



## *Alectoris chukar*

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<b>Annex I</b>	No
<b>International action plan</b>	No

Chukar, *Alectoris chukar*, is a species of gamebird found in heathland and shrub and unvegetated or sparsely vegetated land ecosystems. It is resident in south-eastern Europe (mostly Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey). The species is found on barren arid and semi-arid hillsides with low vegetation cover and occasional stunted trees and bushes. At lower altitudes it is found on rocky slopes with shrubs and bushes adapted to dry conditions, in vineyards, olive groves and on agricultural land. It has also been found on forested slopes up to 2,800 m in the Turkish mountains bordering the Black Sea (European Red List 2015).

*Alectoris chukar* has a breeding population size of 71500-143000 pairs and a breeding range size of 29200 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Stable in the short term and Unknown in the long term.

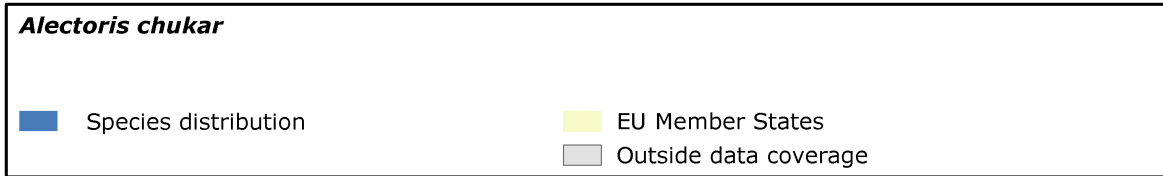
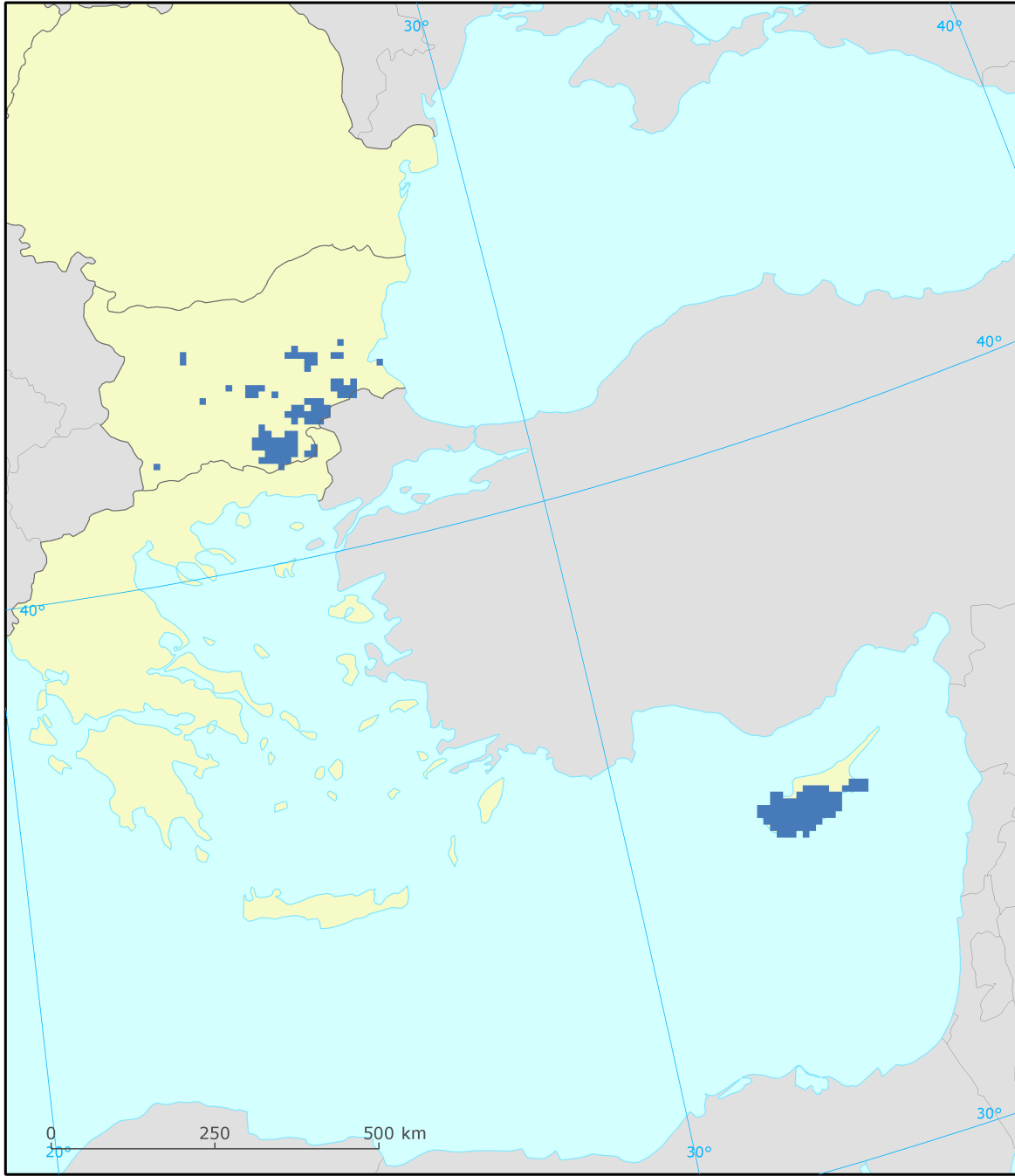
The EU population status of *Alectoris chukar* was assessed as Secure, because the species does not meet any of the IUCN Red List criteria for threatened or Near Threatened, or the criteria for Depleted or Declining (the EU27 population or range has not declined by 20% or more since 1980).

## Assessment of status at the European level

Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range area	Breeding range trend		Winter population size	Winter population trend		Population status
	Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term	
71500 - 143000 p	0	x	29200						Secure

See the endnotes for more information<sup>i</sup>

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## Trends at the Member State level

MS/Ter.	% in EU27	Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range area	Breeding range trend		Winter population size	Winter population trend	
			Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term
BG	53.1	1500 - 3000 p	0	-	20800	x	-			
CY	46.9	60000 - 120000 p	0	x	8400	0	x			
GR										

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Short-term breeding population trend



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*Short-term winter population trend was not reported for this species.*

This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 12 of the Birds Directive in 2013 and covering the period 2008-2012. More detailed information, including the MS reports, is available at:  
<http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/summary?period=1&subject=A411> .

<sup>i</sup> **Assessment of status at the European level:** The EU assessments of birds population status was made by the European Red List of Birds Consortium (under contract with the European Commission)

The EU27 population trends were assessed using these categories: '+' Increasing, '0' Stable, 'F' Fluctuating, '-' Decreasing, 'xu' Uncertain and 'x' Unknown. The breeding population size is estimated in majority of the cases as 'p' number of pairs. Alternative population units used are: 'males' number of males, 'i' number of individuals, 'cmales' number of calling males and 'bfem' number of breeding females. The winter population size is estimated as number of individuals.

<sup>ii</sup> **Species trends at the Member State level:** The percentage of the EU27 species population occurring in the Member States (% in EU27) is calculated based on the population size reported by the Member States.