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Bassia saxicola

Annex	II, IV
Priority	Yes
Species group	Vascular plants
Regions	Mediterranean

The plant *Bassia saxicola* (*Kochia saxicola*) is endemic to the islands of lschia, Capri and Stromboli (Italy). The species is found in the sandy north-facing calcareous rocks and cliffs, 10-15 m above the sea and recent lava. The IUCN Red List classifies the species as Endangered (EN).

The conservation status is 'Unfavourable-Inadequate'. The previous conservation status was considered 'Favourable'. The change in assessment is because the future prospect is reported by Italy as 'Unfavourable-Inadequate'. The species population in Italy is higher than indicated in the previous report; all reported trends are stable.

The species is threatened mostly by tourism development, collapse of terrain, landslides, and over-collecting. The small population size also represents a source of risk.

Changes in overall conservation status between the 2001-06 and 2007-12 reports are mostly due to a different methodological approach and better data rather than a real change in conservation status.

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Not genuine

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Bassia saxicola Conservation status at the EU biogeographical level Favourable Unfavourable - inadequate Unfavourable - bad Unknown EU Member States Outside data coverage Biogeographical regions Conservation status (CS) of parameters Current Trend in % in Previous Reason for Region Future cs CS region cs change **Population Habitat** Range prospects

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Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level

See the endnote for more informationⁱ

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Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



Dassia saxicula		
Distribution and conservation status at the Member State level		
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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		Conservation status of parameters				Current	Trondin	9/ im	Previous	Reason
MS	Region	Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Current CS	Trend in CS	% in region	CS	for change
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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	50
L05	Collapse of terrain, landslide	50

Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

Code	Activity	Frequency
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	33
101	Invasive alien species	33
L05	Collapse of terrain, landslide	33

Proportion of population covered by the Natura 2000 network

For species listed in the Annex II of the Directive Member States were asked to report the population size within the Natura 2000 network. The percentage of species population covered by the network was estimated by comparing the population size within the network and the total population size in the biogeographical/marine region.

Percentage of coverage by Natura 2000 sites in biogeographical/marine region

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Most frequently reported conservation measures

For species listed in the Annex II of the Directive Member States were asked to report up to 20 conservation measures being implemented for this species 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 species there were less than ten measures reported as highly important.

Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' conservation measures

Code Measure

Frequency

No 'highly important' measures were reported.

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=Vascular+plants&period=3&subject=Bassia+saxicola

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¹Assessment 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.

"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 species population 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 species has been reported by the Member States.