#### European Environment Agency European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity



### Phasianus colchicus

Annex I No International action plan No

Common Pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus*, is a species of gamebird found in cropland, grassland and heathland and shrub ecosystems.

*Phasianus colchicus* has a breeding population size of 3930000-5040000 pairs and a breeding range size of 2480000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Increasing in the short term and Increasing in the long term.

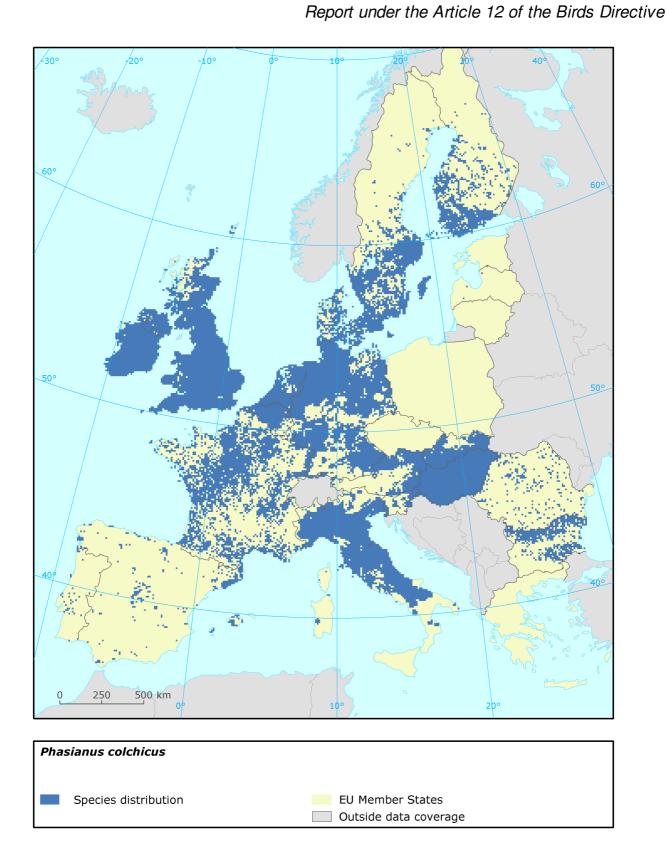
The EU population status of *Phasianus colchicus* was assessed as Secure, because the species does not meet any of the IUCN Red List criteria for threatened or Near Threatened, or the criteria for Depleted or Declining (the EU27 population or range has not declined by 20% or more since 1980).

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## Assessment of status at the European level

Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		_ Range	Breeding range trend		Winter population	Winter population trend		_Population
	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	size	Short term	Long term	status
3930000 - 5040000 p	+	+	2480000						Secure

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

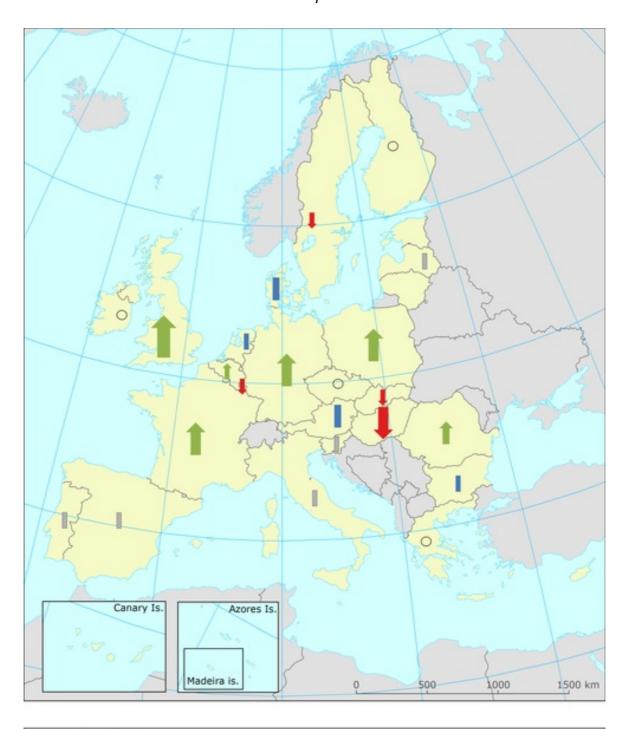


## Trends at the Member State level

MS/Ter. % in		Breeding	Breeding population trend		_ Range _	Breeding range trend		Winter population	Winter population trend	
		population size	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	size	Short term	Long term
AT	2.6	50000 - 100000 p	0	X	62767	0	0			
BE	1.5	10000 - 50000 p	+	-	25055	0	-			
BG	2.9	8000 - 14000 p	0	F	90100	0	F			
CZ										
DE	16.4	200000 - 295000 p	+	F	303835	0	0			
DK	2.3	110000 - 110000 p	0	-	42805	0	0			
ES	1.7	370 - 370 p	X	X	68603	X	X			
FI	4.8	8400 - 16000 males	-	0	178600	X	+			
FR	15.6	177000 - 283000 p	+	+	496000	+	+			
GR										
HU	6.0	306403 - 339419 p	-	-	93011	0	0			
ΙE	4.8	221020 - 350140 i	+	X	83000	+	+			
IT	11.2	1000 - 100000 p	X	X	220000	+	+			
LU	0.1	10 - 30 p	-	-	2082	-	_			
LV		0 - 1 p	X	_	300	X	-			
NL	2.2	47368 - 56842 p	0	-	42385	0	0			
PL		340000 - 420000 p	+	X		X	X			
PT	0.2	0 - 50 p	X	X	14500	X	X			
RO	1.5	50000 - 250000 p	+	X	239400	X	х			
SE	7.9	25000 - 45000 p	-	-	213700	0	X			
SI	0.6	9000 - 13000 p	X	X	9417	X	0			
SK	2.4	20000 - 40000 p	-	-	47995	-	-			
UK	15.3	2300000 - 2300000 p	+	+	252000	+	+			

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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=A115-X .

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<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.