Ardea cinerea

**GREY HERON**

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

European IUCN Red List Category — Criteria — Moderate continuing decline

Global IUCN Red List Category — Criteria —

Ardea cinerea is a widespread breeder across much of Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>210,000 pairs), and underwent a large increase between 1970–1990. Although there were declines in the Ukrainian population during 1990–2000, the species continued to increase or were stable, and the species underwent a moderate increase overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Secure.

Ardea purpurea

**PURPLE HERON**

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

European IUCN Red List Category — Criteria — Moderate continuing decline

Global IUCN Red List Category — Criteria —

Ardea purpurea is a widespread summer visitor to much of the southern half of Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<42,000 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. Although many populations—notably those in western and central Europe—were stable or increased during 1990–2000, the species continued to decline in several eastern European countries, and underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Declining.