

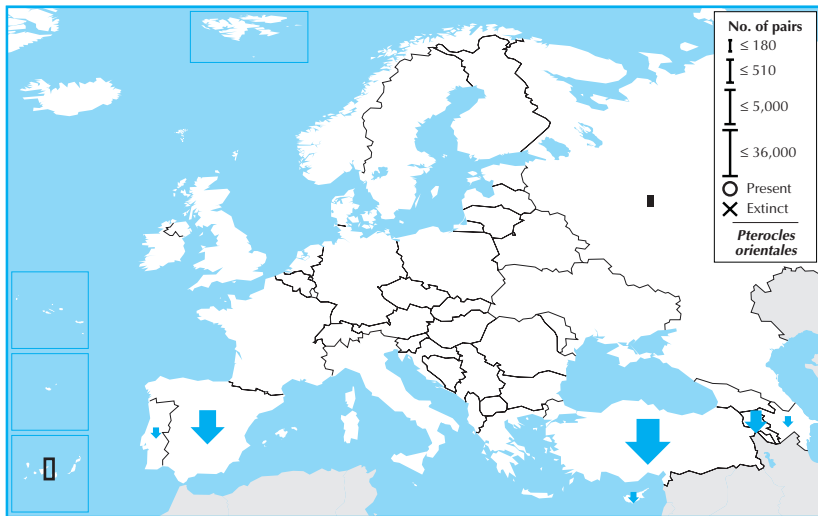
# *Pterocles orientalis*

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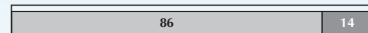
**SPEC 3** (1994: 3) **Status** (Declining)  
**Criteria** Moderate continuing decline  
**European IUCN Red List Category** —  
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**Global IUCN Red List Category** —  
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*Pterocles orientalis* breeds in Iberia, the Canary Islands and parts of south-east Europe, which together account for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<62,000 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. The species continued to decline across most of its European range—including its Turkish stronghold—during 1990–2000, and underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Declining.



| Country                | Breeding pop. size (pairs)        | Year(s) | Trend                | Mag. %                  | References              |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Armenia                | 300 – 850                         | 97–02   | –                    | 0–9                     |                         |
| Azerbaijan             | (50 – 250)                        | 96–00   | (–)                  | (20–29)                 |                         |
| Cyprus                 | (0 – 20)                          | 94–02   | (–)                  | (>80)                   |                         |
| Portugal               | 100 – 300                         | 02      | (–)                  | (–)                     |                         |
| Russia                 | 5 – 50                            | 90–01   | (F)                  | (30–49)                 | 15, 176                 |
| Spain                  | 2,500 – 10,000                    | 98–02   | (–)                  | (0–19)                  | 10, 16                  |
| Canary Is.             | (250 – 1,000)                     | 97–03   | ?                    | –                       | 22, 28, 25              |
| Turkey                 | (25,000 – 50,000)                 | 01      | (–)                  | (0–19)                  |                         |
| <b>Total (approx.)</b> | <b>28,000 – 62,000</b>            |         | <b>Overall trend</b> | <b>Moderate decline</b> |                         |
| <b>Breeding range</b>  | <b>&gt;250,000 km<sup>2</sup></b> |         | <b>Gen. length.</b>  | <b>&lt;3.3 %</b>        | <b>Global pop.</b> 5–24 |

2000 population



1990 population



Data quality (%) – *Pterocles orientalis*

□ unknown    ◻ poor    ◻ medium    ◻ good

1990–2000 trend



1970–1990 trend

