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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	2-5	<1	2002-2012	good	0	0	2002-2012	good	-	90-98	1980-2012	good	
Armenia	50-70	<1	2002-2012	medium	?				?				
Austria	1,300-1,500	1	2008-2012	good	0	0	2001-2012	good	+	80-100	1980-2012	good	A. c. cinerea
Azerbaijan	250-1,000	<1	1996-2000	medium	?				?				
Belarus	4,000-6,500	2	2001-2012	medium	F	11-18	2001-2012	medium	F	10-20	1980-2012	poor	
Belgium	2,250-2,750	1	2008-2012	good	-	23-37	2000-2012	medium	+	231-304	1973-2012	medium	A. c. cinerea
Bosnia & HG	100-300	<1	2010-2014	poor	+	5-10	2001-2012	poor	?				
Bulgaria	800-1,200	<1	2005-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	+	5-10	1980-2012	medium	A. c. cinerea
Croatia	3,000-4,000	1	2010	good	0	0	2000-2010	good	+	10-20	1980-2010	good	
Czech Rep.	3,230-3,910	1	2012	medium	+	55-131	2000-2012	good	+	303-442	1982-2012	good	A. c. cinerea
Denmark	4,200	2	2011	medium	-	20-33	1999-2011	good	+	50-100	1980-2011	good	A. c. cinerea
Estonia	2,000-2,500	1	2008-2012	poor	0	0-10	2001-2012	poor	+	20-50	1980-2012	poor	A. c. cinerea
Finland	700-1,000	<1	2006-2010	good	+	54-416	2000-2011	medium	+	600-900	1987-2010	medium	A. c. cinerea
France	31,170	11	2007	good	+	5	2000-2007	good	+	212	1980-2008	good	A. c. cinerea
Georgia	Present	<1			?				?				
Germany	24,000-30,000	10	2005-2009	good	F	0	1998-2008	good	+	35-68	1985-2008	good	A. c. cinerea
Greece	1,484	1	2009	good	+	20-30	2003-2009	good	+	140-160	1985-2009	good	A. c. cinerea
Hungary	3,000-4,000	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	?				A. c. cinerea
Rep. Ireland	3,087	1	2008-2011	medium	0	0	2000-2011	medium	0	0	1980-2011	medium	A. c. cinerea
Italy	10,500-11,000	4	2002-2013	medium	-	15-25	2002-2012	medium	+	1400-1550	1981-2012	medium	A. c. cinerea
Kosovo	200-300	<1	2009-2014	good	?				?				
Latvia	1,166-2,316	1	2000-2004	good	?				+	94	1980-2004	medium	A. c. cinerea
Liechtenstein	15-20	<1	2009-2014	good	0	0	2003-2014	good	+	1-20	1980-2014	good	
Lithuania	2,000-4,000	1	2008-2012	medium	-	20-40	2001-2012	medium	-	20-40	1980-2012	medium	A. c. cinerea
Luxembourg	60-70	<1	2008-2012	medium	+	0-10	2000-2012	medium	+	95-100	1980-2012	good	A. c. cinerea
FYRO Macedonia	250-350	<1	2001-2012	medium	0	0	2002-2012	medium	?				
Moldova	300-500	<1	2000-2010	medium	F	0	2000-2010	medium	F	0	1980-2010	medium	
Montenegro	150-180	<1	2002-2012	good	+		2002-2012	good	?				
Netherlands	10,600-116,000	13	2009-2011	good	-	21-29	2002-2011	good	+	59-64	1985-2010	good	A. c. cinerea
Norway	5,000-10,000	3	2000-2013	poor	?				?				
Poland	9,000-9,500	3	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	A. c. cinerea
Portugal	1,000-1,500	<1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	+		1980-2012	medium	A. c. cinerea

