

# *Aquila heliaca*

## IMPERIAL EAGLE

**SPEC 1** (1994: 1) **Status** Rare

**Criteria** <10,000 pairs

**European IUCN Red List Category** —

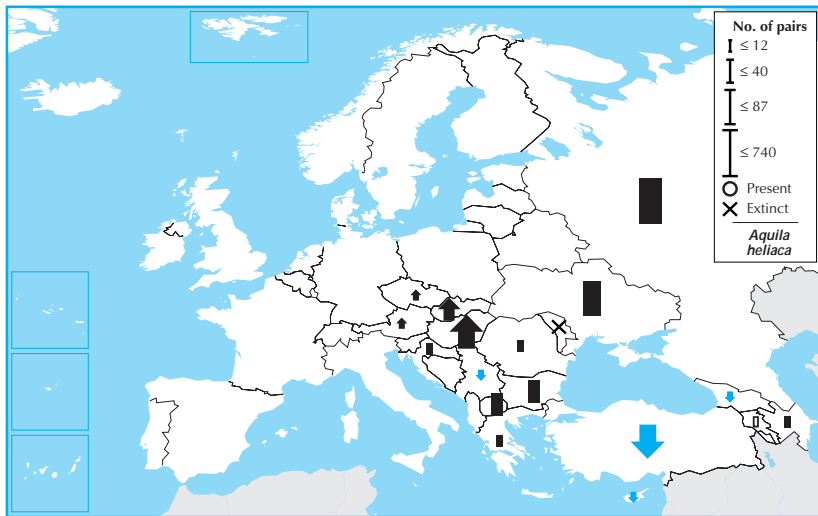
**Criteria** —

**Global IUCN Red List Category** VU

**Criteria** C1



*Aquila heliaca* is a summer visitor to eastern and south-eastern Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is very small (as few as 850 pairs), and declined substantially between 1970–1990. Although declines continued in south-easternmost Europe during 1990–2000, the species was stable in its Russian stronghold, and was thus stable overall. Consequently, this globally threatened species, which was previously assessed as Endangered in Europe, is now evaluated as Rare.



| Country                | Breeding pop. size (pairs) | Year(s) | Trend                       | Mag.%                      | References  |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Armenia                | (0 – 50)                   | 97–02   | ?                           | –                          |             |
| Austria                | <b>1 – 1</b>               | 98–02   | +                           | <b>N</b>                   |             |
| Azerbaijan             | (5 – 25)                   | 96–00   | (0)                         | (0–19)                     |             |
| Bulgaria               | <b>20 – 25</b>             | 98–02   | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0–19</b>                |             |
| Croatia                | (0 – 1)                    | 02      | (0)                         | (0–19)                     | 26          |
| Cyprus                 | 0 – 2                      | 94–02   | –                           | >80                        |             |
| Czech Rep.             | <b>1 – 2</b>               | 00      | +                           | <b>N</b>                   |             |
| Georgia                | <b>10 – 15</b>             | 94–03   | –                           | 0–19                       |             |
| Greece                 | (0 – 1)                    | 95–00   | (0)                         | (0–19)                     |             |
| Hungary                | <b>50 – 65</b>             | 98–02   | +                           | > <b>80</b>                | 2,1         |
| Macedonia              | <b>35 – 45</b>             | 98–00   | 0                           | 0–19                       |             |
| Moldova                | 0 – 0                      | 96–00   | –                           | X                          |             |
| Romania                | <b>5 – 10</b>              | 90–02   | (F)                         | (20–29)                    | 62          |
| Russia                 | <b>600 – 900</b>           | 96–01   | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0–19</b>                | 74,64       |
| Serbia & MN            | <b>2 – 4</b>               | 00–02   | –                           | <b>30–49</b>               | 72,154,226a |
| Slovakia               | <b>35 – 40</b>             | 80–99   | +                           | 50–79                      |             |
| Turkey                 | 42 – 180                   | 01      | –                           | 20–29                      |             |
| Ukraine                | 45 – 75                    | 90–00   | 0                           | 0–19                       |             |
| <b>Total (approx.)</b> | 850 – 1,400                |         | <b>Overall trend Stable</b> |                            |             |
| <b>Breeding range</b>  | >1,000,000 km <sup>2</sup> |         | <b>Gen. length.</b> 11      | <b>% Global pop.</b> 25–49 |             |

2000 population



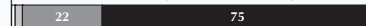
1990 population



Data quality (%) – *Aquila heliaca*

□ unknown □ poor □ medium □ good

1990–2000 trend



1970–1990 trend

