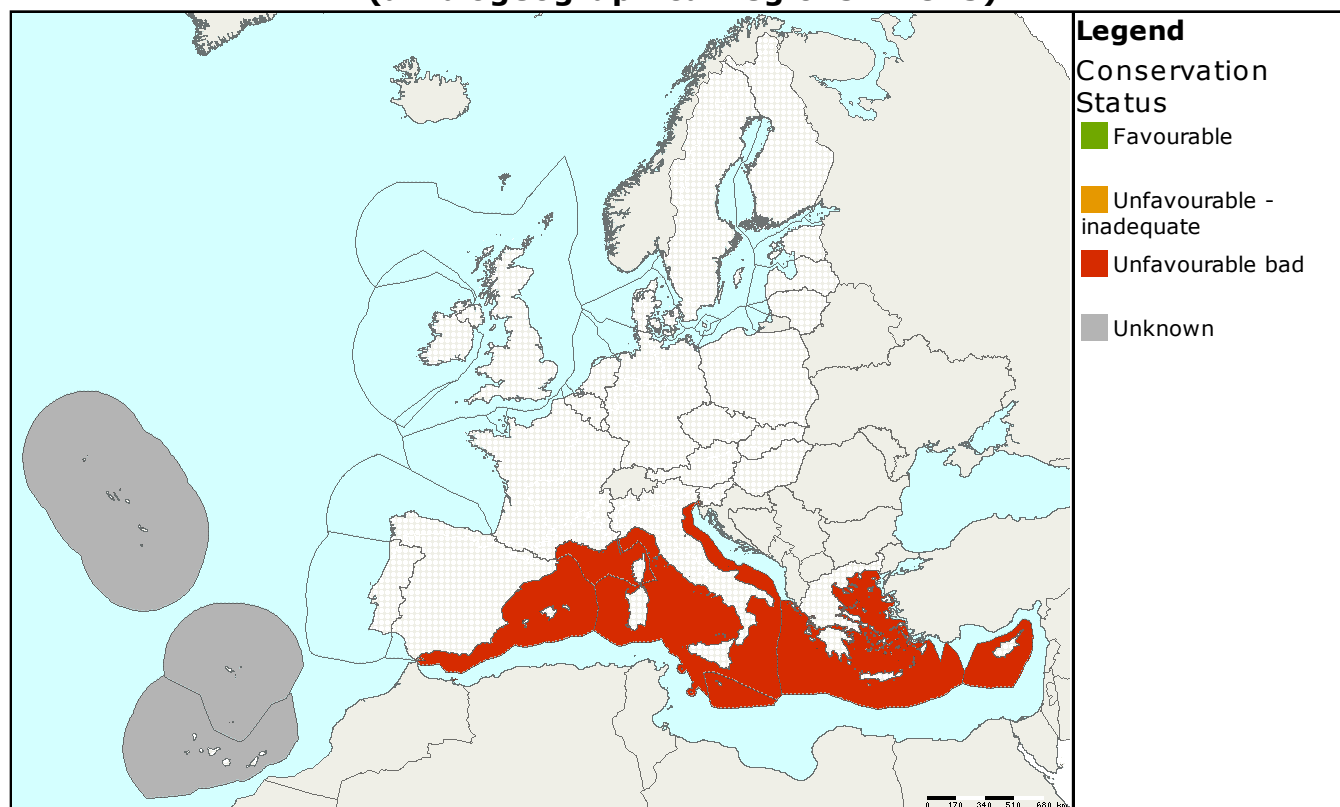


Species name: **Monachus monachus**
Annex: **II*, IV**

Species group: **Mammals**
Regions: **MED MMAC MMED**

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

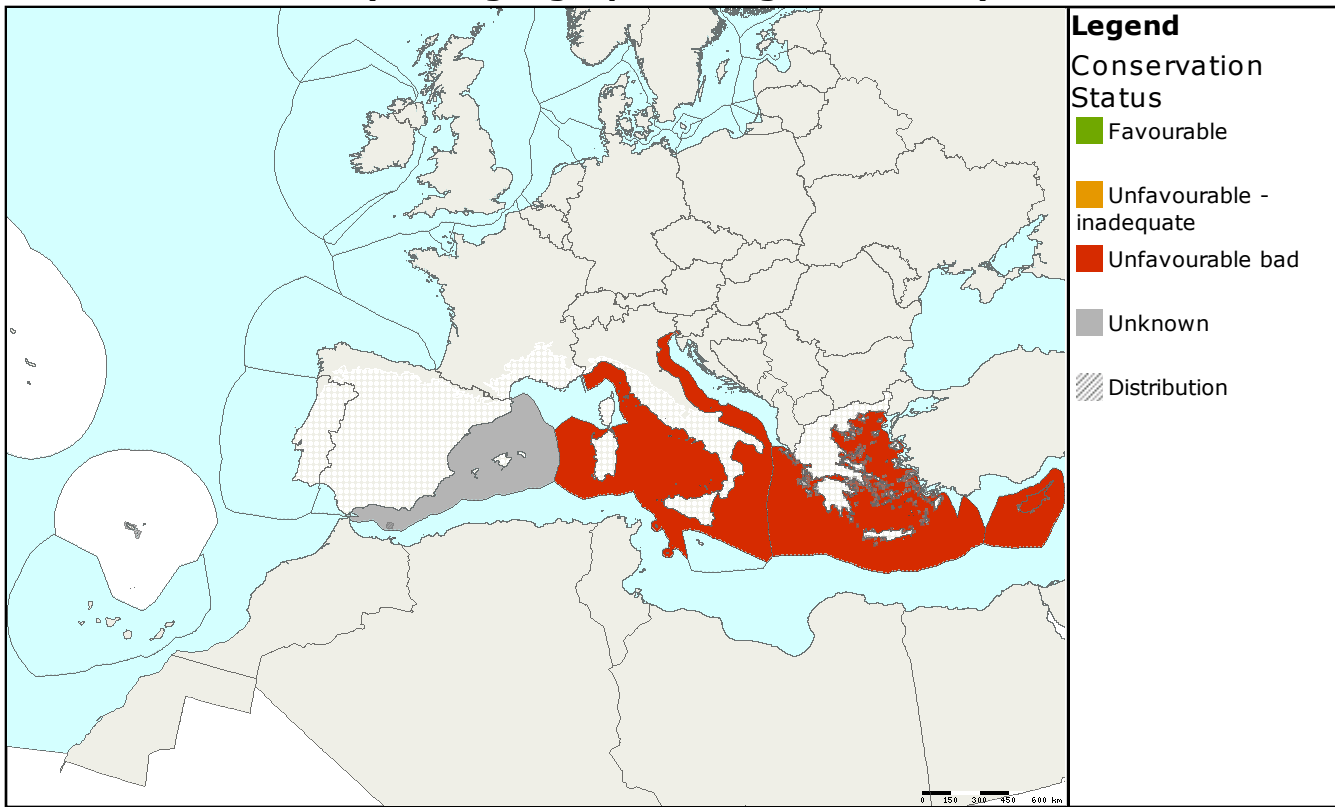


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MMAC						30 indiv.	+
EU25	MMED						> 123 grids	

The Mediterranean monk seal inhabits the marine Macaronesian and Mediterranean regions where it breeds, respectively, in the archipelago of Madeira and throughout a large part of the Greek island archipelagos and the island of Crete. A colony is also reported in Cyprus and sighting data is reported for southern Italian and Spanish locations.

The overall conservation status in the marine Macaronesian is 'unknown' even though Portugal provided information on estimated increasing population and habitat trends. In the marine Mediterranean region the overall assessment is 'unfavourable-bad' and dictated largely by Greece's evaluation of the population estimate, which although stable, is too low for the long term viability of a mammal. The species is listed as 'critically endangered' in the IUCN Red List of threatened species. Data on range, population, distribution and trend need to be collected in the future, with a common methodological approach, so as to allow better comparison amongst Member States and the identification of measures capable of guaranteeing its survival in the future.

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			
CY	MED	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	2 - 10 indiv.	=	1
PT	MMAC						30 - 30 indiv.	+	2
CY	MMED	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	2 - 10 indiv.	=	1
EL	MMED	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	170 - (170) x	=	1
ES	MMED	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	900 - (900) area	=	1
IT	MMED	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	15 - 15 loc.	-	3

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>