

# *Larus marinus*

## GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL

Non-SPEC<sup>E</sup> (1994: 4) Status Secure

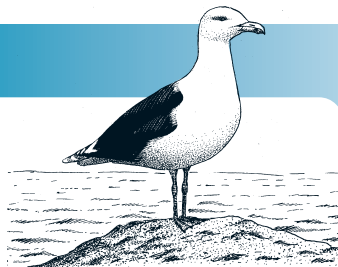
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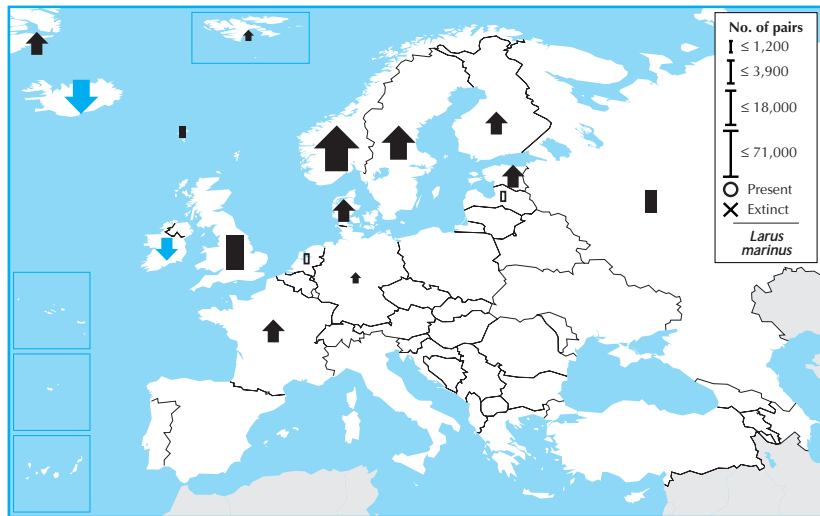
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*Larus marinus* is a widespread breeder in coastal areas of northern and western Europe, which constitutes >50% of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>110,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although there were declines in Iceland and the Republic of Ireland during 1990–2000, populations in the rest of its range increased or were stable, and the species increased overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Denmark	(2,000 – 3,000)	00 +	50–79	3	
Faroe Is.	1,200 – 1,200	95 (0)	(0–19)		
Greenland	(3,000 – 5,000)	90–00 (+)	(0–19)	5	
Estonia	3,000 – 5,000	98 +	20–29	1	
Finland	3,000 – 4,000	98–02 +	15		
France	3,700 – 4,000	97–00 +	0–9	4	
Germany	22 – 24	95–99 +	50–79		
Iceland	(15,000 – 20,000)	00 (–)	(0–19)	21	
Rep. Ireland	2,200 – 2,200	99–02 –	28		
Latvia	(0 – 5)	90–00 ?	(N)	22	
Netherlands	11 – 15	98–00 ?	–	1	
Norway	50,000 – 100,000	90–02 +	20–29	4	
Svalbard	50 – 150	90–02 +	0–19		
Russia	3,000 – 4,000	90–02 0	0–19	11,82,84,154,155	
Sweden	10,000 – 15,000	99–00 +	0–19		
UK	17,500 – 17,500	98–02 0	3	20	

Total (approx.)	110,000 – 180,000	Overall trend Large increase			
Breeding range	>1,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>	Gen. length 13	% Global pop. 50–74	(See p. 141, bottom, for data quality graph)	

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	0 – 1	95–02 (F)	(–)		
Belgium	300 – 300	95–00 (0)	(0–19)	1	
Bulgaria	0 – 2	97–01 ?	–		
Denmark	Present	99–00 ?	–		
Faroe Is.	2,500 – 5,000	92 ?	–	3	
Greenland	(20,000 – 50,000)	90–00 (+)	(0–19)		
Estonia	1,000 – 3,000	98	0–19	1	
Finland	(1,000 – 10,000)	98–02 +	10–19		
France	(15,000 – 60,000)	98–02 ?	–	9	
Iceland	(50,000 – 80,000)	78–94 ?	–	48	
Latvia	1,000 – 2,000	90–01 (0)	(0–19)	32	
Lithuania	(250 – 1,000)	92–02 ?	–		
Netherlands	10,000 – 25,000	85–01 0	0–19	3,4,8,9,11,12	
Poland	2,000 – 6,000	90–00 (0)	(0–19)		
Portugal	Present	02 ?	–		
Romania	0 – 4	90–00 ?	–		
Slovakia	0 – 2	90–99 ?	–	4	
Slovenia	Present	90–00 ?	–		
Switzerland	0 – 3	98–02 0	0–19		
UK	43,000 – 43,000	93 +	0–19	45	

Total (approx.)	>150,000	Overall trend Small increase			
% in European IBAs	3–6	Gen. length 13	% Global pop. 50–74		