



## 9010 *Western Taiga*

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<b>Habitat code</b>	9010
<b>Priority</b>	Yes
<b>Habitat group</b>	Forests
<b>Regions</b>	Alpine, Boreal, Continental

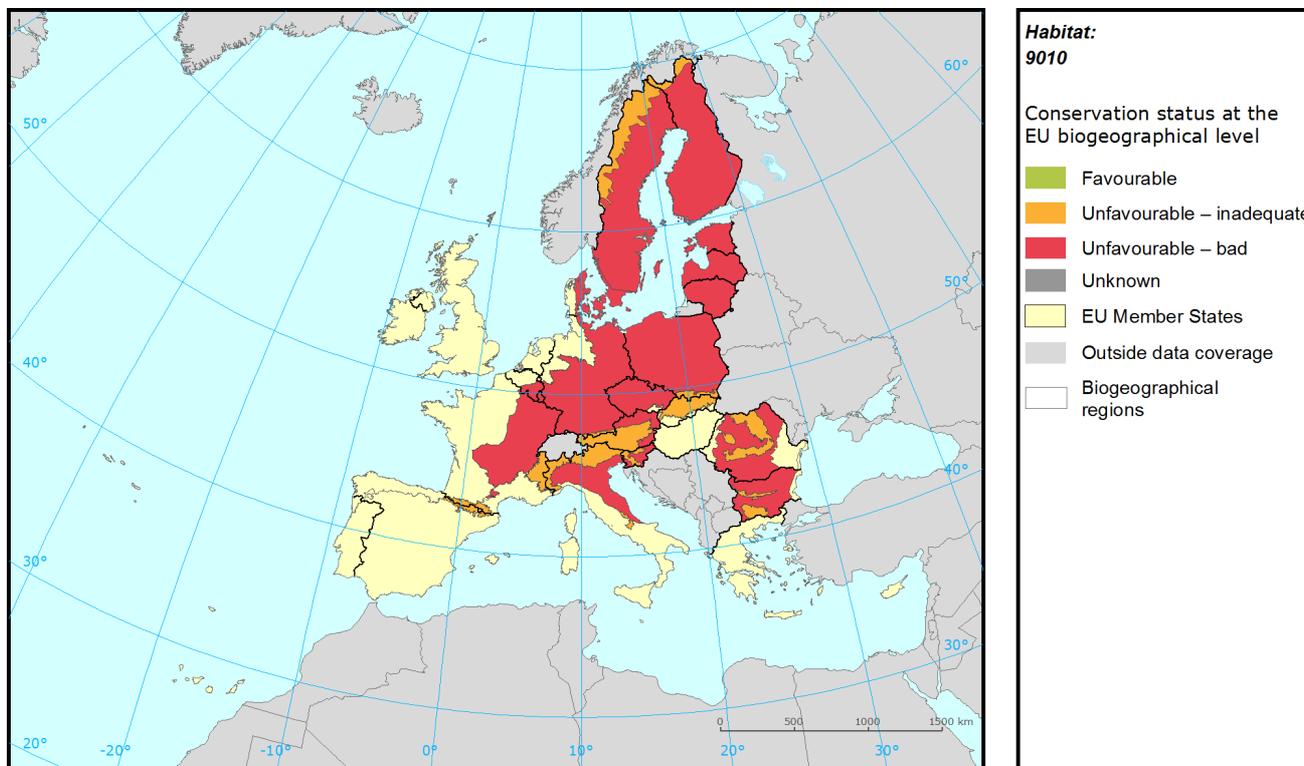
Western Taiga includes a wide range of forests types, mainly coniferous, pine or spruce forests, but also mixed and deciduous forest of the boreal zone of Eurasia. Within the European Union their occurrence is restricted to northern Europe where they are potentially the most common forest habitat type.

Their conservation status in all regions is "unfavourable bad", except Alpine region ("unfavourable inadequate"). The area of the habitat has been decreasing and the structural features of the habitat are negatively affected by forestry management and in development of road infrastructure in some countries.

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## Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level



