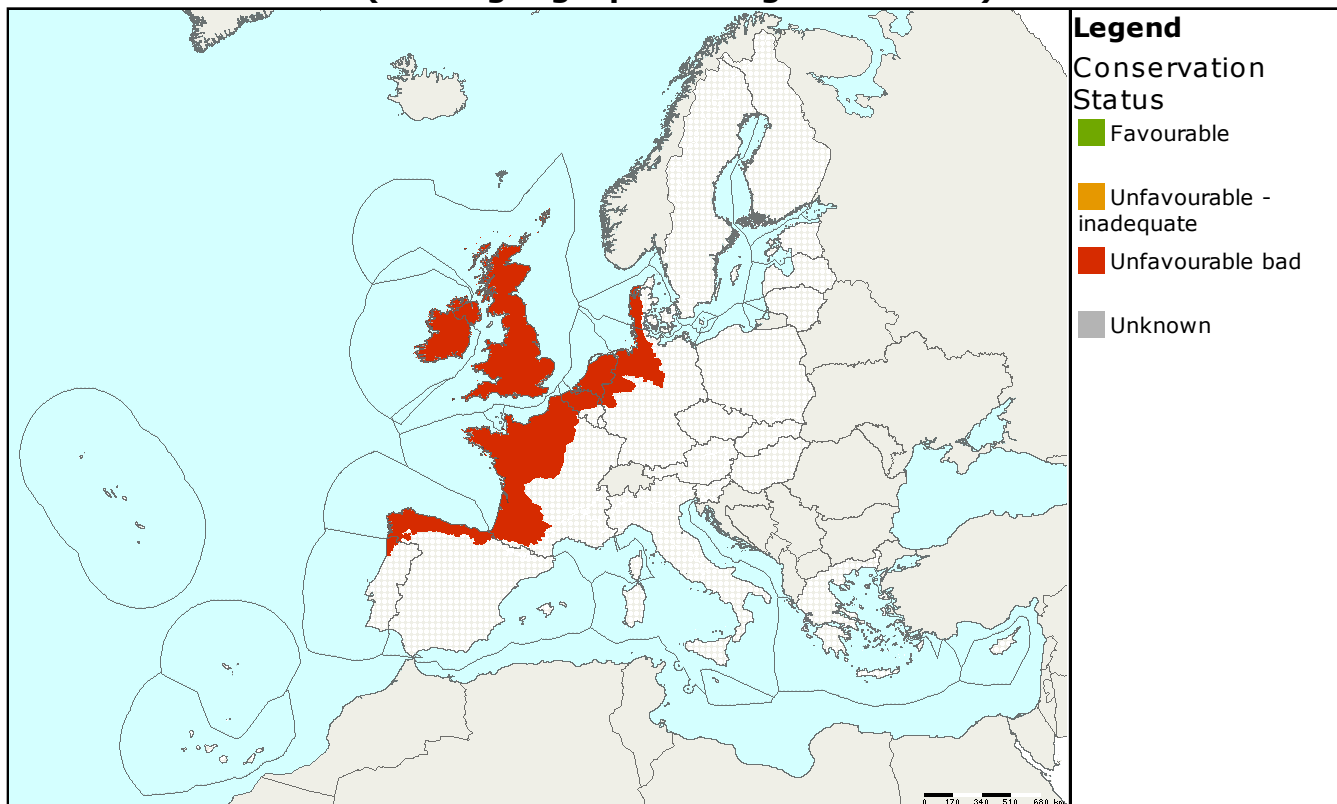


Habitat code: **91A0**  
 Habitat name: **Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles**

