

Sterna paradisaea

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Non-SPEC (1994: —) **Status** (Secure)

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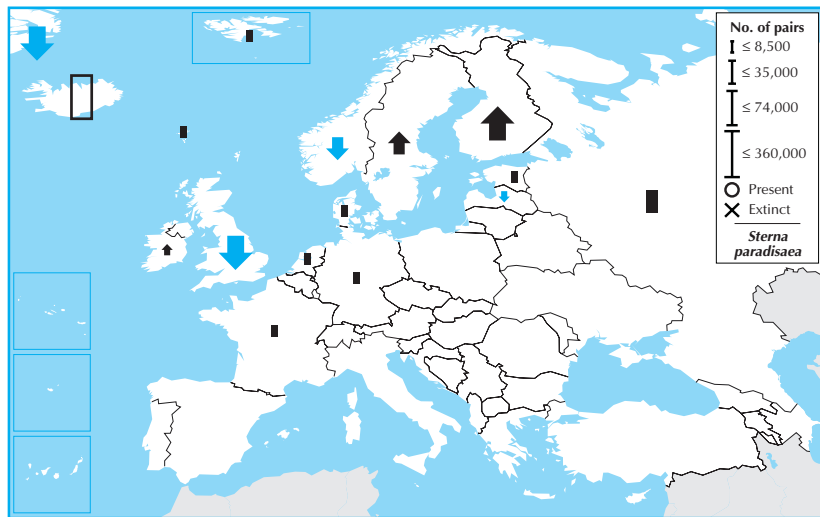
European IUCN Red List Category —

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Sterna paradisaea is a widespread summer visitor to the Atlantic seaboard of north-west and northern Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>500,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although there were declines in Greenland, Norway and the United Kingdom during 1990–2000, trend data were not available for the stronghold population in Iceland, and most of the populations were stable or increased. Consequently, the species is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Denmark	8,000 – 9,000	93–96	0	0–19	3
Faroe Is.	2,000 – 2,000	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Greenland	(30,000 – 100,000)	90–00	(–)	(0–19)	5
Estonia	6,000 – 9,000	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	60,000 – 90,000	98–02	+ 20		
France	0 – 1	96–01	F	>80	6
Germany	6,100 – 6,700	95–99	0	0–19	
Iceland	(250,000 – 500,000)	78–94	?		1
Rep. Ireland	2,700 – 2,700	99–02	+ 50–79		
Latvia	25 – 50	90–00	–	50–79	
Netherlands	1,900 – 2,300	98–00	0	18	1
Norway	30,000 – 40,000	95	–	0–19	4
Svalbard	5,000 – 10,000	95	0	0–19	
Russia	20,000 – 50,000	90–02	(F)	(20–29)	11,59,82,154,155
Sweden	20,000 – 25,000	99–00	+ 0–9		
UK	53,400 – 53,400	98–02	–	31	20

Total (approx.)	500,000 – 900,000	Overall trend Unknown
Breeding range	>3,000,000 km ²	Gen. length 14 % Global pop. 5–24

2000 population	62	28	10	
1990 population	90		9	
Data quality (%) – <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>				
□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good				
1990–2000 trend	54	13	18	15
1970–1990 trend	12	78		10

2000 population	32	47	21	
1990 population	69		28	
Data quality (%) – <i>Sterna hirundo</i> (see p. 146, top)				
□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good				
1990–2000 trend	36	36	28	
1970–1990 trend	3	20	50	27