Report under the Article 17 of the Habitats Directive Period 2007-2012

# **European Environment Agency** *European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity*



## Dactylorhiza kalopissii

Annex II, IV Priority No

**Species group** Vascular plants **Regions** Vascular plants
Alpine, Continental

Dactylorhiza kalopissii is an endemic orchid species of the Balkan mountains and the Rhodopes in Bulgaria and Greece. It occurs on wet meadows near springs and rivulets. It grows in neutral to slightly acid damp to marshy soils in full sun. The species is assessed as Vulnerable (VU) in the IUCN European Red List.

The species status is "Unfavourable Inadequate" in the Alpine biogeographical region due to poor Future Prospects and is "Unfavourable Bad" in the Continental biogeographical region due to bad Future Prospects. Trend negative in both regions. The species also occurs in the Mediterranean biogeographical region were the status is "Unknown", since Greece not has reported on that species.

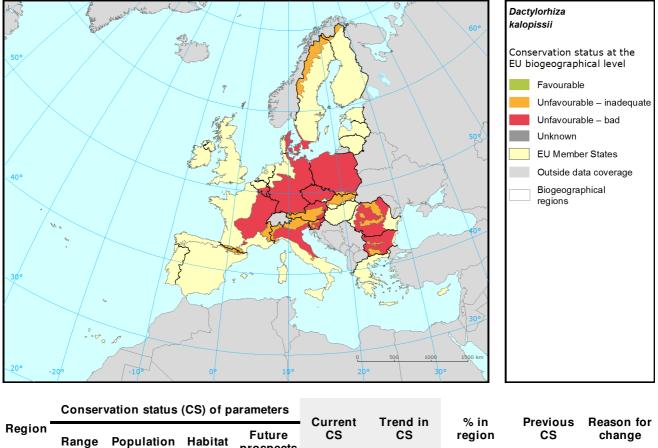
The habitat of *Dactylorhiza kalopissii* and hence its populations have undergone significant declines recently through soil drainage, tourist development, reservoir construction and intensive grazing.

The species was not reported from Alpine and Continental region 2001-06.

Better data required from Bulgaria.

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## Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level



Region Range Population Habitat Future prospects CS Trend in CS Win region CS Reason for Change

ALP FV FV U1 U1 - 45 XX Not genuine

CON FV XX FV U2 U2 - 55 XX Not genuine

See the endnote for more information<sup>i</sup>

#### Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



Distribution and conservation status at the Member State level

Favourable

Unfavourable - inadequate

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	Trend in	% in	Previous	Reason
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	CS	CS CS	region	CS	for change
BG	ALP	FV	FV	FV	U1	U1	-	100.0		
BG	CON	FV	XX	FV	U2	U2	-	100.0		

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
J02	Changes in water bodies conditions	40
K02	Vegetation succession/Biocenotic evolution	40
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	20

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

Code	Activity	Frequency
J02	Changes in water bodies conditions	29
A04	Grazing by livestock	14
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	14
K02	Vegetation succession/Biocenotic evolution	14
M01	Abiotic changes (climate change)	14
M02	Biotic changes (climate change)	14

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## 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

	ALP	CON
BG	100	100

See the endnotes for more information<sup>ii</sup>

## 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
2.1	Maintaining grasslands and other open habitats	20
2.2	Adapting crop production	20
6.1	Establish protected areas/sites	20
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	20
9.1	Regulating/Management exploitation of natural resources on land	20

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=Dactylorhiza+kalopissii

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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.

iiPercentage 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.