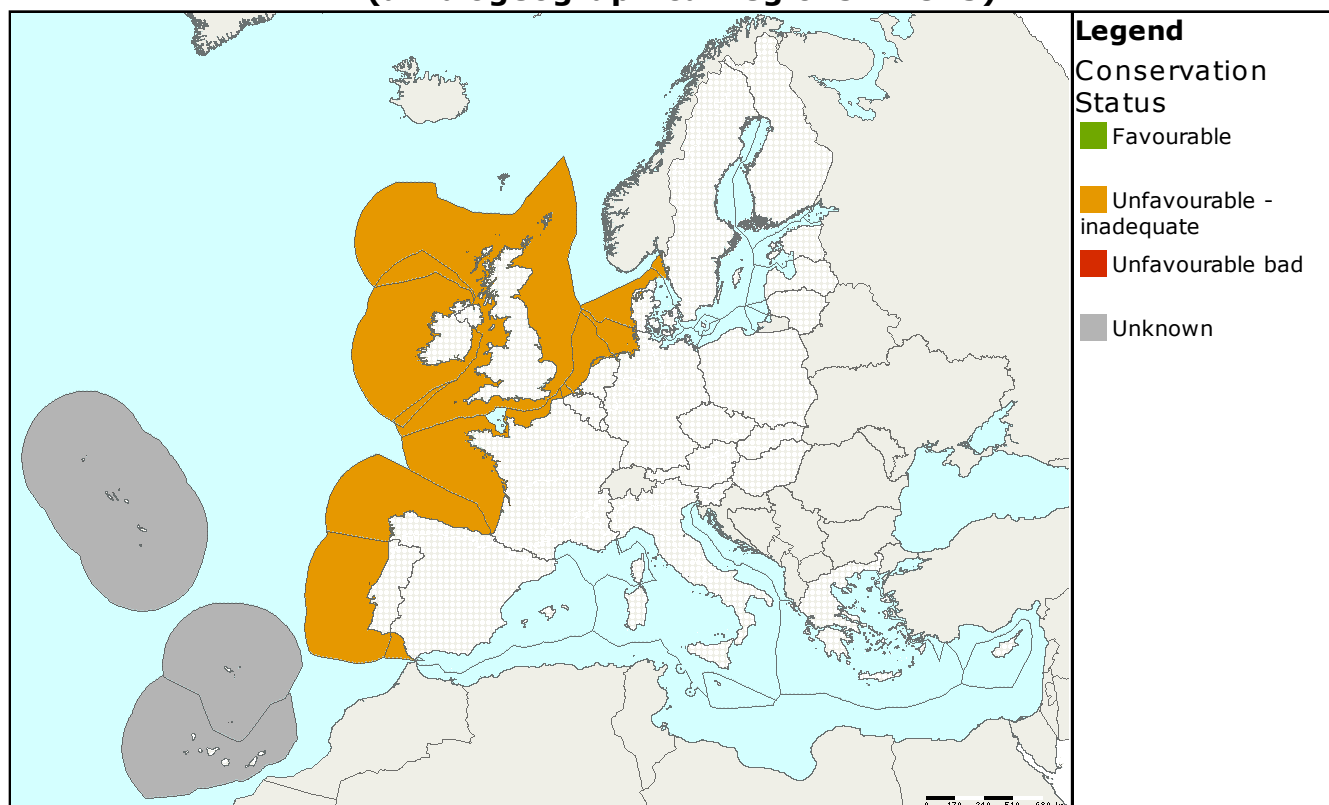


Species name: **Balaenoptera acutorostrata** Species group: **Mammals**
 Annex: **IV** Regions: **MATL MMAC MMED**

