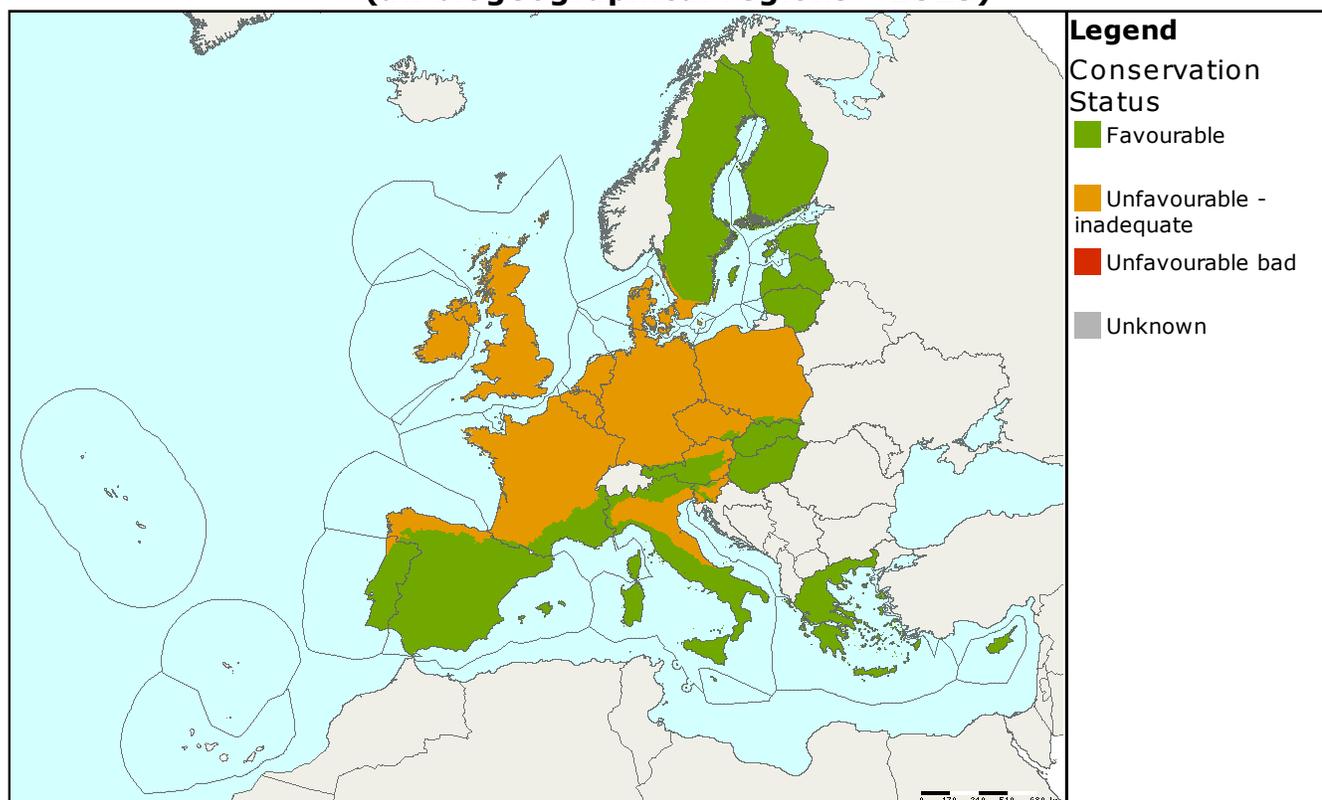


Species name: **Castor fiber**
Annex: **II, IV**

Species group: **Mammals**
Regions: **ALP ATL BOR CON MED PAN**

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						> 331 grids	
EU25	BOR						261800 - 390000 indiv.	+
EU25	CON						> 4408 grids	
EU25	MED							+
EU25	PAN						232 grids	+
EU25	ATL						335 grids	

