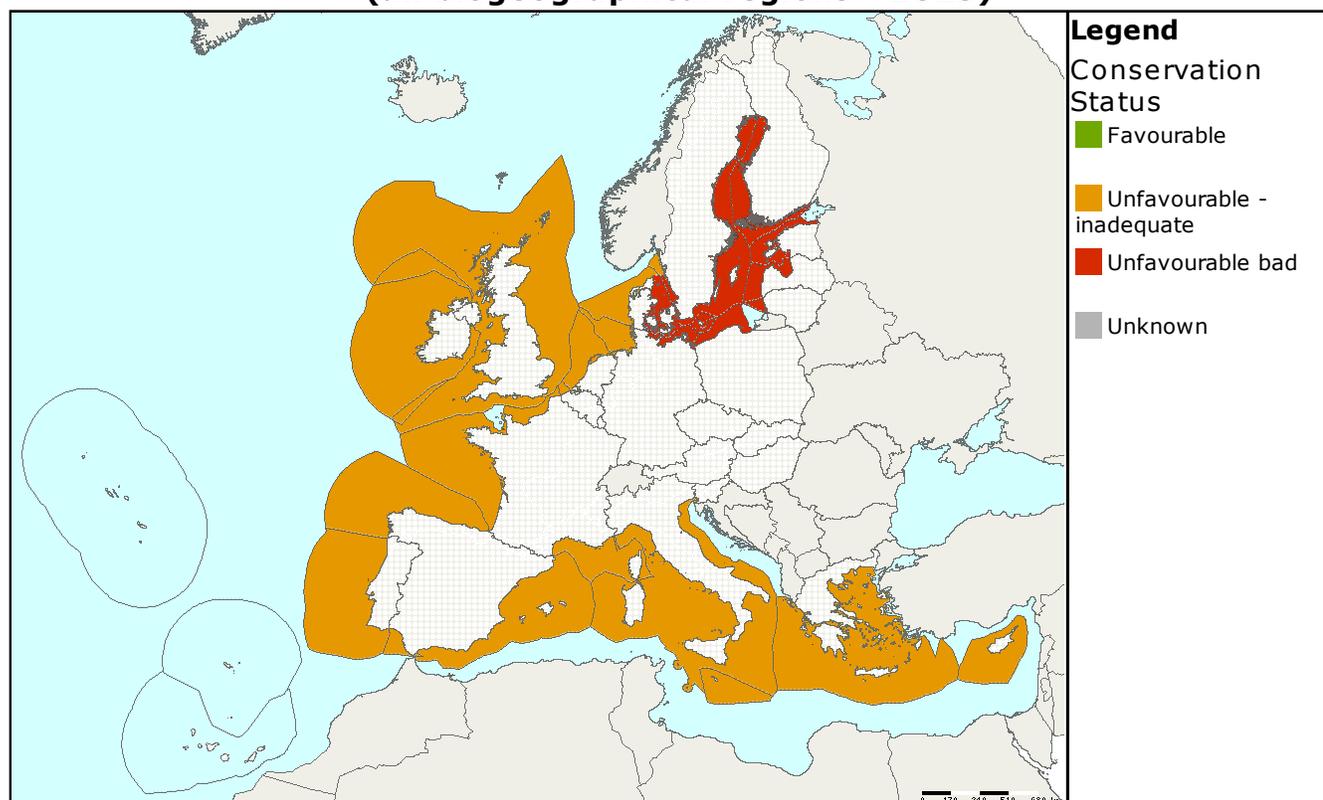


Species name: **Phocoena phocoena**
Annex: **II, IV**

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

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



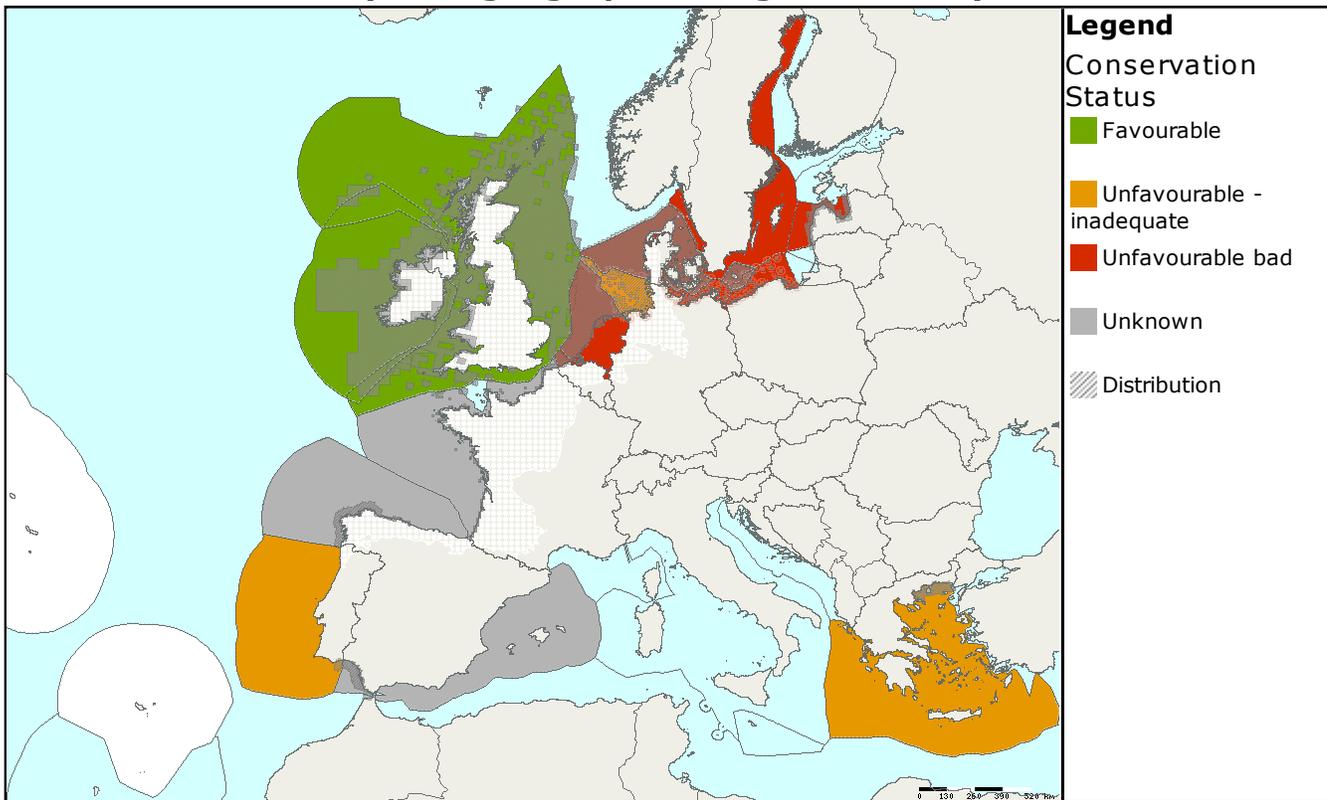
MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MBAL						> 934 grids	
EU25	MMED						59 grids	
EU25	MATL							

The harbour porpoise inhabits the cold temperate to sub-polar continental shelf waters of the marine Baltic and Atlantic regions. It is present as a subspecies, *Phocoena phocoena relicta*, in the Aegean and Marmara seas of the marine Mediterranean region.

In the marine Baltic region the overall assessment is 'unfavourable-bad due to the species' decline in population and habitat and the consequent unfavourable future prospects linked to habitat degradation and fishery interaction threats that the species is exposed to. The overall assessment in the marine Atlantic region instead, is 'unfavourable-inadequate' due to the population decline recorded in the species' southeastern distribution range, which is most often attributed to large scale gillnet fishery bycatch mortality. The 'unfavourable-inadequate' status in the marine Mediterranean region is determined by the critically small population size, its geographical isolation from its neighbouring Black Sea conspecific subspecies population, and the vulnerability to fishery bycatch, intentional killing and reduction in prey availability. The species is listed at a global level as 'least concern' in the IUCN Red List

