



Alectoris rufa

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Red-legged Partridge, *Alectoris rufa*, is a species of gamebird found in grassland, heathland and shrub and unvegetated or sparsely vegetated land ecosystems. It is endemic to Europe, where it is confined to south-western parts of the continent (Andorra; France; Germany; Italy; Portugal; Spain). The species is found in open habitats ranging from Mediterranean to humid temperate zones but not in boreal, oceanic or arid zones. It prefers lowland areas and avoids forest and wet areas if possible. It uses habitats with a wide variety of soils and land uses including dry hilly land with scattered bushes up to about 1,300 m (occasionally up to 2,000 m) in montane foothills, inhospitable dry terrain on lower mountain slopes and marginal cultivation, cropland, orchards or woodland. Over most of its range it is associated with arable farming, using low-intensity cropping with a mixture of cultivated, fallow and uncultivated ground (European Red List 2015).

Alectoris rufa has a breeding population size of 5140000-7170000 pairs and a breeding range size of 1200000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Decreasing in the short term and Decreasing in the long term.

The EU population status of *Alectoris rufa* was assessed as Declining, because EU27 population or range declined by at least 20% since 1980, with continuing decline since 2001.

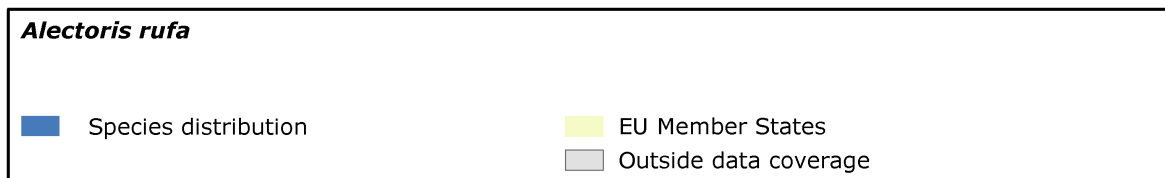
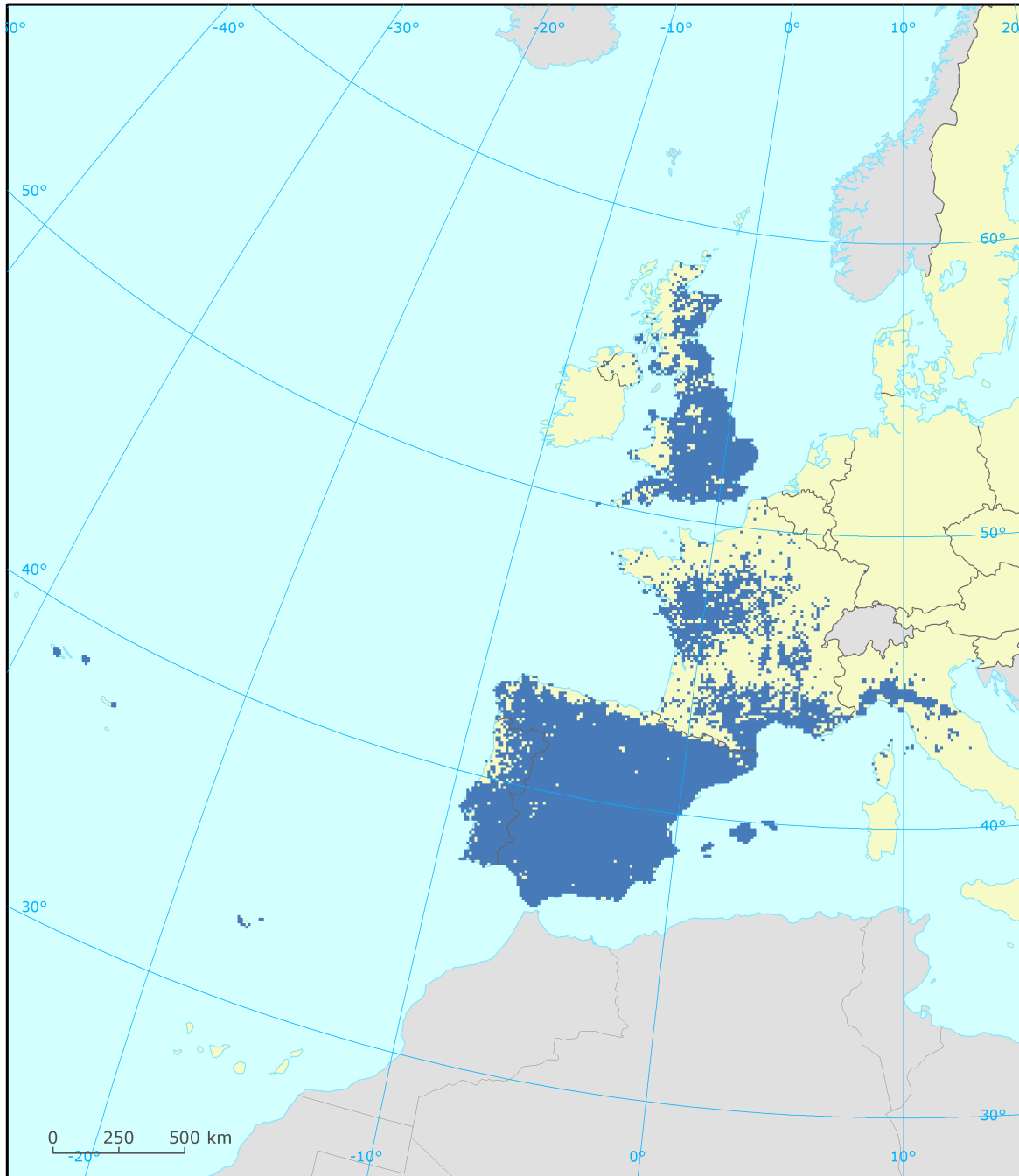
Assessment of status at the European level

