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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	100-300	<1	2002-2012	medium	0	0	2002-2012	medium	-	1-20	1980-2012	poor	
Armenia	200-400	<1	2002-2012	medium	?				?				
Austria	3,000-6,000	2	2001-2012	medium	F	0	2001-2012	medium	?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Azerbaijan	10,000-50,000	10	2014	poor	0.0	0	2000-2014	poor	0.0	0	1980-2014	poor	
Belarus	8,000-14,000	5	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Belgium	800-1,500	<1	2008-2012	poor	0	0	2000-2012	poor	+	38-159	1973-2012	poor	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Bosnia & HG	1,000-1,500	1	2010-2014	poor	?				?				
Bulgaria	2,000-4,000	1	2005-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	poor	0	0	1980-2012	poor	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Croatia	5,000-8,000	3	2010	poor	?				?				
Czech Rep.	600-1,200	<1	2001-2003	good	?				+	50	1985-2003	good	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Denmark	1,100	<1	2011	medium	-	33-50	1999-2011	good	0	0	1980-2011	good	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Estonia	1,000-2,000	1	2008-2012	poor	0	0-10	2001-2012	poor	+	20-50	1980-2012	poor	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Finland	500-800	<1	2006-2010	good	+	45-102	2000-2011	good	+	254-396	1980-2011	good	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
France	4,000-9,000	3	2008-2012	poor	0	0	2001-2011	poor	?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Georgia	Present	<1			?				?				
Germany	12,500-18,500	7	2005-2009	good	0	0	1998-2009	medium	0	0	1985-2009	medium	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Greece	1,000-3,000	1	2008-2012	poor	0	0	2001-2012	poor	?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Hungary	5,000-10,000	3	2008-2012	poor	?				?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Rep. Ireland	980-1,961	1	2008-2011	medium	?				?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Italy	3,000-6,000	2	2004	poor	?				?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Kosovo	20-40	<1	2009-2014	medium	?				?				
Latvia	500-1,500	<1	2012	poor	?				0	0	1994-2012	poor	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Liechtenstein	0	<1	2009-2014	good	-	100	2003-2014	good	-	100	1980-2014	good	
Lithuania	2,000-2,500	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Luxembourg	17-22	<1	2008-2012	good	0	0	2000-2012	poor	0	0	1980-2012	medium	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
FYRO Macedonia	100-500	<1	2001-2012	poor	?				?				
Moldova	150-250	<1	2000-2010	medium	0	0	2000-2010	medium	0	0	1980-2010	medium	
Montenegro	500-1,500	<1	2002-2012	medium	?				?				
Netherlands	1,937-2,480	1	2008-2011	medium	-	23-38	2002-2011	good	0	0	1984-2011	good	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Norway	70-170	<1	2009-2013	poor	?				?				
Poland	10,000-20,000	6	1992-2004	medium	?				?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Portugal	Present	<1	2002		?				?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa

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Romania	11,539-22,974	7	2008-2012	medium	?				?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Russia	≥20,000-	9	2000-2010	poor	0	0	2000-2012	poor	0	0	1980-2012	poor	
Serbia	2,300-2,700	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	-	1-9	1980-2012	medium	
Slovakia	300-600	<1	2002	poor	0	0	2000-2012	poor	0	0	1980-2012	poor	R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Slovenia	100-200	<1	2008-2012	poor	?				?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Spain	11,400-68,800	12	1998-2002	medium	?				?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Sweden	2,500-5,500	2	2008-2012	poor	-	25-75	2001-2012	medium	?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
Switzerland	700-1,400	<1	2008-2012	medium	-	9-99	2001-2012	medium	-	7-40	1990-2012	medium	
Turkey	8,000-16,000	5	2013	poor	?				-	0-19	1990-2013	poor	
Ukraine	24,000-39,000	14	2000	medium	F	5-10	2001-2012	medium	F	10-20	1980-2012	medium	
United Kingdom	1,100	<1	2006-2010	medium	?				?				R. a. aquaticus, Europe & North Africa
EU27	76,900-191,000	53			Unknown								
Europe	157,000-346,000	100			Uncertain								

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.

