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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	150,000-400,000	<1	2002-2012	medium	-	20-25	2002-2012	medium	-	20-30	1980-2012	poor	
Andorra	400-800	<1	1999-2001	poor	?				?				
Armenia	30,000-40,000	<1	2002-2012	medium	?				?				
Austria	750,000-1,100,000	1	2001-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2011	medium	?				
Azerbaijan	100,000-500,000	<1	1996-2000	poor	?				?				
Belarus	500,000-650,000	1	2001-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Belgium	300,000-700,000	1	2008-2012	poor	0	0	2000-2012	medium	0	0	1973-2012	medium	
Bosnia & HG	300,000-400,000	1	2010-2014	poor	?				?				
Bulgaria	800,000-1,500,000	2	2005-2012	medium	-	0-29	2001-2012	poor	0	0-5	1980-2012	poor	
Croatia	1,000,000-5,000,000	3	2014	poor	?				?				
Cyprus	200-400	<1	2008-2013	medium	+	75-150	2001-2013	medium	+	500-1000	1980-2012	medium	
Czech Rep.	2,200,000-4,400,000	5	2012	medium	+	7-21	2000-2012	good	+	41-57	1982-2012	good	
Denmark	1,700,000	3	2011	medium	-	11	1999-2011	good	+	25-50	1980-2011	good	
DK: Faroe Is	500	<1	2014	medium	+		2001-2014	medium	+		1980-2014	medium	
Estonia	300,000-400,000	1	2008-2012	medium	-	20-50	2001-2012	medium	0	10	1980-2012	medium	
Finland	470,000-590,000	1	2006-2012	good	+	38-72	2001-2012	good	+	210-301	1983-2012	good	
France	4,000,000-6,000,000	7	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	good	?				
Georgia	Present	<1			?				?				
Germany	6,800,000-9,400,000	12	2005-2009	medium	-	0-7	1998-2009	good	0	0	1990-2009	good	
Greece	710,000-900,000	1	2007-2013	good	0	0	2007-2013	medium	?				
Hungary	1,310,000-1,610,000	2	2000-2012	medium	+	12-36	1999-2012	medium	?				
Iceland	200-400	<1	2002-2011	poor	+	30-50	2002-2012	poor	?				
Rep. Ireland	2,495,927-5,026,340	4	2006-2011	good	+	2-13	1998-2011	good	?				
Italy	2,000,000-5,000,000	5	2008	poor	+	30-40	2000-2012	medium	+	30-60	1990-2012	poor	
Kosovo	80,000-100,000	<1	2009-2014	medium	?				?				
Latvia	503,112-643,128	1	2012	good	+	2-51	2005-2012	good	+	150-433	1994-2012	medium	
Liechtenstein	1,500-2,000	<1	2009-2014	medium	0	0	2003-2014	medium	0	0	1980-2014	medium	
Lithuania	250,000-350,000	<1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Luxembourg	40,000-60,000	<1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2012	poor	+	0-10	1980-2012	poor	
FYRO Macedonia	100,000-300,000	<1	2001-2012	poor	?				?				
Moldova	30,000-50,000	<1	2000-2010	medium	0	0	2000-2010	medium	0	0	1980-2010	medium	
Montenegro	40,000-80,000	<1	2002-2012	poor	?				?				

