

# Larus genei

## SLENDER-BILLED GULL

**SPEC 3** (1994: —) **Status** Localised

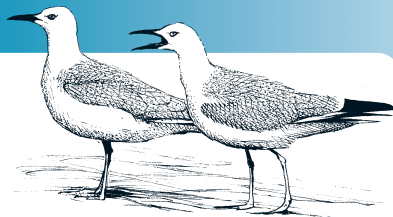
**Criteria** ≥90% breed at ≤10 sites

**European IUCN Red List Category** —

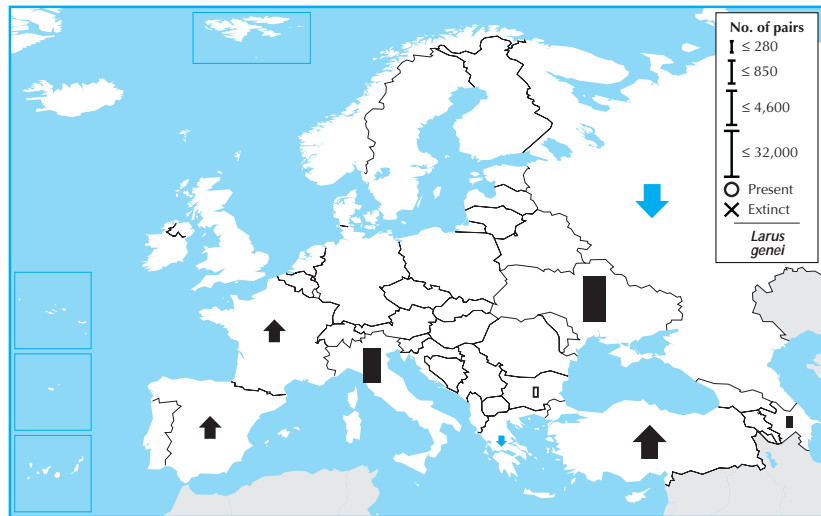
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**Global IUCN Red List Category** —

**Criteria** —



*Larus genei* breeds locally in coastal areas of the Mediterranean and Black Seas and in Turkey, with Europe accounting for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<56,000 pairs), but increased substantially between 1970–1990. Although the species declined in Russia during 1990–2000, it was stable or increased elsewhere in Europe, and hence remained stable overall. Nevertheless, more than 90% of the European breeding population occurs at just 10 sites (see Appendix 5), and consequently the species is evaluated as Localised.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Azerbaijan	250 – 300	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Bulgaria	1 – 1	96	?	–	
France	818 – 877	01	+	>80	6
Greece	(0 – 10)	95–00	(–)	(20–29)	
Italy	3900 – 3,900	00	0	0–19	18
Russia	(2,000 – 5,000)	90–02	–	20–29	8,60
Spain	800 – 900	98–02	+	>80	10,16
Turkey	3,800 – 5,500	01	+	0–19	
Ukraine	25,000 – 40,000	90–00	F	20–29	

<b>Total (approx.)</b>	37,000 – 56,000	<b>Overall trend</b> Stable			
<b>Breeding range</b>	>100,000 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Gen. length</b> 6	<b>% Global pop.</b> 25–49		

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Albania	107 – 959	95–02	(F)	(–)	
Azerbaijan	(10 – 250)	96–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Bulgaria	4 – 34	97–01	F	>80	
Cyprus	10 – 50	94–02	0	0–9	
France	10 – 30	98–02	?	–	9
Greece	1,670 – 4,060	95–99	0	0–19	
Italy	(1,300 – 3,000)	02	+	0–19	22
Serbia & MN	(6 – 10)	90–02	(F)	(20–49)	
Turkey	800 – 1600	91–01	F	>80	
Ukraine	0 – 50	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	

<b>Total (approx.)</b>	>4,000	<b>Overall trend</b> Unknown			
<b>% in European IBAs</b>	>50	<b>Gen. length</b> 6	<b>% Global pop.</b> 5–24		

