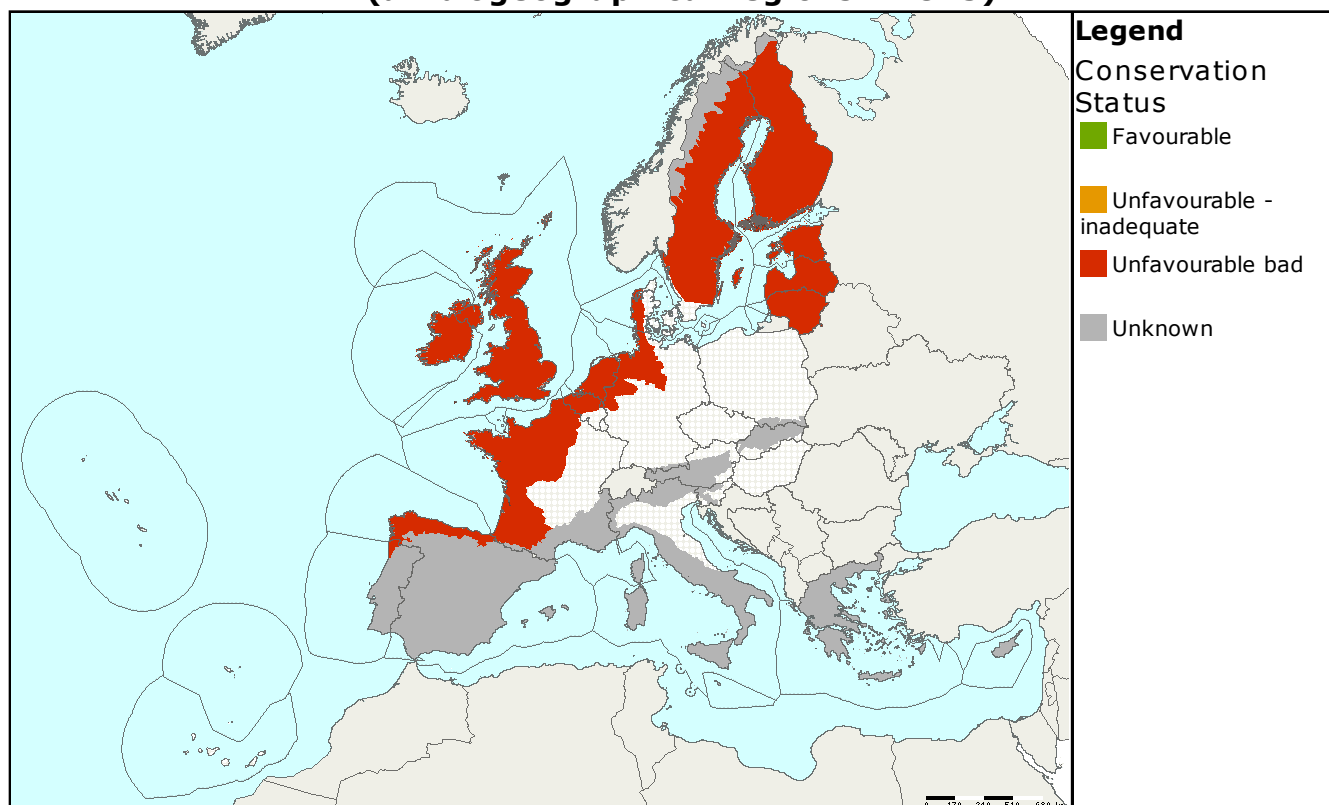


Species name: **Mustela lutreola**  
Annex: **II\*, IV**

Species group: **Mammals**  
Regions: **ALP ATL BOR MED**

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

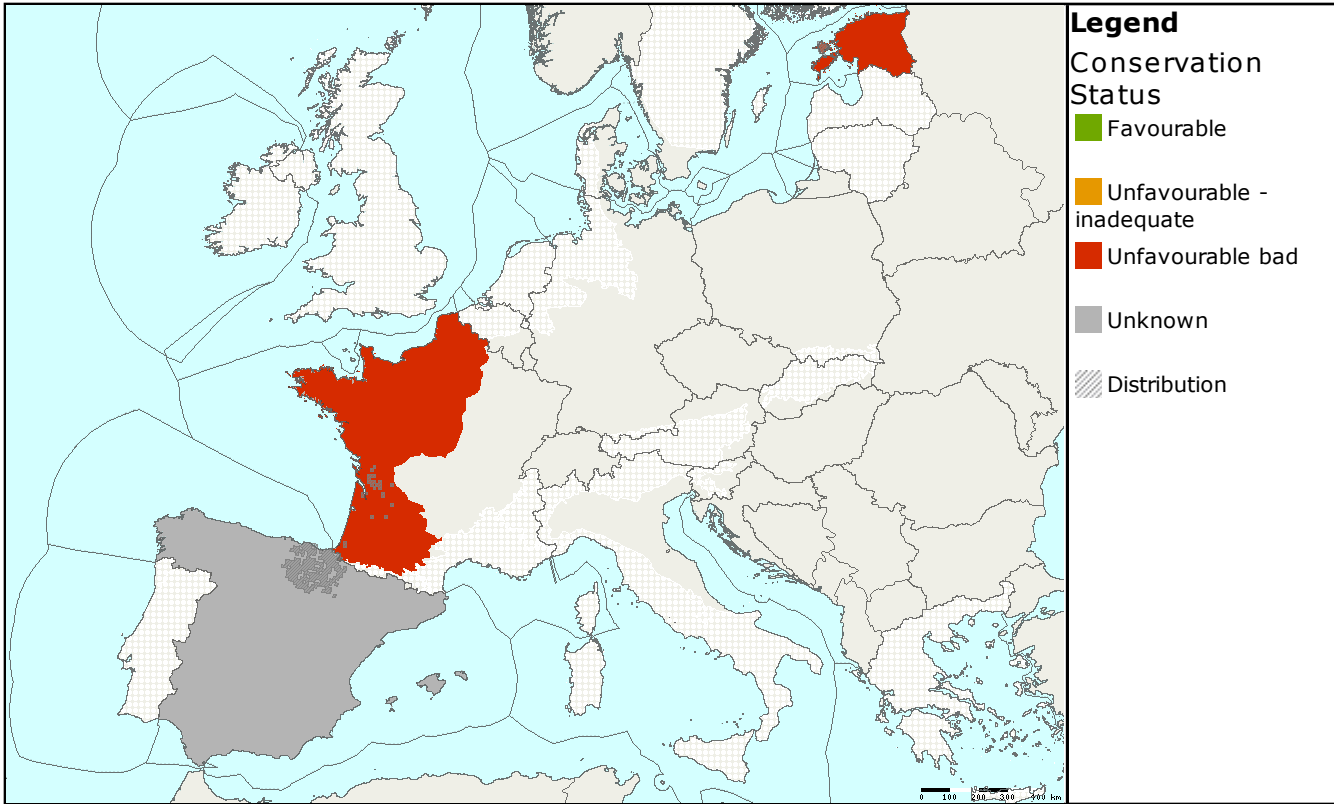


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ALP						7 loc.	X
EU25	ATL						103 grids	
EU25	BOR						25 - 70 indiv.	+
EU25	MED						243 indiv.	X

The European mink (*Mustela lutreola*) only occurs in Europe. There is population in France and Spain and other populations are fragmented and mainly distributed across Eastern Europe. They depend on small, densely vegetated river systems where they hunt for small mammals and (semi-) aquatic species.

In the Alpine and Mediterranean biogeographical regions the status of this species is 'unknown' due to a lack of data from Spain. In the Atlantic and Boreal biogeographical regions its status was assessed as unfavourable 'bad'. The population has immensely decreased during the latest centuries and is still decreasing due to introduction of competing species and the destruction of habitats. The IUCN conservation status is 'Endangered'.

## 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			
ES	ALP						7 - (7) loc.	X	2
ES	ATL						N/A x	X	
FR	ATL						N/A x	-	
EE	BOR						25 - 70 indiv.	+	1
ES	MED						243 - (243) indiv.	X	3

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>