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Netherlands	1,004,697-1,339,595	2	2008-2011	medium	+	2-17	2002-2011	medium	+	57-102	1984-2011	medium	
Norway	500,000-1,000,000	1	2013	poor	0	0	2006-2013	good	0	0	1980-2013	good	
Poland	2,400,000-2,700,000	4	2008-2012	good	+	5-17	2000-2012	good	?				
Portugal	500,000-1,000,000	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2004-2011	medium	?				
PT: Azores	1,140,477-1,654,510	2	2008-2012	poor	?				?				
PT: Madeira	50,000-100,000	<1	2009-2012	medium	+	36-54	2001-2012	good	0	0	1980-2012	poor	
Romania	2,150,000-4,300,000	5	2010-2013	medium	F	0-20	2001-2013	medium	?				
Russia	2,000,000-4,000,000	4	2000-2008	medium	+	5-30	2000-2012	medium	+	5-30	1980-2012	medium	
Serbia	600,000-800,000	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	+	1-9	1980-2012	medium	
Slovakia	400,000-800,000	1	2002	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Slovenia	410,000-580,000	1	2002-2012	good	-	0-20	2001-2012	medium	?				
Spain	8,560,000-10,475,000	14	2004-2006	good	+	32	1998-2012	good	+		1980-2012	medium	
ES: Canary Is	20,000-100,000	<1	1997-2003	poor	?				+		1980-2012	poor	
Sweden	1,196,000-2,411,000	3	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	good	+	28-45	1980-2012	good	
Switzerland	400,000-600,000	1	2008-2012	medium	+	0-15	2001-2012	good	+	26-47	1990-2012	medium	
Turkey	800,000-2,000,000	2	2013	poor	+	0-19	2000-2012	poor	-	0-19	1990-2013	poor	
Ukraine	830,000-1,000,000	1	2000	medium	0	0	1998-2010	medium	0	0	1980-2010	medium	
United Kingdom	4,900,000-5,300,000	8	2009	medium	+	14	1998-2010	good	0	1	1980-2010	good	
EU27	47,400,000-70,100,000	83			Increasing								
Europe	54,800,000-87,100,000	100			Increasing								

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.

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.

