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## ***Mergus serrator (Red-breasted Merganser)***

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#### **Further information**

- <http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/info/euroredlist>
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- <http://www.iucnredlist.org/initiatives/europe>
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**Table 1.** Reported national breeding population size and trends in Europe<sup>1</sup>.

Country (or territory) <sup>2</sup>	Population estimate				Short-term population trend <sup>4</sup>				Long-term population trend <sup>4</sup>				Subspecific population (where relevant)
	Size (pairs) <sup>3</sup>	Europe (%)	Year(s)	Quality	Direction <sup>5</sup>	Magnitude (%) <sup>6</sup>	Year(s)	Quality	Direction <sup>5</sup>	Magnitude (%) <sup>6</sup>	Year(s)	Quality	
Belarus	10-20	<1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Denmark	3,100	3	2011	medium	+	50-100	1999-2011	good	-	33-50	1980-2011	good	
DK: Faroe Is	150	<1	1995	medium	?				?				
DK: Greenland	2,000-7,000	4	2000-2012	poor	?				?				
Estonia	400-600	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0-10	2001-2012	medium	-	20-50	1980-2012	medium	
Finland	25,000-35,000	33	2006-2010	medium	-	43-50	2001-2012	good	-	48-58	1980-2012	good	
France	2-3	<1	2011	good	0	0	2000-2012	good	+		1993-2012	good	
Germany	370-410	<1	2005-2009	good	F	0	1998-2008	good	0	0	1985-2009	medium	
Iceland	2,000-4,000	3	1990	poor	?				?				
Rep. Ireland	300-1,000	1	2008-2011	medium	-	62	1995-2012	medium	?				
Latvia	0-1	<1	2012	poor	0	0	2001-2012	poor	+		1988-2012	poor	
Lithuania	0-5	<1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Netherlands	50-100	<1	2008-2011	good	+	76-213	2002-2011	medium	+	2400-4900	1977-2011	medium	
Norway	10,000-30,000	19	2013	poor	?				?				
Poland	0	<1	2008-2012	medium	?				-	100	1980-2000	good	
Russia	7,000-10,000	9	2004-2010	poor	-	5-30	1998-2008	poor	-	5-30	1980-2008	medium	
Sweden	17,000-26,000	23	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	good	+	10-40	1980-2012	medium	
Switzerland	0-1	<1	2008-2012	good	0	0	2001-2012	good	0	0	1993-2012	good	
Ukraine	300-384	<1	2000	medium	-	10-20	2001-2012	medium	-	15-25	1980-2012	medium	
United Kingdom	2,400	3	1988-1991	medium	?				?				
EU27	48,600-68,600	63		Decreasing									
Europe	70,100-120,000	100		Decreasing									

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<sup>3</sup> In the few cases where population size estimates were reported in units other than those specified, they were converted to the correct units using standard correction factors.

<sup>4</sup> The robustness of regional trends to the effects of any missing or incomplete data was tested using plausible scenarios, based on other sources of information, including any other reported information, recent national Red Lists, scientific literature, other publications and consultation with relevant experts.

<sup>5</sup> Trend directions are reported as: increasing (+); decreasing (-); stable (0); fluctuating (F); or unknown (?).

<sup>6</sup> Trend magnitudes are rounded to the nearest integer.

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**Table 2.** Reported national wintering population sizes and trends in Europe<sup>1</sup>. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data, and that only minimum totals are presented, to avoid double-counting of birds moving between countries.

