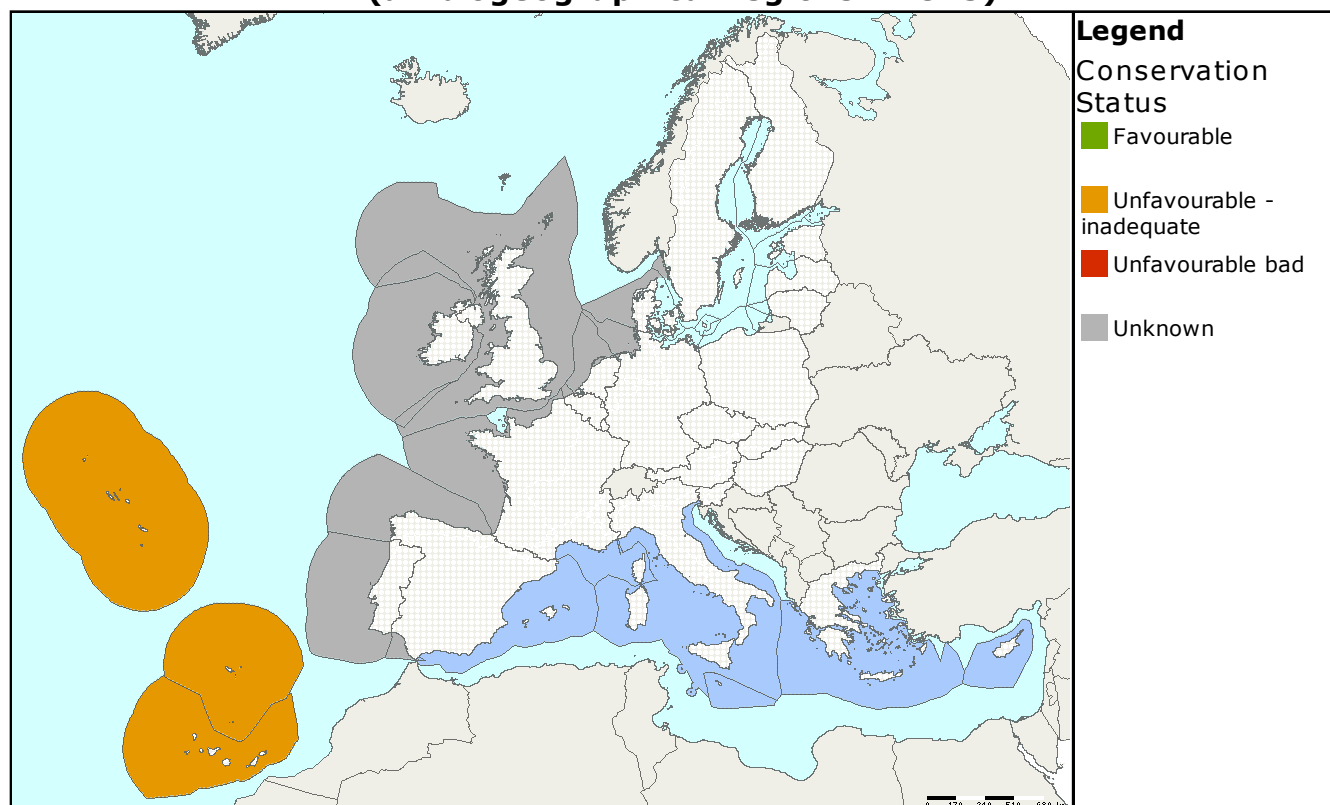


Species name: **Megaptera novaeangliae**  
Annex: **IV**

Species group: **Mammals**  
Regions: **MATL 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	MATL							X
EU25	MMAC							
EU25	MMED							

The humpback whale has been recorded in the continental shelf and deep waters of the marine Atlantic and Macaronesian regions though its main wintering grounds lie north of these regions. In the marine Atlantic region it has been sighted off of northern Scotland, the Irish sea and Celtic sea and the western part of the English Channel. In the marine Macaronesian region it is sighted seasonally in the Azores and the Canaries during its presumed migratory displacements between its winter and summering grounds.

The overall conservation status in the marine Atlantic is 'unknown' due to insufficient knowledge on most reported parameter values though Ireland reported the species' sighting trend as increasing. The overall status is 'unfavourable-inadequate' in the marine Macaronesian region because of the inadequate future prospects evaluation given by Portugal. The species is listed as 'least concern' in the IUCN Red List of threatened species because of its widespread global distribution and its recent rate of increase in different regions of the world.

## 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	
FR	MATL						N/A indiv.	X	3
NL	MATL						N/A x	N/A	
PT	MATL						N/A x	X	
ES	MMAC						N/A x	=	
PT	MMAC						N/A x	X	
ES	MMED						1 - (1) indiv.	=	3
EL	MMED						N/A x	N/A	

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>