Bubulcus ibis
CATTLE EGRET

Non-SPEC (1994: —) **Status** Secure
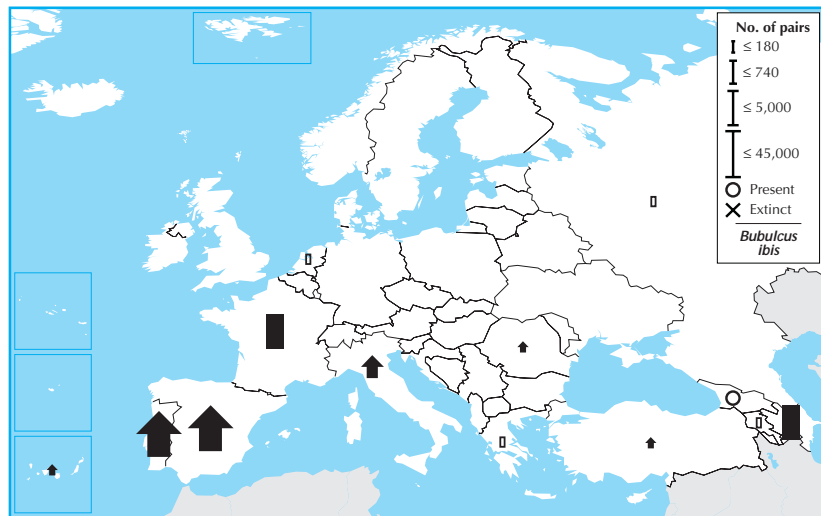   **Criteria** —
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Bubulcus ibis breeds mainly in Iberia but also patchily elsewhere in southern Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<150,000 pairs), but underwent a large increase between 1970–1990. The stronghold populations in Spain and Portugal continued to increase during 1990–2000, and populations were stable or increased elsewhere in its European range. Consequently, it is evaluated as Secure.

Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Armenia	25 – 30	98–02	?	–	
Azerbaijan	3,500 – 7,000	96–00	0	0–19	
France	4,500 – 5,500	98–02	0	0–19	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Greece	1 – 1	91–92	?	–	
Italy	**720 – 760**	00	+	30–49	18
Netherlands	**0 – 3**	98–00	?	–	1
Portugal	25,000 – 35,000	02	(+)	(–)	
Romania	8 – 20	93–02	+	0–19	47
Russia	30 – 50	90–00	?	–	33,12
Spain	20,000 – 100,000	98–02	+	0–19	10
Canary Is.	**58 – 135**	97–03	+	N	28,25
Turkey	150 – 200	01	+	0–19	
Total (approx.)	54,000 – 150,000		**Overall trend** Small increase		
Breeding range	>100,000 km²		**Gen. length** 5	**% Global pop.** 5–24	

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
France	**5,000 – 10,000**	98–02	+	30–49	9
Italy	1,200 – 1,200	98	+	>80	22
Portugal	46,400 – 46,400	92–93	(+)	(–)	28
Spain	(7,100 – 43,000)	90–01	(+)	(>80)	
Turkey	**20 – 40**	91–01	F	>80	
Total (approx.)	>60,000		**Overall trend** Large increase		
% in European IBAs	23–27		**Gen. length** 5	**% Global pop.** <5	

No. of pairs
I ≤ 180
I ≤ 740
I ≤ 5,000
I ≤ 45,000
O Present
X Extinct
Bubulcus ibis

2000 population	99
1990 population	100

Data quality (%) – *Bubulcus ibis*
□ unknown ▨ poor ▨ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend	35	64
1970–1990 trend	99	

2000 population	58	42
1990 population	22	78

Data quality (%) – *Egretta garzetta* (see p. 45, top)
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1990–2000 trend	54	44
1970–1990 trend	19	34	47