Country (or territory) <sup>2</sup>	Population estimate				Short-term population trend <sup>4</sup>				Long-term population trend <sup>4</sup>				Subspecific population (where relevant)
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Albania	100-300	<1	2002-2012	medium	F	10-30	2002-2012	medium	F	10-30	1980-2012	poor	
Azerbaijan	250-1,000	<1	1996-2002	medium	?				?				
Belarus	0-5	<1	2009-2013	good	0	0	2000-2012	medium	?				
Belgium	7-24	<1	2008-2012	good	-		2001-2012	good	-		1980-2012	good	
Bosnia & HG	0-2	<1	2008-2013	medium	0	0	2000-2013	medium	?				
Bulgaria	60-450	<1	2000-2012	good	-	5-20	2000-2012	good	-	20-70	1980-2012	good	
Croatia	≥3000-	3	2014	poor	0	0	2001-2012	poor	?				
Cyprus	0-11	<1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	+	10-50	1980-2012	medium	
Denmark	9,600	9	2008	good	0	0-25	2000-2011	good	-	33-50	1980-2011	good	
DK: Faroe Is	100-500	<1	1992	medium	?				?				
DK: Greenland	10,000-20,000	13	2000-2012	poor	?				?				
Estonia	500-1,500	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0-10	2001-2012	medium	+	20-50	1980-2012	medium	
Finland	150-250	<1	2007-2012	medium	+	4-242	2001-2012	good	0	0	1983-2012	good	
France	3,350	3	2008-2012	good	-	9-49	2000-2012	good	+	9-56	1980-2012	good	
Georgia	Present	<1	2012		?				?				
Germany	8,500	8	2000-2005	good	F	0	1997-2009	good	F	0	1984-2009	good	
Greece	184-450	<1	2007-2013	good	0	0	2004-2013	medium	0	0	1982-2013	medium	
Iceland	5,031-15,158	8	2006-2008	good	?				?				
Rep. Ireland	1,550	1	2006-2011	good	F	0	1999-2011	good	-	29	1987-2011	medium	
Italy	993-1,351	1	2007-2009	good	-	15-30	2000-2009	good	F	0-40	1991-2009	good	
Latvia	50-600	<1	1999	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1991-2012	medium	
FYRO Macedonia	0-5	<1	2001-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Moldova	20-80	<1	2000-2010	medium	F	0	2000-2010	medium	F	0	1980-2010	medium	
Montenegro	0-2	<1	2003-2012	poor	?				?				
Netherlands	5,235-9,787	7	2006-2010	good	F	0	2000-2011	good	0	0	1981-2011	good	
Norway	21,000-30,000	23	1994-2003	medium	?				?				
Poland	730-1,300	1	2011-2012	medium	F	0	2005-2012	medium	?				
Portugal	90	<1	2008-2012	good	-	15-25	2001-2012	medium	-	50-70	1980-2012	good	
Romania	20-130	<1	2008-2013	medium	F	0-20	2000-2013	medium	?				
Serbia	2-50	<1	2008-2012	medium	F	0	2000-2012		?				
Slovenia	25-140	<1	2008-2012	medium	-	25-75	2001-2012	good	-	40-70	1980-2012	medium	

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Spain	169-373	<1	2008-2010	good	-	≥50	1999-2010	good	-		1980-2010	medium	
Sweden	4,300-11,000	7	2008-2012	medium	-	20-60	2001-2012	good	+	10-50	1980-2012	good	
Switzerland	47-103	<1	2008-2012	good	+	2-57	2001-2012	good	+	107-139	1980-2012	good	
Turkey	600-1,200	1	2002-2012	poor	?				?				
Ukraine	3,000-4,000	3	1998-2009	medium	-	10-20	1998-2009	medium	-	15-25	1980-2009	medium	
United Kingdom	9,000	8	2004-2008	medium	-	39	1999-2010	medium	-	11	1980-2010	medium	
EU27	<b>44,500-62,500</b>	<b>48</b>			Decreasing								
Europe	<b>87,700-135,000</b>	<b>100</b>			Uncertain								

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## Trend maps

A symbol appears in each country where the species occurs: the shape and colour of the symbol represent the population trend in that country, and the size of the symbol corresponds to the proportion of the European population occurring in that country.

### KEY

- |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ▲ Large increase ( $\geq 50\%$ ) | ▼ Large decrease ( $\geq 50\%$ ) |
| ▲ Moderate increase (20–49%)     | ▼ Moderate decrease (20–49%)     |
| ▲ Small increase (<20%)          | ▼ Small decrease (<20%)          |
| ↑ Increase of unknown magnitude  | ↓ Decrease of unknown magnitude  |

