

## **P-06-1190 Ban the use of peat in horticulture and all growing media by 2023**

This petition was submitted by Jake Rayson, having collected a total of 1,013 signatures.

### **Text of Petition:**

Peat bogs and moors are extremely important in the fight against the climate emergency; sequestering carbon better than many natural landscapes, reducing flooding and providing biodiversity. We need to ban the use of peat in horticulture and all growing media by 2023, including imports.

### **Additional Information:**

Peat currently makes up 40% of growing media used by the public, and over 60% of that used in the professional sector. There are other materials such as coir, composted wood and leaf mould which can be used. Peatlands should not be mined but protected and restored.

The Senedd should protect and restore all Welsh peat bogs and moors and crucially ensure that all growing media sold and used in Wales is peat free.

- 3 million cubic metres of peat sold for horticultural use annually in UK,  $\frac{1}{3}$  from UK peatlands (IUCN <http://bit.ly/peat-extraction-horticulture>)
- 20 million tonnes carbon dioxide lost to atmosphere annually from UK's damaged peatlands (IUCN <http://bit.ly/peat-climate>)
- Peatland destruction releasing vast amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> (New Scientist <http://bit.ly/peatland-destruction>)
- Peatlands support many important species & unique ecosystems (IUCN <http://bit.ly/peat-species>)

### **Senedd Constituency and Region**

- Ceredigion
- Mid and West Wales