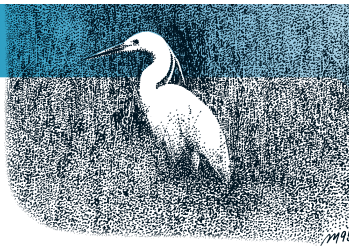


Egretta garzetta

LITTLE EGRET

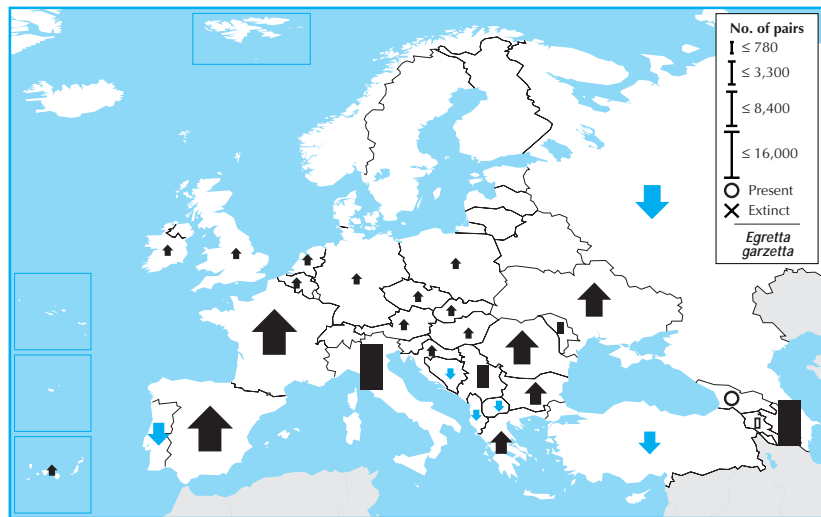


Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status Secure
Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —

Global IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —

Egretta garzetta is a widespread but patchily distributed breeder in southern Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<94,000 pairs), but increased between 1970–1990. Although there were declines in a few countries during 1990–2000, populations across most of its European range—including sizeable ones in Spain, France, Italy and Azerbaijan—increased or were stable, and consequently the species is evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	2–5	92–02	–	>80	4
Armenia	50–250	97–02	?	–	
Austria	3–5	98–02	+	N	
Azerbaijan	8,000–12,000	96–00	0	0–19	
Belgium	17–17	01–03	+	>80	1
Bosnia & HG	(15–20)	90–00	(–)	(50–79)	
Bulgaria	1,400–2,000	95–02	+	50–79	
Croatia	500–600	02	+	>80	70,26
Czech Rep.	1–4	00	+	50–79	
France	11,000–13,000	98–02	+	10–19	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	0–2	95–99	+	N	
Greece	1,500–1,800	96–98	+	0–19	
Hungary	600–1,000	98–01	+	20–29	
Rep. Ireland	12–55	97–01	+	N	
Italy	15,000–16,000	03	F	20–29	6
Macedonia	20–100	96–00	–	0–9	
Moldova	400–500	90–00	0	0–19	
Netherlands	5–20	98–00	+	N	1
Poland	1–1	03	+	N	2,108
Portugal	1,000–1,500	02	(–)	(–)	
Romania	4,000–5,000	98–02	+	0–19	47,26
Russia	7,000–10,000	90–00	–	0–19	8,60,120
Serbia & MN	1,000–1,200	00–02	F	20–29	163,65,230,138, 216,231
Slovakia	0–30	80–99	+	20–29	
Spain	10,000–20,000	98–02	+	20–29	10
Canary Is.	1–2	97–03	+	N	28,25
Turkey	2,800–3,800	01	–	20–29	
Ukraine	4,100–4,600	90–00	+	0–19	
UK	68–77	00	+	N	
Total (approx.)	68,000–94,000	Overall trend Small increase			
Breeding range	>1,000,000 km²	Gen. length 5	% Global pop. 5–24 (See p. 44, bottom, for data quality graph)		

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
France	12,000–18,000	98–02	+	30–49	9
Greece	1,000–2,000	95–99	+	0–19	
Italy	5,000–9,000	02	0	0–19	22
Portugal	3,500–3,500	92–93	0	0–19	28
Spain	(3,200–8,500)	90–01	(+)	(30–49)	
Total (approx.)	>28,000	Overall trend Large increase			
% in European IBAs	33–47	Gen. length 5	% Global pop. <5		