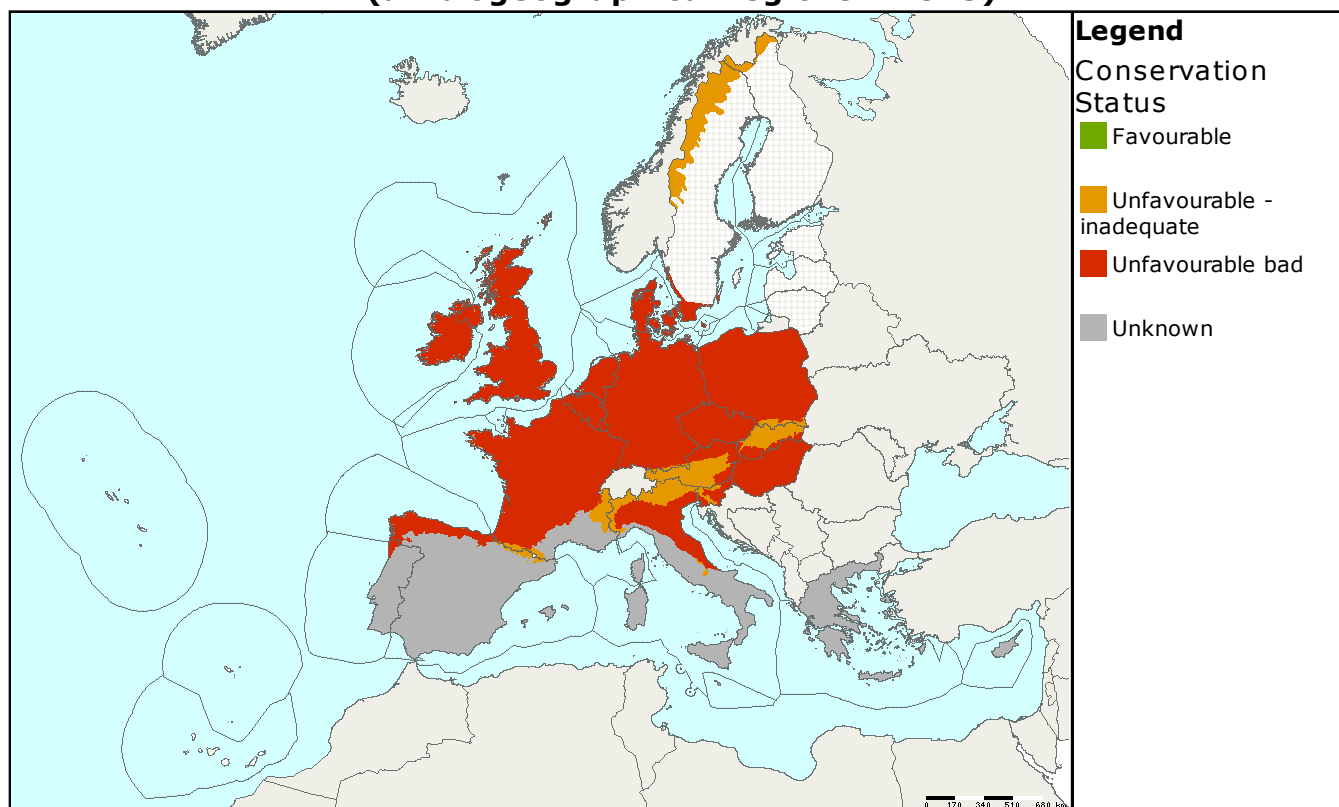


Species name: **Felis silvestris**
Annex: **IV**

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

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



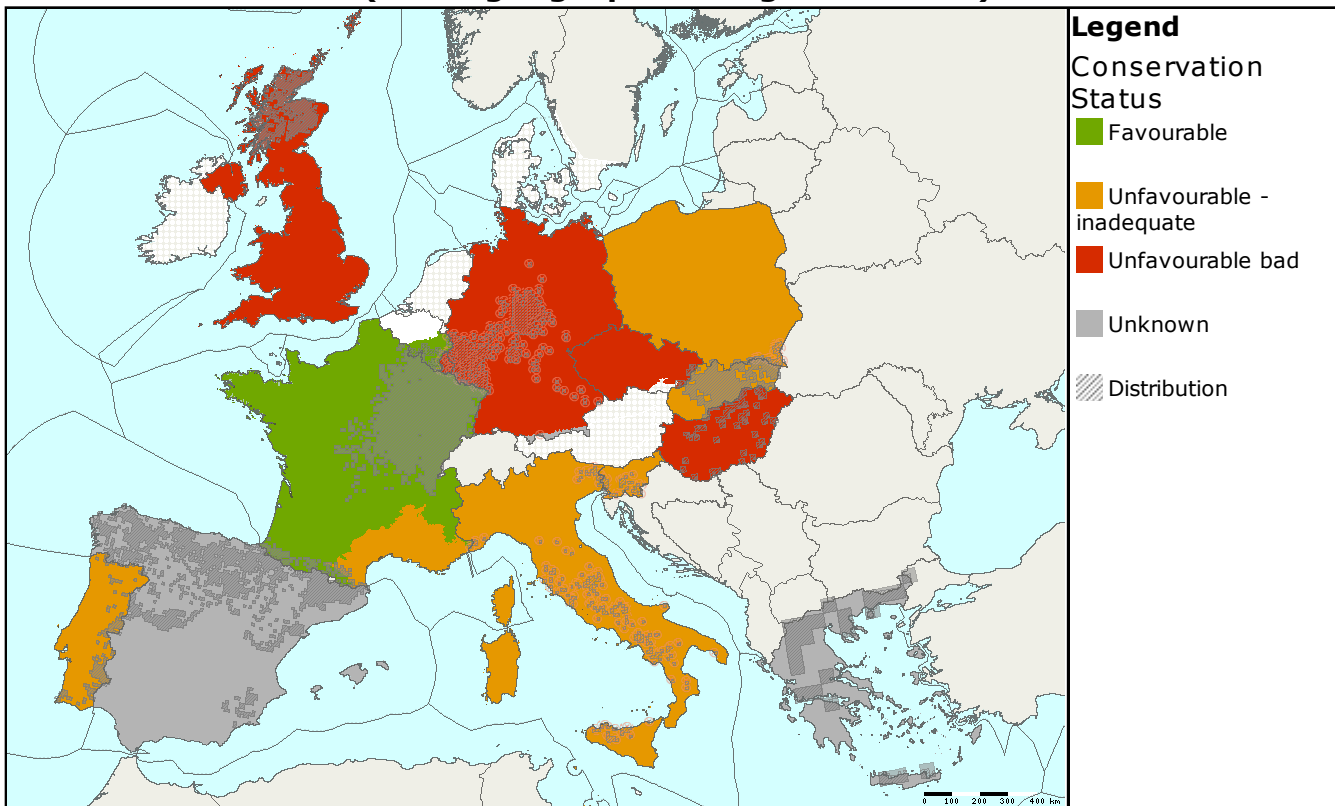
MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ALP	Orange	Grey	Grey	Orange	Orange	586 grids	
EU25	ATL	Grey	Red	Grey	Red	Red	1107 grids	
EU25	CON	Red	Orange	Orange	Grey	Red	1807 grids	
EU25	MED	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	1681 grids	
EU25	PAN	Red	Red	Orange	Red	Red	267 grids	-

The wild cat is widely distributed across the world. Particularly in Africa its range is wide and this species is occurring in nearly all African countries. Furthermore it occurs from southern Europe and central Europe to southeast Asia, Mongolia and China. The wild cat inhabits a range of habitats, including deserts, scrublands and forests. Densely populated areas and cultivated areas are mostly avoided.

This species is performing badly in many countries and has a 'bad' status in the Atlantic, Continental and Pannonian region. Its status in the Alpine region was assessed as 'inadequate' and in the Mediterranean region its status remains 'unknown'. Particularly important data from Spain and to a lesser extent also Greece, are lacking. In Europe this species is suffering from habitat fragmentation. Of all European countries, the status of the wild cat is 'favourable' only in Belgium and France. Nearly all

