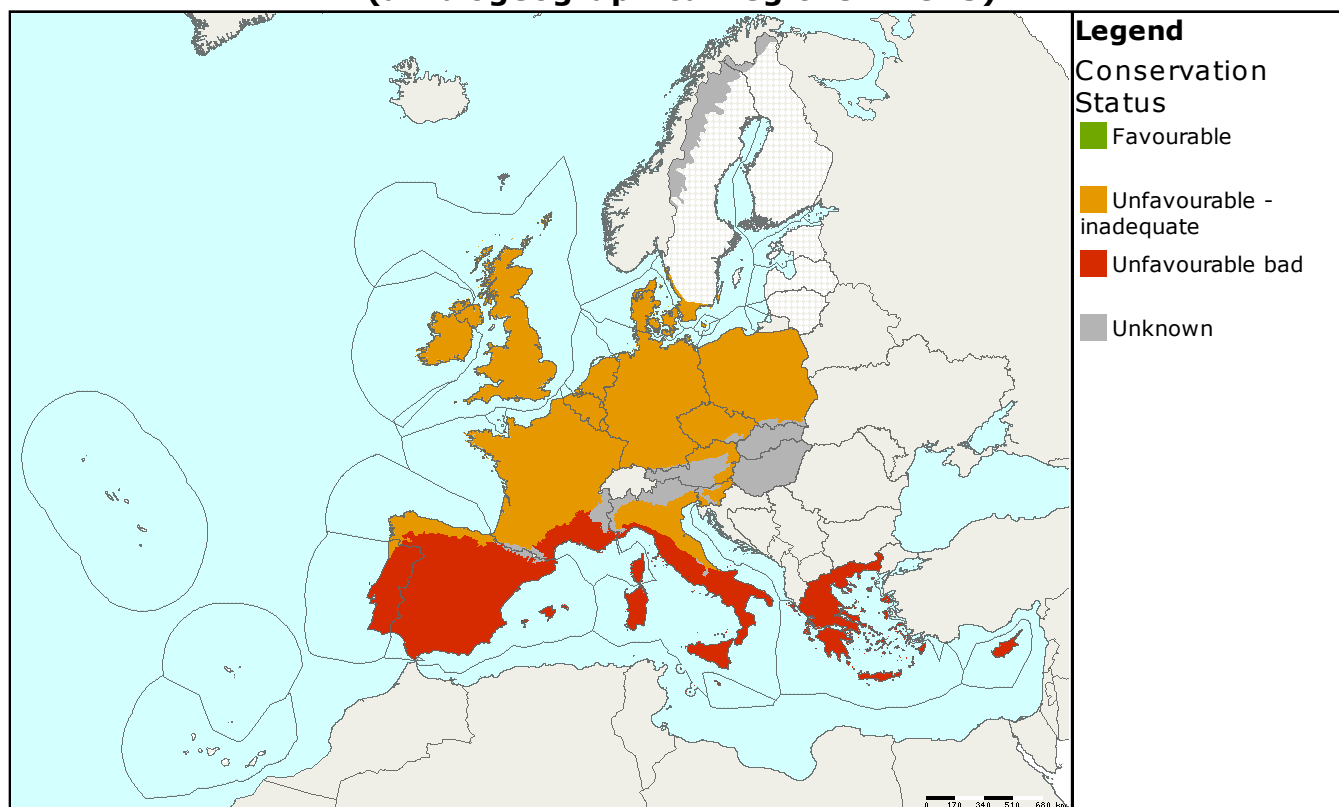


Species name: **Rhinolophus hipposideros**
Annex: **II, IV**

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

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



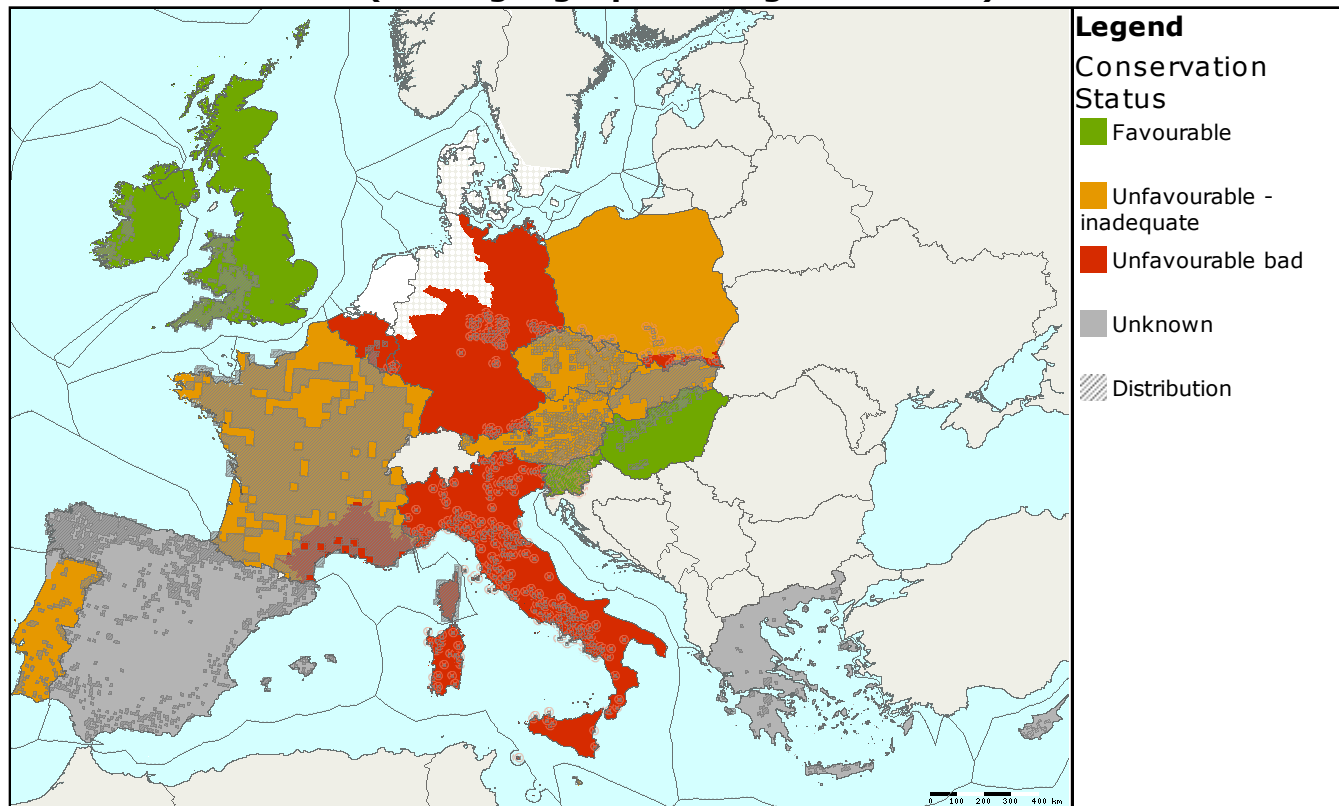
| MS | Region | Conservation status assessment | | | | | Population size & unit | Population Trend |
|------|--------|--------------------------------|------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------|
| | | Range | Population | Habitat | Future prospects | Overall | | |
| EU25 | ALP | | | | | | 1327 grids | |
| EU25 | ATL | | | | | | 2802 grids | |
| EU25 | CON | | | | | | 2828 grids | |
| EU25 | MED | | | | | | 1999 grids | |
| EU25 | PAN | | | | | | 341 grids | + |

