

Grus grus

COMMON CRANE

SPEC 2 (1994: 3) **Status** (Depleted)

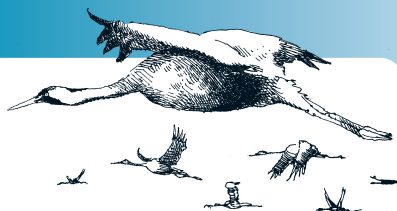
Criteria Large historical decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

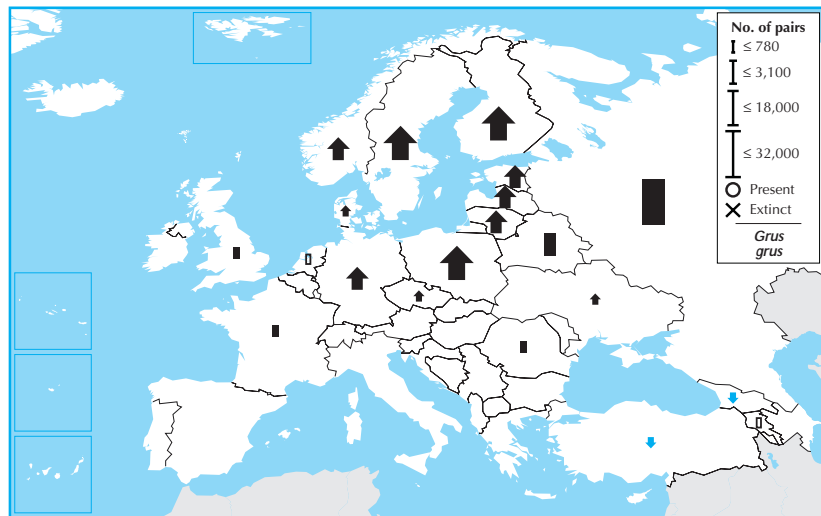
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Global IUCN Red List Category —

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Grus grus is a widespread summer visitor to northern Europe (occurring more patchily farther south), which holds >50% of its global breeding population. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<110,000 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. Although the species increased substantially overall during 1990–2000—with increasing or stable trends across most of its European range—its population has probably not yet recovered to the level that preceded its decline. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Depleted.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Armenia	10 – 20	97-02	?	–	
Belarus	800 – 1,500	97-02	0	0–19	
Czech Rep.	9 – 13	00	+	>80	
Denmark	16 – 28	99-01	+	>80	5,6,7
Estonia	1,500 – 2,000	98	+	20–29	1
Finland	15,000 – 20,000	98-02	+	20	
France	1 – 3	96-00	0	0–19	5
Georgia	7 – 10	94-02	–	20–29	
Germany	3,000 – 3,100	95-99	+	>80	
Latvia	1,000 – 2,500	90-00	+	>80	
Lithuania	900 – 1,200	99-01	+	50–79	20
Netherlands	0 – 1	98-00	?	–	1
Norway	1,000 – 3,000	02	+	30–49	9
Poland	10,000 – 12,000	01-03	+	>80	13
Romania	(0 – 2)	90-02	(F)	(50–79)	
Russia	25,000 – 40,000	90-00	0	0–19	31,36,37,47,51,52,75,104
Sweden	15,000 – 20,000	99-00	+	10–19	
Turkey	190 – 270	01	–	30–49	
Ukraine	700 – 850	90-00	+	20–29	
UK	3 – 3	96-00	F	300	

Total (approx.)	74,000 – 110,000	Overall trend	Large increase
Breeding range	>4,000,000 km ²	Gen. length	14 % Global pop. 50–74

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Azerbaijan	(0 – 200)	96-02	(0)	(0–19)	
Croatia	(100 – 1,000)	02	(F)	(–)	26
France	20,000 – 28,000	98-02	+	50–79	9
Italy	10 – 120	02	F	20–29	22
Luxembourg	10 – 100	00-02	+	50–79	
Poland	50 – 100	90-00	(+)	>80	114
Portugal	2,000 – 3,200	90-02	0	0–19	
Serbia & MN	0 – 1,000	90-02	F	50–100	
Spain	75,000 – 82,000	99-00	(F)	(–)	20
Turkey	900 – 1,200	91-01	0	0–19	

Total (approx.)	>98,000	Overall trend	Moderate increase
% in European IBAs	>80	Gen. length	14 % Global pop. 5–24

2000 population

84

16

1990 population

90

10

Data quality (%) – *Grus grus*

□ unknown □ poor □ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend

81

19

1970–1990 trend

78

22