

# *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

## EUROPEAN SHAG

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

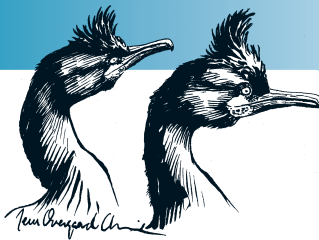
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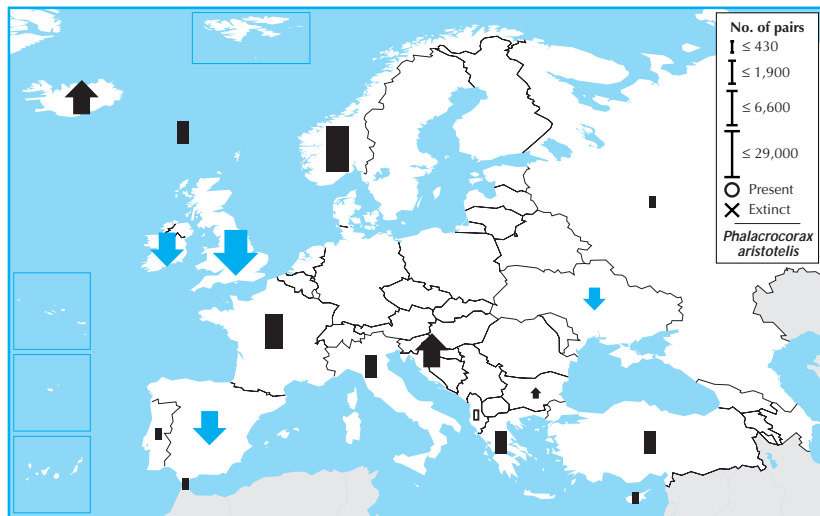
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*Phalacrocorax aristotelis* breeds in coastal areas of north-western and southern Europe, which constitutes >75% of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<81,000 pairs), but increased substantially between 1970–1990. Although it was stable or increased in most countries during 1990–2000, there were declines in the United Kingdom, and the species underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Nevertheless, this decline is probably outweighed by earlier increases, and consequently the species is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	(0 – 20)	92-02	?	–	
Bulgaria	<b>180 – 250</b>	01-02	+	> <b>80</b>	
Croatia	(2,500 – 5,000)	02	(+)	(20–29)	16
Cyprus	80 – 120	94-02	0	0–19	
Denmark					
Faroe Is.	1,500 – 1,500	95	(0)	(0–19)	
France	<b>6,300 – 6,400</b>	00	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	1
Greece	1,000 – 1,200	95-00	(0)	(0–19)	
Iceland	6,200 – 7,000	75	(+)	(–)	11, 1
Rep. Ireland	<b>3,400 – 3,400</b>	99-02	–	<b>27</b>	
Italy	<b>1,600 – 2,200</b>	03	0	0–19	6
Norway	<b>15,500 – 16,500</b>	80-01	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	35
Portugal	100 – 150	02	0	0–19	2,5
Russia	400 – 450	90-00	0	0–19	11,82,154,155
Spain	4,390 – 4,390	98-02	(–)	(0–19)	10,16
Turkey	900 – 1,800	01	0	0–19	
Ukraine	1,500 – 1,700	90-98	–	10–19	
UK	<b>28,900 – 28,900</b>	98-02	–	<b>25</b>	20
Gibraltar	<b>5 – 10</b>	00	0	0–19	

**Total (approx.)** 75,000 – 81,000  
**Breeding range** >750,000 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Overall trend** Moderate decline  
**Gen. length 10** % **Global pop.** 75–94

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Bulgaria	<b>139 – 468</b>	97-01	+	> <b>80</b>	
Croatia	(2,500 – 5,000)	02	(+)	(20–29)	16
Denmark					
Faroe Is.	3,000 – 6,000	92	?	–	3
France	1,000 – 2,500	98-02	0	0–19	9
Greece	(1,500 – 3,000)	95-00	(0)	(0–19)	
Iceland	30,000 – 40,000	78-94	?	–	48
Italy	(500 – 1,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	22
Netherlands	8 – 8	99-01	?	–	3,4,8,9,11,12
Norway	<b>50,000 – 70,000</b>	93	(0)	(0–19)	68
Serbia & MN	(2 – 2)	90-02	(F)	(50–100)	
Slovakia	0 – 1	90-99	?	–	4
Slovenia	5 – 20	95-00	F	0–100	
Turkey	3,000 – 6,000	91-01	0	0–19	
Ukraine	250 – 1,000	90-00	(–)	(0–19)	

**Total (approx.)** >92,000  
**% in European IBAs** 6–8  
**Overall trend** Stable  
**Gen. length 10** % **Global pop.** 75–94

2000 population	5	22	73
1990 population	3	5	90
Data quality (%) – <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>			
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1990–2000 trend	22	7	71
1970–1990 trend	3	6	89