



## *Fulica atra atra*

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<b>International action plan</b>	No

Common Coot, *Fulica atra*, is a species of rail found in wetland, river and lake, marine inlet and transitional water and coastal ecosystems.

*Fulica atra* has a breeding population size of 548000-870000 pairs and a breeding range size of 2680000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Decreasing in the short term and Decreasing in the long term. *Fulica atra* has a winter population size of 2110000-2590000 individuals in the EU27. The winter population trend in the EU27 is Fluctuating in the short term and Increasing in the long term.

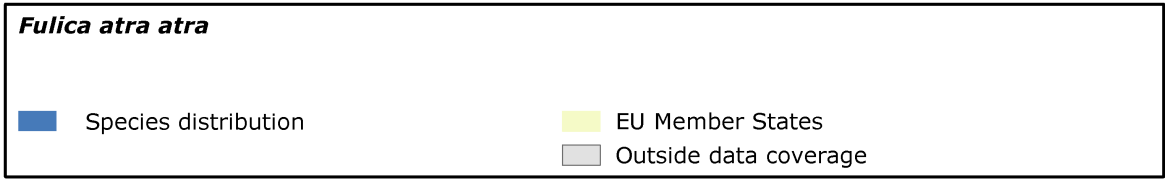
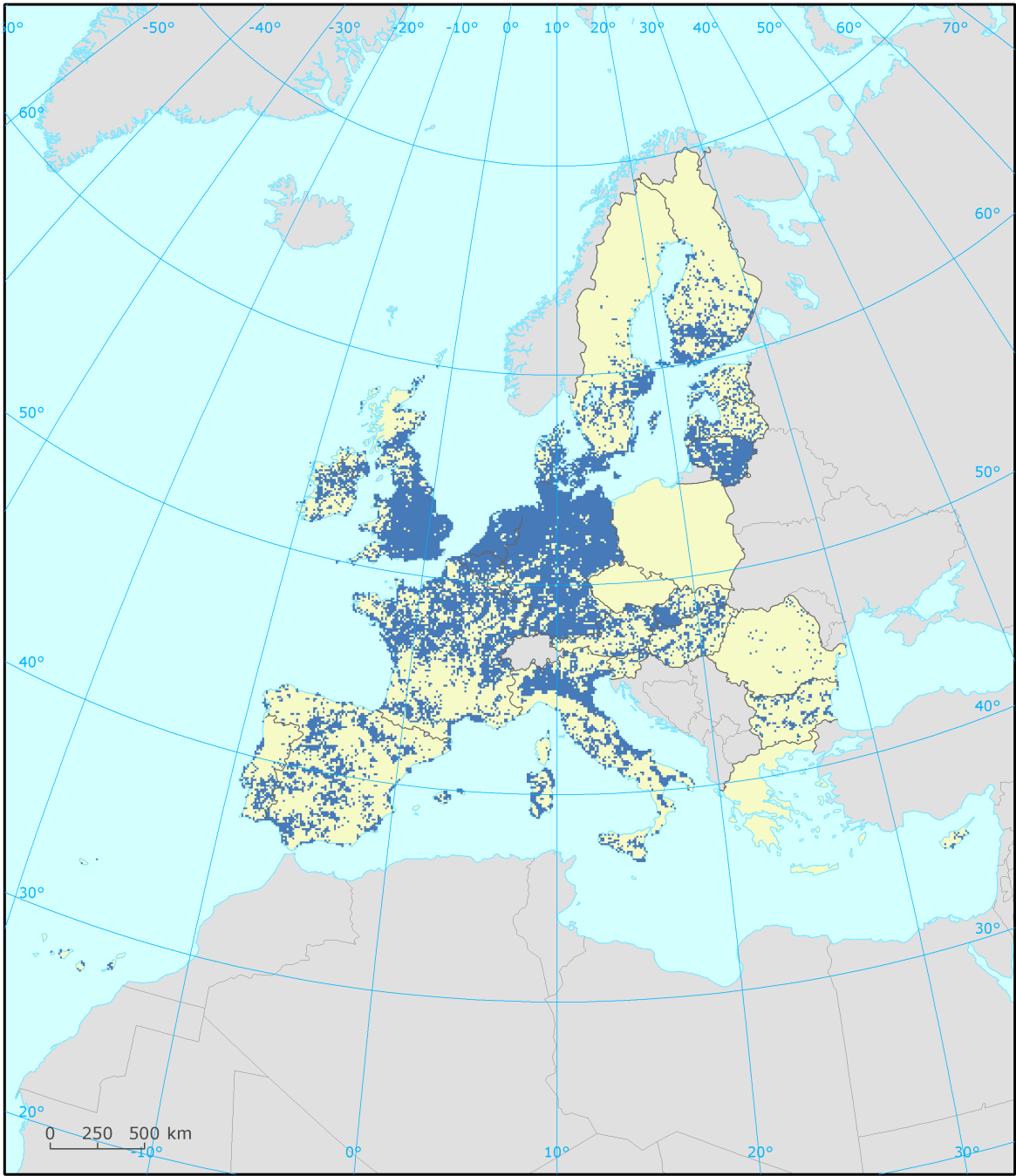
The EU population status of *Fulica atra* was assessed as Declining, because EU27 population or range declined by at least 20% since 1980, with continuing decline since 2001.

