



Paeonia officinalis ssp. banatica

Annex	II, IV
Priority	No
Species group	Vascular plants
Regions	Alpine, Continental, Pannonian

European peony or common peony is a plant endemic to Hungaria, Serbia, Romania and Italy. The distribution in Continental region includes Romania and Italy but its occurrence is limited only to tens of square kilometres there. There is small but stable population in eastern Mecsek Mountains located in Hungary which is the only reporting member state in the Pannonian region. Furthermore, European peony could be found in the Alpine region, where it is reported from a single localitie. It is very rare within the entire Europe. European peony grows in found Pannonic woods with *Quercus petraea* and *Carpinus betulus*, Pannonian woods with *Quercus pubescens* and Pannonian-Balkanic turkey oak–sessile oak forests. Sometimes is planted in gardens. The EU Red list questioned its occurrence in Italy, however, this report brings evidence that the European peony it present there as well. Unlike the Red list, it seems that the major part of European peony population is found just in Italy. It is assessed as Data Deficient (DD) in the IUCN European redlist.

Unlike the other two regions, the overall conservation status in the Pannonian region was considered "Favourable" (even if the suitable habitat for species was indicated to be five times larger than the actual area). Assessment in Continental and Alpine region resulted in "Unfavourable Inadequate" namely due to "Insufficient" actual range and "Unfavourable" future prospects (Alpine).

Main threats are collecting and forestry.

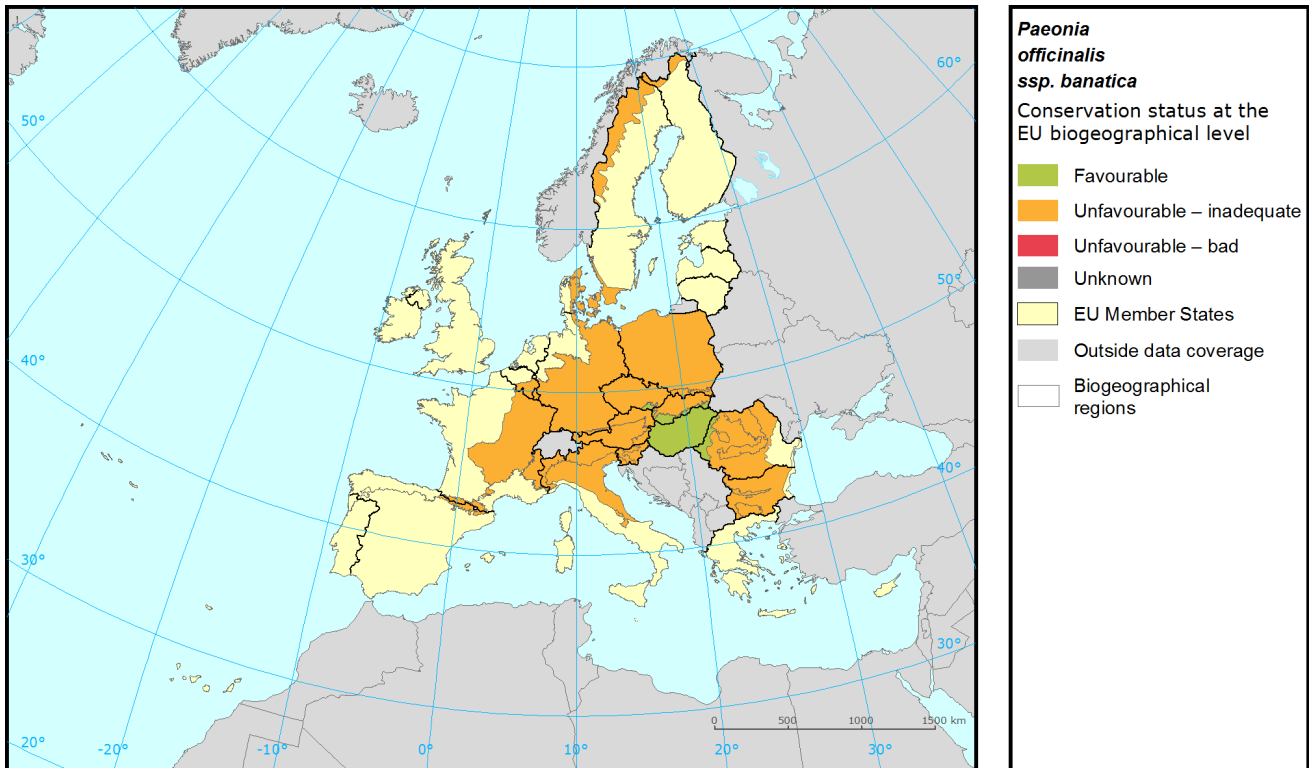
No changes in overall conservation status between 2001-06 and 2007-12 reports.

Better data required from Italy.

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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	U1	XX	FV	U1	U1	x	22	U1	
CON	U1	FV	FV	FV	U1	x	67	U1	
PAN	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV	x	11	FV	

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					
IT	ALP	U1	XX	FV	U1		100.0	U1+	No data	
IT	CON	FV	FV	FV	FV		91.7	U1+	Better data	
RO	CON	U1	U1	U1	U1		8.3			
HU	PAN	FV	FV	FV	FV		100.0	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
B02	Forest and plantation management & use	50
F04	Taking and collection of terrestrial plants	25
K02	Vegetation succession/Biocenotic evolution	25

Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

Code	Activity	Frequency
B02	Forest and plantation management & use	67
K02	Vegetation succession/Biocenotic evolution	33

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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	PAN
HU			100
IT	x	x	
RO		63	

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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
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	33
2.1	Maintaining grasslands and other open habitats	17
3.1	Restoring/improving forest habitats	17
3.2	Adapt forest management	17
7.0	Other species management measures	17

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=Paeonia+officinalis+ssp.+banatica>

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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.

ii 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.