

Somateria spectabilis

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

European IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —

Global IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —



Somateria spectabilis breeds in Russia, Svalbard and Greenland, which together account for a tiny proportion of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<46,000 pairs), but was stable between 1970–1990. Although the trend of the Greenland population during 1990–2000 was unknown, the species was stable in Russia and Svalbard, and probably remained stable overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Denmark	(2,000 – 5,000)	90–00	?	—	
Greenland	(2,000 – 5,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Norway	300 – 1,000	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Svalbard	(35,000 – 40,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	85
Russia					
Total (approx.)	37,000 – 46,000		Overall trend Stable		
Breeding range	>500,000 km ²		Gen. length. 5	% Global pop. <5	
Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Denmark					
Greenland	300,000 – 500,000	90–00	(–)	(0–19)	20
Estonia	0 – 1	98	?	—	1
Iceland	10 – 50	90–99	(F)	(–)	65,66,69,70,71, 72,73,74,58,59
Norway	50,000 – 100,000	93–96	(0)	(0–19)	68,70
Russia	304 – 304	97	?	—	179
Total (approx.)	>350,000		Overall trend Small decline		
% in European IBAs	>40		Gen. length 5	% Global pop. 5–24	
2000 population			99		
1990 population	16		84		
			Data quality (%) – <i>Somateria spectabilis</i>		
			■ unknown ■ poor ■ medium ■ good		
1990–2000 trend	8		92		
1970–1990 trend	16		84		
2000 population	9		83	8	
1990 population			94	5	
			Data quality (%) – <i>Aythya ferina</i> (see p. 62, top)		
			■ unknown ■ poor ■ medium ■ good		
1990–2000 trend			74	12	14
1970–1990 trend	3		84		12
2000 population	5		89	6	
1990 population			98		
			Data quality (%) – <i>Aythya fuligula</i> (see p. 63, top)		
			■ unknown ■ poor ■ medium ■ good		
1990–2000 trend			73	10	17
1970–1990 trend			90		10