



Rhododendron luteum

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

This beautiful yellow flourishing shrub *Rhododendron luteum* occurs mainly in the mountainous regions around the Black Sea, the distribution is spread over the mountains of Anatolia and Caucasus. The largest European locality is in Polesia, in the Ukrainian regions of Rivnenska and Zitomyrska, and measures 15,000 km². Outside this area additional small and isolated localities can be found. There are six small localities in southern Belarus and a single Polish isolated locality in the southeastern part of the country. Furthermore, isolated localities are found in the Alps in Austria and Slovenia and in the Greek East Aegean Island of Lesvos. In Austria, the species is probably not native. In the centre of its distribution this species grows in high mountain coniferous forests on oligotrophic stands. In the Continental region it is a species of open forests, often on sandy or peaty or other oligotrophic substrates. The species is classes as Least Concern (LC) at European level and as Near Threatened (NT) in the IUCN EU 27 Redlist.

The species has a very small population (which might be not native) in the Alpine region and has therefore an "Unfavourable Bad" status. The status in the Continental region is "Unfavourable Inadequate" with a "Favourable" status in Slovenia and an "Unfavourable Bad" status in Poland. Greece has not delivered a report in 2013 and thus the status in the Mediterranean region is "Unknown". Trend increasing in Alpin region, stable in Continetal and unknown in Mediterranean region.

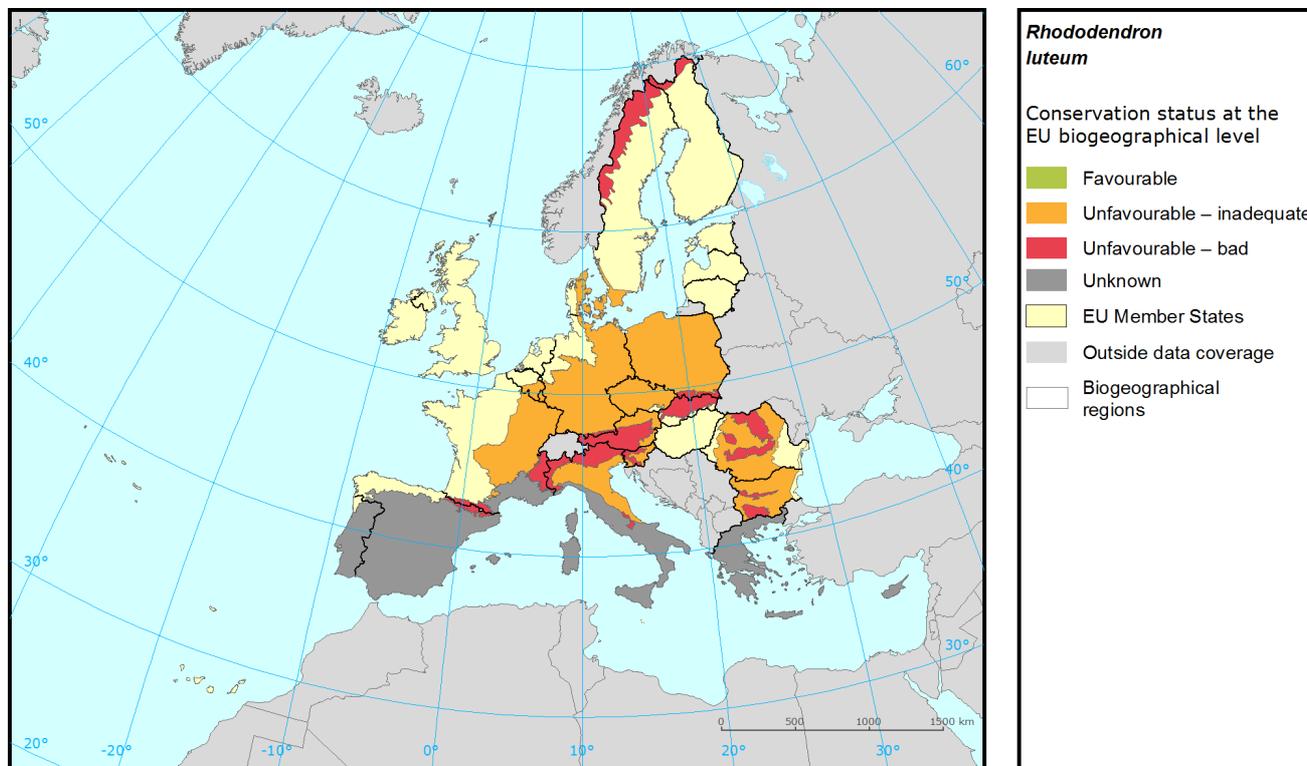
Main threats are collecting, forestry and stochastic threats because of very small populations.

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

Better data required from Greece.

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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	U2	U1	U1	U2	+	13	U2	
CON	U1	U1	FV	FV	U1	=	38	U1	
MED	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		50	XX	

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					
AT ALP	FV	U2	U1	U1	U2	+			
PL CON	U1	U1	U2	U1	U2	=	33.3	U1	Changed method
SI CON	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		66.7	FV	
GR MED	XX	XX	XX	XX	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
No 'highly important' pressures were reported.		

Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

Code	Activity	Frequency
K05	Reduced fecundity/Genetic depression	100

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
AT	0	
PL		100
SI		100

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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
2.1	Maintaining grasslands and other open habitats	33
3.1	Restoring/improving forest habitats	33
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	33

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=Rhododendron+luteum>

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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.