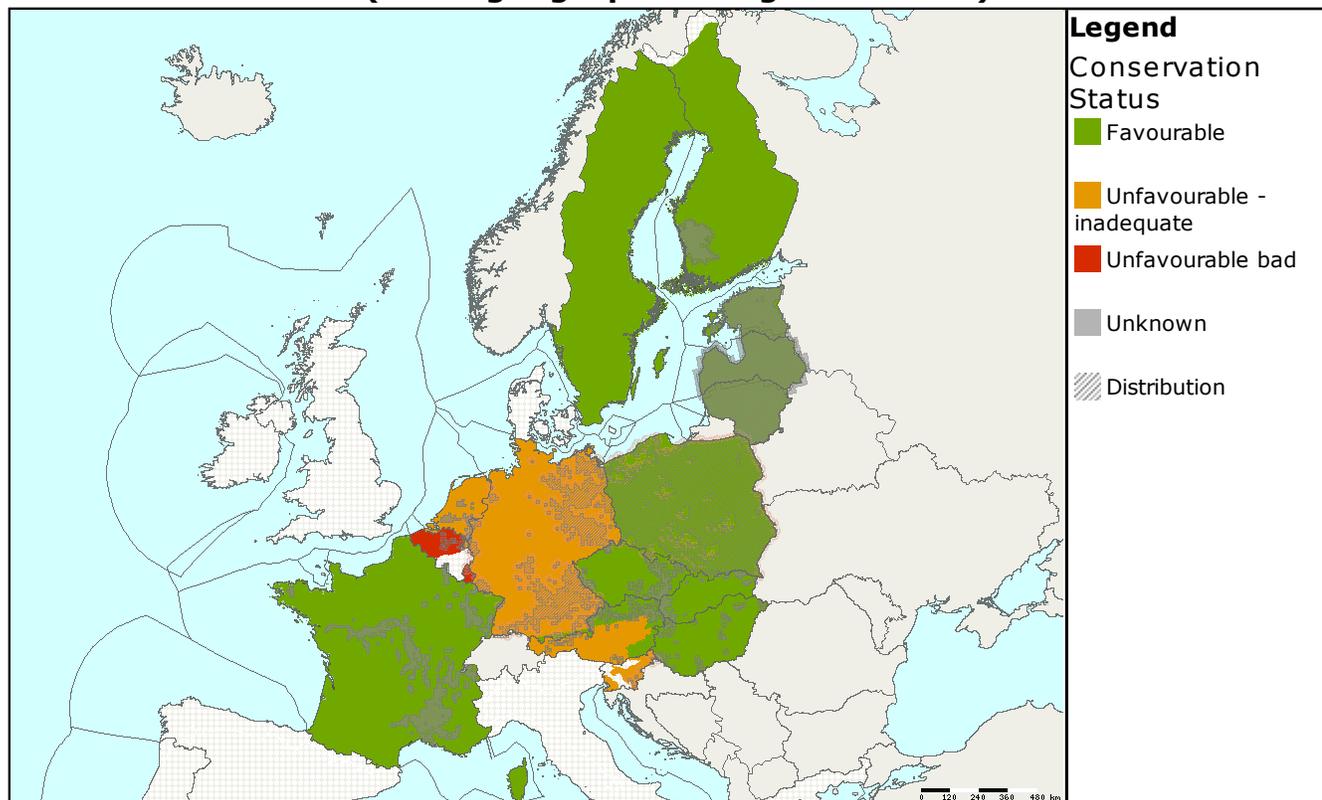
The European beaver populations extend from France across central and eastern Europe to European Russia, and in Scandinavia and parts of western Finland. Beavers are adapted for a semi-aquatic life, using a variety of freshwater systems, including rivers, streams, irrigation ditches, lakes, and swamps.

Its conservation status is 'favourable' in four of the six biogeographical regions where it is present: Alpine, Boreal, Mediterranean and Pannonian. In the Continental and Atlantic regions the overall assessment is 'unfavourable-inadequate' but the future prospects indicate an improving situation for the species.

The species is assessed as 'Least Concern' in Europe by IUCN because of its good recovery across much of its range as a result of conservation programmes. Despite its historical decline due to

over-hunting, the current population trend is to increase.

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			
AT	ALP						75 - 90 indiv.	+	2
DE	ALP						4 - (4) x	+	3
FR	ALP						N/A x	N/A	
PL	ALP						1000 - 1000 indiv.	+	3
SE	ALP						3000 - 7000 indiv.	=	3
SK	ALP						70 - 100 indiv.	+	1
BE	ATL						60 - (60) indiv.	+	1
DE	ATL						94 - (94) x	+	1
FR	ATL						N/A x	+	1
NL	ATL						300 - 350 indiv.	+	1
EE	BOR						16300 - 17500 indiv.	+	1
FI	BOR						1500 - 2500 indiv.	+	1
LT	BOR						44000 - 70000 indiv.	+	2
LV	BOR						100000 - 150000 indiv.	+	2
SE	BOR						100000 - 150000 indiv.	+	2
AT	CON						2500 - 2800 indiv.	+	2
CZ	CON						63 - 63 grids	+	1
DE	CON						1160 - (1160) x	+	2
FR	CON						N/A x	+	
LU	CON						2 - (2) indiv.	+	1
PL	CON						30000 - 40000 indiv.	+	3
SE	CON						6 - 20 indiv.	+	3
SI	CON						20 - (20) indiv.	+	1
FR	MED						N/A x	+	

MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Size&unit	Population trend	Data quality
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall			
CZ	PAN						24 - 24 grids	+	1
HU	PAN						492 - 492 indiv.	+	2
SK	PAN						450 - 600 indiv.	+	1

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>