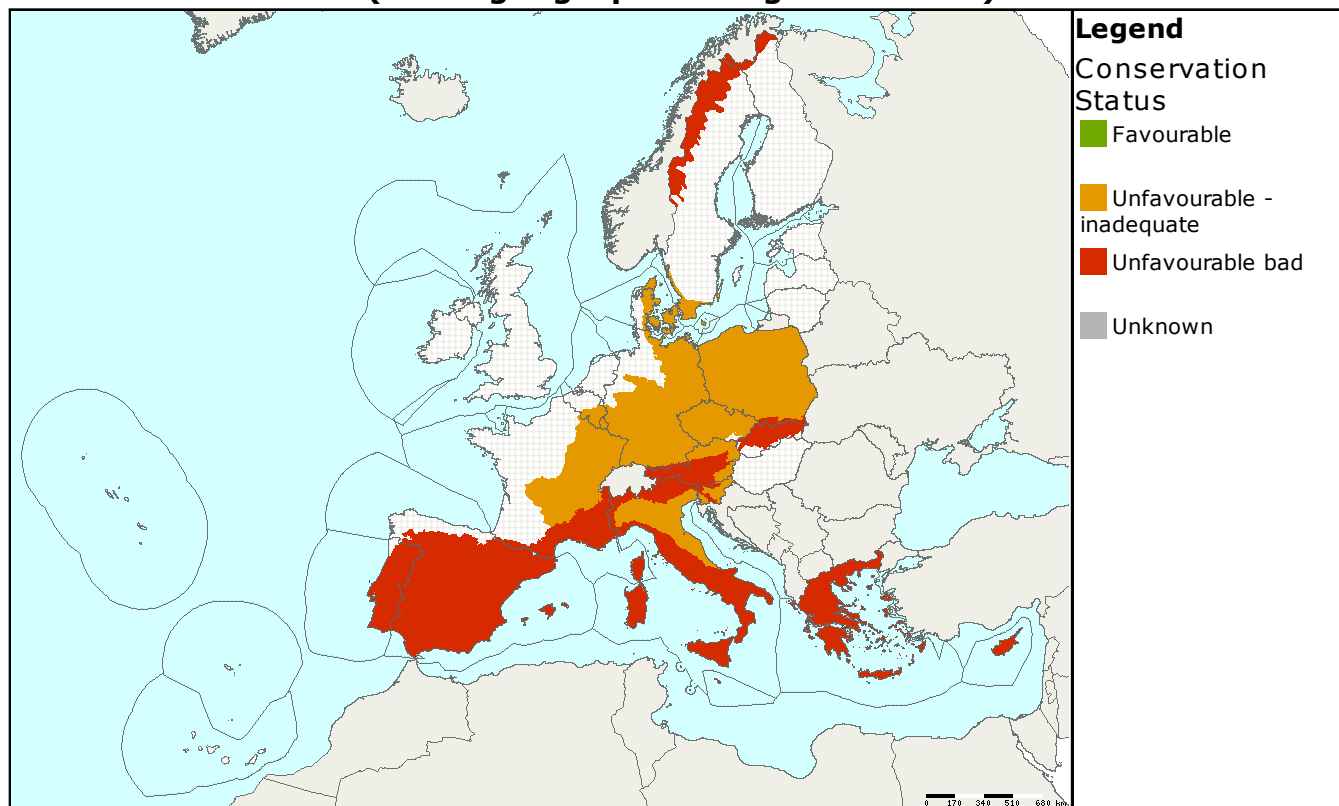


Species name: **Vipera ursinii (except Vipera ursinii rakosiensis)** Species group: **Amphibians & Reptiles**  
 Annex: **II, IV** Regions: **ALP CON MED**

