Gavia arctica
ARCTIC LOON

SPEC 3 (1994: 3) **Status** (Vulnerable)
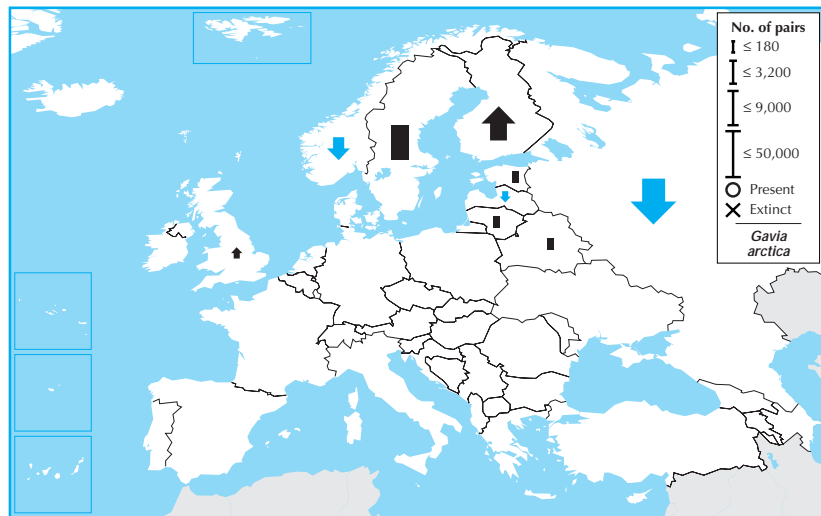 **Criteria** See IUCN below
European IUCN Red List Category VU
  Criteria A2b
Global IUCN Red List Category —
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Gavia arctica is a widespread breeder across much of northern Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<92,000 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. Although most European populations—including sizeable ones in Sweden and Finland—were stable or increased during 1990–2000, the species continued to decline in Norway and its Russian stronghold, and underwent a large decline (>30%) overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Vulnerable.

Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Belarus	**15 – 30**	97–00	0	0–19	
Estonia	5 – 10	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	8,000 – 10,000	99–01	+	**10**	
Latvia	0 – 5	00–03	–	30–49	22
Lithuania	3 – 5	99–01	F	30–49	20
Norway	2,000 – 5,000	94	–	0–19	34
Russia	(35,000 – 70,000)	90–00	(–)	(20–29)	74,100,128,138
Sweden	**5,500 – 7,000**	99–00	0	0–19	
UK	**155 – 190**	94	+	**17**	
Total (approx.)	51,000 – 92,000	**Overall trend** Large decline			
Breeding range	>3,000,000 km²	**Gen. length** 7		**% Global pop.** 5–24	

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Croatia	(5,000 – 6,000)	02	?	–	16,70
Denmark	(500 – 500)	92–93	?	–	27
Estonia	200 – 1,000	98	(0)	(0–19)	1
France	300 – 800	98–02	?	–	9
Germany	**3,250 – 3,250**	87–03	?	–	4
Greece	**50 – 400**	96–00	F	>80	
Italy	150 – 350	02	0	0–19	22
Latvia	100 – 500	92–94	(F)	(>80)	32
Lithuania	200 – 500	92–02	(F)	(30–49)	
Netherlands	(250 – 250)	85–93	(F)	(–)	3,4,5,8,9,11,12
Poland	2,500 – 10,000	87–99	?	–	113,114
Romania	50 – 500	90–00	0	0–19	60,38
Turkey	**3,000 – 4,000**	91–01	(0)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	(1,000 – 2,500)	90–00	F	30–49	
UK	700 – 700	80–86	(+)	(0–19)	
Total (approx.)	>17,000	**Overall trend** Unknown			
% in European IBAs	14 – 20	**Gen. length** 7		**% Global pop.** 5–24	

No. of pairs
I ≤ 180
I ≤ 3,200
I ≤ 9,000
I ≤ 50,000
O Present
✕ Extinct
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2000 population	73	18	9
1990 population	95		5

Data quality (%) – *Gavia arctica*
□ unknown ▨ poor ▧ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend	73	14	13
1970–1990 trend	96		4