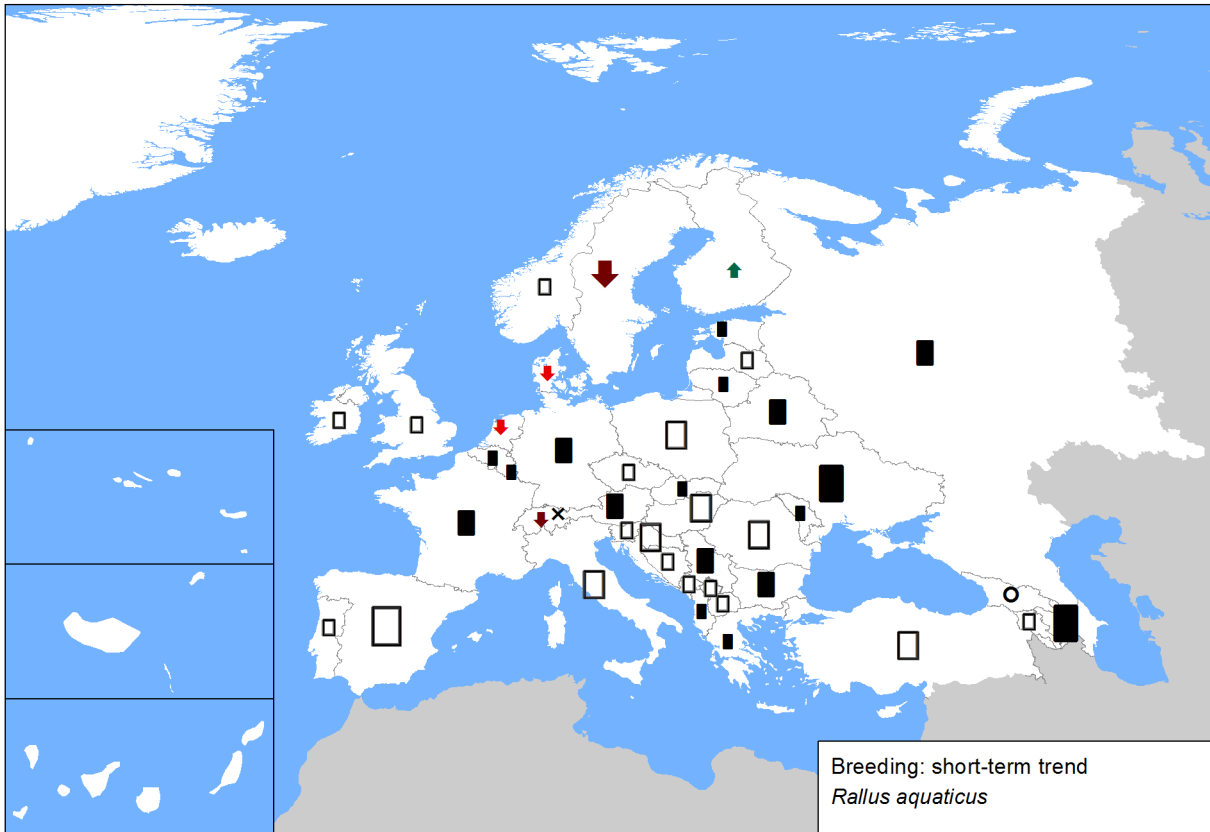
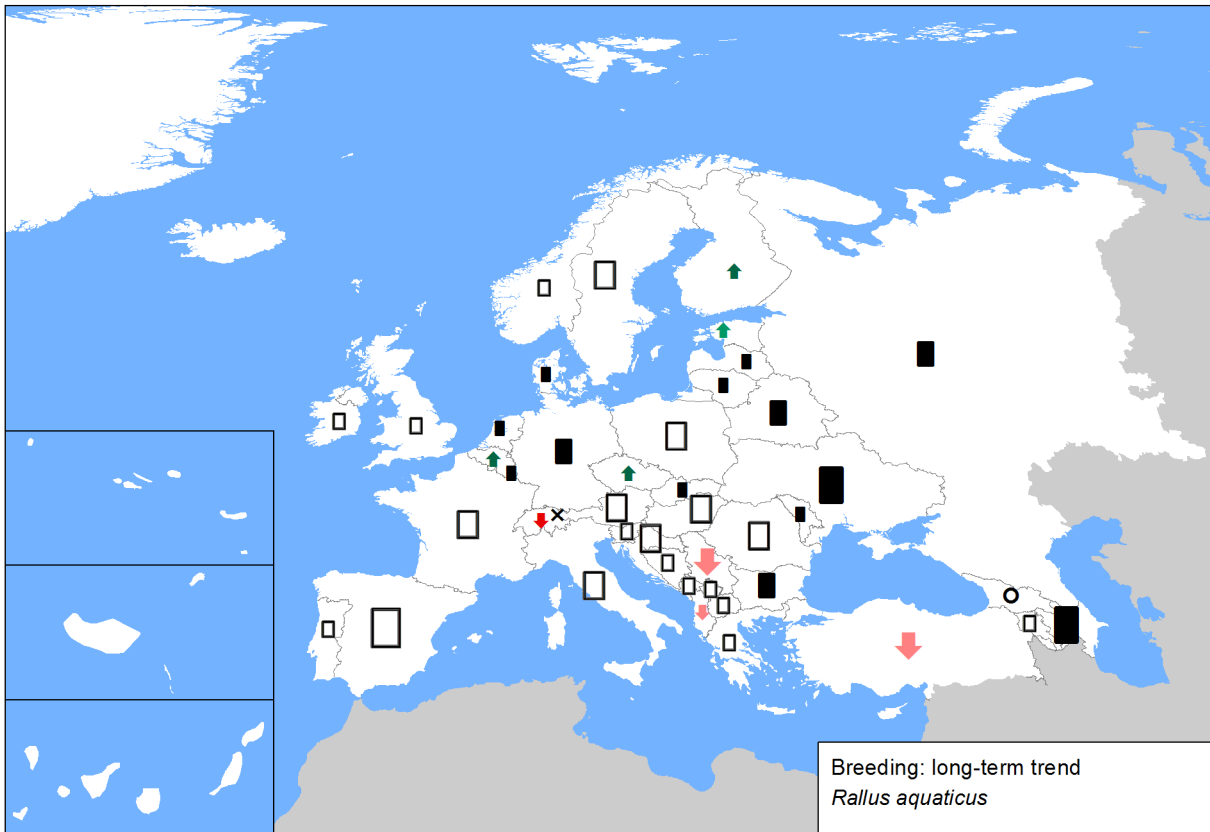


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



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