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

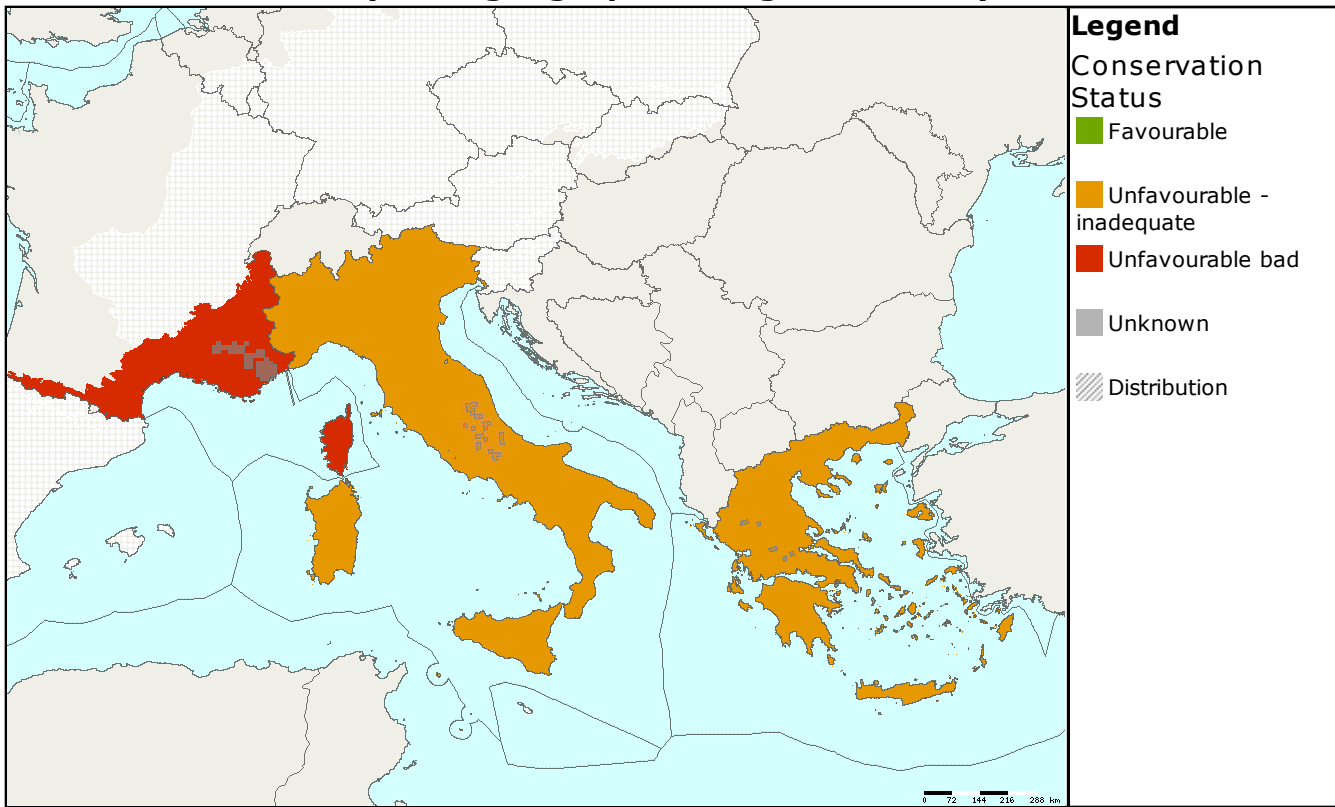


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ALP	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	32 grids	-
EU25	CON	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate		X
EU25	MED	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	71 grids	

The meadow viper is a terrestrial snake species which occurs in nearly all countries between France and China.

In the Alpine and Mediterranean region the status of this species has been assessed as ‘bad’. The species is doing particularly badly in France. In Italy and Greece it has been assessed as ‘inadequate’ or ‘inadequate and deteriorating’. In the Continental region its status is ‘inadequate’. Additional data from Italy regarding population and future prospects would further improve the overall assessment. However, from the current assessments it is clear that this species is not doing very well. It is considered to be rare and threatened. This declares the IUCN conservation status which currently is ‘Endangered’. Since this status dates from 1996 and needs to be updated.

## 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			
FR	ALP						3 - 3 loc.	-	1
IT	ALP						10 - 10 grids	=	2
IT	CON						8 - 8 grids	X	3
EL	MED						40 - 90 area	X	3
FR	MED						9 - 9 loc.	-	1
IT	MED						7 - 7 grids	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>