



Erinaceus algirus

Annex	IV
Priority	No
Species group	Mammals
Regions	Macaronesian, Mediterranean

The Algerian hedgehog or North African Hedgehog (also known as *Atelerix algirus*) is found along the Mediterranean coast of mainland Spain and on the Canary Islands, Balearic Islands and Malta in Europe, it is also found in North Africa. It used to occur in France but seems to now be extinct. It is possible that all the European populations result from introductions. Rare on mainland Europe but relatively common on the Canary and Balearic Islands and on Malta.

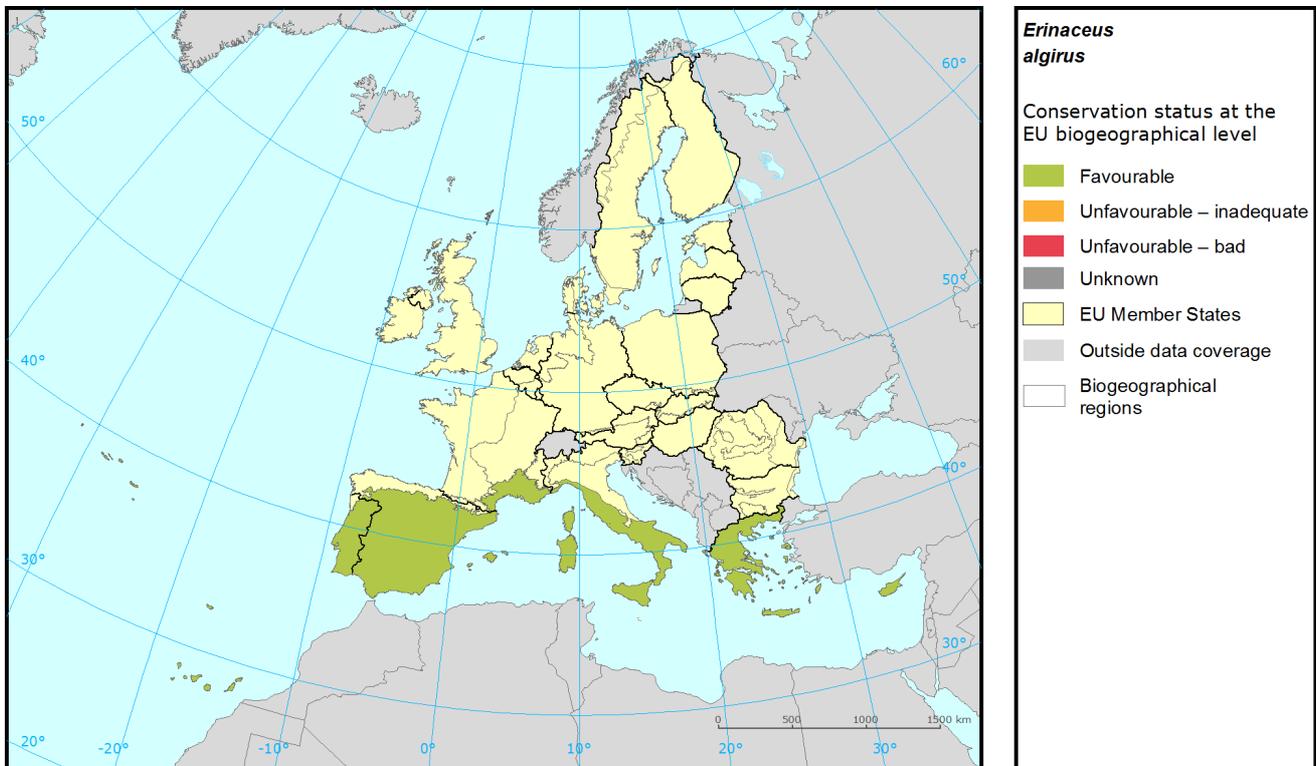
Assessed as Favourable for both regions. The species was assessed as Unknown for the Mediterranean region and not reported from Macaronesia in 2001-06 but it is probable that there has been no change in Conservation Status. Considered 'Least Concern' for the IUCN European Red List and Data Deficient for the 2002 Spanish national Red Data book.

Roads and loss of habitat are noted as highly important threats, other threats and pressures include urbanisation and activities related to agriculture such as grazing, changes in cultivation and use of biocides.

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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					
MAC	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV	=	22	XX	Not genuine
MED	FV	XX	FV	FV	FV	=	78	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 of parameters				Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	Previous CS	Reason for change
	Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects					
ES MAC	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		100.0		
ES MED	FV	XX	FV	FV	FV		97.5	XX	Changed method
MT MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		2.5	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 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

Code	Activity	Frequency
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	60
J03	Other changes to ecosystems	40

Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

Code	Activity	Frequency
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	75
J03	Other changes to ecosystems	25

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=Mammals&period=3&subject=Erinaceus+algirus>

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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.