

***Botaurus stellaris* (Eurasian Bittern)**

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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 (calling/lekking males) ³	Europe (%)	Year(s)	Quality	Direction ⁵	Magnitude (%) ⁶	Year(s)	Quality	Direction ⁵	Magnitude (%) ⁶	Year(s)	Quality	
Albania	5-15	<1	2002-2012	poor	-	5-10	2002-2012	medium	-	10-30	1980-2012	medium	
Austria	170-230	<1	2008-2012	medium	F	0	2001-2012	good	F	0	1980-2012	good	B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Belarus	1,000-1,800	3	2010-2012	good	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Belgium	15-28	<1	2008-2012	good	+	15-155	2000-2012	medium	-	53-77	1973-2012	good	B. s. stellaris, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Bosnia & HG	10-50	<1	2010-2014	poor	F	5-10	2001-2012	poor	?				
Bulgaria	70-110	<1	2005-2012	medium	+	80-110	2000-2012	medium	+	150-200	1980-2012	medium	B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Croatia	40-70	<1	2013	poor	-	20-40	2001-2012	poor	?				
Czech Rep.	30-40	<1	2001-2003	good	+	25-33	2000-2012	medium	+	67-100	1980-2012	medium	B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Denmark	300	1	2008	medium	+	25-50	2000-2011	medium	+	1000-10000	1980-2011	medium	B. s. stellaris, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Estonia	300-500	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0-10	2001-2012	medium	0	0-10	1980-2012	medium	B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Finland	1,000-1,500	2	2005-2010	good	+	83-126	2001-2011	good	+	1625-2302	1980-2011	good	B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
France	250-350	1	2008-2012	good	-	4-8	2000-2012	medium	-	10-20	1983-2012	medium	B. s. stellaris, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Georgia	Present	<1			?				?				
Germany	950-1,100	2	2005-2009	good	+	29-76	1998-2009	good	0	0	1985-2009	medium	B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre) and W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Greece	5-15	<1	2009	poor	0	0	2002-2012	poor	?				B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Hungary	700-1,000	2	2000-2012	medium	?				?				B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Italy	75-95	<1	2009-2011	medium	?				?				B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Latvia	390-771	1	2000-2004	good	?				+	124	1994-2004	medium	B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Lithuania	1,500-2,000	4	2008-2012	medium	+	80-150	2001-2012	medium	+	175-300	1980-2012	medium	B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
FYRO Macedonia	2-10	<1	2001-2012	poor	?				?				
Moldova	30-70	<1	2000-2010	medium	0	0	2000-2010	medium	0	0	1980-2010	medium	
Montenegro	50-80	<1	2002-2012	poor	?				?				
Netherlands	250-300	1	2010-2011	good	-	12-34	2002-2011	good	+	12-39	1980-2011	good	B. s. stellaris, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)

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Poland	3,300-4,200	8	2010-2012	good	0	0	2002-2012	good	?				B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Portugal	1-5	<1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	good	0	0	1980-2012	medium	B. s. stellaris, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Romania	1,000-5,000	5	2008-2013	medium	?				?				B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Russia	15,000-30,000	43	2000-2008	poor	0	0	2000-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Serbia	275-400	1	2008-2012	medium	+	1-9	2000-2012	medium	+	10-29	1980-2012	medium	
Slovakia	50-80	<1	2012	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	-	10-30	1980-2012	medium	B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Slovenia	2-4	<1	2002-2012	medium	F	10-50	2001-2012	medium	F	10-50	1980-2012	medium	B. s. stellaris, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Spain	39-40	<1	2010-2011	medium	0	0	1998-2011	medium	0	0	1980-2011	medium	B. s. stellaris, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Sweden	490-810	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	good	+	120-200	1980-2012	good	B. s. stellaris, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Turkey	250-315	1	2013	good	-	10-19	2000-2012	poor	-	0-19	1990-2013	poor	
Ukraine	10,000-15,000	25	2000	medium	-	10-20	2001-2012	medium	-	20-25	1980-2012	medium	
United Kingdom	80	<1	2007-2011	good	+	403	1996-2008	good	+	76	1980-2008	good	B. s. stellaris, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
EU27	11,000-18,600	29			Increasing								
Europe	37,600-66,400	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>.

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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.

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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.

