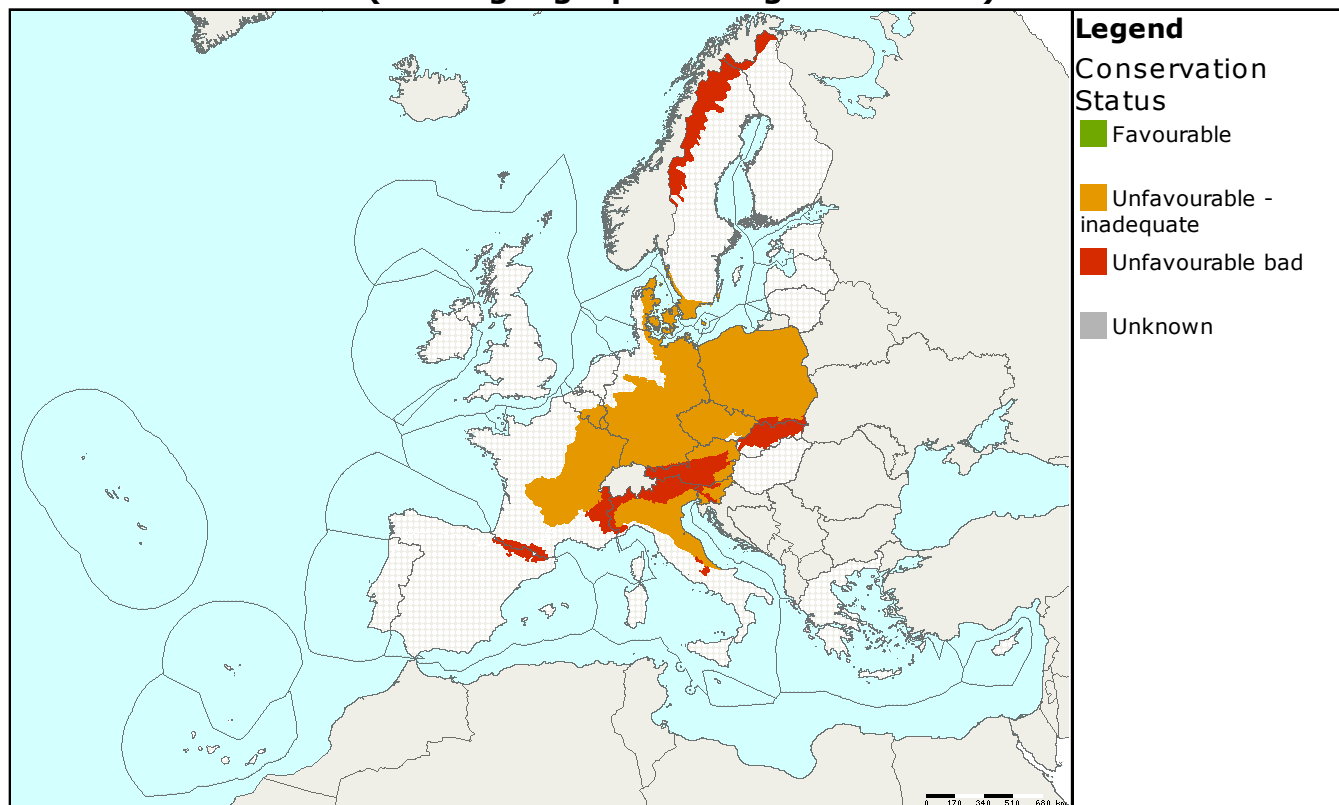


Species name: **Bison bonasus**
Annex: **II*, IV**

Species group: **Mammals**
Regions: **ALP CON**

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

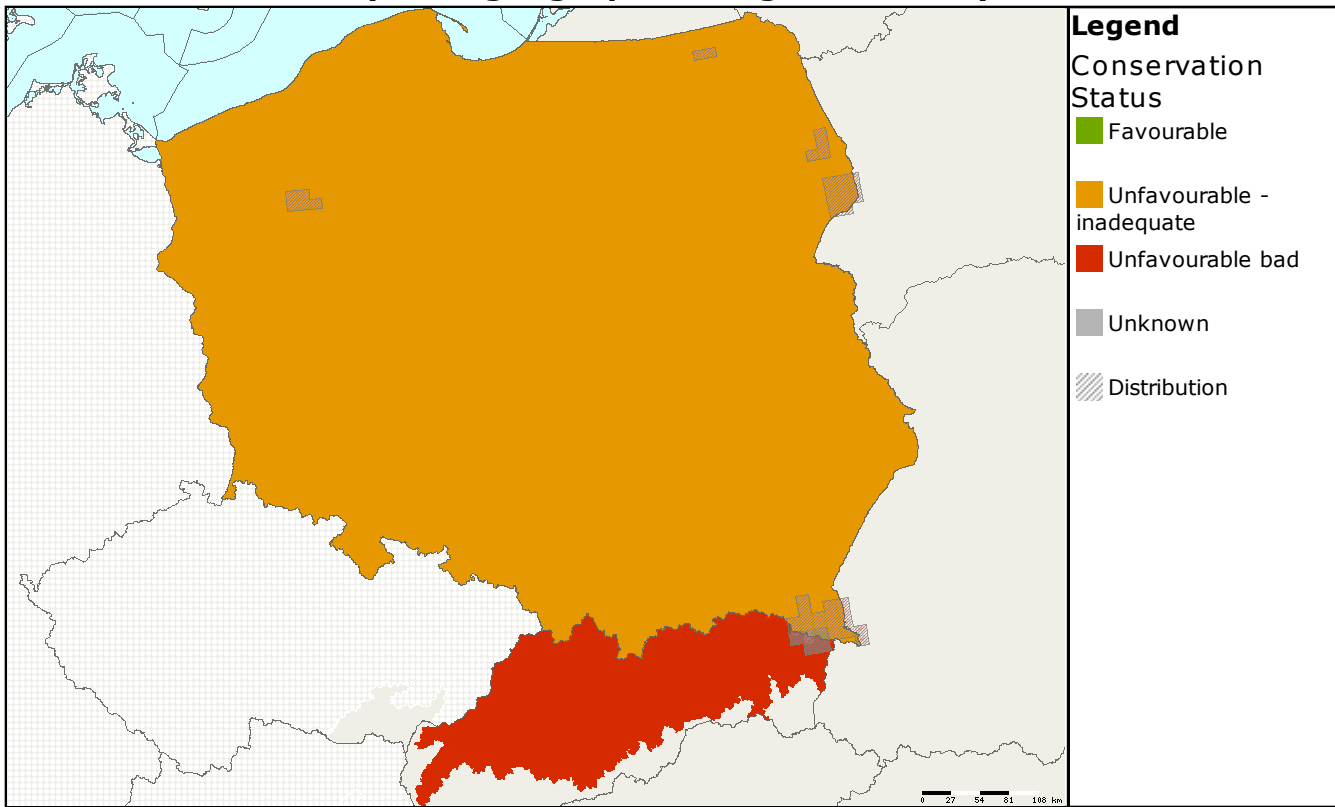


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	CON						459 - 520 indiv.	+
EU25	ALP						150-229 indiv.	+

The European bison was historically distributed across the western, central, and south-eastern Europe and the Caucasus. It became extinct in wild in the beginning of the 20th century. Recent populations in Slovakia, Poland and further to the east are reintroduced. The typical habitats of this species are deciduous and mixed forests. It prefers continuous forest complexes, the proportion of the grassland vegetation is never too high.

The conservation status of the reintroduced population in the Alpine biogeographical region is 'unfavourable bad'; the population size is still far from being sufficient to ensure a long-term viability. In the Continental biogeographical region the status is 'unfavourable inadequate', as in the Alpine region the population size is not sufficient. The species is assessed as 'vulnerable' in the European Mammal Assessment.

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			
PL	ALP						140 - 214 indiv.	+	1
SK	ALP						10 - 15 indiv.	+	1
PL	CON						459 - 520 indiv.	+	1

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>