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

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



## Plantago algarbiensis

Annex II, IV Priority No

**Species group** Vascular plants **Regions** Mediterranean

Plantago algarbiensis is a plant formerly considered endemic to Portugal but currently it is also recorded from Huelva (Spain), occuring only in Mediterranean region. It grows in sites that are temporarily flooded in winter and spring and drying out in summer. It is listed as Endangered (EN) in IUCN European Redlist.

All parameters reported as "Unknown" by Spain give the species an "Unknown" conservation status in Spain. Overall conservation status is "Unfavourable Bad, due to future prospects in Portugal.

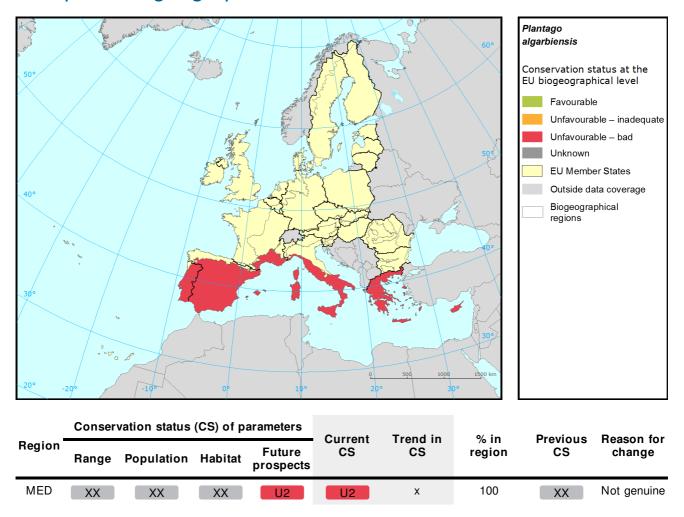
The main threats to habitats are not enough space to population increase in the near future. All populations are too close to disturbance sources such as quarrying, urban and suburban development, machinery trampling, forestry and building construction.

Changes in overall conservation status between 2001-06 and 2007-12 report are mostly caused by different methodical approach and better data rather than real change in conservation status.

Better data required from Spain.

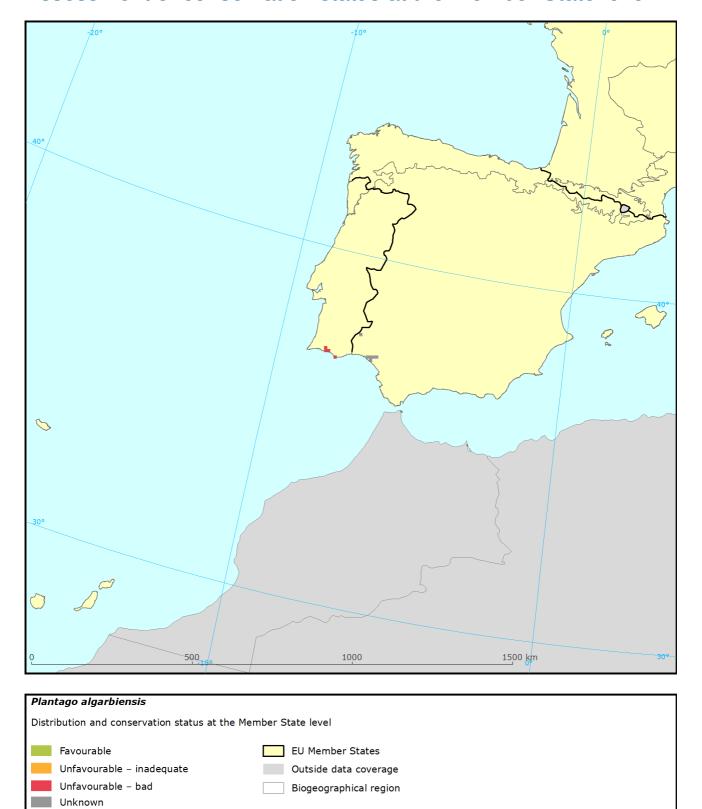
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# Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level



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



The map shows both Conservation Status and distribution using a  $10 \text{ km} \times 10 \text{ km}$  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	Trend in	% in	Previous	Reason
MS Region		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	CS	CS	region	CS	for change
ES ME	D	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		60.0	XX	
PT ME	D	U1	U1	U1	U2	U2	-	40.0	U2	

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
	C01	Mining and quarrying	17
E01	E01	Urbanisation and human habitation	17
	E02	Industrial or commercial areas	17
	E03	Discharges (household/industrial)	17
	J01	Fire and fire suppression	17
	J02	Changes in water bodies conditions	17

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

Code	Activity	Frequency
C01	Mining and quarrying	17
E01	Urbanisation and human habitation	17
E02	Industrial or commercial areas	17
E04	Scattered structures and buildings	17
J01	Fire and fire suppression	17
J02	Changes in water bodies conditions	17

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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

	MED
ES	32
PT	9

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
6.0	Other spatial measures	20
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	20
7.1	Regulation/ Management of hunting and taking	20
7.4	Specific single species or species group management measures	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=Plantago+algarbiensis

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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.