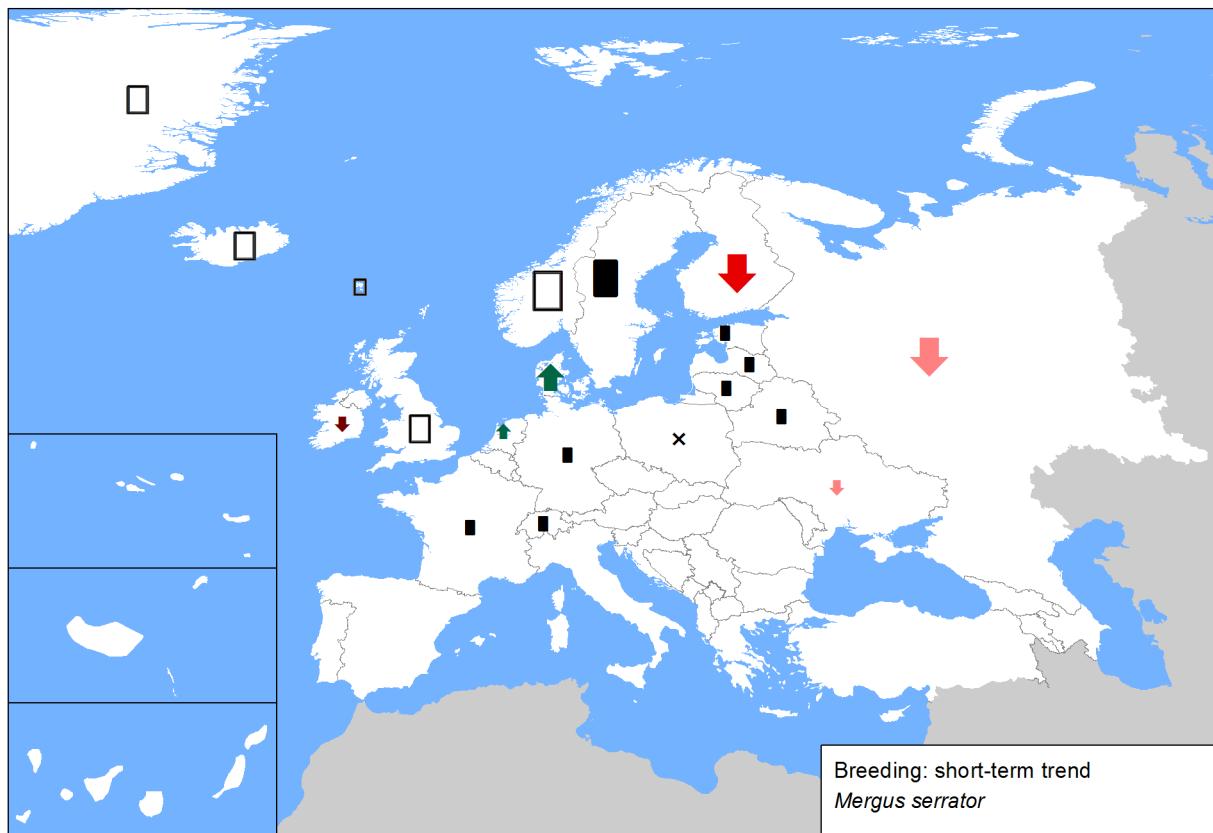
- Stable or fluctuating
- Unknown
- Present (no population or trend data)
- ✗ Extinct since 1980

Each symbol, with the exception of Present and Extinct, may occur in up to three different size classes, corresponding to the proportion of the European population occurring in that country.