of threatened species, while the Mediterranean subspecies is listed as 'endangered' in the proposed IUCN regional Red list for the Mediterranean sea.

**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			
NL	ATL	Green	Red	Orange	Orange	Red	15000 - 30000 indiv.	X	3
BE	MATL	Green	Green	Red	Orange	Red	650 - 5000 indiv.	+	2
DE	MATL	Green	Orange	Orange	Grey	Orange	1565 - (1565) x	+	2
DK	MATL	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Red	41000 - 41000 indiv.	-	1
ES	MATL	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	229 - (229) loc.	=	1
FR	MATL	Green	Green	Grey	Grey	Grey	122000 - 122000 indiv.	+	2
IE	MATL	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	100000 - 112000 indiv.	+	1
NL	MATL	Green	Red	Orange	Orange	Red	15000 - 30000 indiv.	X	3
PT	MATL	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	1000 - 2000 indiv.	-	2
SE	MATL	Green	Red	Orange	Orange	Red	3000 - 5000 indiv.	-	1
UK	MATL	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	328200 - 328200 indiv.	=	1
DE	MBAL	Green	Red	Orange	Orange	Red	112 - (112) x	X	3
DK	MBAL	Green	Red	Green	Orange	Red	4400 - 17500 x	-	1
LV	MBAL	Green	Red	Grey	Red	Red	- 5 indiv.	X	3
PL	MBAL	Orange	Red	Orange	Red	Red	N/A grids	-	3
SE	MBAL	Green	Red	Orange	Orange	Red	3000 - 5000 indiv.	-	1
PT	MMAC						N/A x	X	
EL	MMED	Grey	Grey	Orange	Orange	Orange	30 - 450 indiv.	X	3
ES	MMED	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	13100 - (13100) area	N/A	

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>