften (GGG und BGK)

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# Sphagnum Harvest

# Postharvest – Treatment 1 Draining



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Excavator with mowing basket

Wet storage

# Preparation for use in Growing media

## 2 Steam Treatment

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## 3 Screening

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# Experiences with Sphagnum Biomass in Growing media

## Research Stations

- Azalea, Gaultheria, Rhodendron
- Malus, Pyracantha, Lonicera, Calluna
- Pelargonias, Petunias



## Professional Horticultural Enterprises

- Poinsettia
- Vegetable Seedlings
- Calluna
- Gaultheria, Azaleen
- Ornamental Grasses





Thanks for your attention!