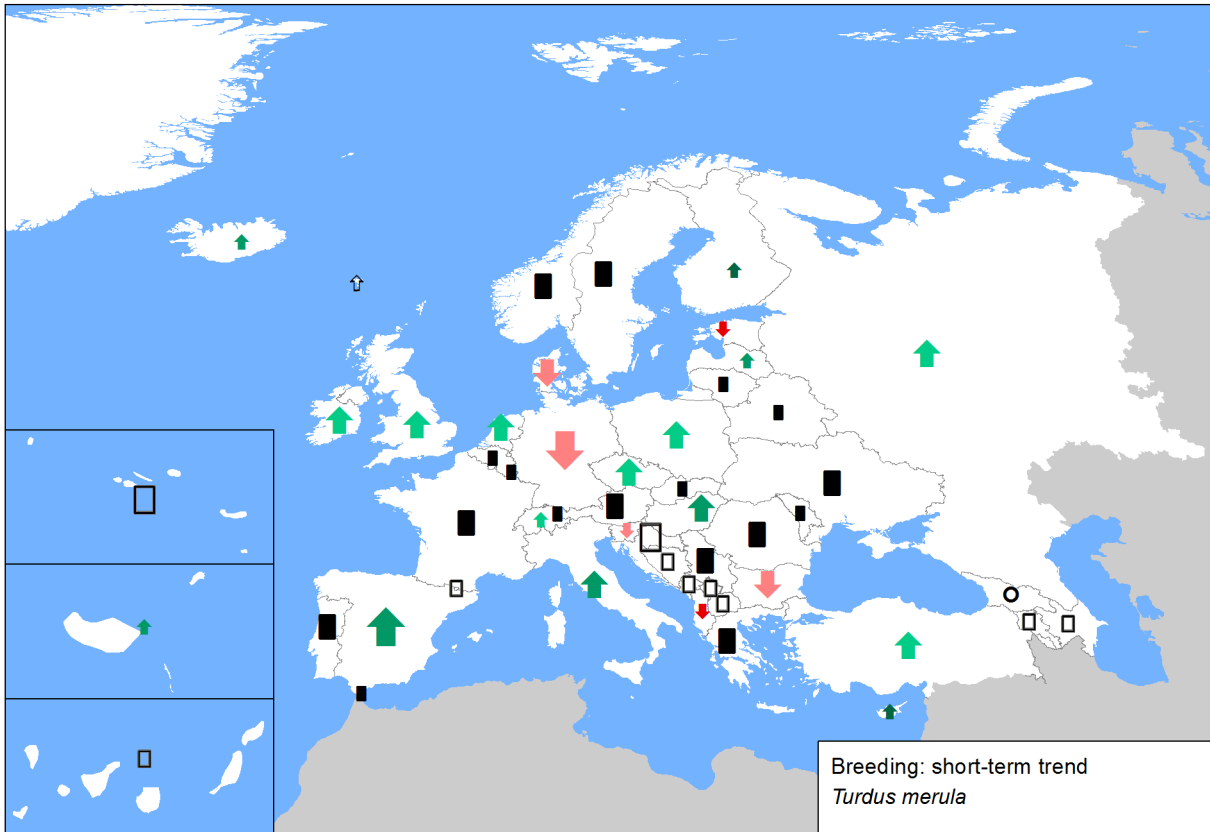
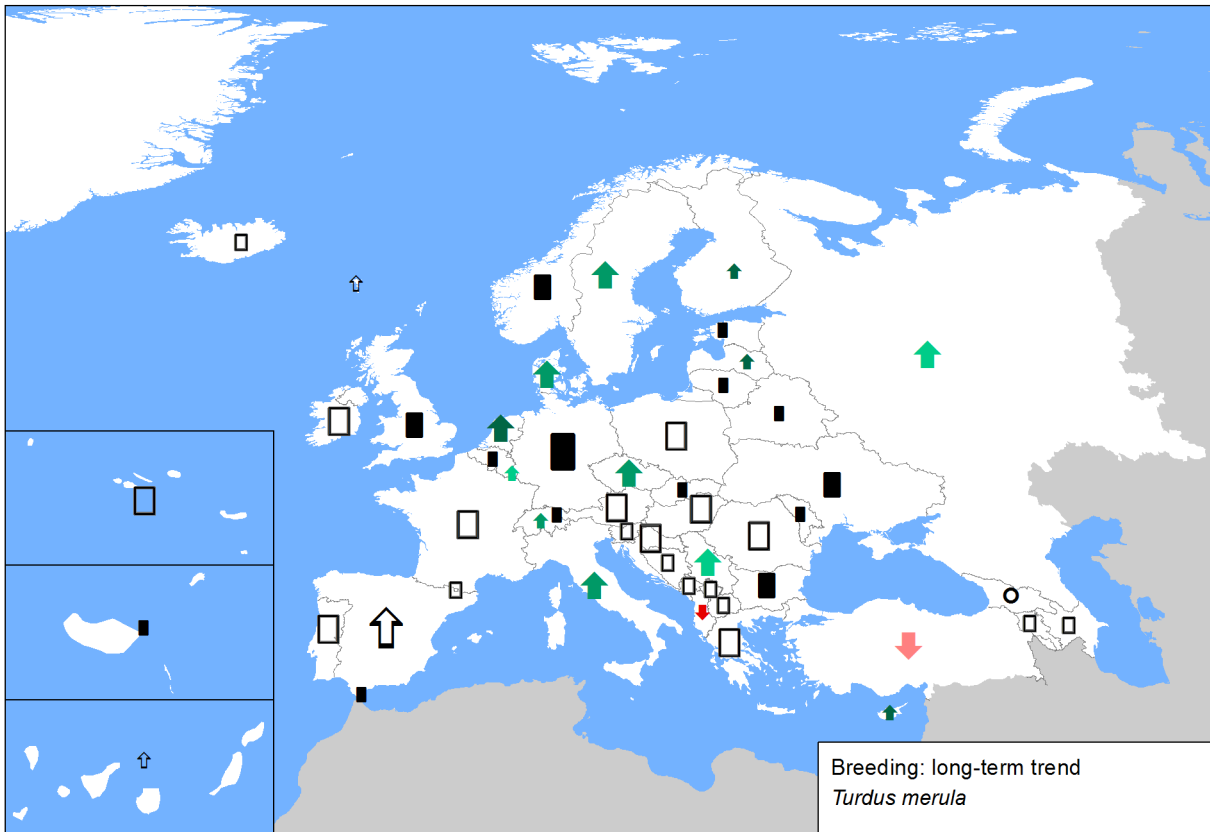


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



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