Habitat group: **forests**  
 Regions: **ATL**

## Assessments of conservation status at the European level (all biogeographical regions - EU25)

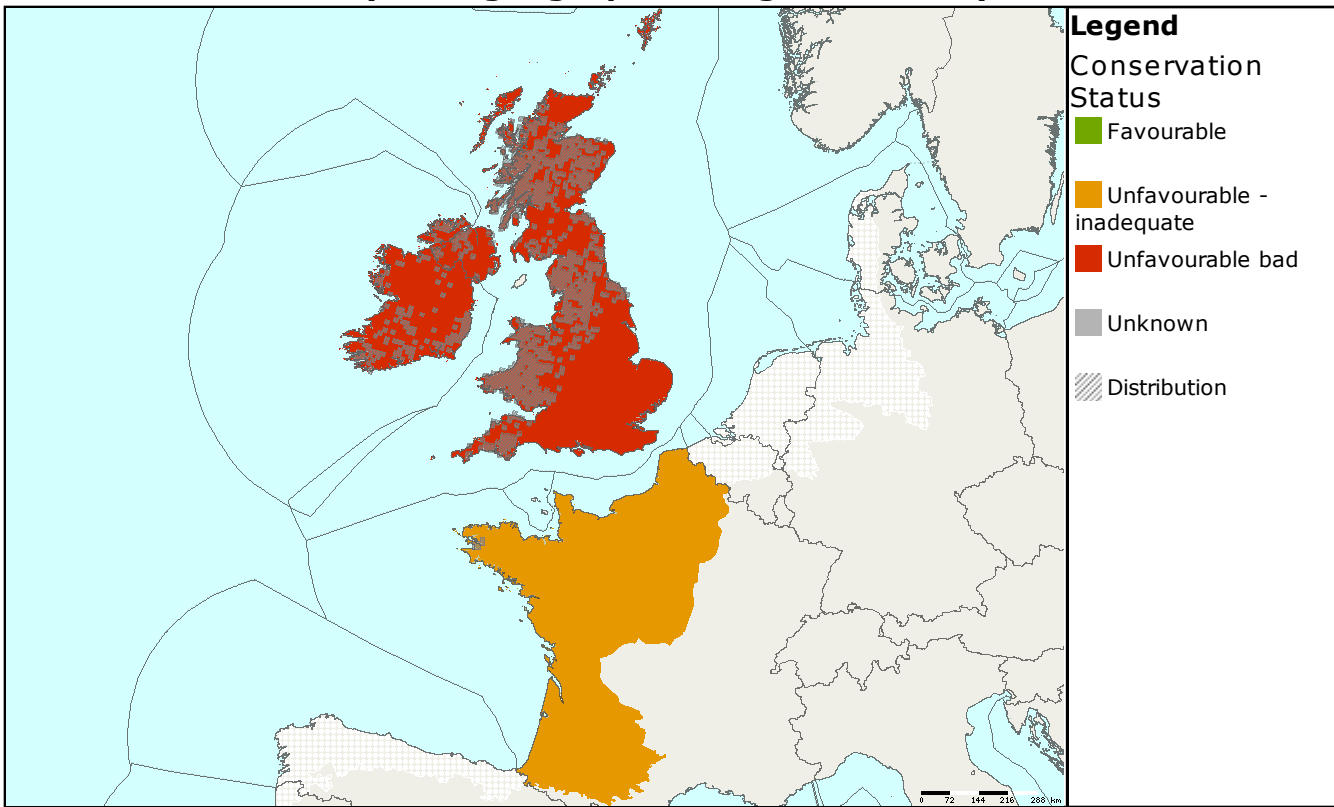


MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km <sup>2</sup>	Trend in area
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ATL						962	-

Acidophilous sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*) forests, with low, low-branched trees, with many ferns, mosses, lichens and evergreen bushes. The undergrowth is mainly composed of acidophilous grasses. It is typical of areas with a strongly maritime climate in the British Isles and the northwest of France.

This habitat occurs only in the Atlantic region where the status is 'unfavourable bad'. A much higher area of habitat than at present is needed to ensure its long term-viability. The habitat area is still decreasing in Ireland but structure and function and future prospects are reported as improving in the United Kingdom which hosts the majority of this habitat by area.

## Assessments of conservation status as reported by Member states (all biogeographical regions - EU25)



MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km <sup>2</sup>	Trend in area	Data quality
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall			
FR	ATL						0.37	=	1
IE	ATL						42.85	-	1
UK	ATL						919	=	3

Data quality is based on as assessment by each Member State, 1 = good, 2 = medium, 3 = poor

This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive in 2007 and covering the period 2001-2006. More detailed information is available at <http://biodiversity.eionet.europa.eu/article17>