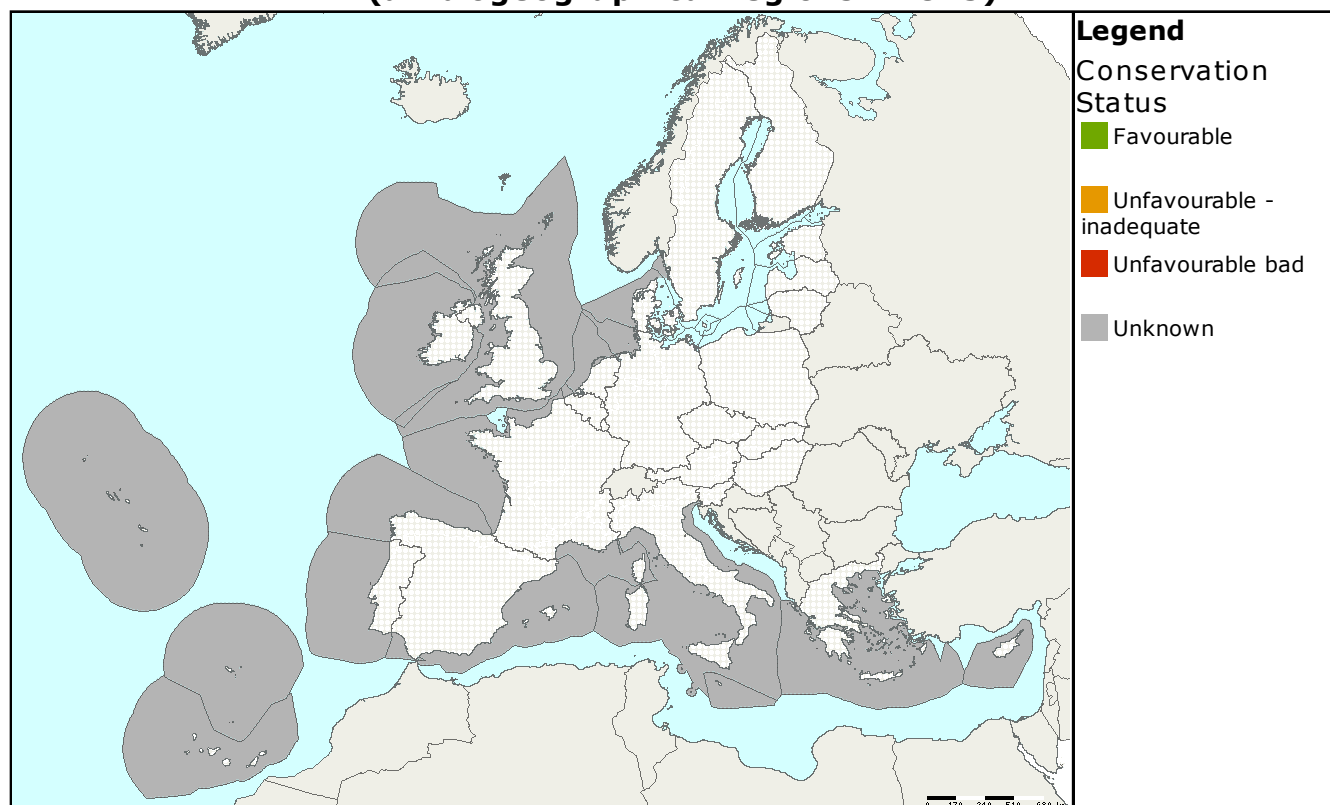


Species name: **Balaenoptera physalus**  
Annex: **IV**

Species group: **Mammals**  
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	MMAC						> 171 grids	X
EU25	MATL							
EU25	MMED							

The Fin whale is distributed in the marine Atlantic and Macaronesian regions from all of the North sea and northwestern Ireland and southwards until the Canaries islands. A genetically distinct subpopulation resides in the central and western Mediterranean sea. The species inhabits pelagic waters 400-2,000 meters deep and has been observed to breed in warmer temperate waters and then migrate to summering temperate or polar colder waters.

The overall conservation status in the marine Atlantic, Macaronesian and Mediterranean regions is 'unknown'. This is due to the fact that range and population parameters are almost always 'unknown' in the Atlantic reports, while at least three, if not all, of the parameters are reported as 'unknown' by the Member State reports of the Mediterranean and Macaronesian region. More data is needed for the species. The species is listed as 'endangered' in the IUCN Red List of threatened species because of its population reduction due to historical whaling.

**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						2 - 2 loc.	X	3
FR	MATL						N/A indiv.	X	3
IE	MATL						300 - 500 indiv.	X	3
PT	MATL						N/A x	X	
UK	MATL						30000 - 30000 indiv.	=	1
NL	MATL						N/A x	N/A	
ES	MMAC						N/A x	X	
PT	MMAC						N/A x	X	
EL	MMED						N/A x	X	
ES	MMED						N/A x	N/A	
FR	MMED						1000 - 3500 indiv.	X	2
IT	MMED						N/A x	X	3
MT	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>