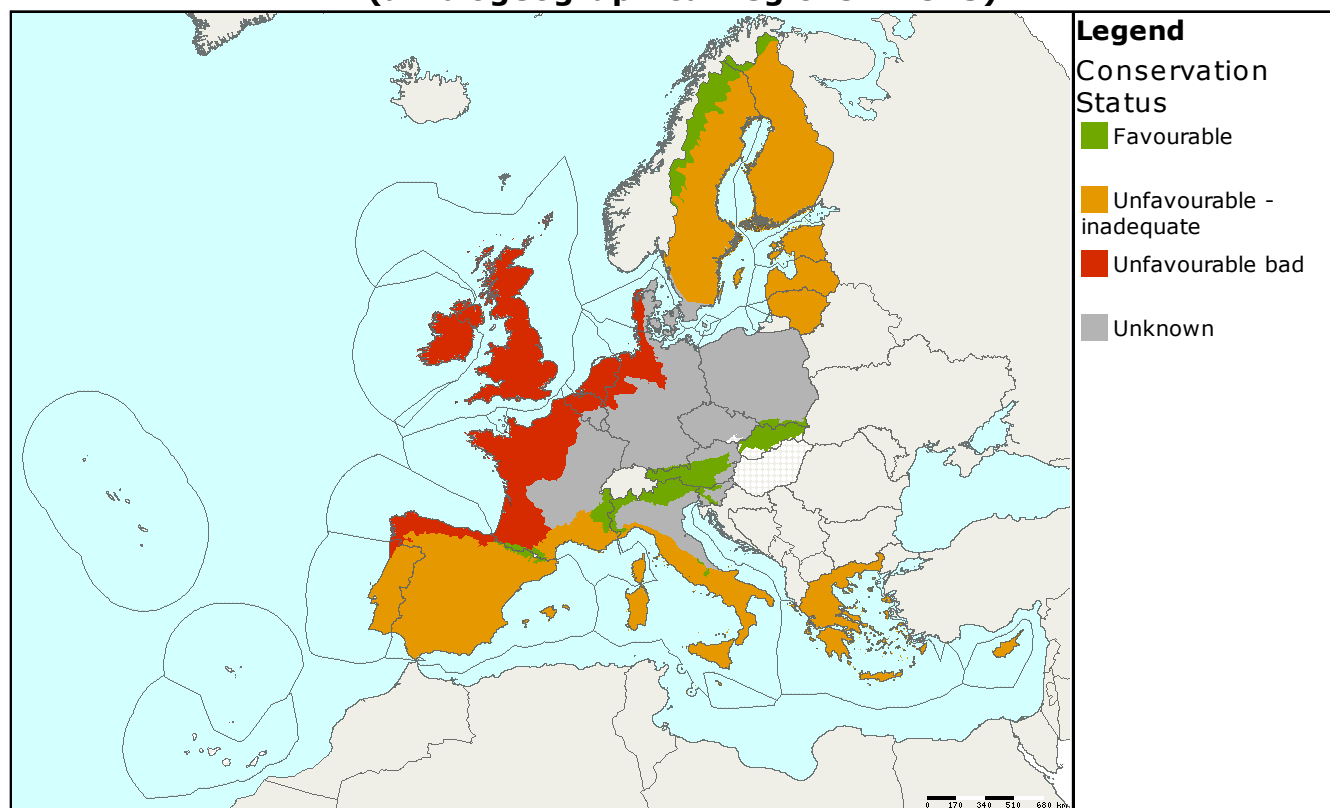


Habitat code: **8240**
 Habitat name: **Limestone pavements**

Habitat group: **rocky habitats**
 Regions: **ALP ATL BOR CON MED**

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	Green	Green	Green	Green	479	=
EU25	ATL	Green	Orange	Red	Red	Red	391	
EU25	BOR	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Orange	7.8	=
EU25	CON	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	543	
EU25	MED	Grey	Orange	Grey	Grey	Orange	>45	-

Limestone pavements have more or less horizontal outcrops of limestone which are broken by cracks of varying width and depth in which vegetation can develop. Often this vegetation is related to that found in woodlands although often the trees are absent. In some areas this habitat is grazed. The habitat is only found in areas with karst landscapes.