The lesser horseshoe bat is widely distributed. It occurs in North Africa, Mediterranean and Central Europe and Southwest Asia till western China. It forages along edges of woodlands and shrublands. It hides in underground sites, attics and buildings.

In the Atlantic and Continental region the status of this species was assessed as 'inadequate'. Its status was 'bad' in the Mediterranean region and 'unknown but not favourable' in the Alpine and Pannonian region. Data from Greece, Portugal and Spain are lacking and will improve the overall assessment if they become available. In many countries this species does not seem to perform well. Exceptions to this are Hungary, Ireland, Slovenia and the United Kingdom where it has a 'favourable' status. In some countries this species is considered to be (nearly) extinct and in Belgium habitats are restored in order to support the population. Habitat fragmentation and removal of hedges are major threats to this species.

The total population is decreasing, but because it is widely distributed it currently has a 'Least Concern' IUCN conservation status.

**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 | | | | | | 10000 - 12500 x | + | 1 |
| DE | ALP | | | | | | 9 - (9) x | + | 1 |
| ES | ALP | | | | | | 33 - 33 loc. | N/A | |
| FR | ALP | | | | | | 3100 - 3100 indiv. | N/A | 2 |
| IT | ALP | | | | | | 49 - 49 colony | - | 2 |
| PL | ALP | | | | | | 3000 - 15000 indiv. | + | 3 |
| SI | ALP | | | | | | 110 - (110) colony | = | 2 |
| SK | ALP | | | | | | 8000 - 12000 indiv. | + | 2 |
| BE | ATL | | | | | | N/A indiv. | = | 2 |
| ES | ATL | | | | | | 485 - (485) loc. | N/A | |
| FR | ATL | | | | | | 12600 - 12600 indiv. | - | 2 |
| IE | ATL | | | | | | 12250 - 12250 indiv. | + | 1 |
| PT | ATL | | | | | | N/A x | X | |
| UK | ATL | | | | | | 18000 - 18000 indiv. | + | 2 |
| NL | ATL | | | | | | N/A x | N/A | |
| AT | CON | | | | | | 1800 - 2500 x | - | 1 |
| BE | CON | | | | | | 5 - 13 grids | - | 1 |
| CZ | CON | | | | | | 217 - 217 grids | + | 1 |
| DE | CON | | | | | | 79 - (79) x | + | 1 |
| FR | CON | | | | | | 16200 - 16200 indiv. | N/A | 2 |
| IT | CON | | | | | | 83 - 83 colony | - | 2 |
| PL | CON | | | | | | 900 - 2000 indiv. | + | 3 |
| SI | CON | | | | | | 140 - (140) colony | = | 2 |

| MS | Region | Conservation status assessment | | | | | Size&unit | Population trend | Data quality |
|----|--------|--------------------------------|------------|---------|------------------|---------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | Range | Population | Habitat | Future prospects | Overall | | | |
| LU | CON | | | | | | N/A loc. | N/A | 2 |
| CY | MED | | | | | | 23 - 23 grids | - | 3 |
| EL | MED | | | | | | 99 - 99 x | X | 3 |
| ES | MED | | | | | | 714 - (714) loc. | = | |
| FR | MED | | | | | | 12000 - 12000 indiv. | N/A | 2 |
| IT | MED | | | | | | 217 - 217 colony | - | 2 |
| MT | MED | | | | | | 200 - 400 indiv. | = | 2 |
| PT | MED | | | | | | 5000 - 10000 indiv. | - | 2 |
| CZ | PAN | | | | | | 23 - 23 grids | + | 1 |
| HU | PAN | | | | | | 1700 - 10000 indiv. | = | 2 |
| SK | PAN | | | | | | 500 - 1000 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>