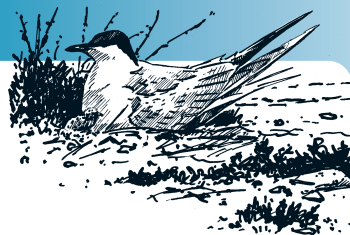


# *Sterna nilotica*

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**SPEC 3** (1994: 3) **Status** (Vulnerable)

**Criteria** See IUCN below

**European IUCN Red List Category** VU

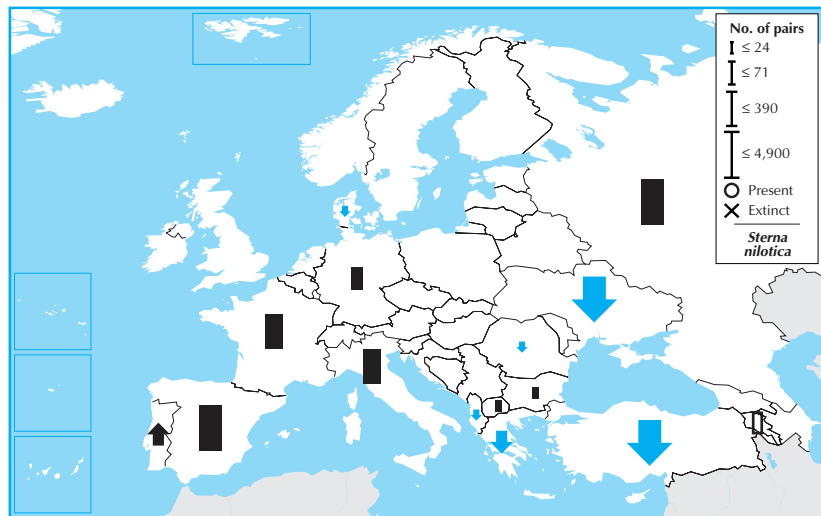
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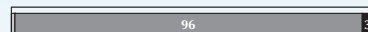
**Criteria** —

*Sterna nilotica* is a patchily distributed breeder in southern and eastern Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<22,000 pairs), and declined substantially between 1970–1990. Although the species was broadly stable in south-west Europe and Russia during 1990–2000, it declined in south-eastern Europe, and continued to decline overall at a rate that—on top of earlier declines—probably equates to a large decline (>30%) over three generations. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Vulnerable.

Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	(0–5)	96–02	–	0–19	
Armenia	20–80	97–02	?	–	
Bulgaria	2–15	96–02	F	>80	
Denmark	1–2	00–01	–	>80	6,7
France	269–370	98–01	F	20–29	6
Germany	60–60	95–99	0	0–19	
Greece	(50–100)	95–00	(–)	(0–19)	
Italy	382–382	00	0	0–19	18
Macedonia	(1–5)	90–00	(F)	(20–29)	
Portugal	40–55	03	+	N	
Romania	(12–50)	90–02	–	20–29	
Russia	2,000–5,000	90–00	(F)	(30–49)	8,33,60
Spain	3,000–3,500	98–02	(F)	(–)	10,16
Turkey	2,000–6,000	01	–	20–29	
Ukraine	4,000–6,000	90–00	–	0–9	
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	12,000–22,000				
<b>Breeding range</b>	>100,000 km <sup>2</sup>				
		<b>Overall trend</b>	Moderate decline		
		<b>Gen. length</b>	9	<b>% Global pop.</b>	5–24



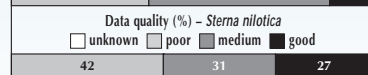
2000 population



1990 population



1990–2000 trend



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