

# Rothenthurm Initiative — Constitutional Moor Protection & Peatland Carbon Offsets (Switzerland)

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

## Summary

A 1987 referendum (58% approval) enshrined moor protection in the Swiss constitution; ~550 raised bogs and 1,200+ fens are now safeguarded nationally. myclimate runs SGS-validated peatland carbon projects, e.g. 3.8 ha at Schwändital (3,521 tCO<sub>2</sub>e over 50 years).

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                                               | Score |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced             | 2/3   |
| Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced    | 2/3   |
| Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control | 1/3   |
| Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced             | 0/3   |
| Governance, certification & transferability             | 3/3   |

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Swiss Confederation \(Federal Office for the Environment, BAFU\) / myclimate](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[SWI swissinfo.ch — When an unusual alliance made Swiss voting history](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[myclimate — Moorland renaturation, Schwändital \(project 7823-001\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[nachhaltigleben.ch — Moore in der Schweiz und der Moorschutz](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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