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Romania	4,500-6,000	2	2008-2013	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	A. c. cinerea
Russia	40,000-60,000	18	2000-2008	medium	?				?				
Serbia	2,520-3,360	1	2008-2012	medium	+	10-29	2000-2012	medium	+	30	1980-2012	medium	
Slovakia	300-700	<1	2000-2002	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	+	10-25	1980-2012	medium	A. c. cinerea
Slovenia	1,000-1,500	<1	2002-2012	medium	+	10-30	2001-2012	medium	+	30-50	1980-2012	medium	A. c. cinerea
Spain	6,487-6,994	2	2011	good	0	0	1998-2011	good	+		1980-2011	medium	A. c. cinerea
Sweden	3,000-5,700	2	2008-2012	medium	-	17-50	2001-2012	good	0	0	1980-2012	good	A. c. cinerea
Switzerland	1,400-1,600	1	2008	medium	+	6-37	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1990-2012	medium	
Turkey	2,500-5,000	1	2013	medium	F	0	2000-2012	poor	0	20-29	1990-2013	poor	
Ukraine	23,800-32,900	10	1998-2010	medium	-	20-35	2001-2012	medium	F	15-45	1980-2012	medium	
United Kingdom	13,000	5	2007-2010	good	-	19	1999-2011	good	-	6	1980-2011	good	A. c. cinerea
EU27	140,000-265,000	65			Decreasing								
Europe	223,000-391,000	100			Decreasing								

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.

