



## ***Tetrao tetrix britannicus***

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| <b>Annex I</b>                   | No |
| <b>International action plan</b> | No |

Black Grouse, *Tetrao tetrix*, is a species of gamebird found in heathland and shrub, woodland and forest and unvegetated or sparsely vegetated land ecosystems.

*Tetrao tetrix britannicus*, the subspecies endemic to Britain, has a breeding population size of 5100 calling males and a breeding range size of 43300 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Decreasing in the short term and Decreasing in the long term. *Tetrao tetrix tetrix*, the continental subspecies, has a breeding population size of 792000-1030000 calling males and a breeding range size of 1120000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Increasing in the short term and Decreasing in the long term.

The EU population status was assessed at the species level, *Tetrao tetrix*. *Tetrao tetrix* has a breeding population size of 797000-1030000 calling males in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Increasing in the short term and Decreasing in the long term.

The EU population status of *Tetrao tetrix* was assessed as Depleted, because the EU27 population or range declined by at least 20% since 1980, but has no longer been declining since 2001.

**This factsheet was produced for *Tetrao tetrix britannicus*. Also other subspecies/populations of the same species occur within the EU27. The assessment of status at the European level and the introductory text were done at the species level in line with the criteria for assessment of the EU population status.**

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## 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 |                   |
| 5100 - 5100 cmales       | -                         | -         | 43300      |                      |           |                        |                         |           | Depleted          |

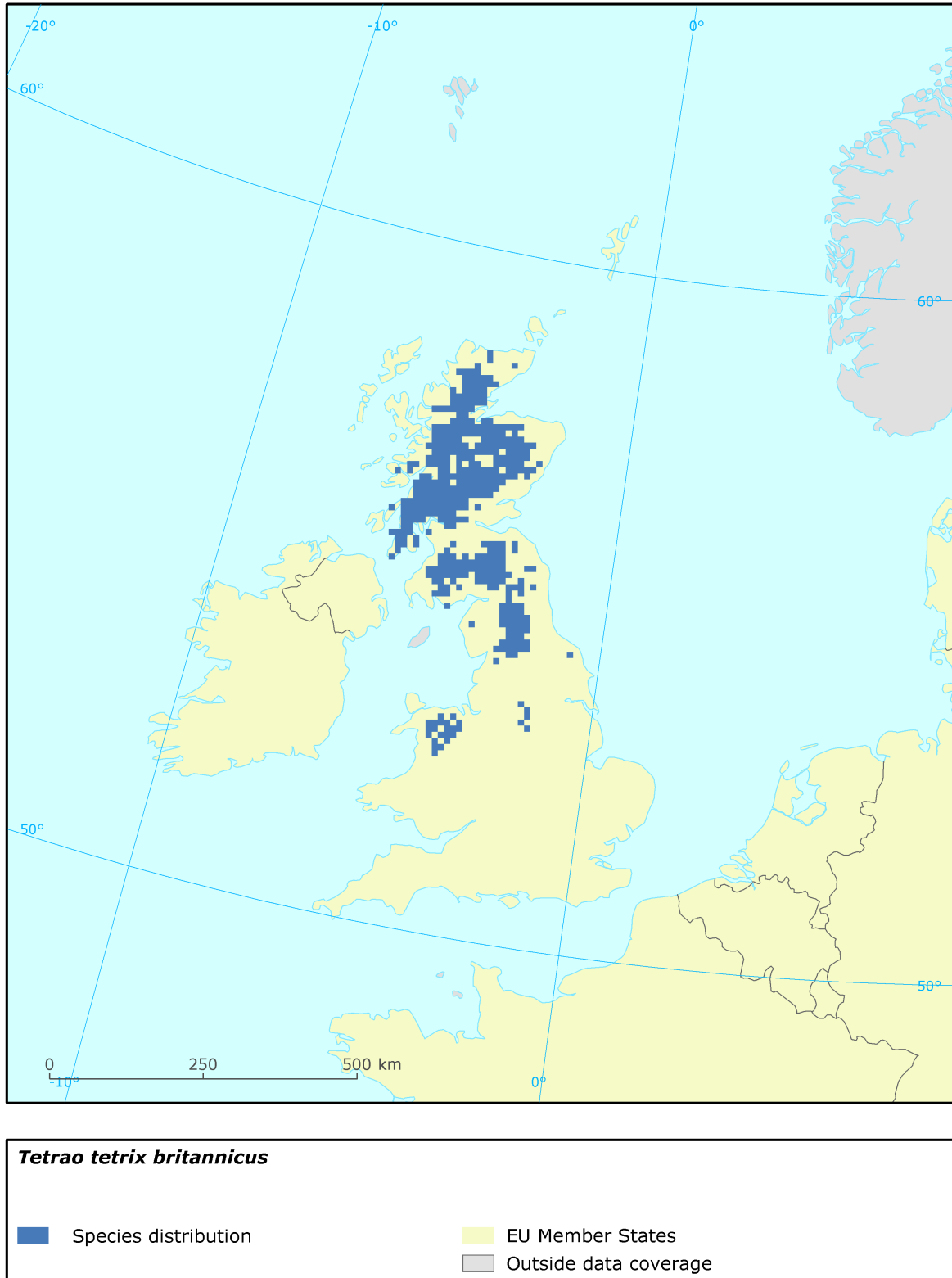
See the endnotes for more information<sup>i</sup>

The population status assessment at the EU level was carried out at the species level. The EU status assessment covers following subspecies/populations: *Tetrao tetrix britannicus*, *Tetrao tetrix tetrix* (each of them presented in a separate factsheet).

## Additional assessment at the subspecies 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 |                   |
|                          |                           |           |            |                      |           |                        |                         |           | Threatened        |

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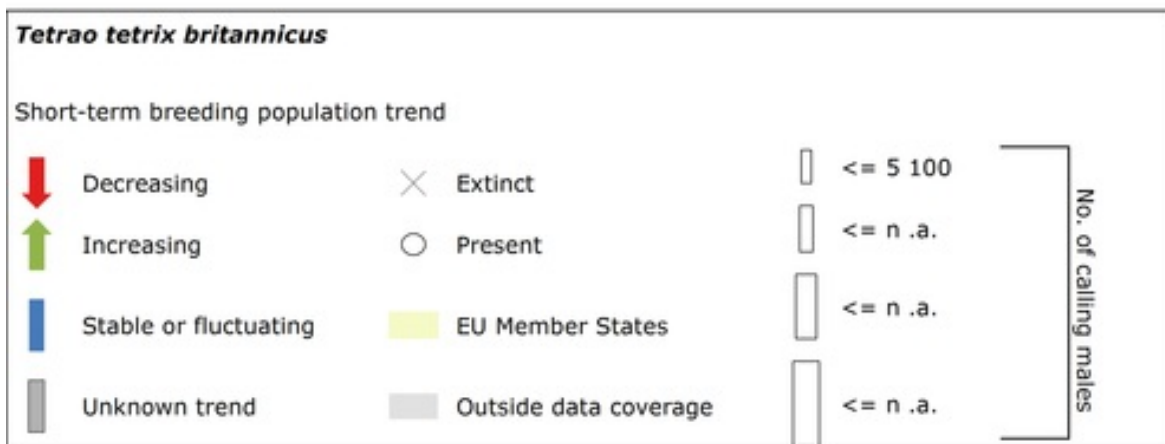
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## Trends at the Member State level

| 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 |
| UK      | 100.0     | 5100 - 5100 cmales       | -                         | -         | 43300      | 0                    | -         |                        |                         |           |

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

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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=A410> .

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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.