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Table 1. Reported national breeding population size and trends in Europe¹.

Country (or territory) ²	Population estimate				Short-term population trend ⁴				Long-term population trend ⁴				Subspecific population (where relevant)
	Size (pairs) ³	Europe (%)	Year(s)	Quality	Direction ⁵	Magnitude (%) ⁶	Year(s)	Quality	Direction ⁵	Magnitude (%) ⁶	Year(s)	Quality	
Albania	500-1,500	<1	2002-2012	medium	+	0	2002-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	poor	
Armenia	4,000-7,000	<1	2002-2012	good	?				?				
Austria	1,000-1,100	<1	2009-2011	good	+	300-500	2001-2012	good	+	500-1000	1980-2012	good	
Azerbaijan	5,000-10,000	<1	1996-2000	poor	?				?				
Belarus	30-60	<1	2004-2008	medium	F	10-50	2001-2012	medium	?				
Belgium	0-3	<1	2008-2012	good	0	0	2000-2012	medium	?				
Bosnia & HG	500-1,200	<1	2010-2014	poor	?				?				
Bulgaria	20,000-60,000	1	2005-2012	medium	+	10-15	2001-2012	poor	+	20-25	1980-2012	poor	
Croatia	5,000-10,000	<1	2014	poor	?				?				
Cyprus	100-200	<1	2001-2013	poor	?				+	10-30	1980-2012	poor	
Czech Rep.	33-90	<1	2001-2012	good	?				+	90	1985-2012	good	
France	8,000-15,000	<1	2008-2012	poor	+		2001-2011	poor	+		1985-2013	poor	
Georgia	Present	<1			?				?				
Germany	750-800	<1	2005-2009	good	+	521-923	1998-2009	good	+	1437-5786	1990-2009	good	
Greece	4,000-5,000	<1	2008-2012	poor	?				?				
Hungary	17,000-24,000	1	2000-2012	medium	0	0	1999-2012	medium	?				
Italy	7,000-13,000	<1	2007	poor	+	60-70	2000-2012	medium	+	65-95	1990-2012	poor	
Kosovo	100-150	<1	2009-2014	medium	?				?				
Latvia	10-25	<1	2012	good	+	400-1150	2003-2012	good					
Lithuania	30-40	<1	2008-2012	good	+	2900-3900	2009-2012	good					
FYRO Macedonia	4,000-20,000	<1	2001-2012	poor	?				?				
Moldova	2,500-4,000	<1	2001-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2010	medium	0	0	1980-2010	medium	
Montenegro	350-400	<1	2002-2012	medium	?				?				
Poland	130-210	<1	2008-2012	good	+	260-450	2000-2012	good	+	2100-3200	1980-2012	good	
Portugal	Present	<1	2012		-	7-29	2001-2012	medium	?				
Romania	200,000-400,000	8	2010-2013	medium	?				?				
Russia	225,000-410,000	8	2008-2012	poor	+	5-30	2000-2012	medium	+	10-50	1980-2012	good	
Serbia	5,600-7,400	<1	2008-2012	medium	+	1-9	2000-2012	medium	+	10-29	1980-2012	medium	
Slovakia	700-1,300	<1	2002	poor	+	1-15	2000-2012	poor	+	1-15	1980-2012	poor	
Slovenia	45-80	<1	2002-2012	medium	+	10-30	2001-2012	medium	?				
Spain	2,215,000-3,915,000	78	2004-2006	good	0	0	1998-2012	good	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Switzerland	42	<1	2012	good	+	282	2001-2012	good	+	2000	1991-2012	good	

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Turkey	50,000-100,000	2	2013	poor	-	10-19	2000-2012	poor	-	0-19	1990-2013	poor	
Ukraine	25,000-45,000	1	2000	medium	+	15-30	2001-2012	medium	+	10-20	1980-2012	medium	
EU27	2,470,000-4,440,000	88			Stable								
Europe	2,800,000-5,050,000	100			Stable								

¹ See 'Sources' at end of factsheet, and for more details on individual EU Member State reports, see the Article 12 reporting portal at <http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/report>.

² The designation of geographical entities and the presentation of the material do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of IUCN or BirdLife International concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

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

⁶ Trend magnitudes are rounded to the nearest integer.

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

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ▲ 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.

