

Sterna albifrons

LITTLE TERN

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

Criteria Moderate continuing decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

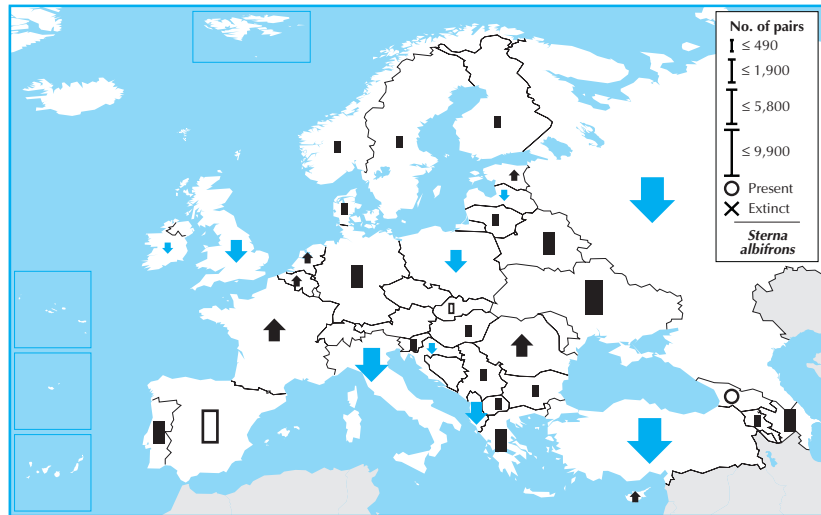
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Sterna albifrons is a widespread but patchily distributed summer visitor to much of Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<55,000 pairs), and underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although the species was stable or increased across much of Europe during 1990–2000, sizeable populations in Russia, Turkey and Italy declined, and the species underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Declining.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	600 – 1,000	96–02	–	0–19	4
Armenia	80 – 300	98–02	0	0–19	
Azerbaijan	500 – 1,000	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	900 – 1,100	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	224 – 224	00–02	+	30–49	1
Bulgaria	60 – 150	96–02	0	0–19	
Croatia	45 – 70	02	(–)	(50–79)	70,16
Cyprus	1 – 1	02	+	N	
Denmark	450 – 470	99–01	0	0–19	5,6,7
Estonia	300 – 500	98	+	20–29	1
Finland	45 – 55	98–02	0	5	
France	1,500 – 1,700	00–02	+	10–19	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	730 – 770	95–99	0	0–19	
Greece	1,000 – 2,000	95–00	(F)	(30–49)	
Hungary	5 – 10	98–01	0	0–19	
Rep. Ireland	206 – 206	99–02	–	30–49	
Italy	2,500 – 6,000	03	–	0–19	
Latvia	(150 – 200)	90–00	(–)	(20–29)	23
Lithuania	150 – 200	99–01	F	50–79	20
Macedonia	(3 – 10)	90–00	(F)	(20–29)	
Netherlands	463 – 512	98–00	+	20	1
Norway	0 – 2	90–03	F	>80	63
Poland	900 – 900	97–99	–	10–29	76
Portugal	700 – 733	03	(F)	(–)	
Romania	500 – 800	96–02	+	0–19	
Russia	7,000 – 14,000	90–02	–	20–29	51,52,60,69,73,74,75,102,112,117,128,141
Serbia & MN	70 – 80	00–02	F	30–49	1,148,179,156,13,227
Slovakia	0 – 5	80–99	?	–	
Slovenia	2 – 3	90–00	0	0–19	
Spain	5,500 – 6,000	95	?	–	12,16,10
Sweden	400 – 500	99–00	F	20–29	
Turkey	6,000 – 10,000	01	(–)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	2,500 – 4,000	90–00	0	0–19	
UK	1,900 – 1,900	99–02	–	24	20

Total (approx.)	35,000 – 55,000	Overall trend Moderate decline
Breeding range	>2,000,000 km ²	Gen. length. 8 % Global pop. 25–49

2000 population	77		23	
1990 population	25	31	44	
Data quality (%) – <i>Sterna albifrons</i>				
	□ unknown	□ poor	□ medium	■ good
1990–2000 trend	13	25	42	20
1970–1990 trend	24	6	54	16