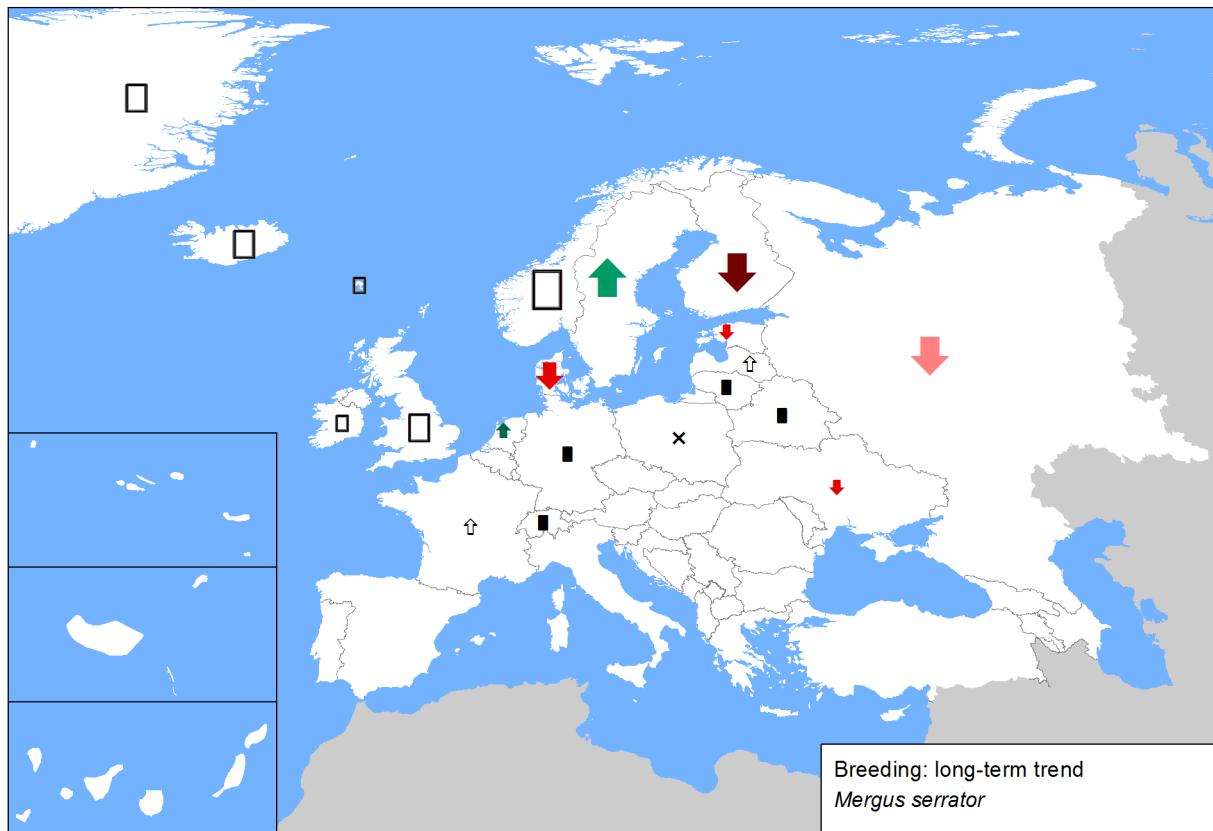
- ↑ Large:  $\geq 10\%$  of the European population
- ↑ Medium: 1–9% of the European population
- ↑ Small: <1% of the European population

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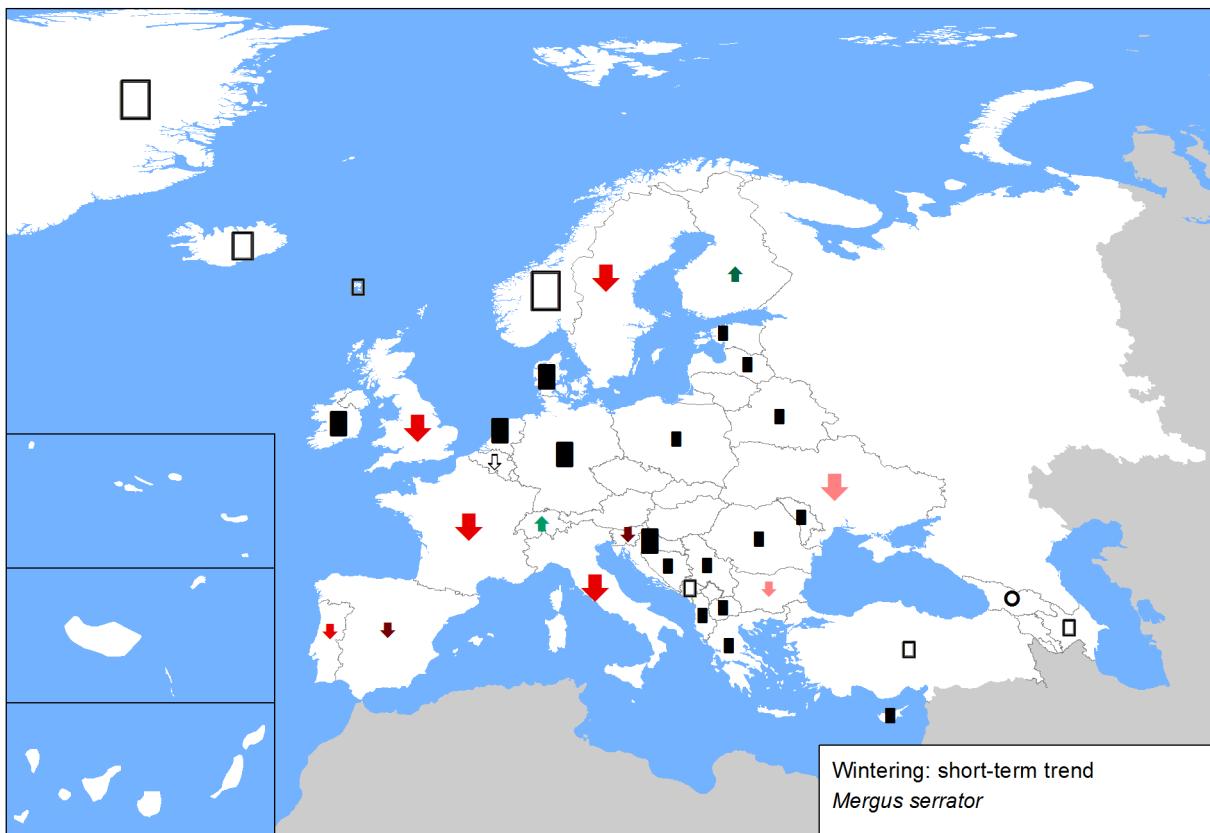
**Figure 1.** Breeding population sizes and short-term trends across Europe.



