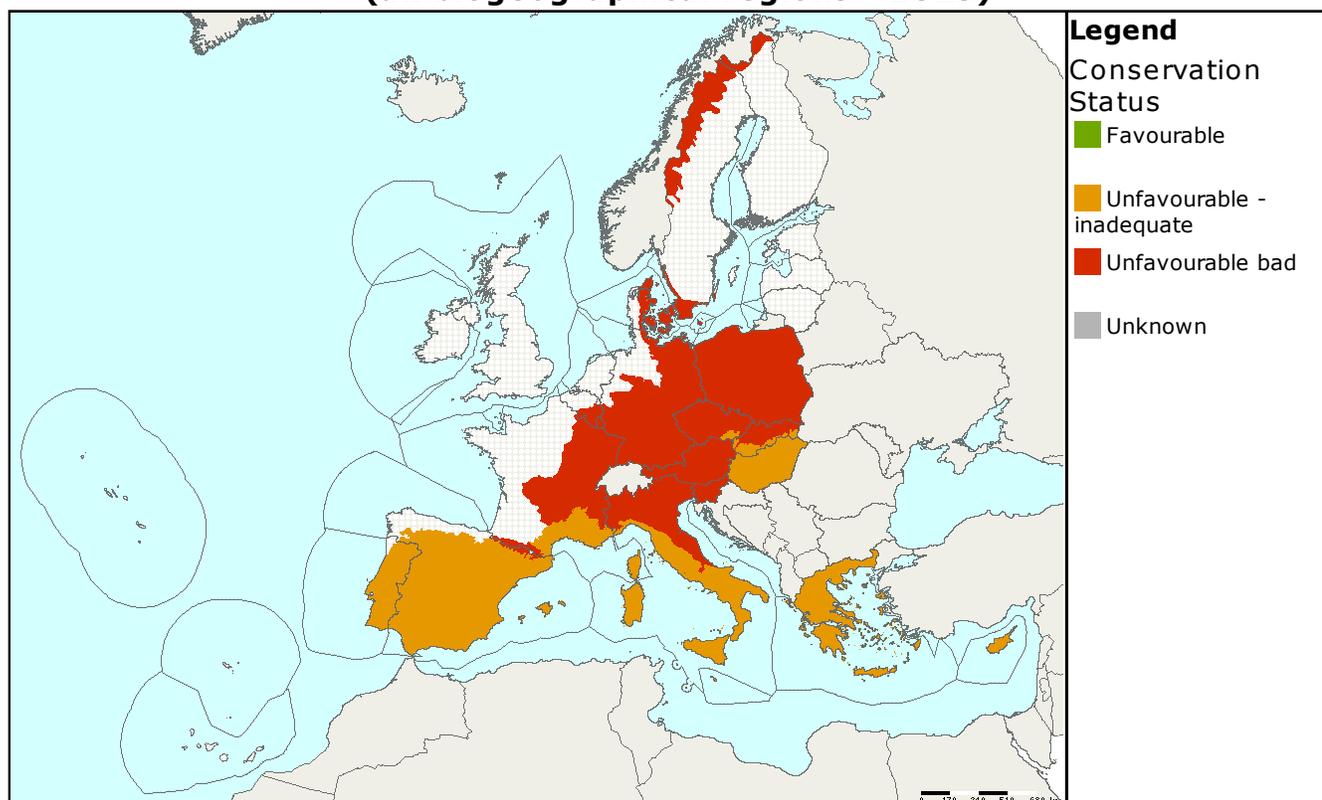


Species name: **Spermophilus citellus**
Annex: **II, IV**

Species group: **Mammals**
Regions: **ALP CON MED PAN**

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	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	159 grids	-
EU25	CON	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	131 grids	-
EU25	MED	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	-	-
EU25	PAN	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	688 grids	=

The European souslik is mammal endemic to central and south-eastern Europe. It has quite specific habitat requirements. It is restricted to short-grass steppe and similar artificial habitats (pastures, lawns, sports fields, golf courses) on light, well-drained soils, where it can excavate its burrows.

Overall regional assessments are 'unfavourable-bad' for Alpine and Continental regions. For Mediterranean and Pannonian regions assessments are 'unfavourable-inadequate'. However, Hungary evaluated this species as 'favourable' in two parameters. According to IUCN species is considered 'vulnerable' with decreasing population.

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			
AT	ALP	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	50 - 70 x	-	1
SK	ALP	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	30 - 50 colony	-	2
AT	CON	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	15000 - 30000 x	-	1
CZ	CON	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	25 - 25 colony	-	1
PL	CON	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	50 - 100 indiv.	X	1
EL	MED	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	82 - 106 grids	-	2
CZ	PAN	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	5 - 5 colony	-	1
HU	PAN	Favourable	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	156 - 434 loc.	=	2
SK	PAN	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	50 - 100 colony	-	2

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>