over the world the population of wild cats is threatened hybridisation with domestic cats. Nevertheless, its IUCN conservation status for Europe is 'Least Concern' due its wide distribution.

**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	ALP						N/A x	N/A	
FR	ALP						N/A x	N/A	
IT	ALP						26 - 26 loc.	X	3
PL	ALP						100 - 150 indiv.	=	2
SI	ALP						650 - 1000 indiv.	-	2
SK	ALP						1000 - 2000 indiv.	-	2
DE	ALP						1 - (1) x	X	3
DE	ATL						17 - (17) x	X	1
ES	ATL						297 - 393 loc.	N/A	
FR	ATL						N/A x	+	
PT	ATL						N/A x	-	
UK	ATL						N/A x	-	3
BE	ATL						N/A x	N/A	
BE	CON						(3300) - 3300 area	=	3
CZ	CON						4 - 4 grids	-	3
DE	CON						357 - (357) x	+	1
FR	CON						N/A x	+	
IT	CON						18 - 18 loc.	X	3
LU	CON						22 - (22) loc.	=	2
PL	CON						(20) - 20 indiv.	=	2
SI	CON						500 - 3500 indiv.	-	2
EL	MED						N/A x	X	
ES	MED						845 - 955 loc.	X	

MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Size&unit	Population trend	Data quality
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall			
FR	MED						N/A x	N/A	
IT	MED						149 - 149 loc.	X	3
PT	MED						N/A x	-	
HU	PAN						79 - 79 loc.	-	3
SK	PAN						100 - 200 indiv.	-	2

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>