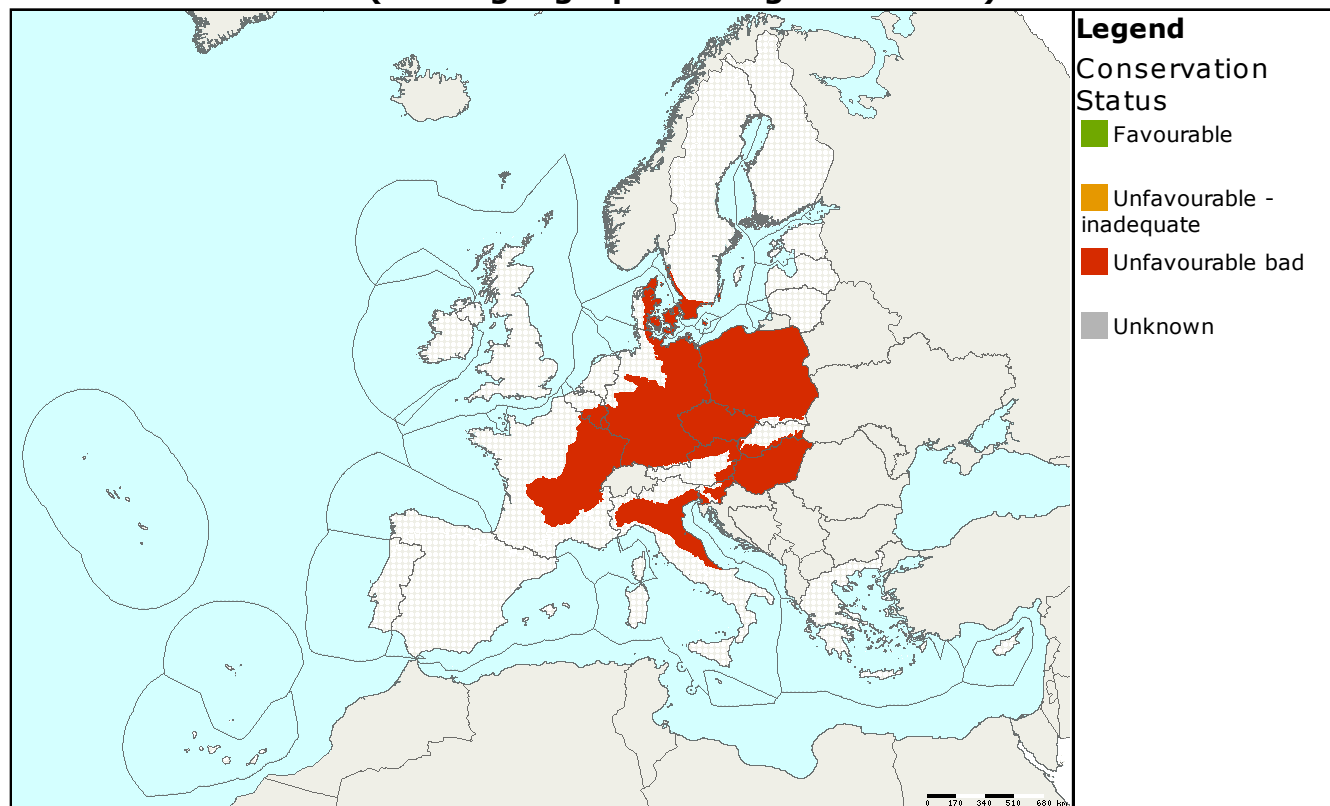


Habitat code: **6260**
 Habitat name: **Pannonic sand steppes**

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

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



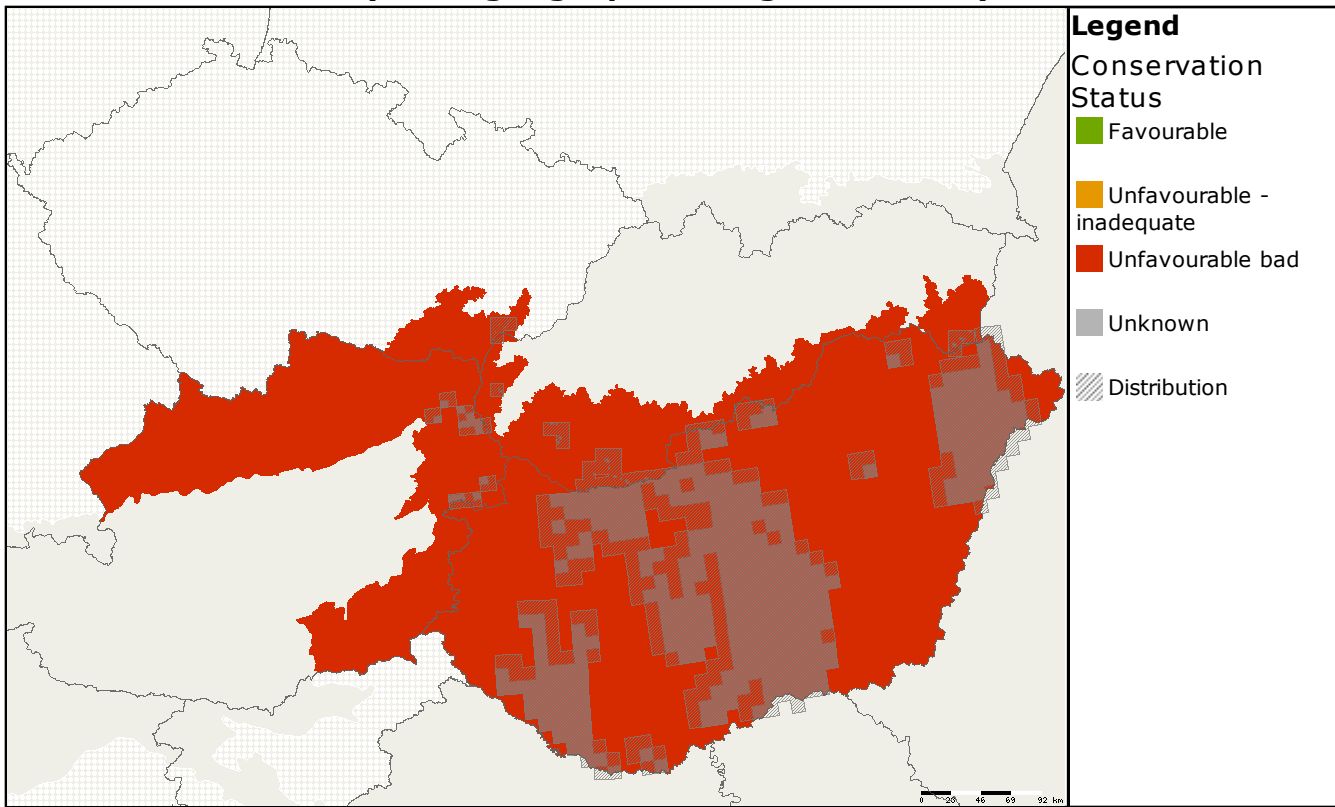
| MS | Biogeographic Region | Conservation status assessment | | | | | Km ² | Trend in area |
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| | | Range | Area | Structure & function | Future prospects | Overall | | |
| EU25 | CON | Unfavourable bad | Unfavourable bad | Unknown | Unfavourable - inadequate | Unfavourable bad | 1.5 | X |
| EU25 | PAN | Favourable | Unfavourable bad | Unfavourable bad | Unfavourable - inadequate | Unfavourable bad | 484 | - |

Open grassy steppes on sandy soils with tussock forming grasses such as *Festuca vaginata* and *Stipa borysthenaica*, *Stipa capilla* and *Stipa pulcherrima*. Only found in the Pannonic region and an adjacent part of the Continental region in Austria and Bulgaria. Some 99% of the habitat area of the EU25 is in the Pannonian region, mostly in Hungary.

Assessed as 'unfavourable-bad' for the Pannonian region due to area being much less than the reference value in both Hungary and the Czech Republic together with bad 'structure and functions' in Hungary. The only parameter reported as favourable' is 'range'. Threats and pressures include changes to traditional agricultural practices and sand extraction.

Also assessed as 'unfavourable-bad' in the Continental region where both 'range' and 'area' are much less than the reported favourable reference values, with 'structure and functions' 'unknown'. Threats and pressures are similar to those reported for the Pannonian region.

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 | CON | Unfavourable bad | Unfavourable bad | Unknown | Unfavourable - inadequate | Unfavourable bad | 1.5 | X | 2 |
| CZ | PAN | Favourable | Unfavourable bad | Unfavourable - inadequate | Favourable | Unfavourable bad | 0.32 | - | 1 |
| HU | PAN | Favourable | Unfavourable bad | Unfavourable - inadequate | Unfavourable - inadequate | Unfavourable bad | 480 | - | 1 |
| SK | PAN | Unfavourable - inadequate | Unfavourable - inadequate | Unfavourable - inadequate | Unfavourable bad | Unfavourable bad | 3.7 | - | 2 |

Data quality is based on an 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>