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	
5140000 - 7170000 p	-	-							Declining

See the endnotes for more informationⁱ

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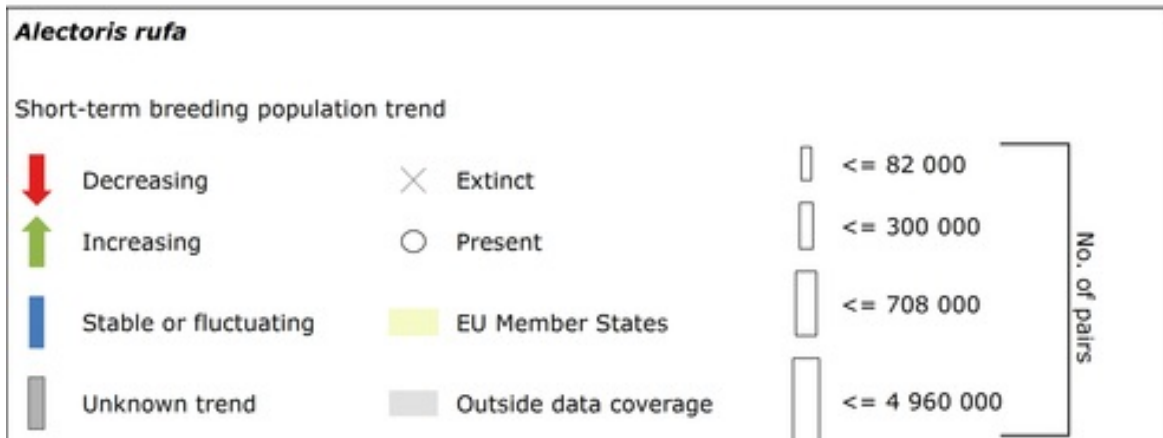
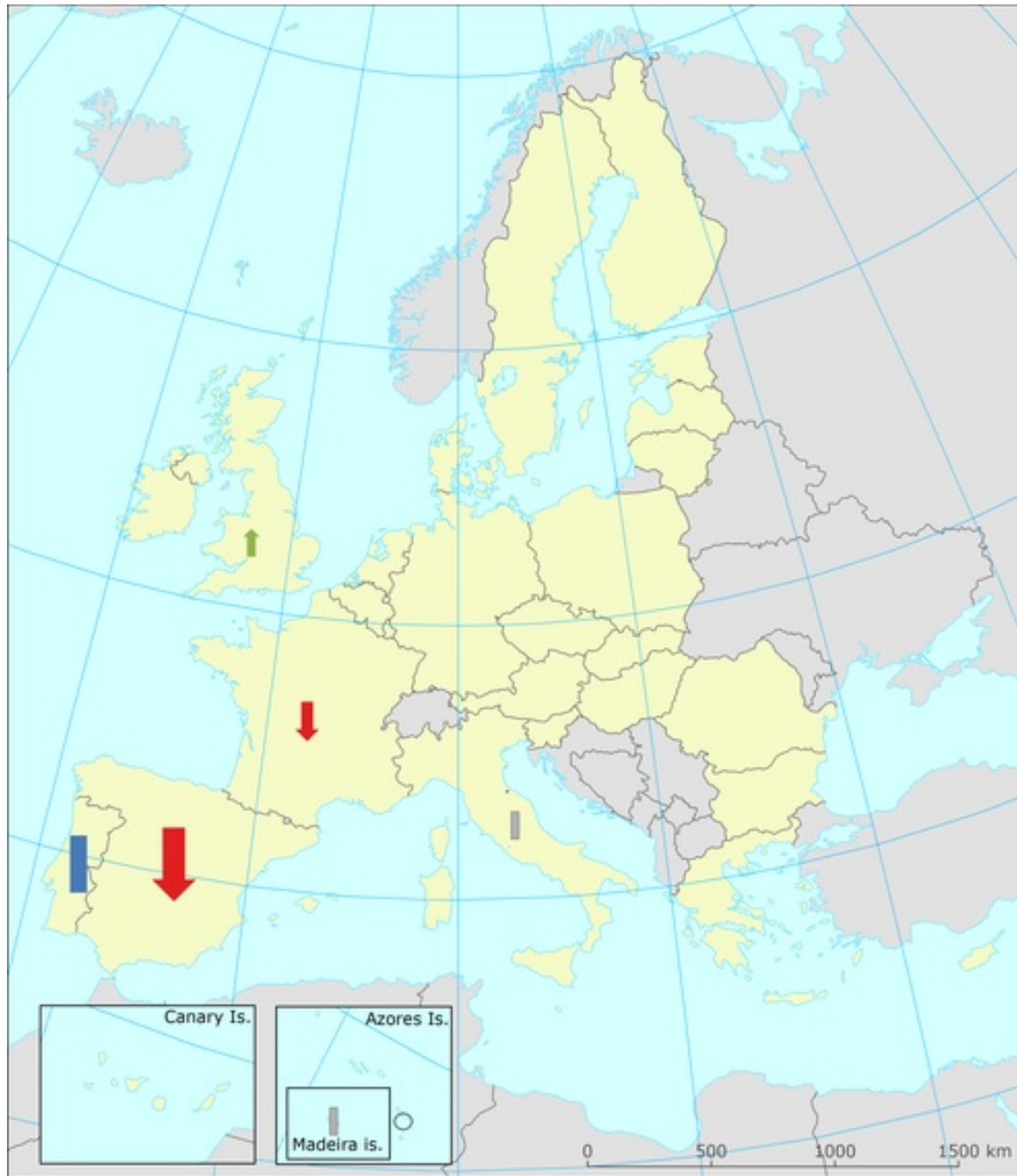
Trends at the Member State level

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
ES	51.6	4360000 - 5625000 p	-	-	517428	-	-			
FR	19.9	198000 - 452000 p	-	-	369100	x	+			
IT	2.6	1500 - 2000 p	x	x	51700	+	+			
PT	8.0	500000 - 1000000 p	0	x	95700	0	0			
PTAC	0.2		x	x	2200	x	x			
PTMA	0.1	1000 - 5000 p	x	x	1700	+	x			
UK	17.5	82000 - 82000 p	+	-	164200	+	+			

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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=A110> .

ⁱ **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.

ⁱⁱ **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.