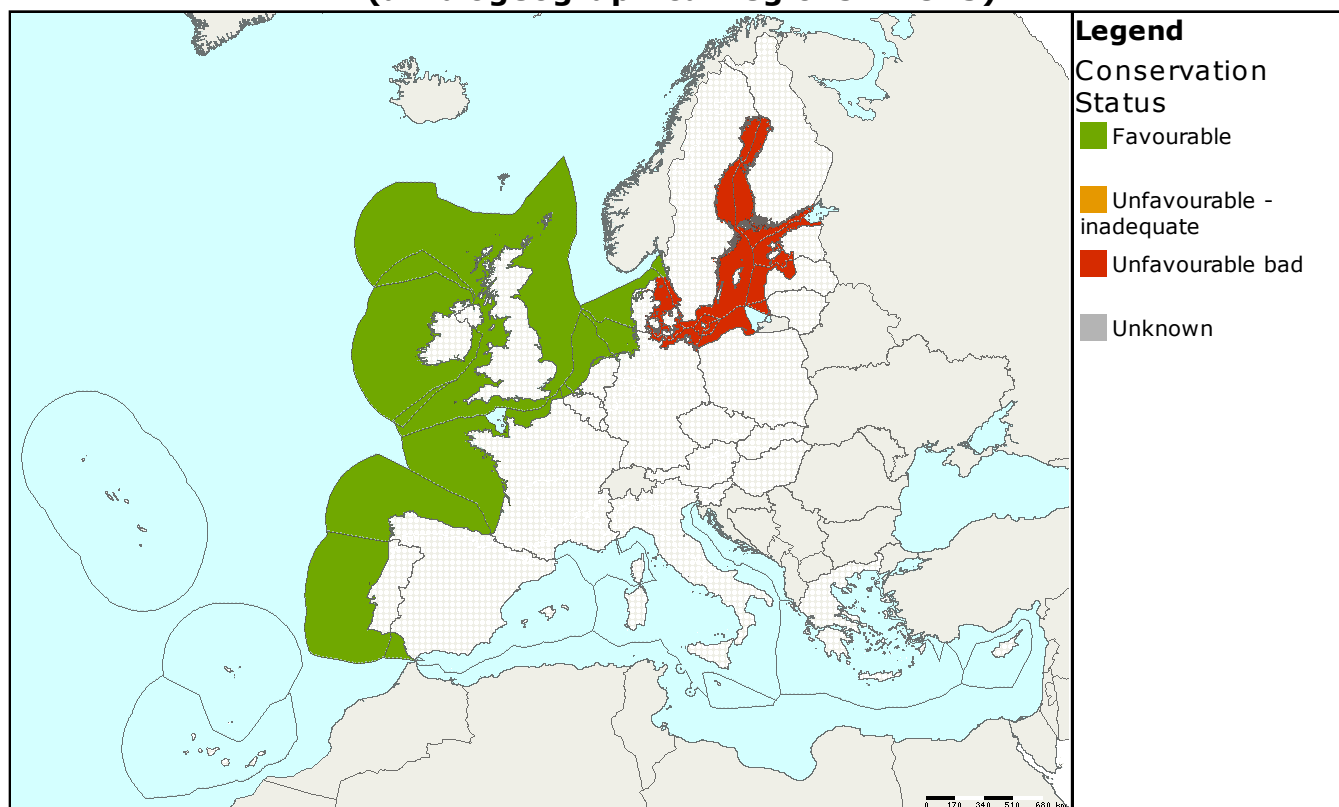


Species name: **Halichoerus grypus**  
Annex: **II, V**

Species group: **Mammals**  
Regions: **ATL MATL MBAL MMAC**

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

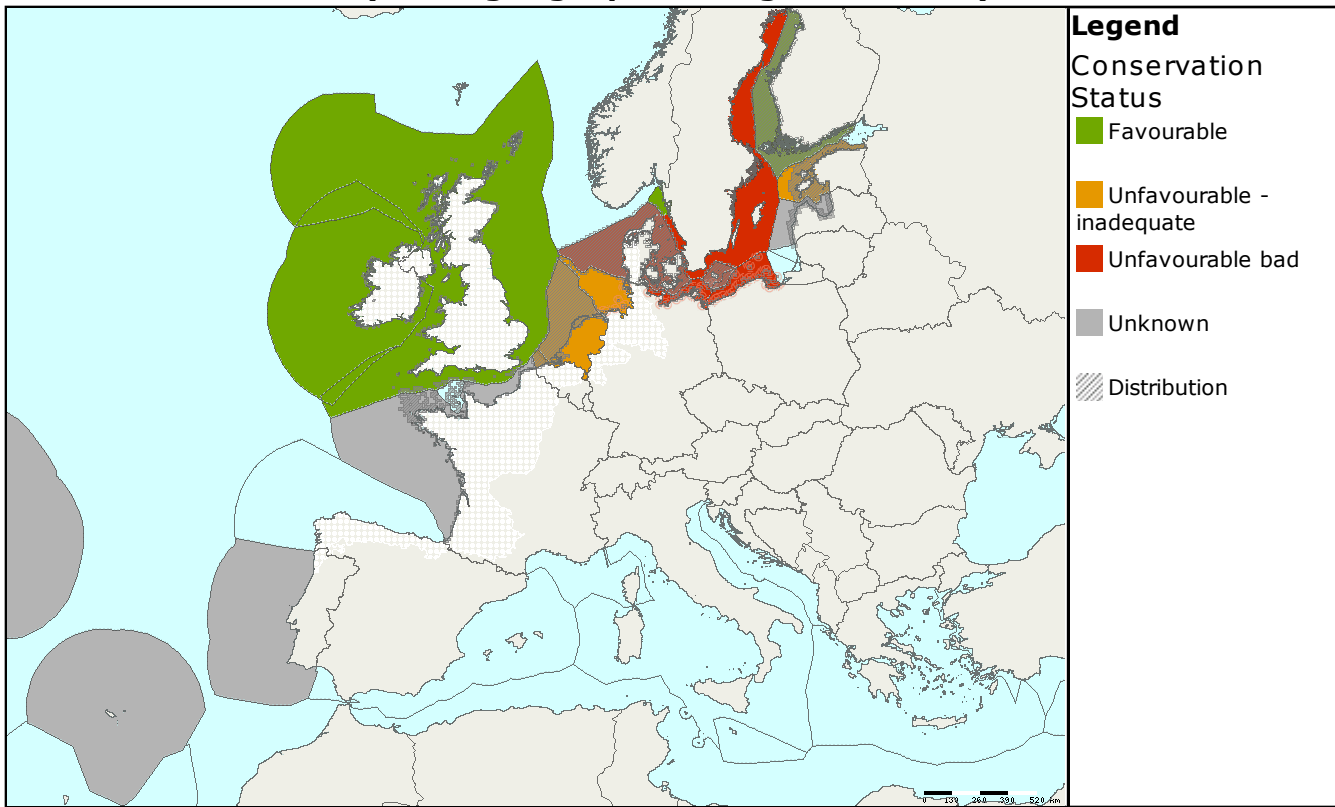


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MATL	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	104827 - 168776 indiv.	
EU25	MBAL	Green	Red	Orange	Orange	Red	22357 - 26807 indiv.	

The grey seal is present in the marine Atlantic region along the coasts of the United Kingdom, Ireland, and on the European mainland coasts from Sweden to France (Brittany). Another geographically isolated population is present in the marine Baltic region.

The overall assessment in the marine Atlantic region is 'favourable' since more than 93% of the Atlantic population lies in the United Kingdom waters even though in the southeastern North Sea countries such as Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark expressed an unfavourable-bad or inadequate conclusion for at least one of three parameters (population, habitat, or