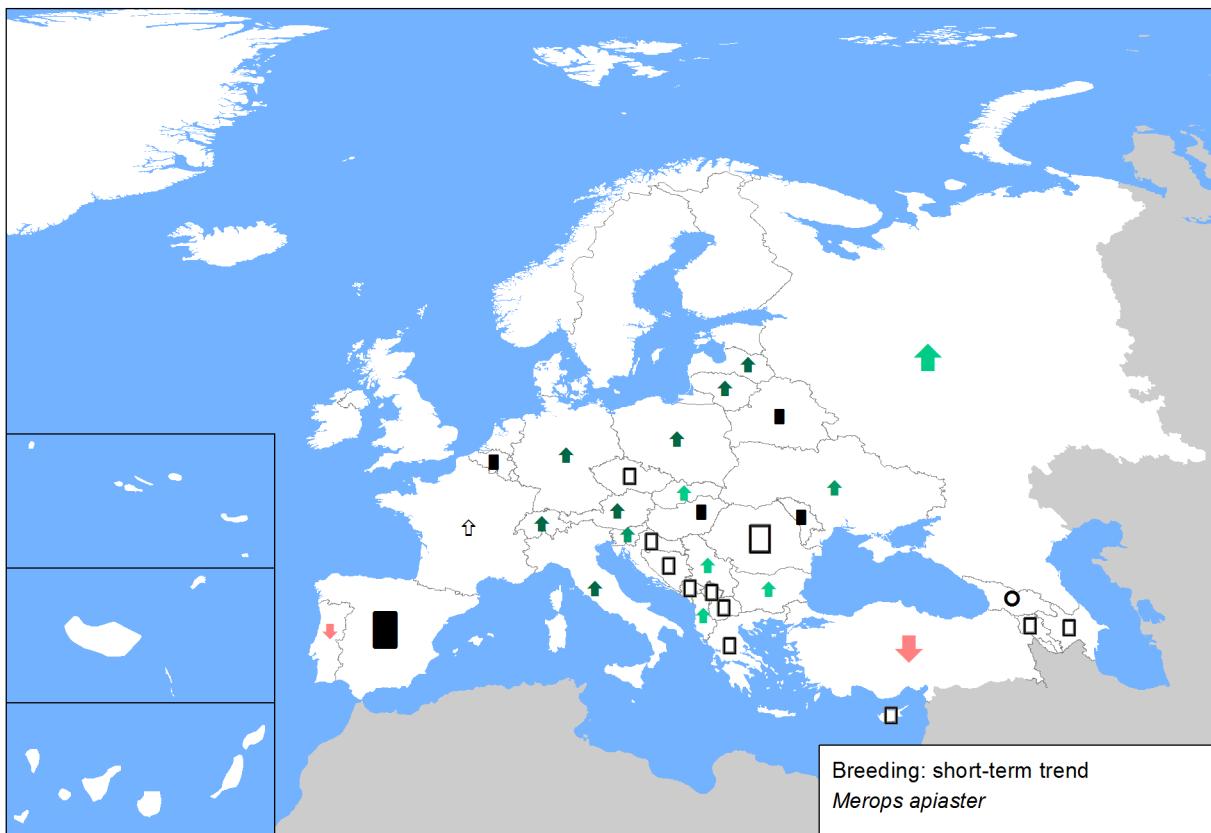
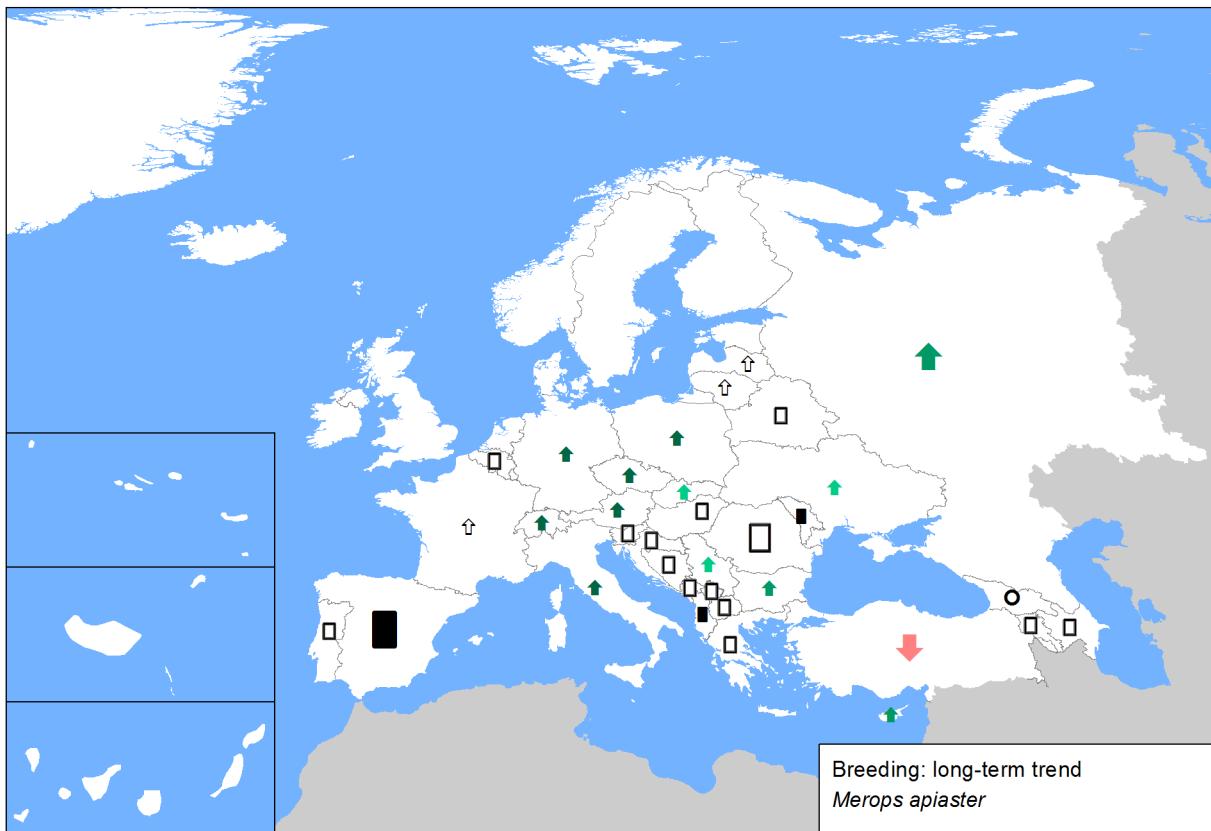


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



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