## 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	
548000 - 870000 p	-	-	2680000			2110000 - 2590000 i	F	+	Declining

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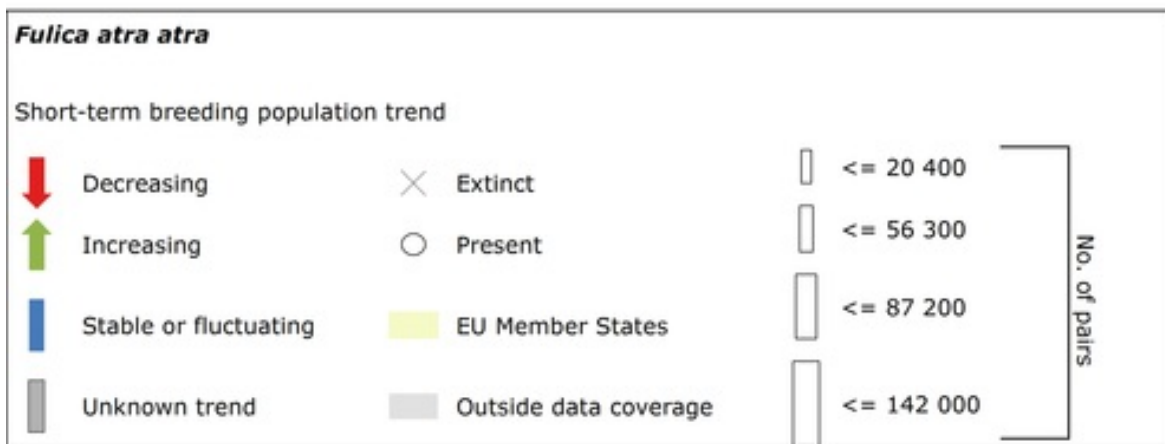


