

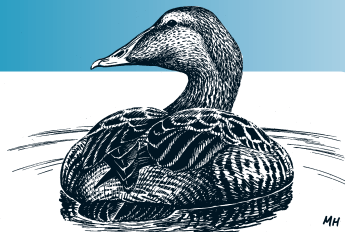
# *Somateria mollissima*

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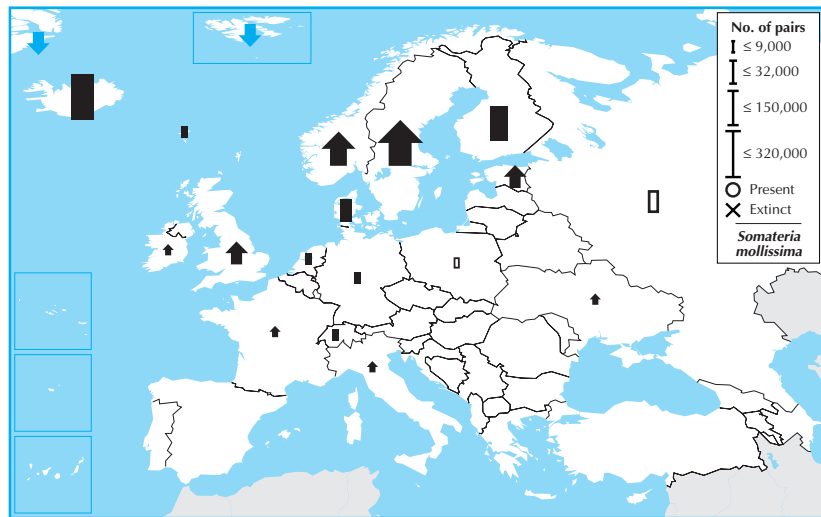
Non-SPEC<sup>E</sup> (1994: —) Status Secure  
Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —  
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Global IUCN Red List Category —  
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*Somateria mollissima* breeds in coastal areas of north-west and northern Europe, which holds >50% of its global population. Its European breeding population is large (>840,000 pairs), and underwent a large increase between 1970–1990. Although there were small declines in Greenland and Svalbard during 1990–2000, the species was stable or increased across most of its European range, and underwent a small increase overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Denmark	25,000 – 25,000	00–02	0	0–19	17
Faroe Is.	3,500 – 3,500	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Greenland	15,000 – 25,000	95–00	(–)	(0–19)	12
Estonia	15,000 – 20,000	98	+	20–29	1
Finland	140,000 – 160,000	01–02	F	30–49	
France	0 – 20	97–00	+	30–49	5
Germany	1,400 – 1,500	95–99	0	0–19	
Iceland	200,000 – 350,000	00	0	0–19	16
Rep. Ireland	250 – 1,000	88–91	(+)	(0–19)	
Italy	1 – 1	99–00	+	0–19	18
Netherlands	8,000 – 10,000	98–00	0	10	1
Norway	100,000 – 150,000	90–01	+	0–19	35
Svalbard	13,500 – 27,500	90–01	–	0–19	
Poland	0 – 1	97–00	?	–	28
Russia	(15,000 – 25,000)	90–00	?	–	11,82,85,154
Sweden	270,000 – 360,000	99–00	+	10–19	
Switzerland	1 – 3	93–96	0	0–19	
Ukraine	700 – 1,100	90–98	+	30–49	
UK	31,600 – 31,600	88–91	(+)	(50–79)	8

Total (approx.)	840,000 – 1,200,000	Overall trend	Small increase
Breeding range	>1,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>	Gen. length	5 % Global pop. 50–74

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Denmark	320,000 – 370,000	99–00	–	30–49	25,26
Faroe Is.	5,000 – 15,000	92	?	–	3
Greenland	350,000 – 630,000	99–00	(–)	(0–19)	19
France	2,000 – 4,200	98–02	F	50–79	9
Germany	350,000 – 350,000	87–03	F	20–29	4
Iceland	(100,000 – 1,000,000)	78–94	?	–	48
Netherlands	120,000 – 120,000	99–01	0	0–19	3,4,8,9,11,12
Norway	400,000 – 500,000	93–96	(0)	(0–19)	
Poland	1,000 – 2,000	92–97	0	0–19	116
Russia	1,500 – 1,500	97	?	–	179
Sweden	7,000 – 30,000	98–01	+	>80	
UK	80,000 – 80,000	90–99	–	6	49

Total (approx.)	>1,700,000	Overall trend	Small decline
% in European IBAs	14–22	Gen. length	5 % Global pop. 50–74

