



## Coluber najadum

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<b>Annex</b>	IV
<b>Priority</b>	No
<b>Species group</b>	Reptiles
<b>Regions</b>	Alpine, Continental, Mediterranean

### *Coluber najadum*

The natural range of Dahls Whip Snake ranges from south-eastern Europe through Asia Minor to the Caucasus region. Within the EU it is found in Greece and Bulgaria, and a few specimens have been found in Cyprus. According to the IUCN Red List, the species is associated with dry or xerophytic landscapes and found on the open parts of stony semi-desert and wermuth steppe, among rocky outcrops and stones.

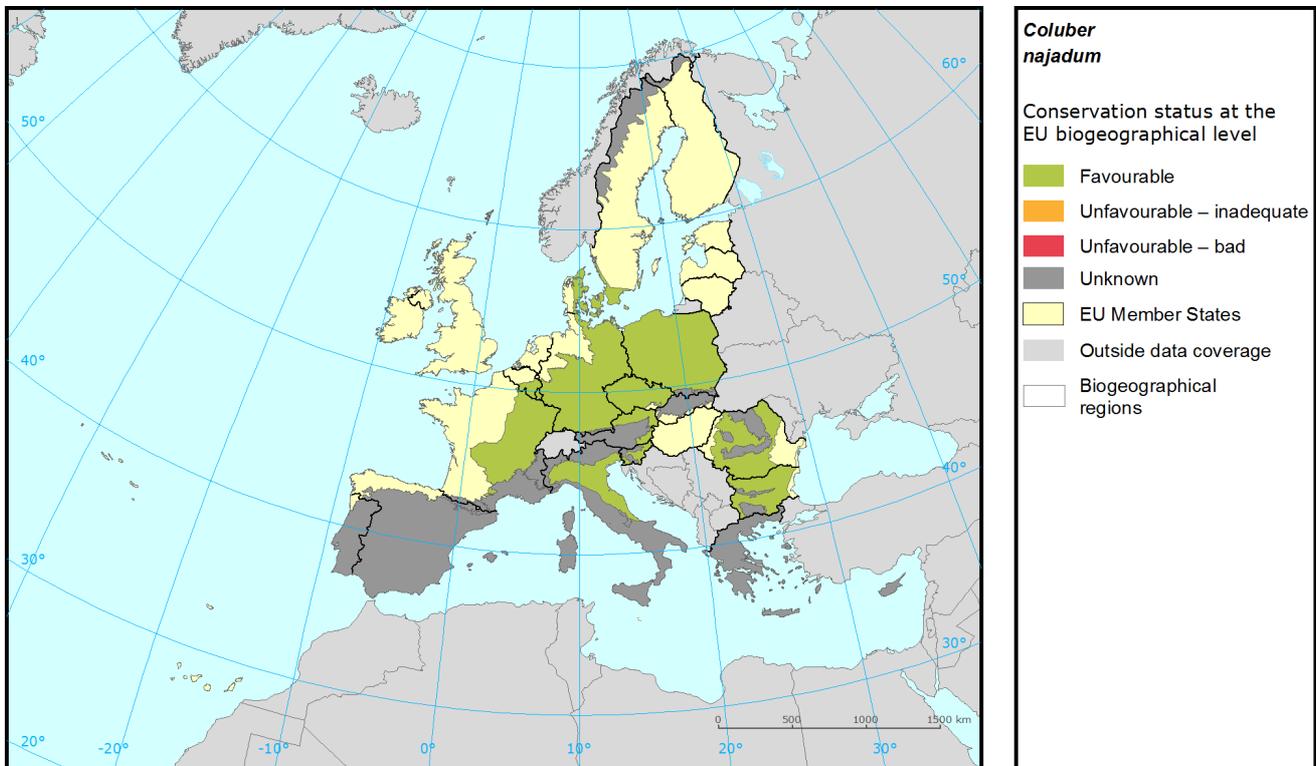
The species is reported by Bulgaria for the Alpine and Continental biogeographical regions and by Greece for the Mediterranean biogeographical region. The conservation status is assessed as 'unknown' for the Alpine and Mediterranean regions, whereas it is assessed as 'favourable' for the Continental region. Pressures and threats reported for this species by Bulgaria include planting of non-native trees, removal of hedges and scrub, agricultural intensification, solar energy production and removal of stone walls and embankments.

The IUCN Red List classifies the species as least concern due to its wide distribution and presumed large population (<http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/157277/1> consulted on 3 March 2015).

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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	FV	FV	XX	XX	XX		3	XX	
CON	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		30	XX	Not genuine
MED	FV	XX	XX	FV	XX		67	XX	

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 of parameters				Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	Previous CS	Reason for change
	Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects					
BG ALP	FV	FV	XX	XX	XX		100.0		
BG CON	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		100.0		
GR MED	FV	XX	XX	FV	XX		100.0	XX	

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
A10	Restructuring agricultural parcels	40
B01	Afforestation	40
A02	Modification of cultivation practices	20

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

Code	Activity	Frequency
B01	Afforestation	100

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=Reptiles&period=3&subject=Coluber+najadum>

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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.