



Pelobates cultripipes

Annex	IV
Priority	No
Species group	Amphibians
Regions	Alpine, Atlantic, Mediterranean

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The western spadefoot is a toad species, which is present in most of the Iberian Peninsula and southern France. According to IUCN Red List data, the burrowing habits of this species generally restrict its distribution to areas with sandy or soft soils, leading it to occur in dunes, oak forest, scrub, cultivated land, and open areas, sometimes close to human habitation.

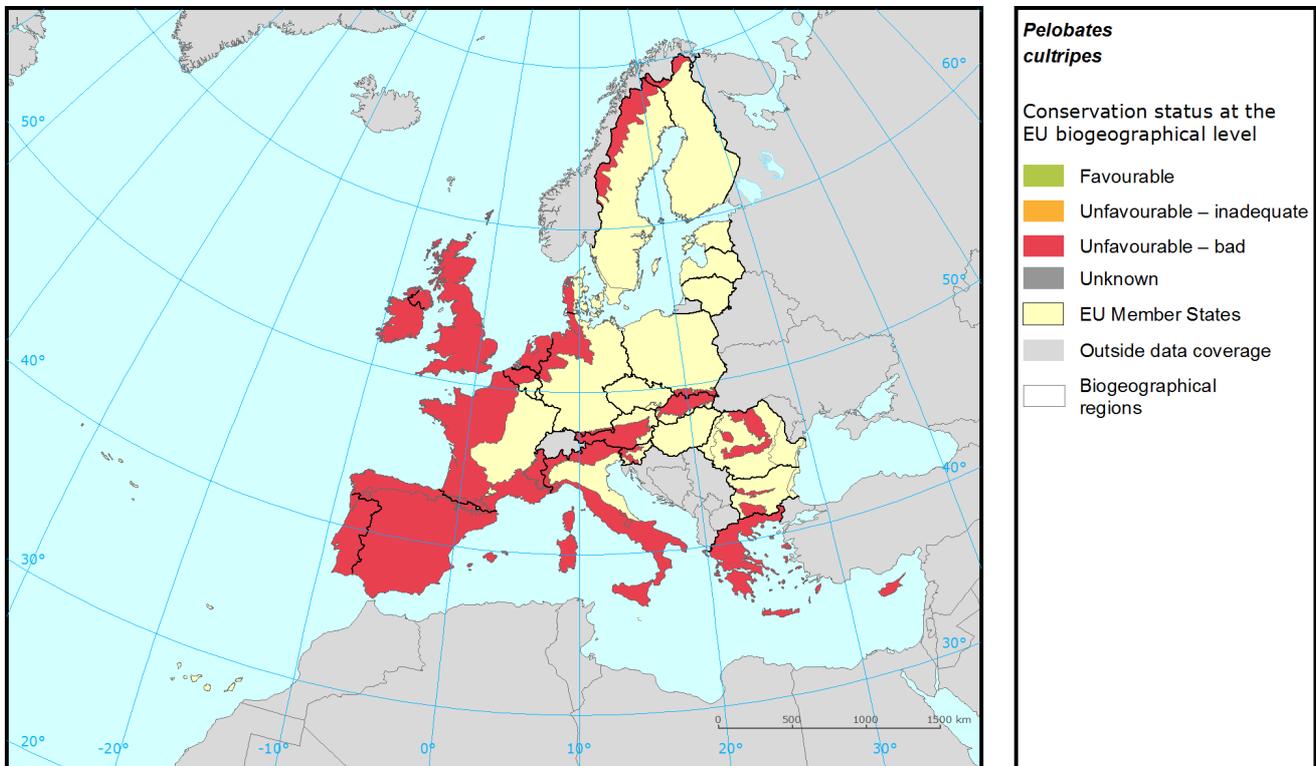
While data on the toad's conservation status has improved since the last reporting period, it is reported as unfavourable-bad in the Alpine, Atlantic and Mediterranean biogeographical regions.

The IUCN Red list classifies the species as near threatened, as it is likely in significant decline due to habitat loss and invasive predators (<http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/58052/1> consulted on 04 March 2015). The main high ranked pressures and threats are roads, paths and railroads, urbanized areas, human habitation, invasive non-native species, and shipping lanes, ports, and marine constructions.

