

# Larus argentatus

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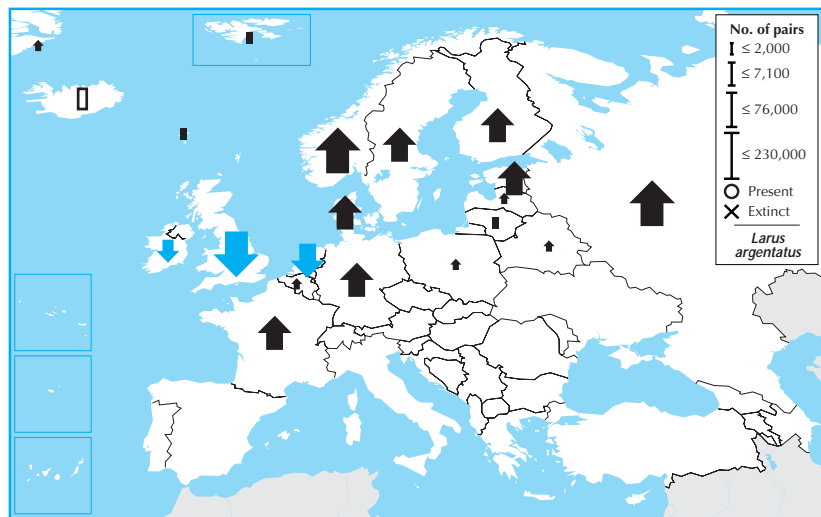


Non-SPEC<sup>E</sup> (1994: —) Status Secure  
Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —  
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Global IUCN Red List Category —  
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*Larus argentatus* is a widespread breeder across much of northern Europe, which probably holds >50% of its global population. Its European breeding population is large (>760,000 pairs), and increased between 1970–1990. Although populations in the Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom and Netherlands declined during 1990–2000, these losses were more than compensated for by increases in most other European populations – notably those in Norway and Russia—and the species increased overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Belarus	350 – 500	97-02	+	50-79	
Belgium	1,500 – 1,600	00-02	+	50-79	1
Denmark	55,000 – 60,000	99-00	+	10-19	3
Faroe Is.	1,500 – 1,500	95	(0)	(0-19)	
Greenland	(0 – 10)	90-00	(+)	(0-19)	5
Estonia	35,000 – 50,000	98	+	20-29	1
Finland	30,000 – 40,000	98-02	+	15	
France	74,000 – 77,000	97-00	(+)	(32)	1,2
Germany	39,000 – 46,000	95-99	+	0-19	
Iceland	(5,000 – 10,000)	97	?	–	16
Rep. Ireland	5,500 – 5,500	99-02	–	81	
Latvia	800 – 1,000	90-00	+	30-49	17
Lithuania	10 – 20	99-01	0	0-19	20
Netherlands	62,000 – 67,000	98-00	–	18	1
Norway	(150,000 – 250,000)	90-01	+	0-19	35
Svalbard	1 – 5	95-03	0	0-19	
Poland	1,700 – 2,200	97-00	+	0-19	1,2
Russia	(100,000 – 500,000)	90-00	+	20-29	11,40,82,84,81,96,139
Sweden	50,000 – 100,000	99-00	+	10-19	
UK	144,000 – 144,000	98-02	–	6	20

Total (approx.)	760,000 – 1,400,000	Overall trend	Moderate increase
Breeding range	>2,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>	Gen. length	13 % Global pop. 50-74

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Belgium	5,000 – 27,800	95-00	(0)	(0-19)	1
Estonia	10,000 – 20,000	98	+	20-29	1
Finland	(10,000 – 10,000)	98-02	+	15	
France	(200,000 – 800,000)	98-02	(-)	(30-49)	9
Iceland	(15,000 – 25,000)	78-94	?	–	48
Latvia	20,000 – 50,000	90-99	(0)	(0-19)	29
Netherlands	150,000 – 200,000	99-01	–	31	3,4,8,9,11,12
Poland	40,000 – 80,000	90-02	+	50-79	114,124
UK	376,000 – 376,000	93	+	30-49	45

Total (approx.)	>800,000	Overall trend	Small decline
% in European IBAs	10-12	Gen. length	13 % Global pop. 50-74

2000 population	44	30	26	
1990 population	5	3	39	53
Data quality (%) – <i>Larus argentatus</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> unknown <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> medium <input type="checkbox"/> good				
1990–2000 trend	8	41	50	
1970–1990 trend	5	28	65	