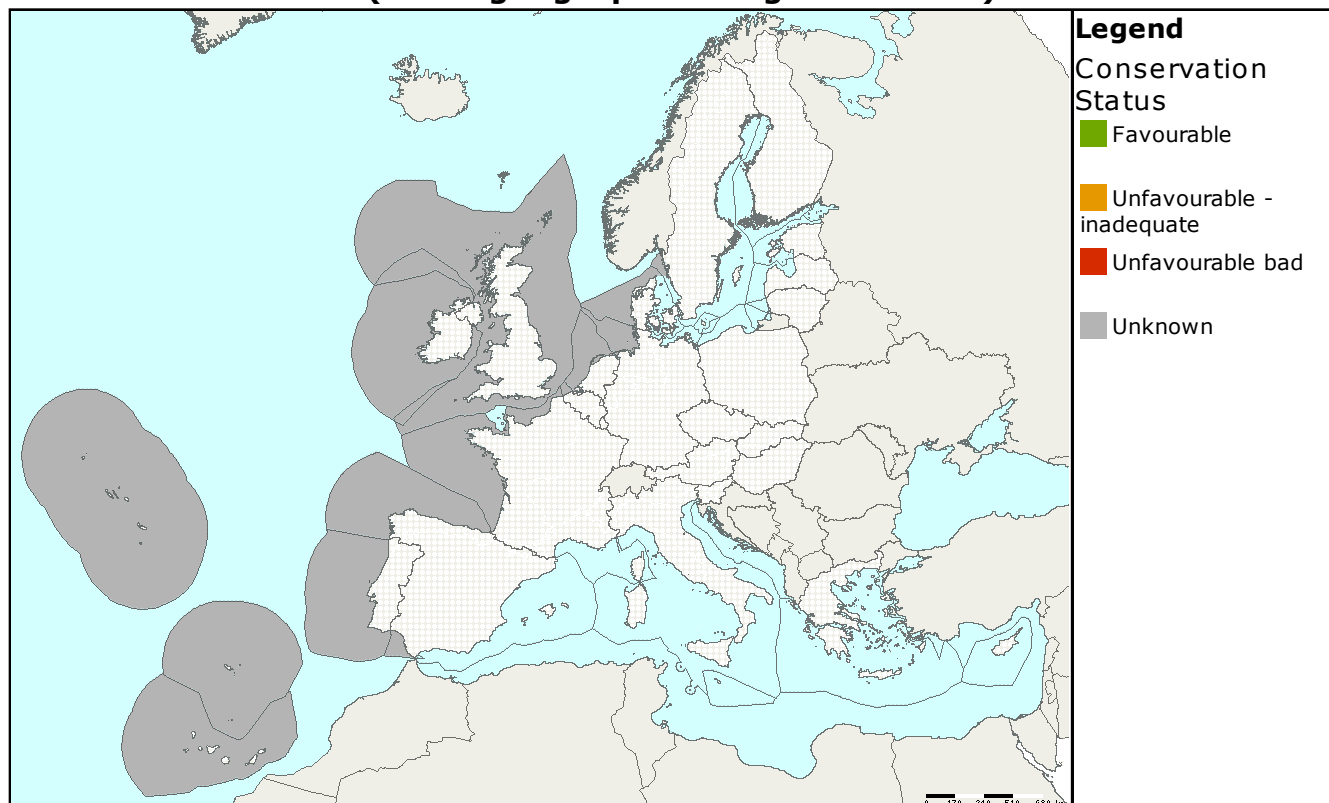


Species name: **Mesoplodon bidens**
Annex: **IV**

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

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

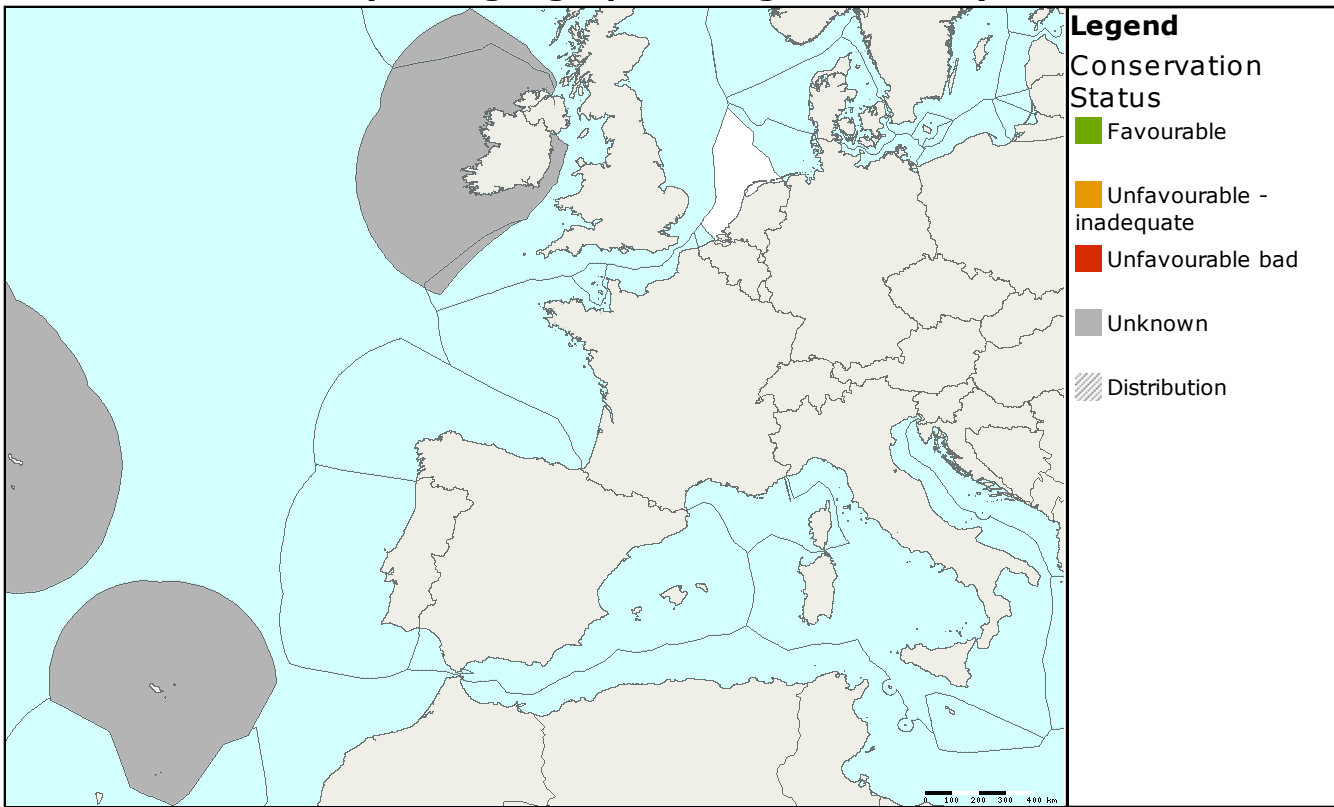


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MATL							X
EU25	MMAC							X

Sowerby's beaked whale inhabits the deep waters (more than 1,000 meters depth) of the North Atlantic. Its distribution records are mostly from areas north of the 30°N latitude and very little other information is available concerning its distribution and abundance. It has been observed north and west of the UK and Ireland, in the North Sea, in the western approach to the English Channel and the Bay of Biscay, as well as in the Azores and Madeira. The species is vulnerable to acoustic pollution such as that generated by military and seismic activities and various other forms of pollution.

The overall assessment in the marine Atlantic and Macaronesian regions is 'unknown' and based only on the respective Irish and Portuguese reports for which most parameter data is not available. This conservation status reflects the species' 'data deficient' listing in the IUCN's 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			
IE	MATL						N/A x	X	
NL	MATL						N/A x	N/A	
PT	MMAC						N/A x	X	

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>