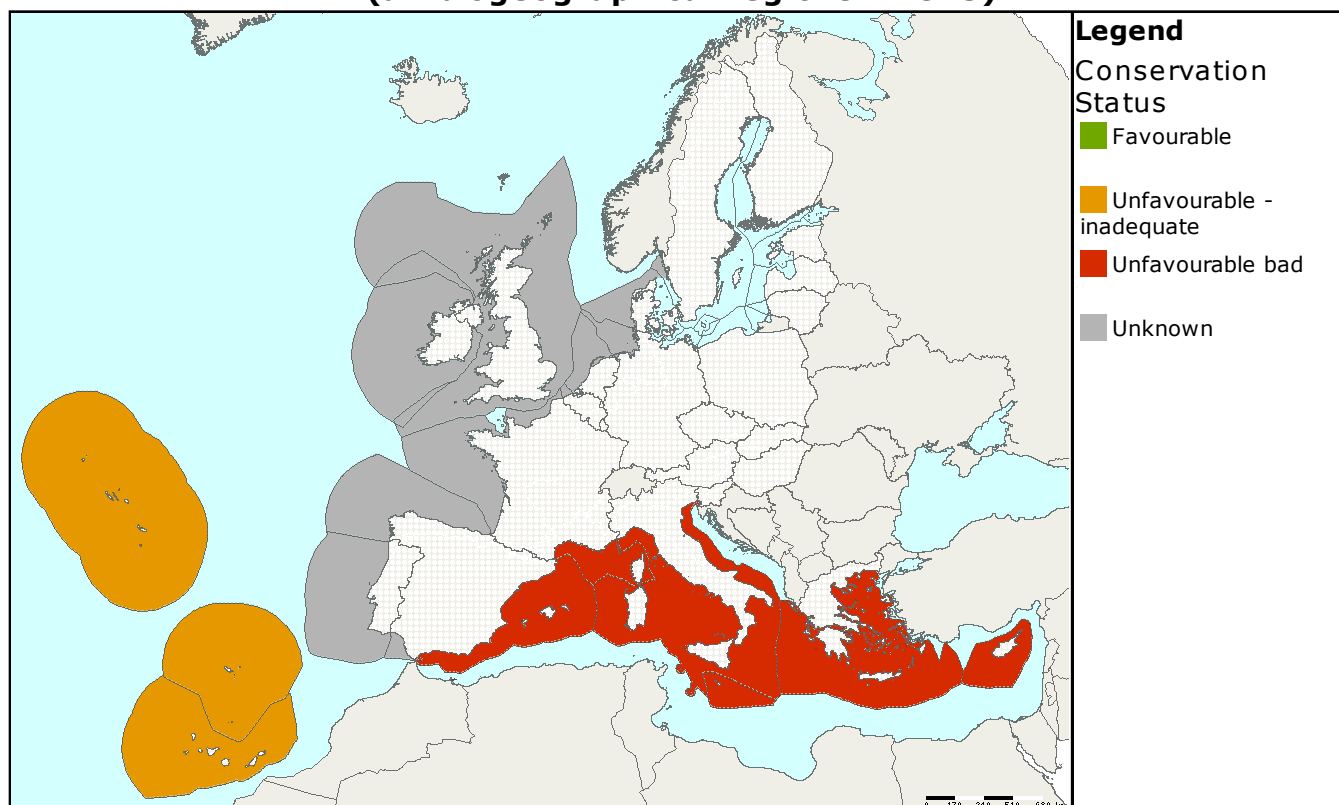


Species name: ***Dermochelys coriacea***
 Annex: **IV**

Species group: **Amphibians & Reptiles**
 Regions: **MATL MMAC MMED**

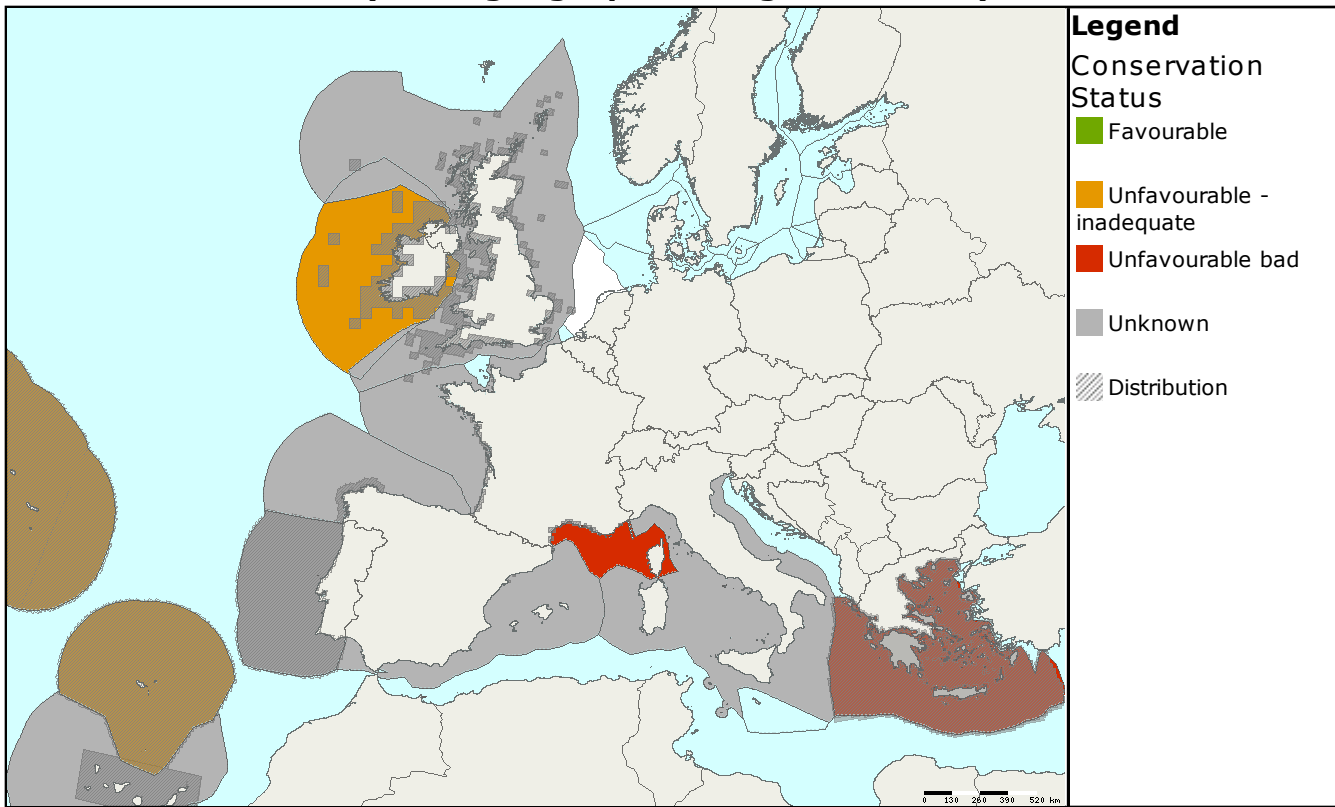
Assessments of conservation status at the European level (all biogeographical regions - EU25)



MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MATL						2123 grids	
EU25	MMAC							
EU25	MMED							

The leatherback is, amongst sea turtles, the species most well adapted to colder waters and as such is widely distributed in all European seas of the marine Macaronesian, Atlantic and Mediterranean regions which it uses for foraging purposes. Not much is known about its migratory patterns because of its strongly pelagic habits. The overall assessment in the marine Atlantic region is 'unknown' given the lack of data. The overall assessment is 'unfavourable-inadequate' for the marine Macaronesian region and "unfavourable bad" in the Mediterranean region. Many countries reported the species as being threatened by accidental capture in fishing gear, marine pollution as well as habitat degradation.. The species is listed as 'Critically Endangered' in the IUCN Red List of threatened species.

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



MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Size&unit	Population trend	Data quality
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall			
ES	MATL						129 - 129 loc.	=	1
FR	MATL						2 - 61 indiv.	=	3
IE	MATL						2500 - 2500 indiv.	X	3
UK	MATL						N/A x	X	3
NL	MATL						N/A x	N/A	
PT	MATL						N/A x	X	
ES	MMAC						N/A x	N/A	3
PT	MMAC						N/A x	X	
EL	MMED						N/A x	X	
ES	MMED						4 - 4 loc.	N/A	
FR	MMED						- 2 indiv.	-	3
IT	MMED						N/A x	X	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>