



STIFTUNG
**Lebensraum
Moor**

Foundation Mire Habitat



WHY IS OUR INVOLVEMENT IMPORTANT?

- Mires are one of the world's most original landscapes providing a great biodiversity.
- Mires provide important refuge areas for endangered plants and animals that live in the wild.
- Mires are excellent reservoirs of CO₂ and are of wide-reaching significance for climate protection.
- Since the 17th century, a great part of this unique ecosystem has lost its unspoilt character due to economic use. Peatlands as we know them today in Germany are mostly cultivated landscapes. Intact mires, in contrast, have mostly become lost to us.
- Preservation and restoration of peatlands as valuable habitats and the development of more adapted, sustainable forms of use are therefore important tasks for the future.



Use of peatlands



Forward-thinking and careful planning



Restoration projects with long-term funding



Reintroduction of native plants



Valuable peat moss becomes established



Restored bog starts to grow

THE DEVELOPMENT OF
LIVING MIRES, GUARANTEED
FOR GENERATIONS.

*"We want to inspire
you to join us in
creating living mires."*



FOUNDATION

The Stiftung Lebensraum Moor („Foundation Mire Habitat“) was founded in 2012 as a non-profit civil law foundation for the protection of nature by the North German company Gramoflor GmbH & Co. KG. Annual endowments by the founder form the core of the foundation's assets. The foundation's primary concern is to contribute to a respectful and responsible approach to nature. The focus is on developing into living mires, areas of degraded peatlands that in the past were used economically.

Working to preserve nature requires a strong basis. For this reason, also experienced environmentalists actively participate in the volunteer foundation's management board. If you would like to help protect a valuable and fascinating habitat as well, then please support our work. In the foreground of our mutual involvement is a common understanding of values and a sense of cooperation as partners.

Respect and responsibility for a unique habitat.

It is the foundation's philosophy to live up to this idea by implementing and maintaining it through its work.

PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION

- The promotion of nature conservation, the promotion of science, research and of education.
- The ecologically-oriented care of landscapes.
- The restoration of previously used and/or degraded peatlands to ecologically valuable natural landscapes deserving protection, to living mires, and to ecologically valuable biotopes rich in species, or even to „Leegmoor“ areas that are poor in nutrients.
- The development and care of large-scale mire habitats.
- The protection of mires.
- The provision of educational information on the mire habitat.
- Research and development associated with the above-mentioned intentions in order to conserve the landscape.



Preamble

The founder is a company that is active in the North German peat industry. A history in peat extraction and processing that stretches for more than 100 years means it has a close connection to the mire habitat.

Aware of its responsibility to use the valuable peat in a resource-saving way and to preserve the unique mire habitat, the founder is committed to promoting the development of large-scale mire reserves, and species-rich, ecologically valuable biotopes. Through the creation of a non-profit foundation, the founder sees a way of guaranteeing sustainably the long-term care and development of restored mires, and thus the preservation of North Germany's mires.

§ 1 Name, legal form and seat of the foundation

- (1) The foundation carries the name „Stiftung Lebensraum Moor“
- (2) The foundation is a legally responsible foundation under civil law.
- (3) The foundation has its seat in 49377 Vechta.

§ 2 Purpose of the foundation

- (1) The purpose of the foundation is the promotion of nature conservation, the promotion of science and research, as well as the promotion of education (§ 52 Paragraph 2 No. 8, No. 1, No. 7 revenue code). In so doing, not all the goals have to be striven for to the same extent.
- (2) The purpose shall especially be realised by ecologically-oriented landscape conservation, the restoration of previously used and/or degraded mires into ecologically valuable natural landscapes deserving protection, living mires, ecologically valuable biotopes rich in species, or into „Leegmoor“ areas that are poor in nutrients, the development and care of large-scale mire reserves, the protection of mires, the provision of educational information on the mire habitat, as well research and development associated with the above-mentioned intention in order to conserve the landscape.
- (3) The promotion of the stated goals includes the distribution of the results of such promotion.

§ 3 Non-profit character

- (1) The foundation only pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes in the sense of the section „tax-privileged purposes“ of the revenue code. In the course of its activities, the foundation may also promote projects abroad, insofar as these correspond to the purpose of promoting nature conservation, science and research, education and other non-profit goals of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- (2) The foundation is a charitable organisation. It does not primarily pursue its own financial purposes.
- (3) The funds of the foundation may only be used for the purposes defined in the statutes.

§ 4 Core assets, use of the foundation's funds

- (1) At the time of its establishment, the core assets of the foundation consisted of EUR 50,000.00. Endowments and fiduciary foundations are possible. With the approval of the board, endowments increase the value of the core assets, insofar as these are expressly, or, according to the circumstances, intended for this. The foundation is entitled to, but not obliged to, accept endowments.
- (2) The core assets are to be kept undiminished at their real value.
- (4) In addition to the usual risk classification for non-profit organisations, the foundation's assets should be invested in such a way that the purposes of the foundation are, as far as possible, considered in the investment. Funds should also be invested as far as possible with due regard to social, economic and ecological aspects.

§ 8 Management board

- (1) The foundation's management board is the legal representative of the foundation. It administers the foundation and carries out the will of the founder.
- (2) The board consists of a maximum of seven persons. Two board members are always designated by the two largest partners of the founder Gramoflor GmbH & Co. KG. ... Furthermore, the nature conservation associations should also be represented by two members on the foundation's management board. An additional board member should be a member of the legal profession, a tax advisor, or an accountant.
- (6) The members of the management board work voluntarily.



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