

Larus minutus

LITTLE GULL

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

Criteria Moderate historical decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

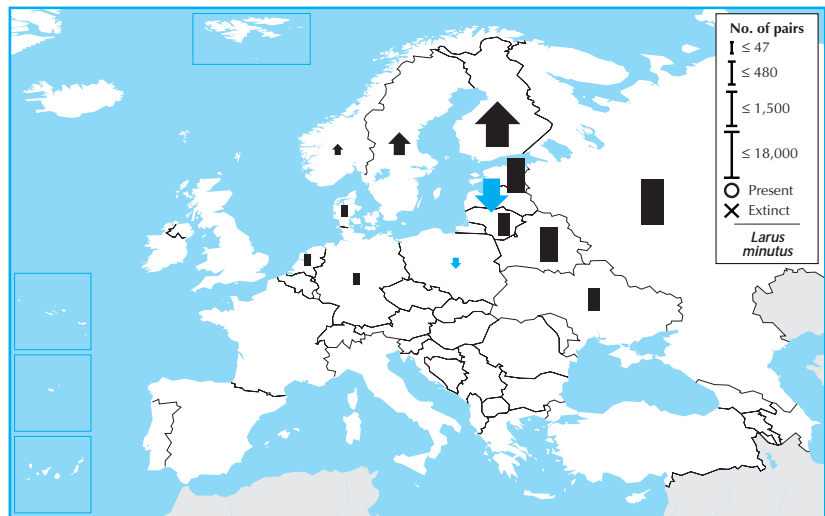
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Larus minutus breeds mainly in north-east Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<58,000 pairs), and underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although the species increased markedly overall during 1990–2000—with stable, fluctuating or increasing trends across the vast majority 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
Belarus	1,000 – 2,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Denmark	1 – 1	99–01	0	0–19	5,6,7
Estonia	(1,000 – 2,000)	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	10,000 – 20,000	98–02	+	50	
Germany	2 – 2	95–99	0	0–19	
Latvia	700 – 2,000	90–00	–	20–29	17
Lithuania	200 – 400	99–01	F	>80	20
Netherlands	5 – 8	98–00	(F)	(–)	1
Norway	45 – 50	02	+	>80	23
Poland	0 – 20	95–00	–	50–79	2,60–69
Russia	(10,000 – 30,000)	90–00	(F)	(30–49)	4,42,60,104,135
Sweden	300 – 600	99–00	+	20–29	
Ukraine	300 – 750	90–00	F	20–29	

Total (approx.) Breeding range 24,000 – 58,000 >2,000,000 km²

Overall trend Moderate increase
Gen. length 6 % **Global pop.** 25–49

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Azerbaijan	(1,000 – 2,500)	96–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Cyprus	50 – 500	94–02	0	0–19	
Estonia	(0 – 500)	98	(0)	(0–19)	1
Finland	50 – 500	98–02	0	0–19	
France	(175 – 536)	98–02	?	–	9
Germany	2,100 – 2,100	87–03	?	–	4
Greece	100 – 300	95–99	F	>80	
Italy	(100 – 500)	02	(0)	(0–19)	22
Latvia	500 – 500	92–94	(0)	(0–19)	32
Netherlands	(5,000 – 5,000)	85–99	(0)	(0–19)	3,4,5,8,9,11,12
Poland	(50 – 250)	90–00	(+)	(>80)	114
Turkey	1,500 – 2,500	91–01	?	–	
Ukraine	(50 – 250)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	

Total (approx.) % in European IBAs >11,000 26–31

Overall trend Fluctuating
Gen. length 6 % **Global pop.** 5–24

2000 population	51	46	3
1990 population	86		14
Data quality (%) – <i>Larus minutus</i>			
	□ unknown	□ poor	■ good
1990–2000 trend	47	52	
1970–1990 trend	48	39	13