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Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level

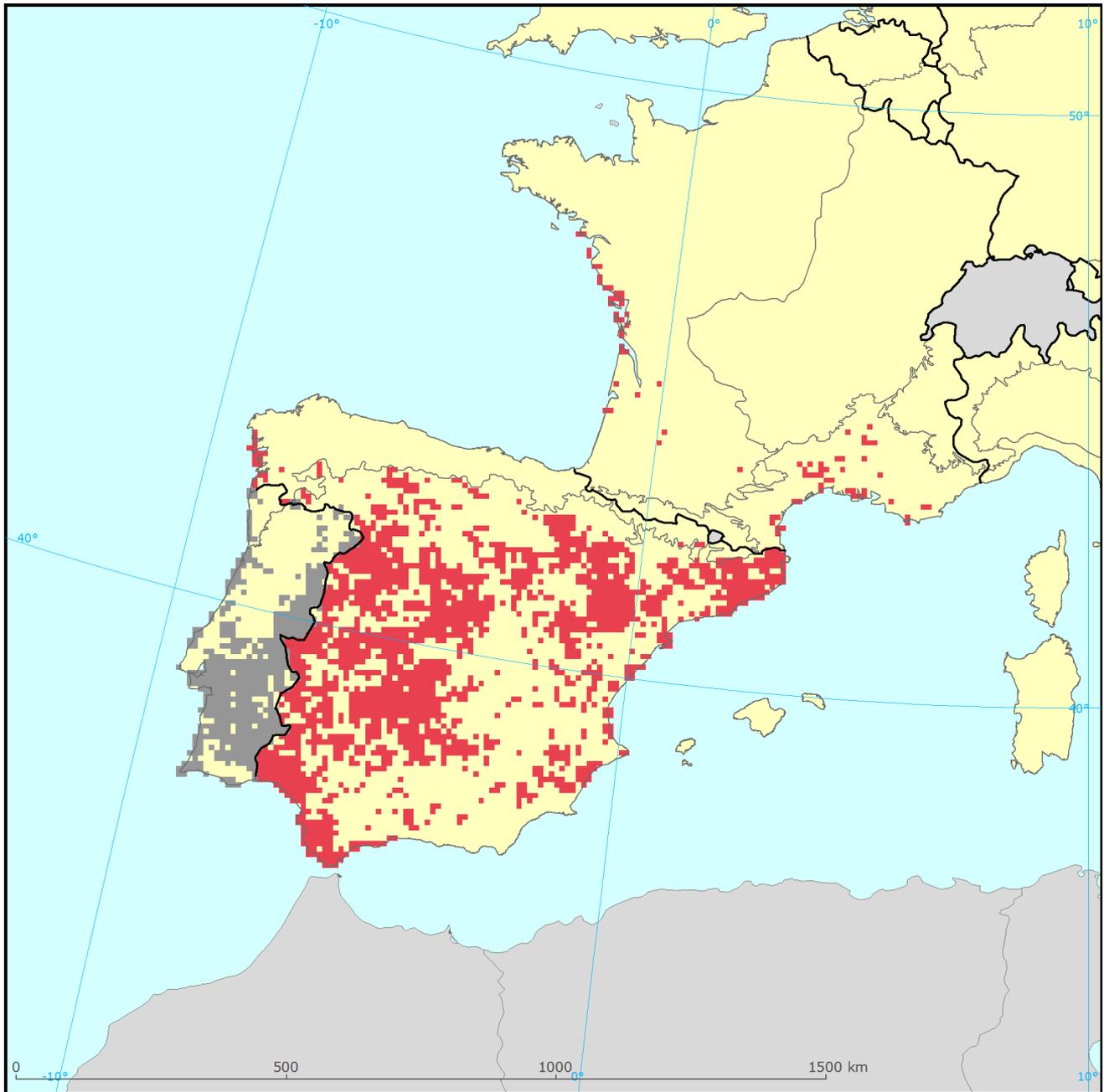


Region	Conservation status (CS) of parameters				Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	Previous CS	Reason for change
	Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects					
ALP	U2	XX	U1	U1	U2	-	0.17	XX	Not genuine
ATL	U2	U2	U2	U2	U2	-	3	U2	
MED	U2	XX	U2	U1	U2	=	97	XX	Not genuine

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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ES	ALP	U2	XX	U1	U1	U2	-	100.0	XX	Changed method
ES	ATL	U2	XX	U2	U1	U2	-	29.4	XX	Changed method
FR	ATL	U2	U2	U2	U2	U2	-	51.5	U2	
PT	ATL	FV	XX	XX	XX	XX		19.1	U1	Changed method
ES	MED	U2	XX	U2	U1	U2	-	77.4	XX	Changed method
FR	MED	U1	U2	XX	U2	U2	-	1.9	U2	
PT	MED	FV	XX	XX	XX	XX		20.7	U1	Changed method

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 species 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 species there were less than ten threats or pressures reported as highly important.

Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' pressures

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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/species/summary/?group=Amphibians&period=3&subject=Pelobates+cultripes>

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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 species population occurring within the biogeographical/marine region (% in region) is calculated based on the area of GIS distribution.