Trends at the Member State level

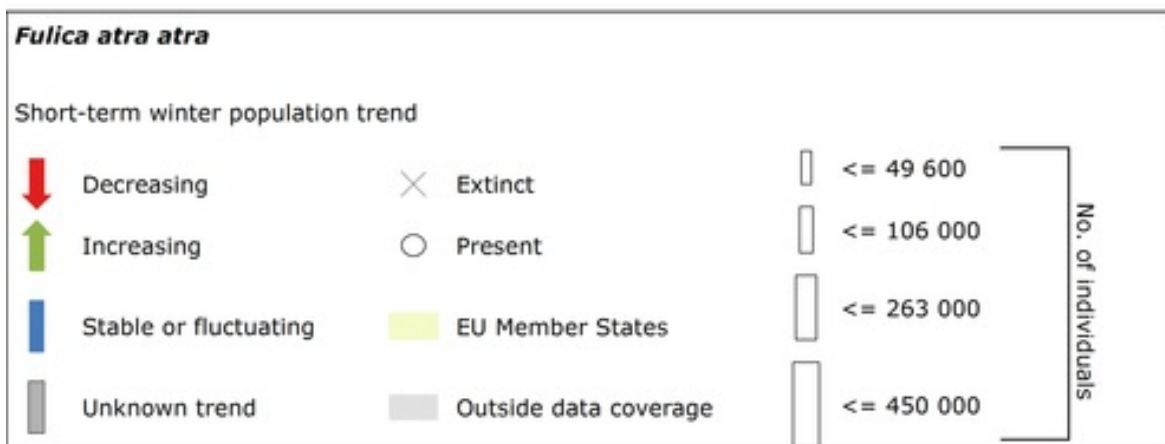
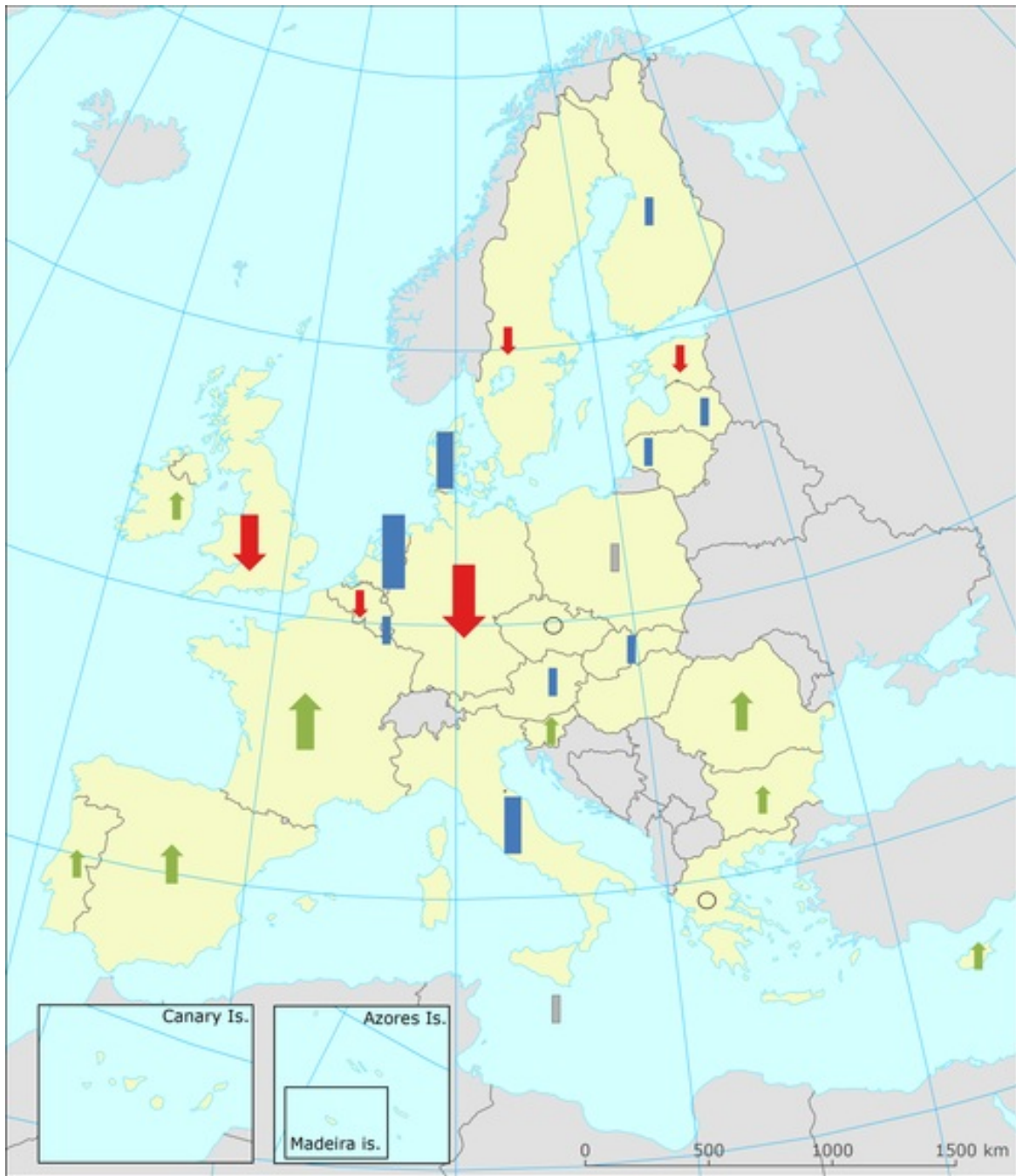
MS/Ter.	% in EU27	Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range area	Breeding range trend		Winter population size	Winter population trend	
			Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term
AT	2.1	2600 - 3800 p	0	x	76258	0	0	20000 - 24000 i	0	-
BE	1.6	5000 - 10000 p	+	+	25613	-	+	37629 - 40105 i	-	0
BG	1.5	1700 - 3000 p	0	F	69600	0	F	30000 - 82000 i	+	F
CY	0.1	100 - 250 p	0	+	4600	0	+	1000 - 4500 i	+	+
CZ										
DE	21.1	66000 - 115000 p	F	F	345425	0	0	450000 - 450000 i	-	F
DK	2.5	6800 - 6800 p	-	0	41895	0	0	187000 - 187000 i	0	0
EE	1.2	3000 - 5000 p	-	-	25800	0	-	50 - 700 i	-	+
ES	9.1	56250 - 56250 p	-	-	365659	-	-	86684 - 126469 i	+	+
ESIC	0.1	50 - 250 p	+	+	2050	+	+			
FI	4.5	3800 - 9100 p	-	-	182000	x	-	200 - 1500 i	F	F
