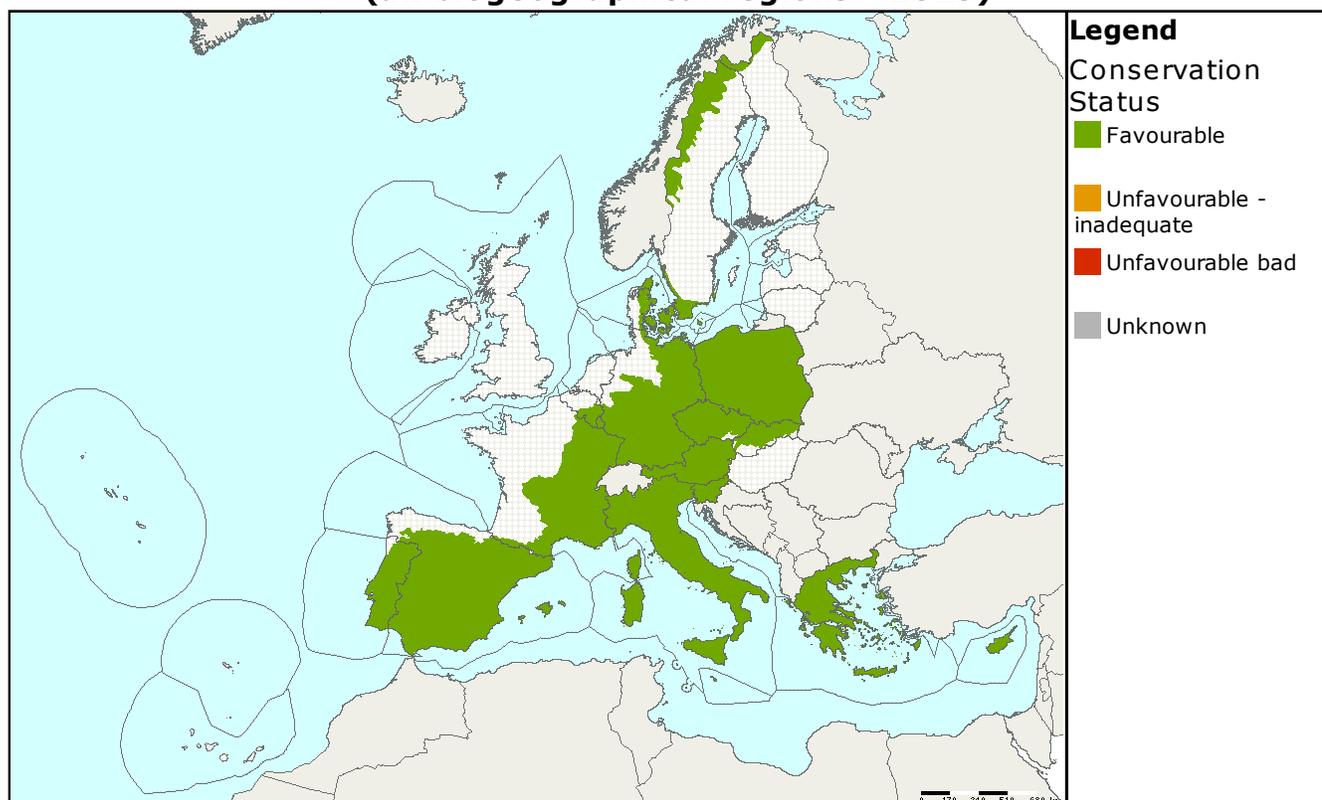


Species name: **Hystrix cristata**
Annex: **IV**

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

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						2 loc.	=
EU25	CON						139 loc.	+
EU25	MED						535 loc.	+

The crested porcupine or North African crested porcupine is native in Italy and many countries in Africa, ranging from Morocco and Algeria and from Senegal to Kenya. In the Mediterranean the crested porcupine inhabits dry Mediterranean shrubland, maquis, abandoned farmland, steppe, forest and dry rocky areas.

In all geographical regions this species occurs (Alpine, Continental and Mediterranean), its status was assessed as 'favourable'. In Italy this species is increasing and moving northwards. In some African countries it is declining and in Morocco it is even threatened. However, this is not enough to prevent its IUCN conservation status from being 'Least Concern'.

**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			
IT	ALP						2 - 2 loc.	=	2
IT	CON						139 - 139 loc.	+	2
IT	MED						535 - 535 loc.	+	2

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>