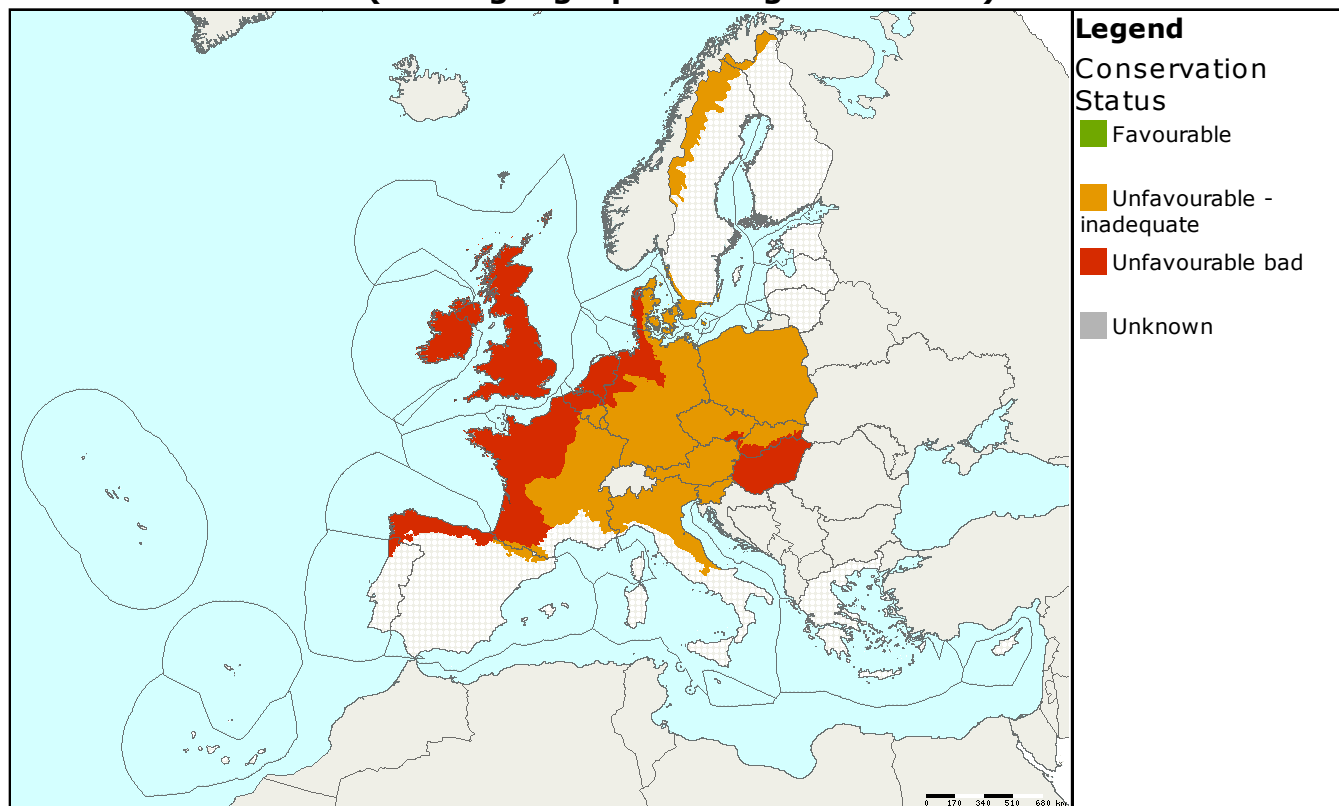


Habitat code: **6240**
 Habitat name: **Sub-continental steppic grasslands**

Habitat group: **grasslands**
 Regions: **ALP ATL CON PAN**

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



MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km ²	Trend in area
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ALP	Green	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	22	
EU25	ATL	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Red	0.16	-
EU25	CON	Orange	Orange	Grey	Orange	Orange	45	
EU25	PAN	Green	Orange	Red	Red	Red	207	-

Steppe like grasslands dominated by tussocky feather grasses such as *Stipa capillata* and *Stipa joannis* typical of central Europe where it is most widespread in the Pannonic region which has some 75% of the total habitat area but also occurs locally in the French Alps where the microclimate of the Durance valley gives similar conditions.

Assessed as 'unfavourable-bad' due to bad 'structure and functions' and 'future prospects' particularly in Hungary. Threats and pressures include abandonment of pastoral systems and inappropriate land use.