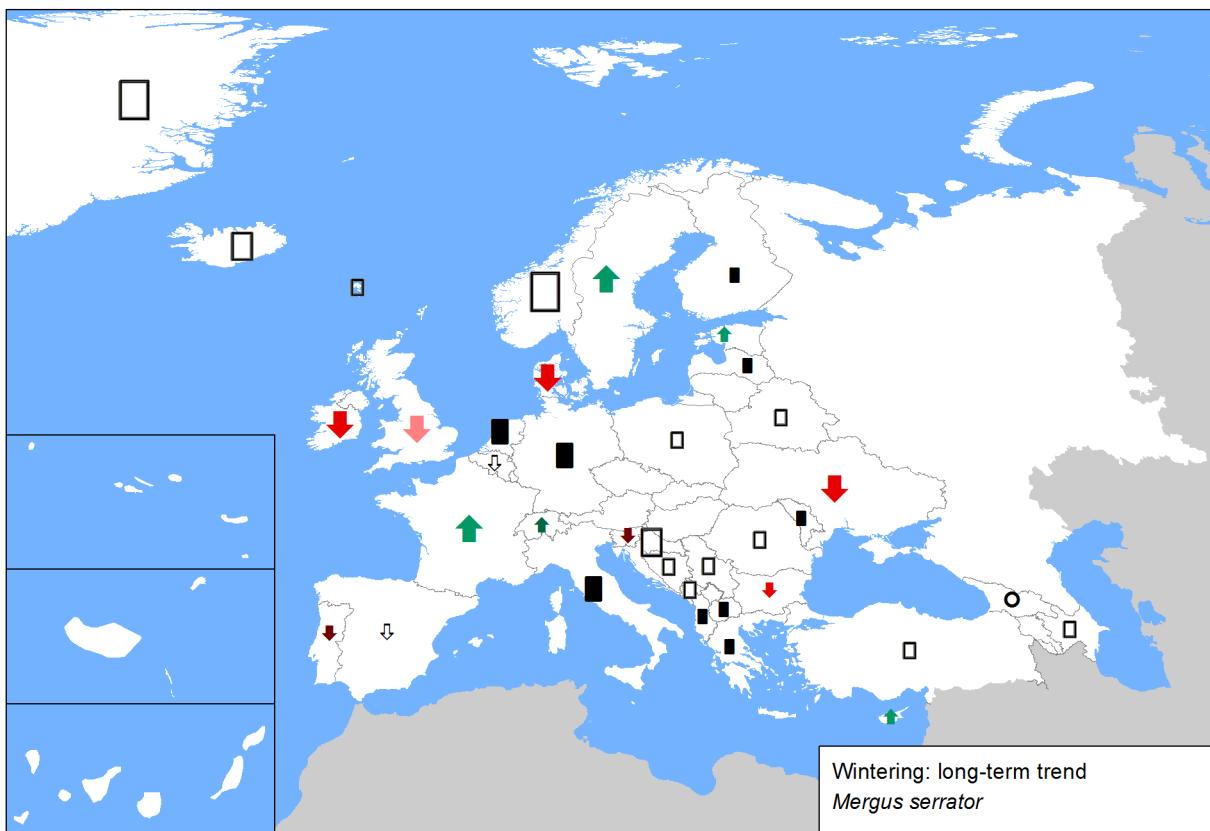
**Figure 2.** Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



**Figure 3.** Reported wintering population sizes and short-term trends across Europe. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data.



**Figure 4.** Reported wintering population sizes and long-term trends across Europe. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data.



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**Winter long-term trend:** Bino pers. obs.

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