FR	16.3	50000 - 150000 p	+	+	468200	x	+	234200 - 294000 i	+	+
GR										
HU	2.0	25000 - 50000 p	x	x	50074	0	x			
IE	1.9	3462 - 3462 p	0	x	48000	+	-	18270 - 18270 i	+	x
IT	8.7	8000 - 12000 p	x	x	246200	+	+	239506 - 277872 i	0	0
LT	3.7	24000 - 36000 p	+	+	69900	0	0	1100 - 2700 i	0	x
LU	0.1	80 - 100 p	+	+	1917	0	+	500 - 2000 i	F	+
LV	1.6	5000 - 7000 p	x	-	60072	x	0	10 - 2500 i	F	F
MT								20 - 40 i	x	+
NL	2.6	120343 - 166629 p	-	+	42278	0	0	378825 - 427655 i	0	-
PL		33000 - 57000 p	-	-		x	x	10000 - 30000 i	x	-
PT	1.4		+	+	53700	0	+	15461 - 15461 i	+	+
PTMA		0 - 50 p	+	+	200	+	+			
RO	0.4	66888 - 79370 p	x	0	123300	x	x	80000 - 140000 i	+	x
SE	4.4	16000 - 26000 p	-	+	161500	0	x	5000 - 30000 i	-	+
SI	0.3	300 - 500 p	x	x	4818	0	x	4500 - 11500 i	+	0
SK	1.6	4000 - 8000 p	0	0	41196	0	0	5000 - 10000 i	0	0
UK	11.2	31000 - 31000 p	+	+	170000	0	-	190000 - 190000 i	-	+