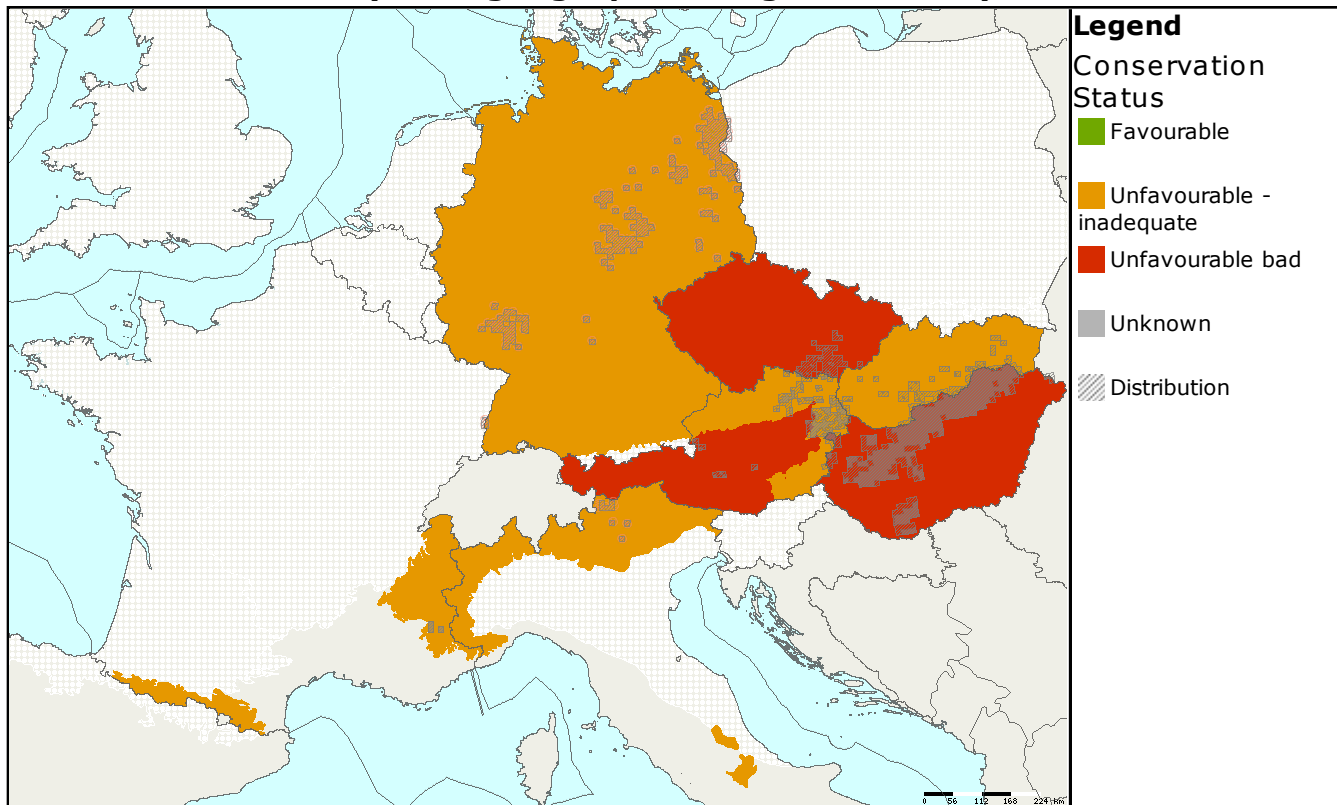
Also assessed as 'unfavourable-bad' for the Atlantic region where the habitat is only found in Germany as area is much less than the reported favourable reference value. Again pressures and threats are related to changes in agriculture, together with air pollution.

Assessed as 'unfavourable-inadequate' for the Alpine and Continental regions.

Four countries reported one or more parameters as 'unknown' and better information is

required.

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



MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km ²	Trend in area	Data quality
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall			
AT	ALP	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	0.3	X	2
FR	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	14	-	2
IT	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	3	=	2
SK	ALP	Unknown	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	5	-	2
DE	ATL	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	0.16	-	2
AT	CON	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	35	X	2
CZ	CON	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	2.27	-	1
DE	CON	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	8	-	1
CZ	PAN	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	5.81	-	1
HU	PAN	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	195	-	1
SK	PAN	Unknown	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	6.5	-	2

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

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