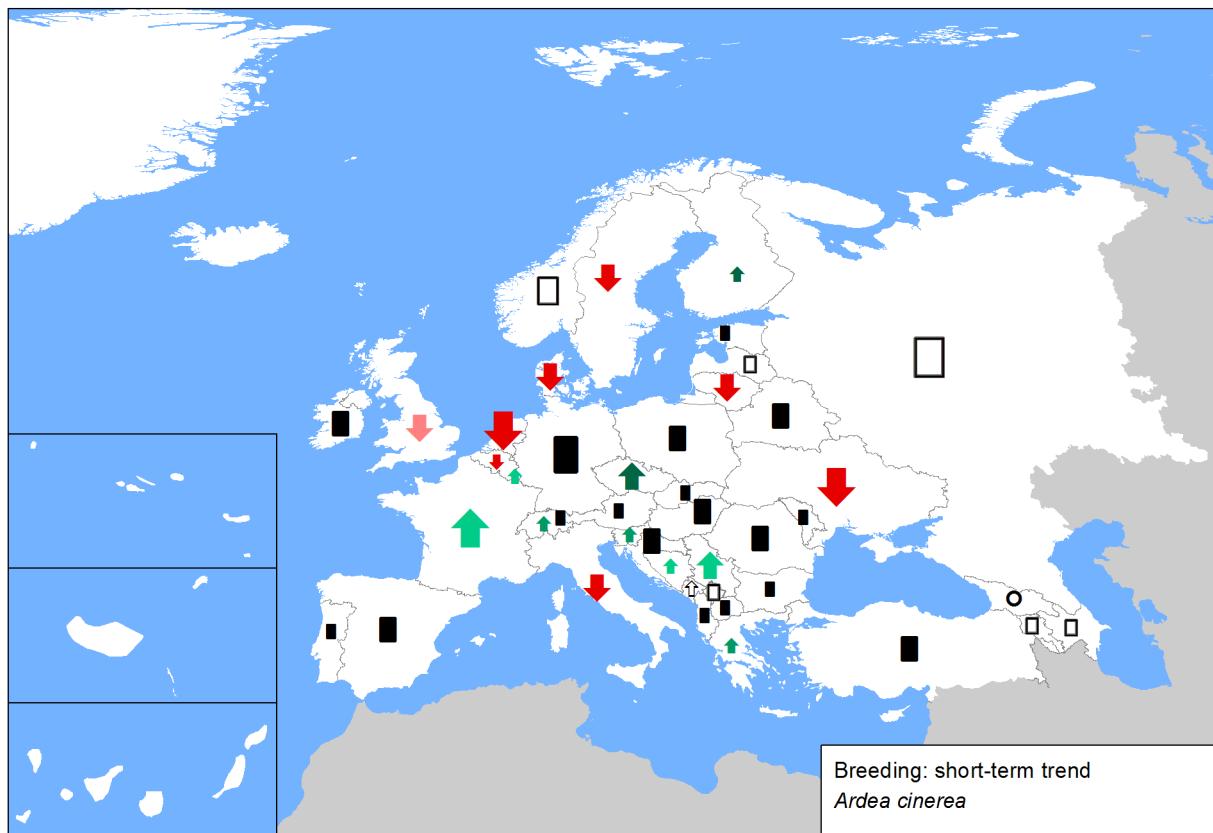
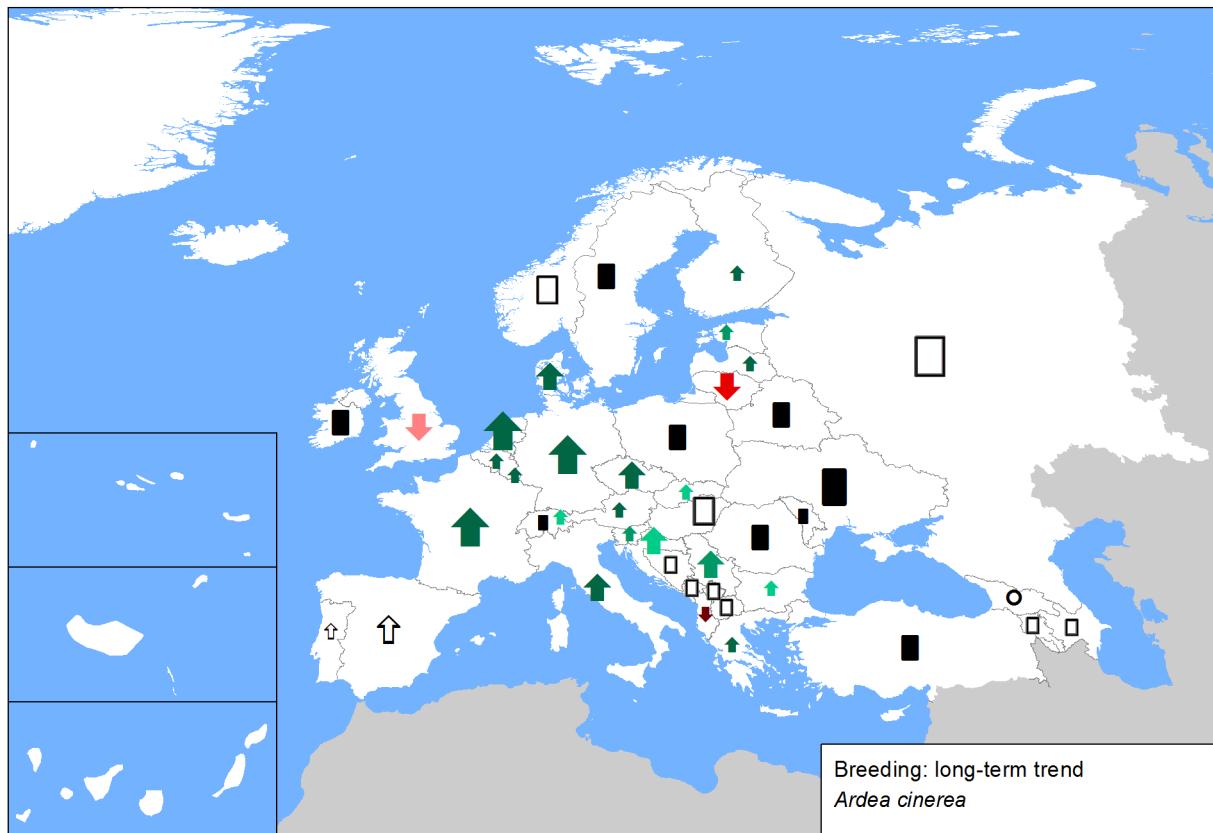


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



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