



EM4.2.1 Environmental Policy

Bulrush Horticulture Ltd was established in Northern Ireland in 1979. It supplies the needs of nurserymen and gardeners for composts/substrates in the United Kingdom and Worldwide.

Bulrush recognises that peat bogs provide a unique habitat for flora and fauna. The high conservation value of undisturbed peatlands and the finite nature of peat as a resource, mean that Bulrush will:

- **not extract, or knowingly purchase, peat from Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) (England and Wales), Areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) (Northern Ireland), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) (Republic of Ireland) or Sites of Scientific Interest (SSI) (Scotland).**
- **ensure peat production sites are managed in a way which minimises any potential damage to the surrounding countryside and facilitates rehabilitation of the site after extraction has ceased.**
- **leave a minimum of 0.5 metres of peat to facilitate rehabilitation.**
- **establish appropriate after use arrangements in consultation with interested parties.**
- **meet agreed targets of peat reduction wherever possible at the request of customers and in response to market drivers. The Company continues a pro-active Product Development policy to develop the background knowledge and use of all new and novel materials.**

Bulrush is committed to preventing pollution and as a minimum will comply with all relevant legislation and other policy requirements to which it subscribes. The Company will seek to reduce or eliminate the effects of its activities on the environment. To achieve this it will set challenging objectives and targets annually to ensure that a philosophy of continual improvement is developed. Success in achieving these aims will be monitored through an internal review.

Arising from the Bulrush Environmental Management System, this Environmental Policy has been communicated, implemented and maintained at all levels within the Company and is available to all stakeholders upon request.