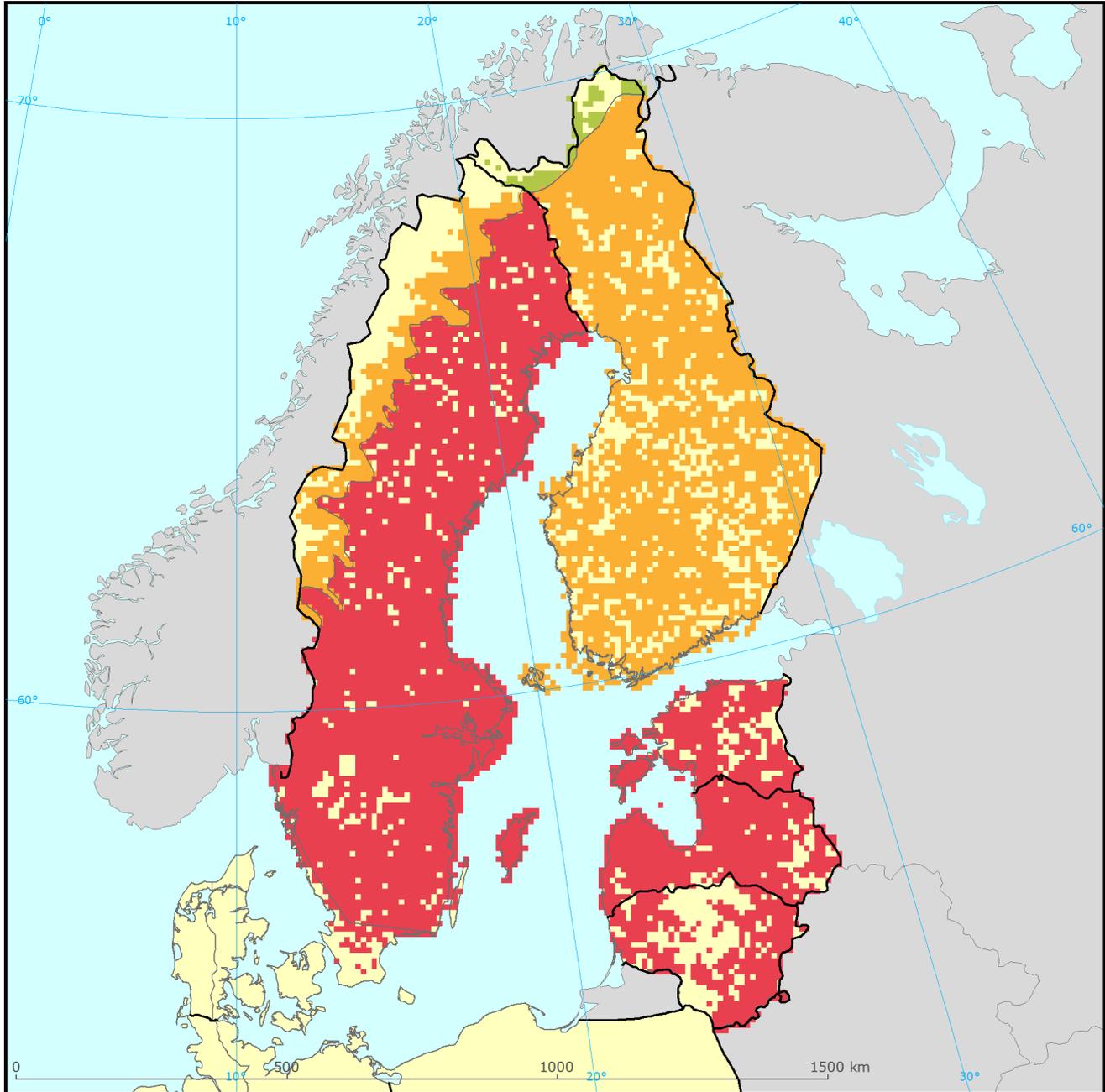
Region	Conservation status (CS) of parameters				Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	Previous CS	Reason for change
	Range	Area	Structure & Functions	Future prospects					
ALP	FV	U1	U1	U1	U1	-	7	U2	Not genuine
BOR	FV	U2	U2	U2	U2	-	92	U2	
CON	FV	U2	U2	U2	U2	x	0.93	U2	

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

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## Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



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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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MS Region	Conservation status (CS) of parameters				Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	Previous CS	Reason for change
	Range	Area	Structure & functions	Future prospects					
FI ALP	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		15.2	FV	
SE ALP	FV	U1	U1	U1	U1	-	84.8	U2-	Better data
EE BOR	FV	FV	U2	U1	U2	+	5.3	U2	
FI BOR	FV	U1	U1	U1	U1	=	35.2	U1	
LT BOR	FV	U2	U2	U2	U2	-	5.4	U2-	
LV BOR	FV	U2	U2	U2	U2	-	8.2	FV	Changed method
SE BOR	FV	U2	U2	U2	U2	-	46.0	U2-	
SE CON	FV	U2	U2	U2	U2	x	100.0	U2-	Better data

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
B02	Forest and plantation management & use	30
J01	Fire and fire suppression	15
J03	Other changes to ecosystems	15
K02	Vegetation succession/Biocenotic evolution	10
K04	Interspecific floral relations	10
A08	Fertilisation in agriculture	5
B07	Other forestry activities	5
H04	Air pollution, air-borne pollutants	5
J02	Changes in water bodies conditions	5

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J01	Fire and fire suppression	16
J03	Other changes to ecosystems	16
K02	Vegetation succession/Biocenotic evolution	11
K04	Interspecific floral relations	11
B07	Other forestry activities	5
D02	Utility and service lines/pipelines	5
H04	Air pollution, air-borne pollutants	5

## 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

	ALP	BOR	CON
EE		84	
FI	50	75	
LT		18	
LV		39	
SE	100	31	5

See the endnotes for more information<sup>ii</sup>

## 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	33
3.1	Restoring/improving forest habitats	25
6.2	Establishing wilderness areas/ allowing succession	25
3.2	Adapt forest management	17

This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European

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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=Forests&period=3&subject=9010>

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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.