

Catharacta skua

GREAT SKUA

Non-SPEC^E (1994: 4) Status Secure

Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —

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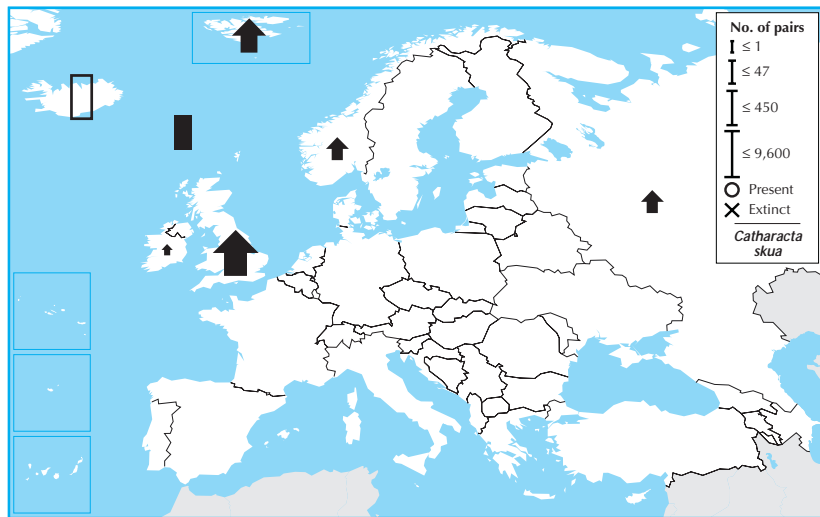
Global IUCN Red List Category —

Criteria —

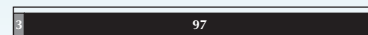


Catharacta skua breeds only in northernmost Europe, with the entire global breeding range confined to the region. The European breeding population is relatively small (16,000 pairs), but increased between 1970–1990. Although the trend of the sizeable population in Iceland was unknown, the species continued to increase in most of the rest of its range during 1990–2000, and consequently it is evaluated as Secure.

Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Denmark					
Faroe Is.	450 – 450	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Iceland	5,400 – 5,400	84–85	?	–	27
Rep. Ireland	1 – 2	00–01	+	N	
Norway	45 – 50	98–01	+	0–19	35
Svalbard	200 – 500	98–03	+	20–29	
Russia	30 – 50	90–02	+	20–29	79,80,154
UK	9,600 – 9,600	98–02	+	26	20
Total (approx.)	16,000 – 16,000		Overall trend	Large increase	
Breeding range	>100,000 km ²		Gen. length	15	% Global pop. 100



2000 population



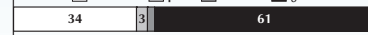
1990 population



Data quality (%) – *Catharacta skua*

□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend



1970–1990 trend