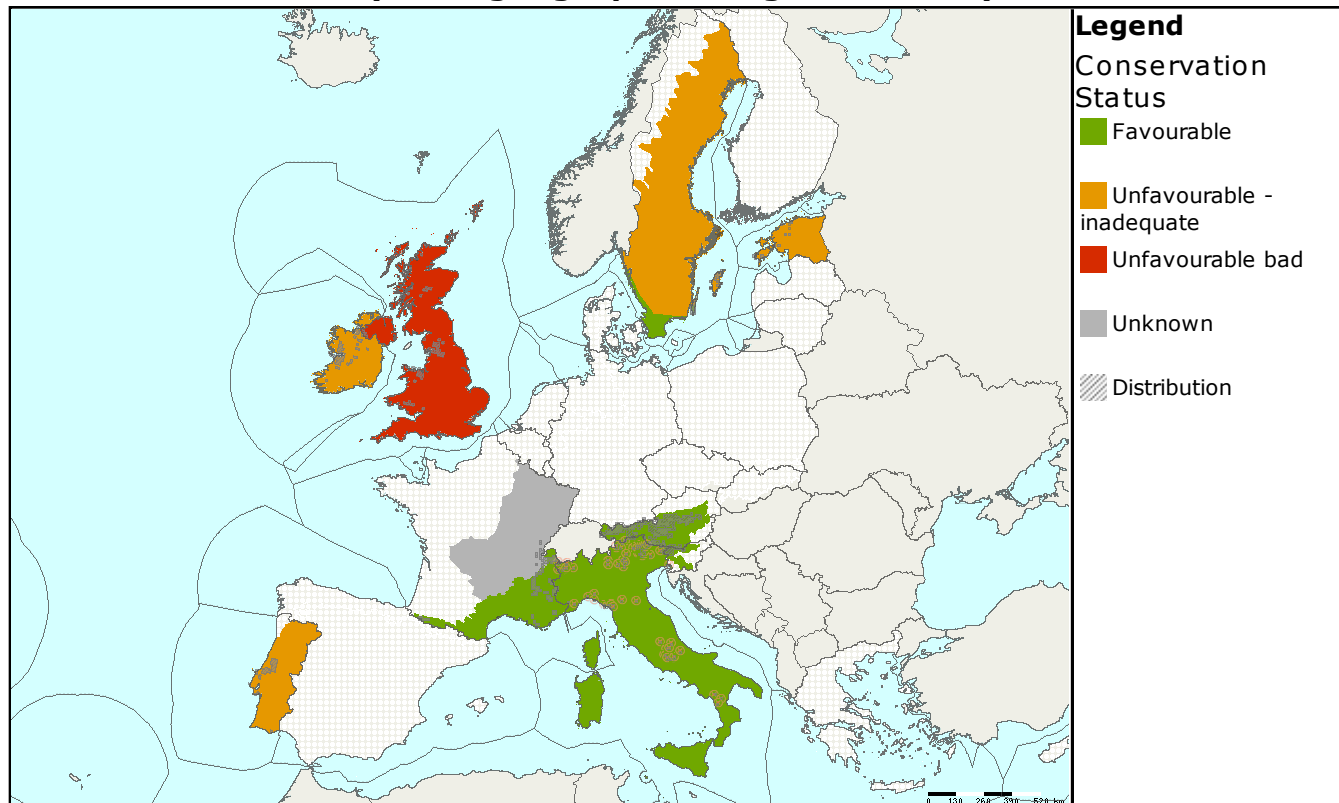
Assessed as 'favourable' for the Alpine region with all countries reporting all parameters as 'favourable'. 'Unfavourable-inadequate' in the Boreal region with both countries reporting 'structure and function' and 'future prospects' as poor. Also assessed as 'unfavourable-inadequate' in the Mediterranean region but due to Portugal reporting 'area' as 'unfavourable-inadequate' but with no supporting data.

Assessed as 'unfavourable-bad' for the Atlantic region as the United Kingdom reported 'structure and function' and 'future prospects' as bad. However the conservation status is

noted as improving. Assessed as 'unknown' for the Continental region as France reported all parameters as 'unknown', however the other two countries reported 'favourable'.

Reported threats are mostly related to agriculture, including the abandonment of tradition pastoral systems, and mineral extraction by quarrying. Better information needed, particularly from France.

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						300	=	3
FR	ALP						33	=	2
IT	ALP						116	=	2
SI	ALP						30	=	3
IE	ATL						363	-	1
UK	ATL						28.18	=	1
EE	BOR						2	=	2
SE	BOR						5.8	=	2
FR	CON						540	X	3
IT	CON						3	=	2
SE	CON						0.1	=	1
FR	MED						8	=	2
IT	MED						37	=	2
PT	MED						N/A	-	

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>