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

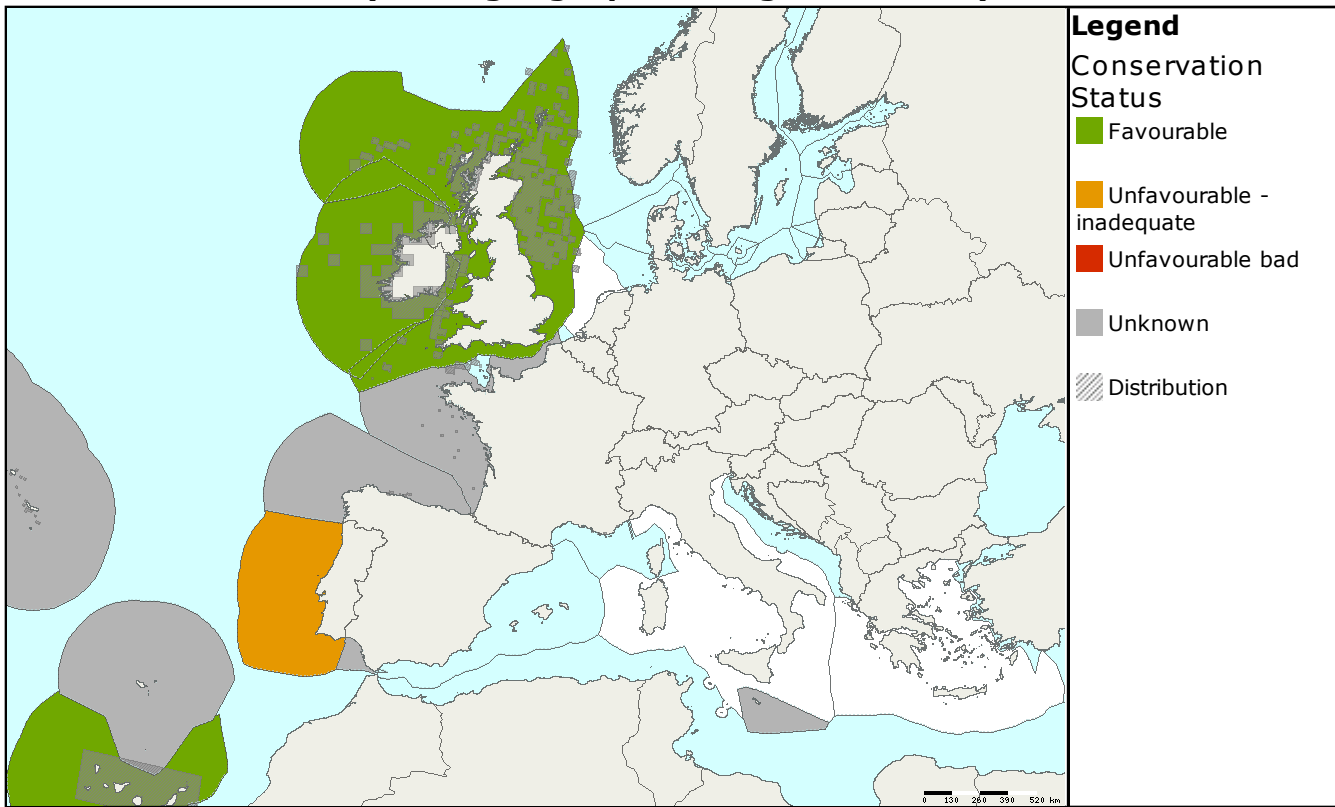


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MATL							
EU25	MMAC							

The common minke whale is widely distributed across the marine Atlantic and Macaronesian regions, from latitudes ranging from northwest of the British Isles and the central North Sea to the Canaries in the south. The species is an occasional visitor to the marine Mediterranean region. It is the most neritic of all minke whales and is most abundant in ocean areas overlying the continental platform.

In the marine Atlantic the overall conservation status is 'unfavourable-inadequate' due to Portugal's conclusions for the population and future prospects parameters. In the marine Macaronesian region the overall status is unknown due to the lack of data on the species' range and population status in both the Spanish and Portuguese waters. The minke whale is listed as species of 'Least Concern' 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						87 - 87 loc.	X	3
FR	MATL						N/A indiv.	X	3
IE	MATL						5942 - 5942 indiv.	+	1
PT	MATL						500 - 2000 indiv.	=	3
UK	MATL						16395 - 16395 indiv.	=	1
NL	MATL						N/A x	N/A	
ES	MMAC						43500 - 114000 indiv.	X	3
PT	MMAC						N/A x	X	
EL	MMED						N/A x	N/A	
IT	MMED						N/A x	X	3
MT	MMED						N/A x	X	3

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>