



Mountain peat bogs are among the most unique and fragile environments of Alpine and, to a lesser extent, Apennine landscapes.

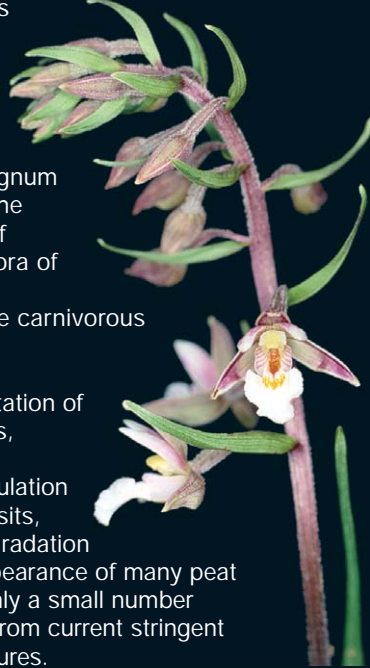
Associated with a precise combination of water availability, soil and climatic conditions, peat bogs represent small and occasionally tiny "islands", within a mosaic dominated by coniferous forests and other larger and more conspicuous communities of mountain flora.



Although peat bogs are environments with quite low biodiversity, their dominant component being large aquatic sphagnum mosses, they are the exclusive habitat of many species of flora of enormous interest, including some rare carnivorous plants.



Centuries of exploitation of valuable peat layers, resulting from the progressive accumulation of sphagnum deposits, have led to the degradation or complete disappearance of many peat bogs, and today only a small number survive, to benefit from current stringent conservation measures.



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