

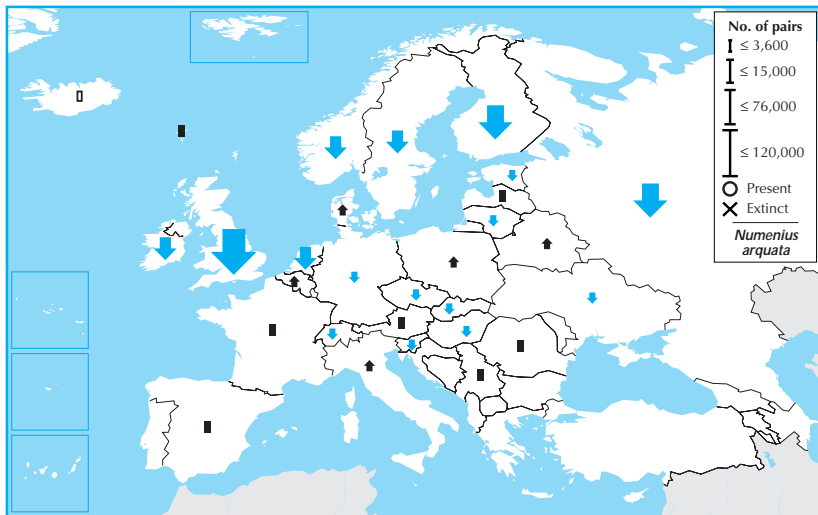
# *Numenius arquata*

## EURASIAN CURLEW

**SPEC 2** (1994: 3W) **Status** Declining  
**Criteria** Moderate continuing decline  
**European IUCN Red List Category** —  
**Criteria** —  
**Global IUCN Red List Category** —  
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*Numenius arquata* is a widespread breeder across much of northern Europe (occurring more patchily farther south), which probably holds >75% of its global breeding population. Its European breeding population is large (>220,000 pairs), but underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990 (based mainly on wintering data). Although some smaller populations were stable or increased during 1990–2000, key populations in the United Kingdom, Finland and Russia all declined, and the species underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Declining.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Austria	100 – 120	98-02	0	0-19	
Belarus	950 – 1,200	97-00	+	0-9	
Belgium	500 – 700	00-02	+	0-19	1
Czech Rep.	1 – 3	00	–	50-79	
Denmark	390 – 550	90-97	(+)	(–)	22
Faroe Is.	0 – 3	90	(0)	(0-19)	
Estonia	(1,000 – 3,000)	98	–	20-29	1
Finland	35,000 – 50,000	98-02	–	10	
France	1,500 – 1,800	98-02	0	0-19	4
Germany	3,200 – 4,000	95-99	–	20-29	
Hungary	(20 – 60)	90-93	–	0-19	14
Iceland	(0 – 50)	90-00	?	–	32,33
Rep. Ireland	2,500 – 10,000	88-91	–	>80	
Italy	1 – 1	00	+	0-19	18
Latvia	150 – 200	90-00	(0)	(0-19)	23
Lithuania	(300 – 400)	99-01	(–)	(20-29)	20
Netherlands	6,400 – 7,400	98-00	–	41	1
Norway	(5,000 – 10,000)	97-02	(–)	(0-19)	12,27,30
Poland	650 – 700	95-00	+	0-19	2
Romania	(40 – 60)	90-02	(F)	(20-29)	
Russia	48,000 – 120,000	90-00	–	20-29	28,29,60
Serbia & MN	(0 – 5)	90-02	(0)	(0-19)	1,29,125,155
Slovakia	3 – 30	80-99	–	80-89	
Slovenia	5 – 15	90-00	–	30-49	
Spain	1 – 5	98-02	(F)	(–)	16,10,6
Sweden	10,000 – 20,000	99-00	–	26	
Switzerland	1 – 4	98-02	–	30-49	
Ukraine	50 – 100	90-00	–	30-49	
UK	99,500 – 125,000	00	–	13	5,23
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	220,000 – 360,000				
<b>Breeding range</b>	>4,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>				
		<b>Overall trend</b>	Moderate decline		
		<b>Gen. length 5</b>		% Global pop.	50-74
Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Belgium	3,000 – 3,000	95-00	+	0-19	1
France	18,000 – 22,000	98-02	F	50-79	9
Germany	40,000 – 150,000	95-00	F	20-29	2
Rep. Ireland	41,000 – 50,000	94-00	0	0-19	
Netherlands	140,000 – 150,000	99-01	0	0-19	3,4,8,9,11,12
Spain	2,000 – 8,700	90-01	+	50-79	19
UK	164,700 – 164,700	94-99	+	18	44,52
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	>420,000				
<b>% in European IBAs</b>	70-81				
		<b>Overall trend</b>	Stable		
		<b>Gen. length 5</b>		% Global pop.	25-49
<b>2000 population</b>	3	24	73		
<b>1990 population</b>	23	41	36		
	<b>Data quality (%) – <i>Numenius arquata</i></b>				
	□ unknown	□ poor	□ medium	□ good	
<b>1990–2000 trend</b>	3	19	78		
<b>1970–1990 trend</b>	24	34	42		