

Estonian peat sector 2026 update



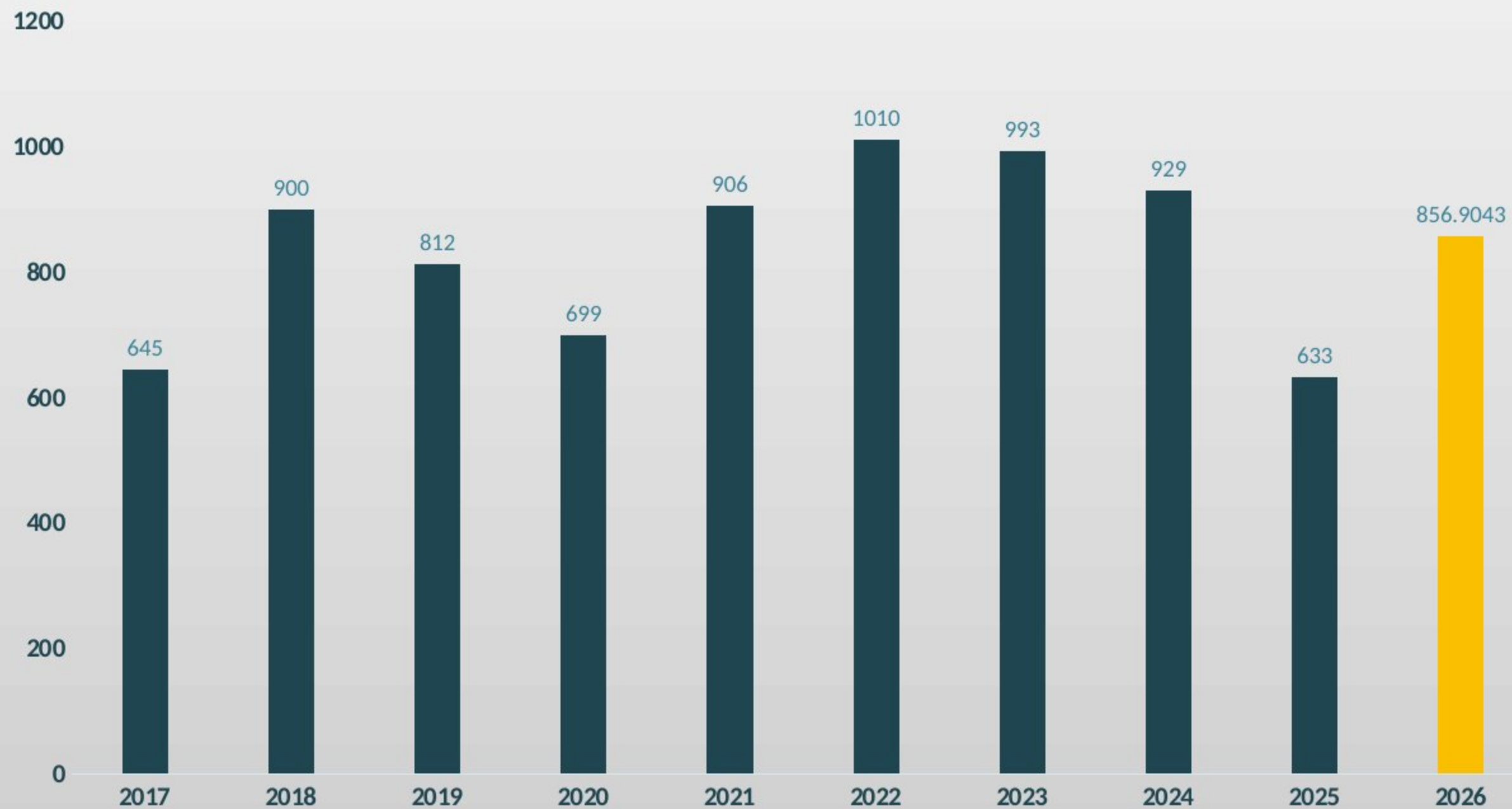
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Extraction areas

- Valid peat extraction permits 122 (21 244 ha)
- Active extraction sites ca 12 500 ha

Production volumes overview

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* 2026 estimated

Updates on state regulations

- **Rapid changes in government continue** - 3 years 4 ministers on climate/environment
- **National Climate Resilient Economy Law draft and sector roadmaps**
 - passed 1st reading in Estonian Parliament
 - Environmental and Economic Affairs Committee
- **Regulation 87 List of peatlands suitable for mining**
 - ammended unlawfully 2024 summer (new ministry): peatlands suitable for mining cut back 80%
 - Chancellor of Justice investigated this issue (conflicting the Constitution): demanded the law to be reversed by the ministry of Climate – only remove from list already restored areas

Updates on state regulations

- **Nature Restoration Plan (mandatory for EU)**
 - Peat is linked to two main areas: wetlands' water systems and managing peat-rich soils in agriculture.
 - Officially handed in to the EU after DL (1.Sept 2026)
 - Impact studies will be completed around November.
 - Planned to be submitted to the Government in December.

Restoration and Sustainability

- Total 1500 ha works completed.
- 792 ha restoration (mostly rewetting) works finished:
 - waiting official acceptance by Environmental Agency
- ca 2000 ha of reclamation design requirements issued - either restoration, rewetting, afforestation or renewable energy development).



Lavassaare restoration area. Tootsi Turvas

Thank you!