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## Main pressures and threats reported by Member States

For the bird species triggering SPA classification Member States were asked to report the 20 most important pressures and threats using an agreed hierarchical list which can be found on the Article 12 Reference Portal ([http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/activities/Reporting/Article\\_12/reference\\_portal](http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/activities/Reporting/Article_12/reference_portal)). Pressures are activities which are currently having an impact on the species and threats are activities expected to have an impact in the near future. The table below only contains information from Member States, where a species triggers SPA classification. Pressures and threats were ranked in three classes 'high, medium and low importance', the table below only shows pressures and threats classed as 'high', for some species there were less than ten pressures and threats reported as highly important.

### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' pressures and threats

Code	Activity	Frequency
E01	Urbanisation and human habitation	20
F01	Marine and freshwater aquaculture	20
G01	Outdoor sports, leisure and recreational activities	20
J02	Changes in water bodies conditions	20
K03	Interspecific faunal relations	20

## Proportion of population covered by the Natura 2000 network

For the bird species triggering SPA classification Member States were asked to report the size of a species population occurring within the Natura 2000 network. The percentage of species population covered by the network was estimated by comparing the population size within the network and the total population size.

### Percentage of coverage by Natura 2000 sites

MS/territory	season	SPA trigger	% coverage
AT	breeding	NO	
AT	winter	NO	
BE	breeding	NO	
BE	winter	NO	
BG	breeding	YES	31.31
BG	winter	YES	35.5
CY	breeding	NO	
CY	winter	NO	
DE	breeding	NO	
DE	winter	NO	
DK	breeding	NO	
DK	winter	YES	68.17
EE	breeding	NO	
EE	winter	YES	84.52

<b>MS/territory</b>	<b>season</b>	<b>SPA trigger</b>	<b>% coverage</b>
ES	breeding	YES	6.07
ES	winter	YES	67.36
ESIC	breeding	NO	
FI	breeding	NO	
FI	winter	NO	
FR	breeding	NO	
FR	winter	YES	45.49
HU	breeding	NO	
IE	breeding	NO	
IE	winter	YES	8.96
IT	breeding	NO	
IT	winter	YES	47.95
LT	breeding	NO	
LT	winter	NO	
LU	breeding	NO	
LU	winter	YES	94.87
LV	breeding	YES	x
LV	winter	YES	28.28
MT	winter	NO	
NL	breeding	NO	
NL	winter	YES	17.02
PL	breeding	YES	35.1
PL	winter	YES	35.78
PT	breeding	NO	
PT	winter	NO	
PTMA	breeding	NO	
RO	breeding	NO	
RO	winter	NO	
SE	breeding	NO	
SE	winter	YES	32.66
SI	breeding	NO	
SI	winter	NO	
SK	breeding	NO	
SK	winter	NO	
UK	breeding	NO	
UK	winter	YES	7.06

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

## Most frequently reported conservation measures



For the bird species triggering SPA classification Member States were asked to report up to 20 conservation measures being implemented for this species using an agreed list which can be found on the Article 12 Reference Portal. Member States were further requested to highlight up to five most important ('highly important') measures; the table below only shows measures classed as 'high', for many species there were less than ten measures reported as highly important.

**Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' conservation measures**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
6.1	Establish protected areas/sites	39
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	17
7.1	Regulation/ Management of hunting and taking	13
4.2	Restoring/improving the hydrological regime	9
4.3	Managing water abstraction	9
2.0	Other agriculture-related measures	4
3.0	Other forestry-related measures	4
4.1	Restoring/improving water quality	4

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=A723> .

<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.

<sup>iii</sup> **Percentage of coverage by Natura 2000 sites:** In some cases the population size within the Natura 2000 network has been estimated using a different methodology to the estimate of overall population size and this can lead to percentage covers greater than 100%. In such case the value has been given as 100% and highlighted with an asterisk (\*). The value 'x' indicates that the Member State has not reported the species population and/or the coverage by Natura 2000. No information is available for Greece and for non-Annex I species in the Czech Republic.