



## 1240 *Vegetated sea cliffs of the Mediterranean coasts with endemic Limonium spp.*

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<b>Habitat code</b>	1240
<b>Priority</b>	No
<b>Habitat group</b>	Coastal habitats
<b>Regions</b>	Black Sea, Continental, Mediterranean

Vegetated sea cliffs are widespread along the Mediterranean coastline and host many localised endemics, particularly in the genus *Limonium* (Sea-lavenders). The habitat also occurs along the southern coast of Portugal and the coast of the Black Sea.

Assessed as "unfavourable inadequate" in Mediterranean and Black Sea regions, due to the reports from France and Italy, especially Italy have all parameters as "unfavourable".

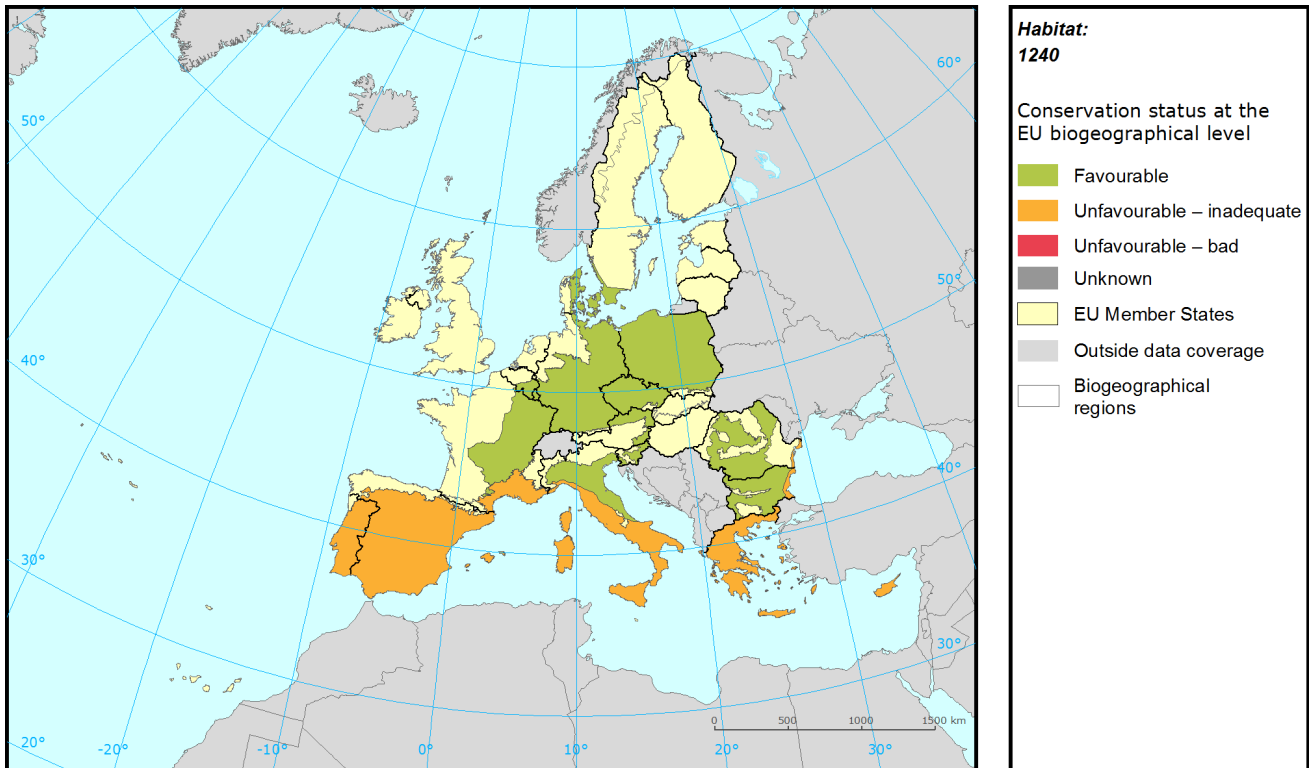
The habitat is rare in the Continental region, only occurring very locally in Italy and Slovenia, where it has been assessed as "favourable".

Better information is required, particularly from Spain and Portugal.

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## Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level



Region	Conservation status (CS) of parameters				Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	Previous CS	Reason for change
	Range	Area	Structure & Functions	Future prospects					
BLS	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	=	2	XX	Not genuine
CON	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		1	FV	
MED	U1	U1	U1	XX	U1	-	97	U1	

See the endnote for more information<sup>i</sup>

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## Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



### **Habitat: 1240**

Distribution and conservation status at the Member State level

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Favourable                | EU Member States       |
| Unfavourable – inadequate | Outside data coverage  |
| Unfavourable – bad        | Biogeographical region |
| Unknown                   |                        |

The map shows both Conservation Status and distribution using a 10 km x 10 km grid. Conservation status is assessed at biogeographical level. Therefore the representation in each grid cell is only illustrative.

