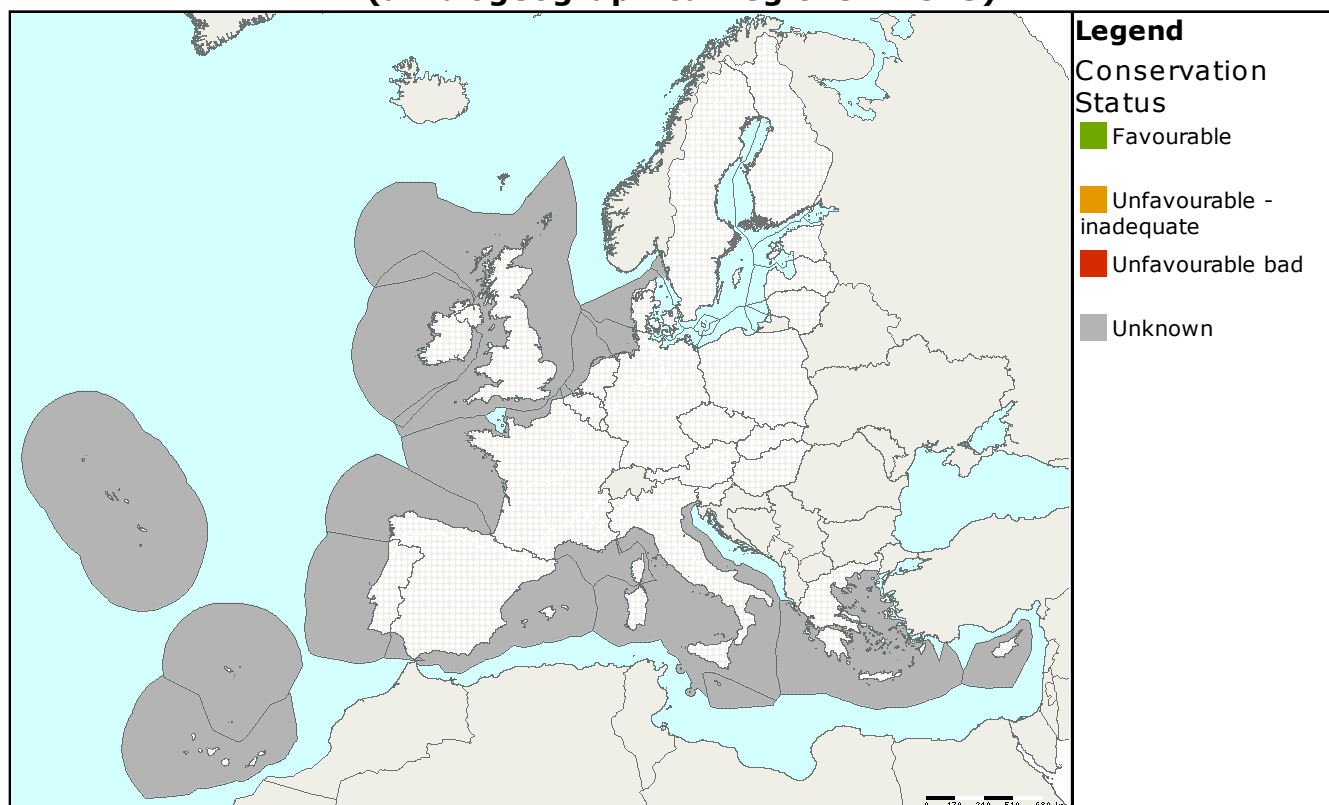


Species name: **Orcinus orca**
Annex: **IV**

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

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

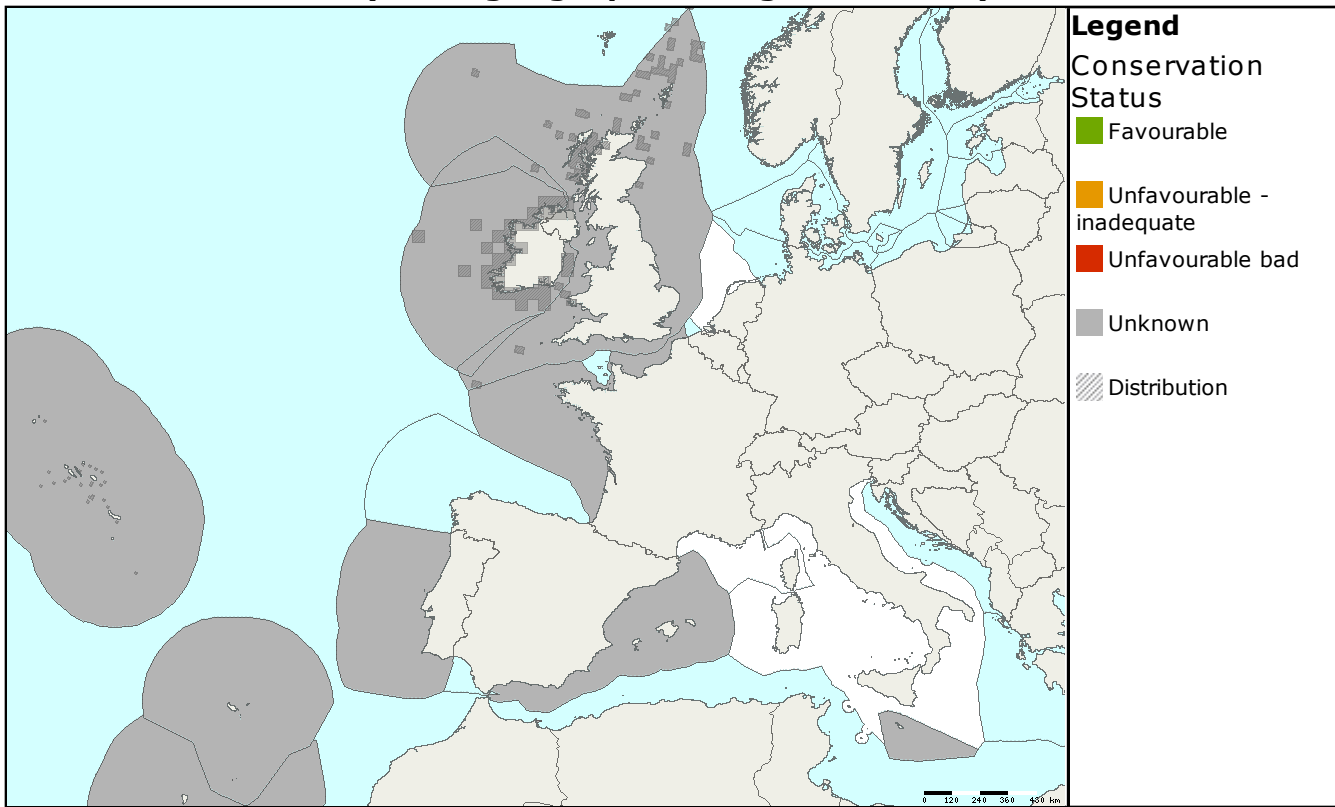


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MATL						> 1391 grids	X
EU25	MMAC						> 24 grids	X
EU25	MMED						79 loc.	=

The killer whale is widely distributed in the marine Atlantic and Macaronesian region while it is restricted to the westernmost part of the marine Mediterranean region. The species is regularly observed in the marine Atlantic, Macaronesian and Mediterranean regions where its presence on a regular basis is reported, respectively, for the Irish and UK waters, the Azores islands and the Spanish waters of the Gibraltar straits. The species is reported as being vulnerable to various forms of pollution, recreational boating activities, and noise disturbance such as that generated by military or seismic exploration activities.

The species' overall conservation status in all three marine regions remains however, 'unknown' because consistent data is missing for all reported parameters. The species is listed as 'data deficient' in the Red List of threatened species. More data is needed for the 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	
PT	MATL						N/A x	X	
UK	MATL						N/A x	X	3
FR	MATL						N/A indiv.	X	
NL	MATL						N/A x	N/A	
ES	MMAC						N/A x	X	3
PT	MMAC						N/A x	X	
ES	MMED						79 - (79) loc.	=	3
FR	MMED						N/A x	N/A	
IT	MMED						N/A x	X	3
MT	MMED						N/A x	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>