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Emberiza melanocephala

Annex I No International action plan No

Black-headed Bunting, *Emberiza melanocephala*, is a species of passerine bird in the bunting family found in cropland, heathland and shrub and unvegetated or sparsely vegetated land ecosystems.

Emberiza melanocephala has a breeding population size of 162000-482000 pairs and a breeding range size of 183000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Unknown in the short term and Unknown in the long term.

The EU population status for *Emberiza melanocephala* is Unknown, as the data reported were not sufficient to assess the population status of the species.

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Assessment of status at the European level

Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		_ Range _	Breeding range trend		Winter	Winter population trend		_Population
	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	population size	Short term	Long term	status
162000 - 482000 p	X	X	183000						Unknown

See the endnotes for more informationⁱ

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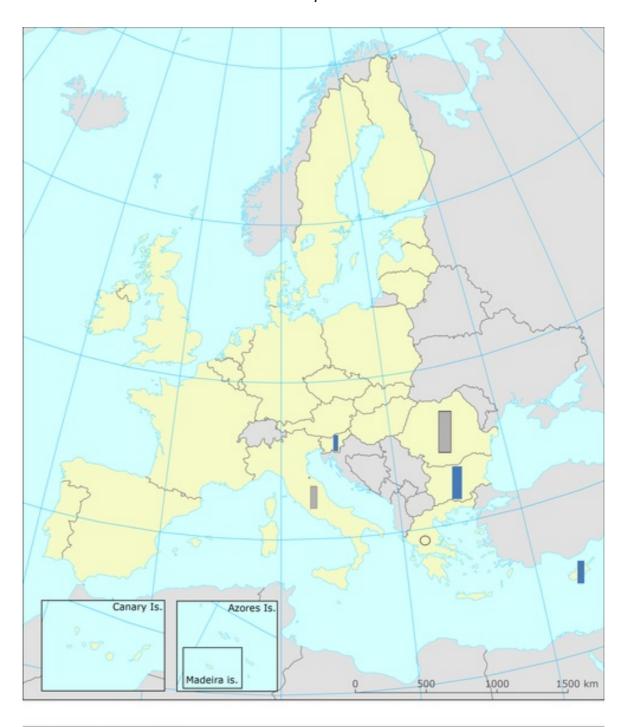
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Trends at the Member State level

MS/Ter.	% in	Breeding	Breeding population trend		Range	Breeding range trend		Winter population	Winter population trend	
	EU27	population size	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	size	Short term	Long term
BG	77.7	31000 - 130000 p	F	+	106600	+	+			
CY	2.7	7000 - 15000 p	0	X	4300	X	X			
GR										
IT	16.0	4000 - 16000 p	Х	-	23800	0	+			
RO	3.1	80000 - 270000 p	X	X	48000	+	+			
SI	0.5	0 - 1 p	0	-	572	X	-			

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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=A382.

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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.

ⁱⁱSpecies 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.