future prospects). In the marine Baltic region the status is 'unfavourable-bad' due the generally bad status of the species with the exception of Finland, Estonia and Latvia. The enclosed sea characteristic and the high pollution load of the Baltic sea play a significant role in the endangered status of this species. The species is listed, on a global level as '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			
NL	ATL						1800 - 2000 indiv.	+	1
BE	MATL						2 - 10 indiv.	+	3
DE	MATL						353 - (353) indiv.	+	1
DK	MATL						10 - 20 indiv.	+	2
FR	MATL						150 - 300 indiv.	+	2
IE	MATL						5509 - 7083 indiv.	=	1
NL	MATL						1800 - 2000 indiv.	+	1
SE	MATL						3 - 10 indiv.	X	3
UK	MATL						97000 - 159000 indiv.	+	1
PT	MATL						N/A x	X	
DE	MBAL						6 - (6) indiv.	+	1
DK	MBAL						50 - 100 indiv.	+	2
EE	MBAL						2600 - 3000 indiv.	+	1
FI	MBAL						10700 - (10700) indiv.	+	1
LV	MBAL						1000 - 1000 indiv.	+	3
PL	MBAL						1 - (1) indiv.	-	3
SE	MBAL						8000 - 12000 indiv.	+	1
PT	MMAC						N/A x	N/A	

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>