

# *Sterna bengalensis*

## LESSER CRESTED-TERN



**Non-SPEC** (1994: NE) **Status** (Secure)

Criteria —

**European IUCN Red List Category** — ▼▼▼▼

Criteria —

**Global IUCN Red List Category** —

Criteria —

*Sterna bengalensis* has a predominantly tropical and subtropical breeding distribution, although two or three pairs do breed in Europe at two sites in north-eastern Spain and northern Italy. Although this tiny European population probably remained broadly stable overall during 1990–2000, its size could render it susceptible to the risks affecting small populations. Nevertheless, as it is marginal to a far larger non-European population, the species is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Italy	1 – 1	00	?	–	18
Spain	1 – 2	98–02	(F)	(–)	10
Total (approx.)	2 – 3		Overall trend	Unknown	
Breeding range	<100 km <sup>2</sup>		Gen. length. 9	% Global pop. <5	

2000 population

1990 population

1990–2000 trend

1970–1990 trend

59	41
n.a.	
Data quality (%) – <i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	
□ unknown	□ poor
■ medium	■ good
41	59
n.a.	