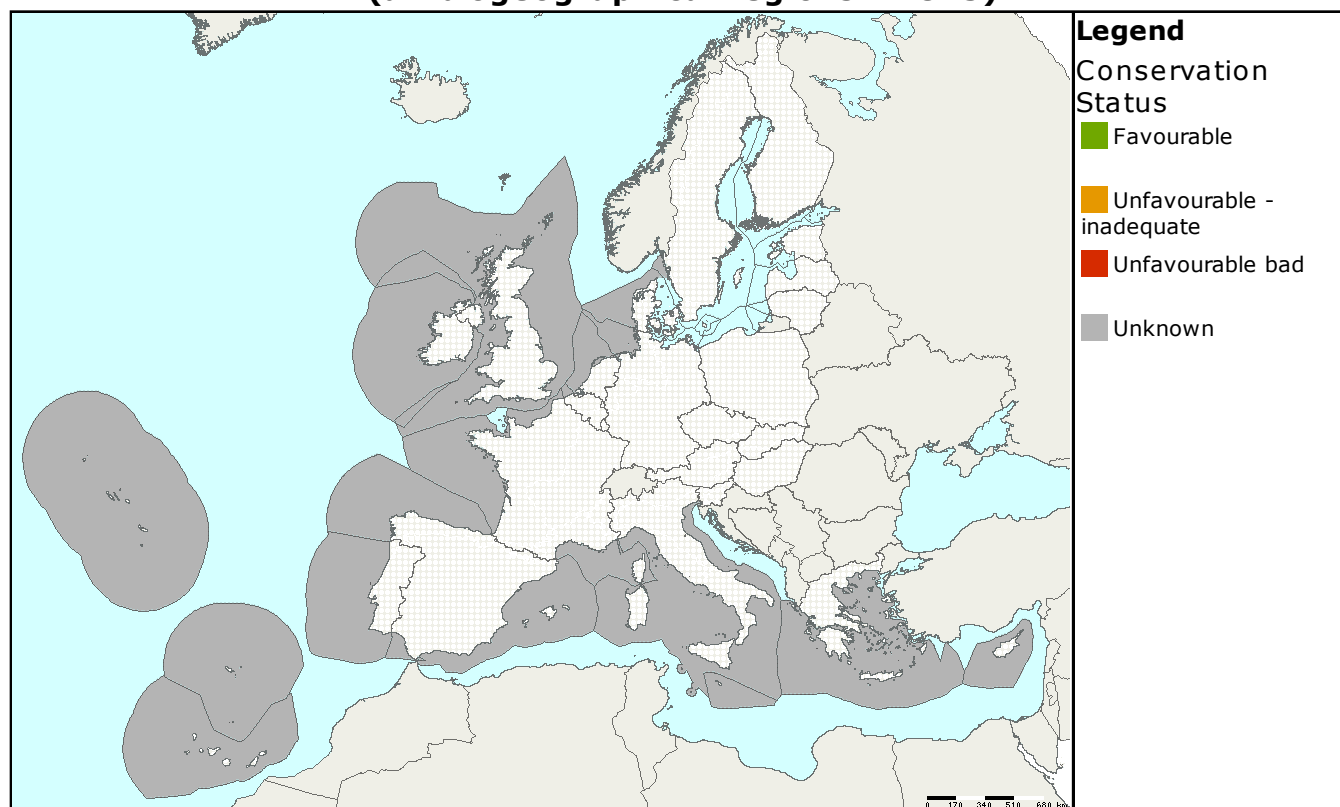


Species name: **Ziphius cavirostris**
Annex: **IV**

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	MMAC						1343 grids	X
EU25	MMED						> 3567 grids	
EU25	MATL							x

Cuvier's Beaked Whale inhabits the continental slope and offshore tropical to subpolar waters of the Atlantic ocean. It has been occasionally sighted in the UK and Irish waters and is known to occur in the Bay of Biscay, along the Spanish coasts and further south to the Azores and Canaries islands. It is also the only species of beaked whale that regularly inhabits the Mediterranean sea where it has a wide distribution though it is not frequently observed.

The overall conservation status is 'unknown' both for the marine Atlantic as well as Macaronesian regions because of the limited information on its range and abundance. In the marine Mediterranean region its conservation status is 'unknown but unfavourable' because of the decrease in range and habitat and poor future prospects recorded in Greek waters. The species is vulnerable to acoustic disturbance such as that generated by military activities and various forms of pollution. The species is listed as 'least concern' in the IUCN Red List of threatened species but is proposed for listing as 'data deficient' in the 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			
ES	MATL						10 - (10) loc.	X	3
FR	MATL						N/A indiv.	X	3
IE	MATL						N/A x	X	
PT	MATL						N/A x	X	
ES	MMAC						N/A x	X	
PT	MMAC						N/A x	X	
EL	MMED						N/A x	-	3
ES	MMED						137 - (137) loc.	N/A	3
FR	MMED						N/A indiv.	X	3
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>