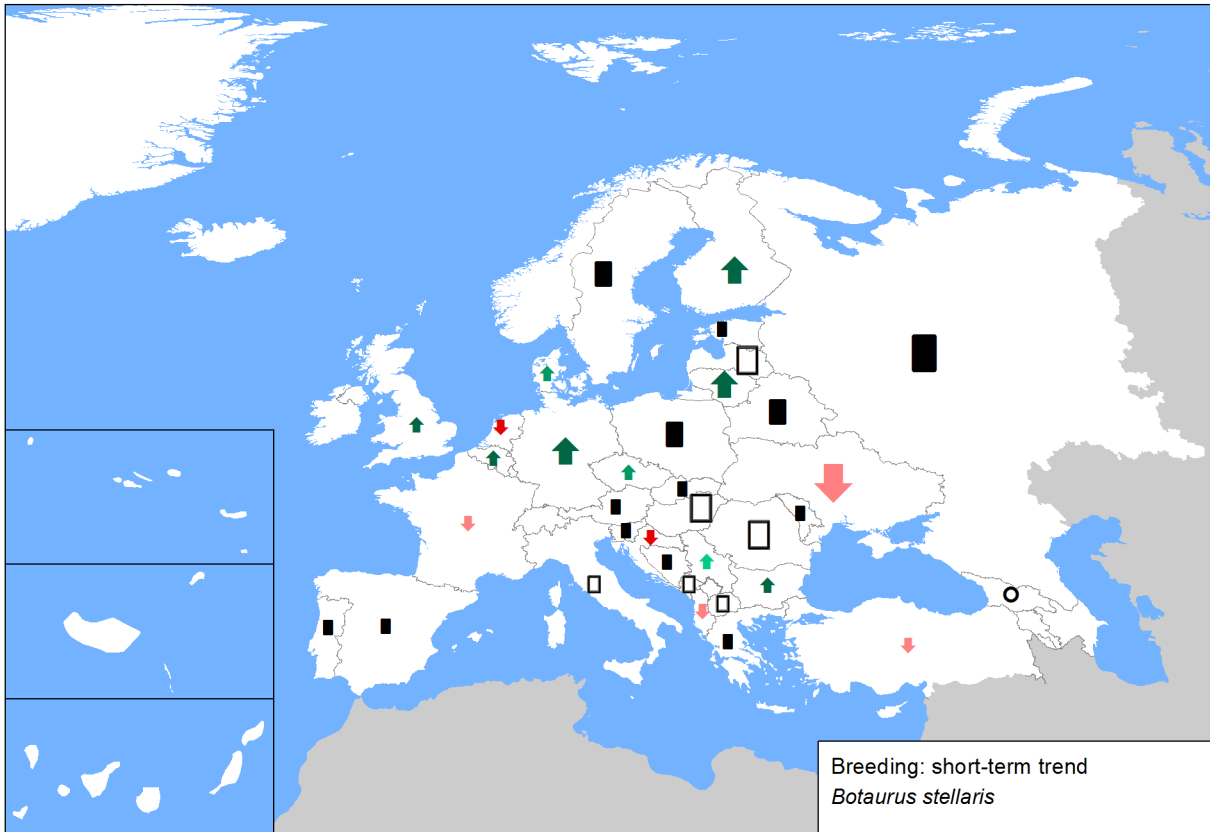
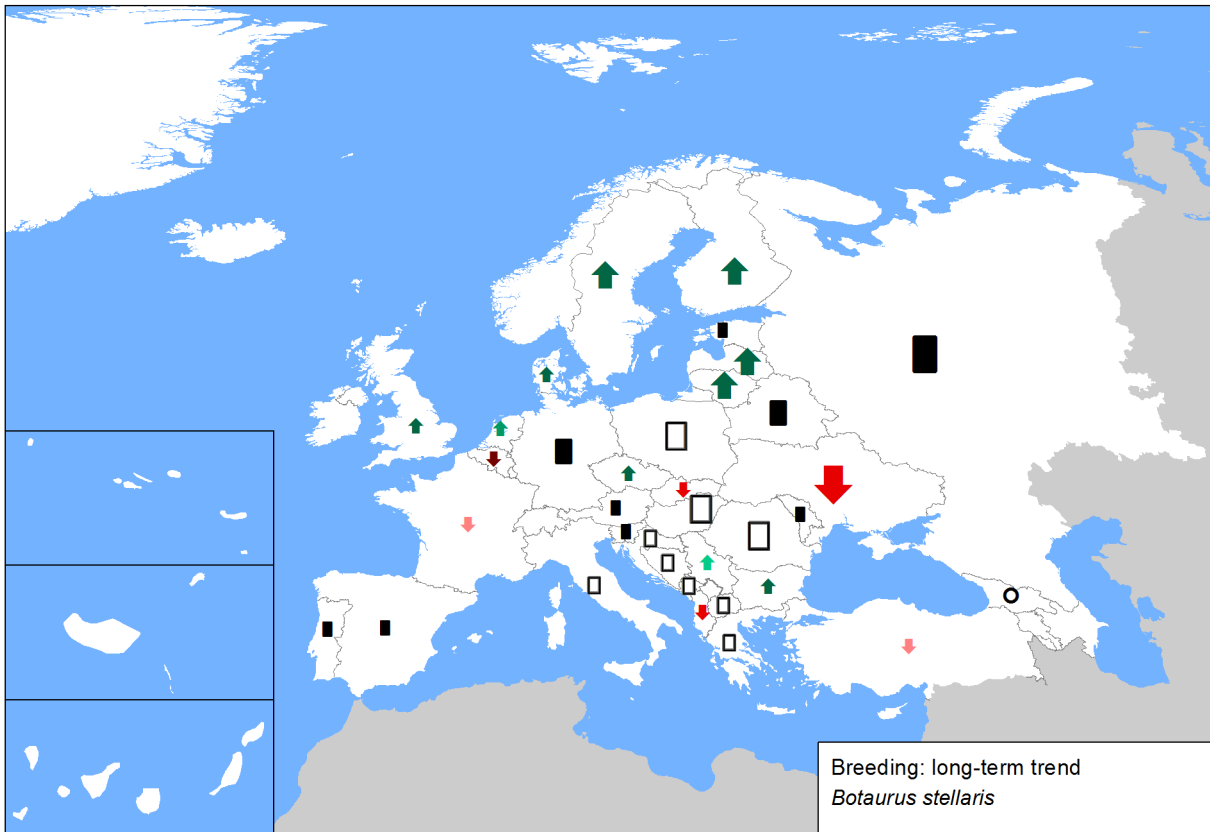


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



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