Vanellus gregarius SOCIABLE LAPWING

SPEC 1 (1994: 1) Status Critically Endangered Criteria See IUCN below

European IUCN Red List Category CR

Criteria A2b; C1

Global IUCN Red List Category CR

Criteria A3b,c



Vanellus gregarius breeds mainly in Kazakhstan, but its global breeding range just extends into Europe in southern Russia. Its European breeding population is extremely small (as few as 25 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. Subsequently, the Russian population underwent an extremely large decline (>80%) during 1990–2000. As a consequence of this continuing decline and its extremely small population, this globally threatened species, which was previously assessed as Endangered in Europe, is now evaluated as Critically Endangered.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s) Trend Mag.% References
Russia	25 - 80	90-00 - >80 28,29,60,168
Total (approx.)	25 - 80	Overall trend Large decline
Breeding range	>100,000 km ²	Gen. length. 5 % Global pop. 5–24
Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s) Trend Mag.% References
Azerbaijan	0 – 10	96-02 (0) (0-19)
Total (approx.)	<10	Overall Trend Unknown
% in European IB	As Unknown	Gen, length 5 % Global pop. <5



