

Rissa tridactyla

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE

Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status (Secure)

Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —

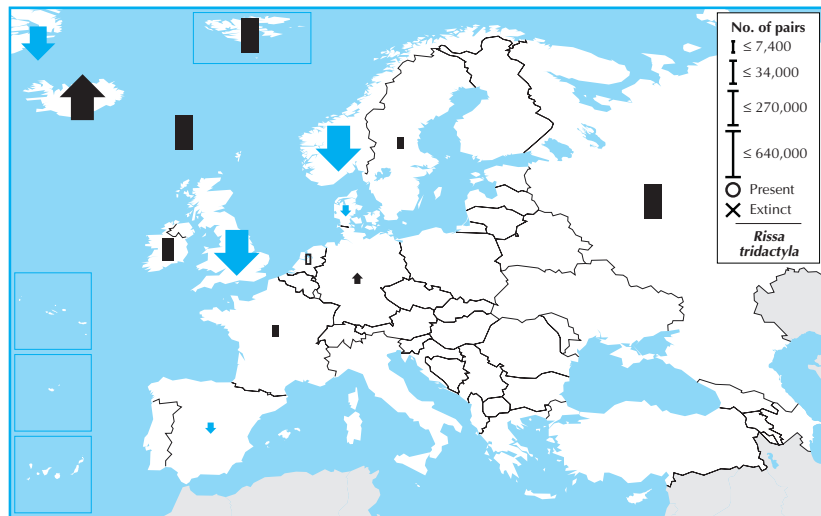
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Rissa tridactyla is a widespread but patchily distributed breeder along the Atlantic coasts of western and northern Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is very large (>2,100,000 pairs), and underwent a moderate increase between 1970–1990. Although the species declined in Greenland, Norway and the United Kingdom during 1990–2000, and underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall, this decline is probably outweighed by the earlier increase. Consequently, the species is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Denmark	430 – 500	99–00	—	20–29	16
Faroe Is.	230,000 – 230,000	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Greenland	150,000 – 300,000	90–00	(–)	(0–19)	5,17
France	5,000 – 5,600	96–00	0	0–9	4
Germany	7,300 – 7,300	95–99	+	30–49	
Iceland	631,000 – 631,000	83–85	+	0–19	8
Rep. Ireland	33,000 – 33,000	99–02	0	3	
Netherlands	0 – 3	98–00	?	?	1
Norway	(300,000 – 600,000)	90–01	—	20–29	4,35
Svalbard	265,000 – 275,000	80–01	F	20–29	
Russia	(100,000 – 500,000)	90–02	(0)	(0–19)	11,79,83,155,165,166,167
Spain	50 – 50	98–02	—	>80	10,16
Sweden	25 – 30	99–00	0	0–19	
UK	380,000 – 380,000	98–02	—	25	20

Total (approx.) Breeding range: 2,100,000 – 3,000,000 >1,000,000 km²

Overall trend: Moderate decline
Gen. length 10 % Global pop. 25–49

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Czech Rep.	0 – 10	90–00	0	0–19	
Denmark	Present	99–00	?	–	
Faroe Is.	10,000 – 100,000	92	?	–	3
Greenland	(0 – 5,000)	90–00	(F)	(–)	
France	(10,000 – 40,000)	98–02	?	–	9
Germany	18,800 – 18,800	87–03	?	–	4
Greece	(5 – 10)	95–00	(F)	(>80)	
Iceland	(10,000 – 1,000,000)	78–94	?	–	48
Lithuania	(0 – 5)	92–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Moldova	0 – 12	90–00	+	50–79	
Netherlands	(9,000 – 9,000)	85–93	(0)	(0–19)	3,4,5,8,9,11,12
Poland	10 – 160	90–00	F	>80	114,128
Portugal	Present	02	?	–	
Slovakia	0 – 30	90–99	?	–	4
Slovenia	Present	90–00	?	–	
Sweden	100,000 – 120,000	98–01	0	0–19	
Turkey	(30 – 60)	91–01	?	–	
UK					
Gibraltar	1 – 3	00–03	0	0–19	

Total (approx.) % in European IBAs: >200,000 >10

Overall trend: Unknown
Gen. length 10 % Global pop. 5–24

Year	Unknown	Poor	Medium	Good
2000 population	27	18	55	
1990 population	9	60	31	
Data quality (%) – <i>Rissa tridactyla</i>				
1990–2000 trend	28	11	61	
1970–1990 trend	9	60	31	