

Phalacrocorax pygmeus

PYGMY CORMORANT

SPEC 1 (1994: 2) Status Secure

Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —

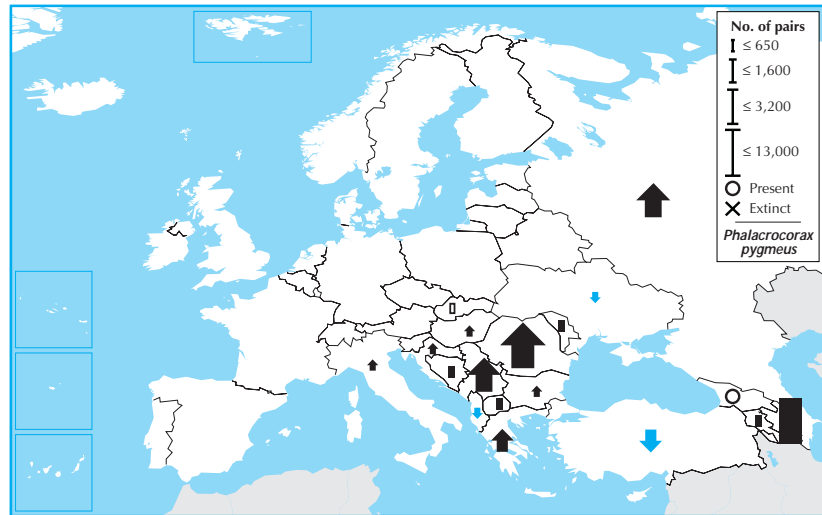
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Global IUCN Red List Category NT

Criteria A2c; A3c



Phalacrocorax pygmeus breeds patchily in southern and south-eastern Europe, which constitutes >75% of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<39,000 pairs), and underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although declines continued in a few countries during 1990–2000, key populations in Azerbaijan and Romania were stable or increased, and the species underwent a moderate increase overall. Consequently, this globally Near Threatened species—previously assessed as Vulnerable in Europe—is now evaluated as Secure.



| Country | Breeding pop. size (pairs) | Year(s) | Trend | Mag. % | References |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------|-------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Albania | 0–25 | 96–02 | – | >80 | |
| Armenia | 200–400 | 98–02 | 0 | 0–19 | |
| Azerbaijan | 8,000–12,000 | 96–00 | 0 | 0–19 | |
| Bosnia & HG | (50–60) | 90–00 | (0) | (0–19) | |
| Bulgaria | 350–400 | 97–01 | + | >80 | |
| Croatia | 10–25 | 02 | (+) | (N) | 70 |
| Georgia | Present | 03 | ? | – | |
| Greece | 1,250–1,310 | 97 | + | 0–19 | |
| Hungary | 80–190 | 98–01 | + | >80 | |
| Italy | 120–130 | 01 | + | 30–49 | 6 |
| Macedonia | (100–150) | 99–00 | (0) | (0–19) | |
| Moldova | 8–12 | 90–00 | F | 20–29 | |
| Romania | 11,500–14,000 | 99–02 | + | 0–19 | 47 |
| Russia | 2,000–5,000 | 90–00 | + | 50–79 | 8,33, 120, 172 |
| Serbia & MN | 2,400–2,800 | 00–02 | + | 10–29 | 163,65, 145, 230, 138, 216, 3 |
| Slovakia | 0–1 | 80–99 | ? | – | |
| Turkey | 1,300–1,800 | 01 | – | 30–49 | |
| Ukraine | 550–750 | 90–98 | – | 0–19 | |

Total (approx.) Breeding range 28,000–39,000 >100,000 km²

Overall trend Moderate increase
Gen. length 5 % Global pop. 75–94
(See p. 41, bottom, for data quality graph)

| Country | Winter pop. size (individuals) | Year(s) | Trend | Mag. % | References |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Albania | 974–1,914 | 95–02 | (F) | (–) | |
| Armenia | (1,500–3,000) | 98–02 | – | 20–29 | |
| Azerbaijan | 10,000–15,000 | 96–02 | 0 | 0–19 | |
| Bosnia & HG | (50–60) | 90–00 | (0) | (0–19) | |
| Bulgaria | 3,500–12,000 | 97–01 | + | >80 | |
| Croatia | 500–1,000 | 02 | (F) | (–) | 16,26 |
| Georgia | 360–360 | 02 | ? | – | 1 |
| Greece | 34,500–34,500 | 99 | F | 30–49 | |
| Hungary | 1–20 | 97–01 | F | >80 | 24 |
| Italy | 20–200 | 02 | + | 30–49 | 22 |
| Macedonia | (3,520–4,000) | 97–00 | (0) | (0–19) | |
| Moldova | 0–3 | 90–00 | + | >80 | |
| Romania | 1,500–4,000 | 90–00 | 0 | 0–19 | 60 |
| Serbia & MN | 5,000–15,000 | 90–02 | + | 10–29 | |
| Slovakia | 0–60 | 90–99 | ? | – | 4 |
| Slovenia | 0–23 | 90–00 | F | 0–100 | |
| Turkey | 1,500–22,000 | 91–01 | F | >80 | |
| Ukraine | 100–1,800 | 90–00 | + | >80 | |

Total (approx.) % in European IBAs >63,000 >90

Overall trend Fluctuating
Gen. length 5 % Global pop. 50–74