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



## Picoides tridactylus

Annex I Yes International action plan No

Three-toed Woodpecker, *Picoides tridactylus*, is a species of woodpecker found in woodland and forest ecosystems.

*Picoides tridactylus* has a breeding population size of 41100-236000 pairs and a breeding range size of 858000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Uncertain in the short term and Increasing in the long term.

The EU population status of *Picoides tridactylus* 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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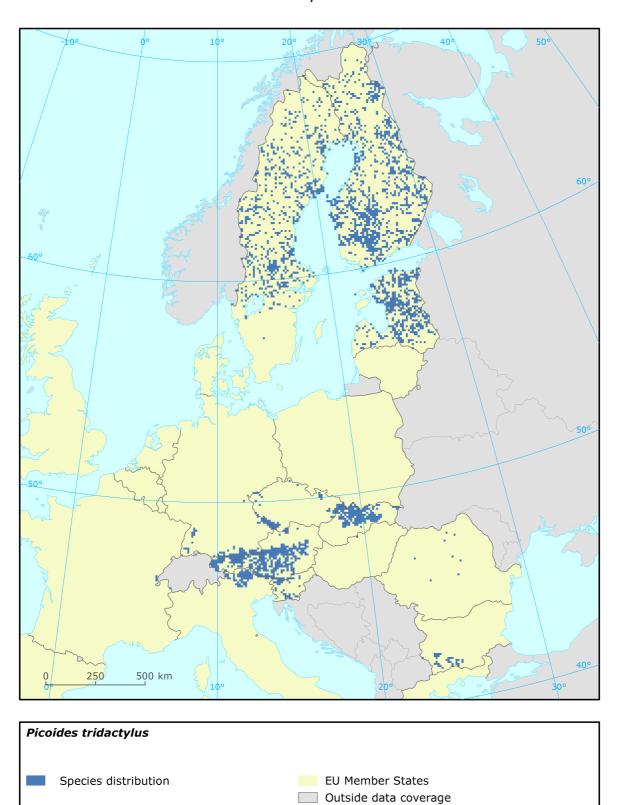
# Assessment of status at the European level

Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range _	Breeding range trend		Winter	Winter population trend		_Population
	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	population size	Short term	Long term	status
41100 - 236000 p	u	+	858000						Secure

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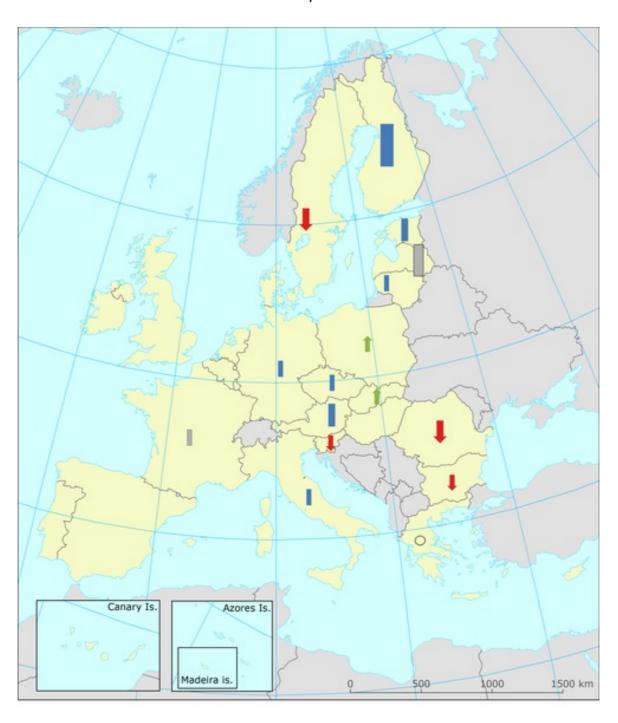
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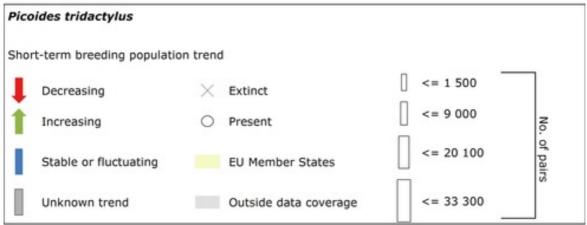


## Trends at the Member State level

MS/Ter. % in Breeding EU27 population size			Breeding population trend		_ Range _	Breeding range trend		Winter population	Winter population trend	
		Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	size	Short term	Long term	
AT	10.8	6000 - 9000 p	0	X	55767	0	0			
BG	1.2	70 - 120 p	-	[ - ]	8500	-	-			
CZ	2.3	300 - 500 p	0	0	12800	0	0			
DE	3.5	700 - 1100 p	0	0	11455	0	0			
EE	7.4	3000 - 5000 p	0	+	39100	0	+			
FI	33.4	17000 - 65000 p	0	+	296100	X	+			
FR	0.1	9 - 100 p	X	X	400	Х	x			
GR										
IT	2.6	100 - 250 p	0	0	12400	+	+			
LT	1.3	300 - 600 p	0	0	13800	0	0			
LV	6.5	3101 - 129013 p	X	+	49096	X	+			
PL		500 - 800 p	+	+		X	X			
RO	0.3	2500 - 8000 p	-	X	47200	Х	x			
SE	23.5	6200 - 13000 p	-	-	285800	0	X			
SI	1.4	350 - 600 p	-	-	4303	X	X			
SK	5.7	1000 - 2000 p	+	+	21697	0	0			

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

## 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). 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

Activity	Frequency
Forest and plantation management & use	52
Forest exploitation	10
Sport and leisure infrastructures	10
Other forestry activities	5
Roads, railroads and paths	5
Other human intrusions and disturbances	5
Fire and fire suppression	5
Other changes to ecosystems	5
Abiotic changes (climate change)	5
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### 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	YES	8.05
BG	breeding	YES	77.15
CZ	breeding	YES	87.94
DE	breeding	YES	78.86
EE	breeding	YES	10
FI	breeding	YES	13.2

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MS/territory	season	SPA trigger	% coverage
FR	breeding	YES	23.09
IT	breeding	YES	61.97
LT	breeding	YES	37.64
LV	breeding	YES	1.7
PL	breeding	YES	94.98
RO	breeding	YES	35.5
SE	breeding	YES	13.73
SI	breeding	YES	85.36
SK	breeding	YES	86.6

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### 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

Code	Measure	Frequency
3.1	Restoring/improving forest habitats	29
3.2	Adapt forest management	21
6.1	Establish protected areas/sites	21
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	21
6.2	Establishing wilderness areas/ allowing succession	7

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: <a href="http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/summary?period=1&subject=A241">http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/summary?period=1&subject=A241</a>.

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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.

iiiPercentage 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.