



9560 *Endemic forests with Juniperus spp.*

Habitat code	9560
Priority	Yes
Habitat group	Forests
Regions	Alpine, Atlantic, Continental, Macaronesian, Mediterranean

Medium altitude forest formations dominated by *Juniperus* spp (*Juniperus brevifolia*, *J. cedrus*, *J. drupacea*, *J. excelsa*, *J. foetidissima*, *J. oxycedrus*, *J. phoenicea*, *J. thurifera*).

Overall conclusion for MED bioregion is “U2” as Spain reported Future prospects as unfavourable-bad. Non- genuine change concluded for bioregion due to more accurate data and different method used. Overall conclusion for MAC bioregion is “U1” as Portugal reported Area as unfavourable. Genuine change concluded for bioregion as Portugal reported genuine change and Contribution to Tagnet 1 is B+- improved assessment. Overall conclusion “XX”, ATL bioregion is represented by Spain, CS in 2007 “XX” no change reported. Overall conclusion for ALP bioregion is “U1” as all MS reported Structure & functions and Future prospects as unfavourable. No change reported by France and concluded for bioregion. Overall conclusion “U1”, CON bioregion is represented by Bulgaria, the first reporting.

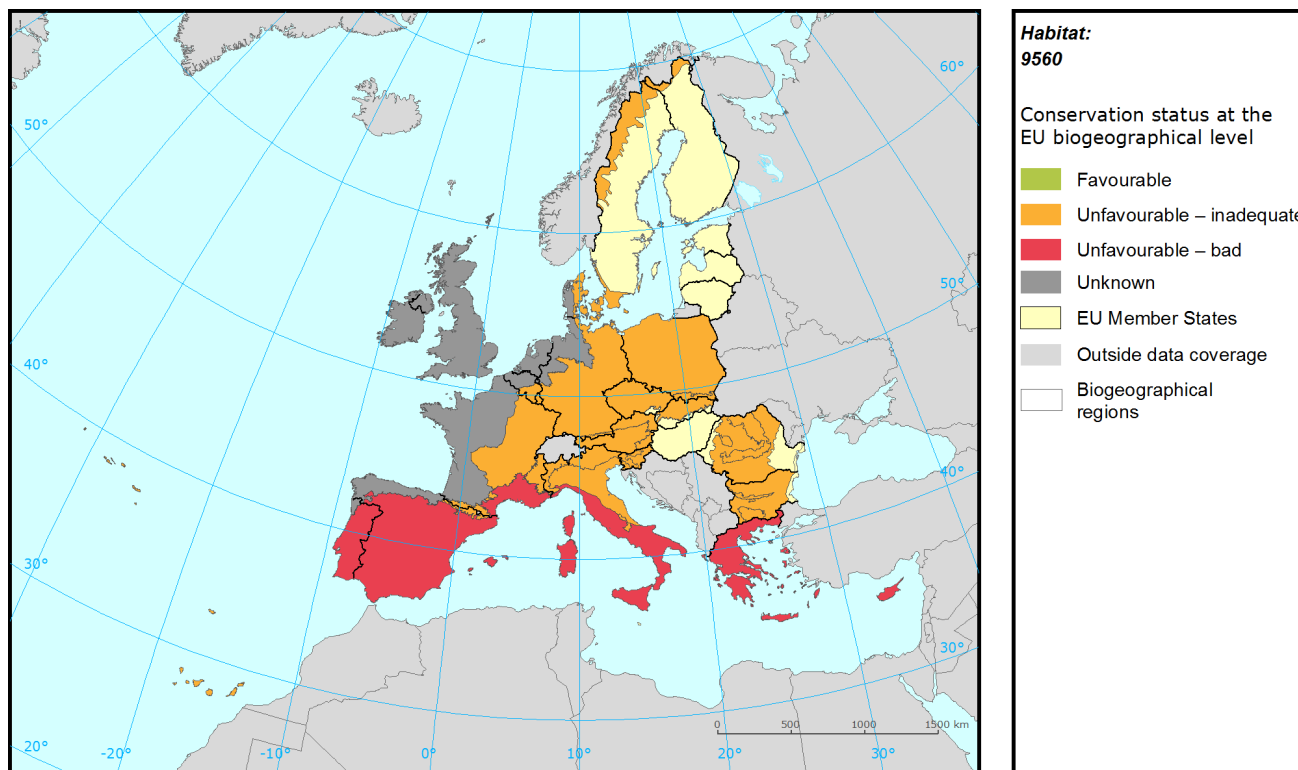
To the most important threats belong fire (natural), animal breeding, fertilisation cultivation practices, grazing, removal of dead and dying trees, paths, tracks, cycling tracks, changes in abiotic conditions, problematic native species, biocenotic evolution, succession, invasive non-native species, burning down, grazing in forests/ woodland, species composition change (succession) and forestry clearance.

The most important pressures are grazing, problematic native species, biocenotic evolution, invasive non-native species, damage by herbivores (including game species), cultivation practices, succession, grazing in forests/woodland, forestry clearance, paths, tracks, cycling tracks, burning down, fire and fire suppression, removal of dead and dying trees.

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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	FV	U1	U1	U1	=	2	U1	
ATL	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		3	XX	
CON	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	=	3	XX	Not genuine
MAC	FV	U1	FV	FV	U1	-	10	U2	Not genuine
MED	FV	FV	U1	U2	U2	-	82	XX	Not genuine

See the endnote for more informationⁱ

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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					
BG	ALP	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	=	6.7		
FR	ALP	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	=	66.7	U1	
IT	ALP	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	x	26.7		
ES	ATL	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		100.0	XX	
BG	CON	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	=	100.0		
ES	MAC	FV	FV	XX	FV	FV		54.8	U2	Changed method
PT	MAC	FV	U1	FV	FV	U1	-	45.2	U1	Genuine
CY	MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		1.4	XX	Better data
ES	MED	FV	FV	U1	U2	U2	-	83.0	XX	Changed method
FR	MED	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	=	2.4	FV	Better data
GR	MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		9.7	FV	
PT	MED	XX	U1	U1	XX	U1	=	3.6	U1	

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.

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Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' pressures

Code	Activity	Frequency
A04	Grazing by livestock	21
J01	Fire and fire suppression	16
B06	Grazing in forests & woodland	11
I02	Problematic native species	11
K02	Vegetation succession/Biocenotic evolution	11
A02	Modification of cultivation practices	5
B02	Forest and plantation management & use	5
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	5
I01	Invasive alien species	5
K04	Interspecific floral relations	5

Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

Code	Activity	Frequency
J01	Fire and fire suppression	20
A04	Grazing by livestock	13
I02	Problematic native species	13
K02	Vegetation succession/Biocenotic evolution	13
A02	Modification of cultivation practices	7
B02	Forest and plantation management & use	7
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	7
I01	Invasive alien species	7
K04	Interspecific floral relations	7
M01	Abiotic changes (climate change)	7

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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

	ALP	ATL	CON	MAC	MED
BG	100		99		
CY					100
ES		1		75	34
FR	97				100
IT	48				
PT				8	x

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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	29
3.1	Restoring/improving forest habitats	19
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	14
9.1	Regulating/Management exploitation of natural resources on land	14
3.0	Other forestry-related measures	10
3.2	Adapt forest management	10
6.0	Other spatial measures	5

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=Forests&period=3&subject=9560>

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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.