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	Range	Area	Structure & functions	Future prospects						
BG	BLS	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	=	100.0		
IT	CON	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		81.8	FV	
SI	CON	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		18.2	FV	
CY	MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		1.0	FV	
ES	MED	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		16.5	XX	
FR	MED	FV	U2	U1	U2	U2	-	8.8	U1	Changed method
GR	MED	FV	FV	FV	XX	FV		27.9	FV	
IT	MED	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	-	40.8	FV	Changed method
MT	MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		1.0	U1	Changed method
PT	MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		3.8	FV	
UK	MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		0.2	FV	

Knowing that not all changes in conservation status between the reporting periods were genuine, Member States were asked to give the reasons for changes in conservation status. Bulgaria and Romania only joined the EU in 2007 and Greece did not report for 2007-12 so no reason is given for change for these countries. Greek data shown above is from 2001-06.

## Main pressures and threats reported by Member States

Member States were asked to report the 20 most important threats and pressures using an agreed hierarchical list which can be found on the [Article 17 Reference Portal](#). Pressures are activities which are currently having an impact on the habitats and threats are activities expected to have an impact in the near future. Pressures and threats were ranked in three classes 'high, medium and low importance'; the tables below only show threats and pressures classed as 'high', for some habitats there were less than ten threats or pressures reported as highly important.

### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' pressures

Code	Activity	Frequency
G05	Other human intrusions and disturbances	18
I01	Invasive alien species	18
B01	Afforestation	9
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	9
E01	Urbanisation and human habitation	9
E06	Other urban/industrial developments	9
G01	Outdoor sports, leisure and recreational activities	9
H01	Pollution to surface waters	9
H05	Soil pollution and solid waste (excl. discharges)	9

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## Proportion of population covered by the Natura 2000 network

Member States were asked to report the area of the habitat which is covered by the Natura 2000 network. The percentage of the habitat area covered by the network was estimated by comparing the area within the network and the total area in the biogeographical/marine region.

### Percentage of coverage by Natura 2000 sites in biogeographical/marine region

	BLS	CON	MED
<b>BG</b>	73		
<b>CY</b>			80
<b>ES</b>			100*
<b>FR</b>			100
<b>IT</b>		98	58
<b>MT</b>			91
<b>PT</b>			x
<b>SI</b>		91	
<b>UK</b>			100

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## Most frequently reported conservation measures

Member States were asked to report up to 20 conservation measures being implemented for this habitat using an agreed list which can be found on the Article 17 Reference Portal. Member States were further requested to highlight up to five most important ('highly important') measures; the table below only shows measures classed as 'high', for many habitats there were less than ten measures reported as highly important.

### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' conservation measures

Code	Measure	Frequency
6.1	Establish protected areas/sites	38
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	31
4.4	Restoring coastal areas	8
7.1	Regulation/ Management of hunting and taking	8
8.1	Urban and industrial waste management	8
9.1	Regulating/Management exploitation of natural resources on land	8

This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive in 2013 and covering the period 2007-2012. More detailed information, including the MS reports, is available at:

<http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article17/reports2012/habitat/summary/?group=Coastal+habitats&period=3&subject=1240>

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**i Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level:** Current Conservation Status (Current CS) shows the status for the reporting period 2007-2012, Previous Conservation Status (Previous CS) for the reporting period 2000-2006. Reason for change in conservation status between the reporting periods indicates whether the changes in the status were genuine or not genuine. Previous Conservation Status was not assessed for Steppic, Black Sea and Marine Black Sea regions. For these regions the Previous status is therefore considered as 'unknown'. The percentage of the habitat area occurring within the biogeographical/marine region (% in region) is calculated based on the area of GIS distribution.

**ii Percentage of coverage by Natura 2000 sites in biogeographical/marine region:** In some cases the population size within the Natura 2000 network has been estimated using a different methodology to the estimate of overall population size and this can lead to percentage covers greater than 100%. In such case the value has been given as 100% and highlighted with an asterisk (\*). The value 'x' indicates that the Member State has not reported the habitat area and/or the coverage by Natura 2000. No information is available for Greece. The values are only provided for regions, in which the occurrence of the habitat has been reported by the Member States.