

# *Mergus serrator*

## RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status (Secure)

Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —

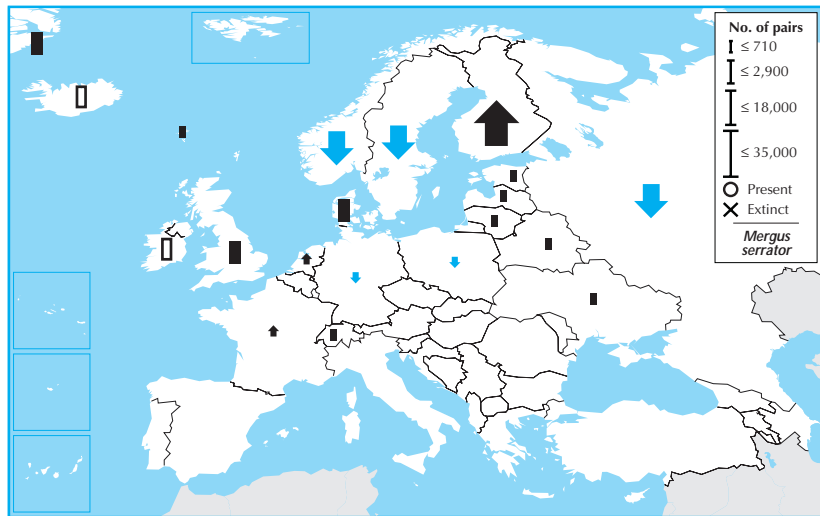
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Global IUCN Red List Category —

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*Mergus serrator* 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 (<120,000 pairs), but was stable between 1970–1990. Although the species declined in Norway, Sweden and Russia during 1990–2000, it was stable across much of its European range, and the large Finnish population increased markedly. The species probably underwent only a small decline overall, and consequently it is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Belarus	10 – 20	97–00	0	0–19	
Denmark	2,000 – 3,000	93–96	(0)	(0–19)	3
Faroe Is.	150 – 150	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Greenland	(1,000 – 5,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Estonia	(500 – 1,000)	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	30,000 – 40,000	99–01	+	15	
France	2 – 8	96–00	+	>80	5
Germany	340 – 410	95–99	–	0–19	
Iceland	(2,000 – 4,000)	00	?	–	21
Rep. Ireland	1,000 – 2,500	88–91	?	–	
Latvia	(10 – 20)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	23,17
Lithuania	(1 – 10)	99–01	(F)	(50–79)	20
Netherlands	35 – 45	98–00	+	423	1
Norway	(10,000 – 30,000)	90–03	–	0–19	4,41,27
Poland	15 – 15	99	–	70–79	29,30
Russia	(9,000 – 12,000)	90–00	(–)	(20–29)	85
Sweden	14,000 – 18,000	99–00	–	10–19	
Switzerland	0 – 1	93–96	0	0–19	
Ukraine	384 – 384	98	0	0–9	
UK	2,400 – 2,400	88–91	(0)	(0–19)	8
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	73,000 – 120,000				
<b>Breeding range</b>	>2,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>				
			<b>Overall trend</b>	Small decline	
			Gen. length 4	% Global pop. 5–24	

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Denmark	10,000 – 15,000	99–00	0	0–19	25,26
Greenland	(5,000 – 20,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
France	3,600 – 4,500	98–02	F	30–49	9
Germany	13,500 – 13,500	95–00	–	41–56	4
Greece	300 – 2,000	96–00	0	0–19	
Iceland	(5,000 – 15,000)	78–94	?	–	48
Rep. Ireland	2,600 – 2,800	94–00	0	0–19	
Italy	1,000 – 2,000	02	F	20–29	22
Netherlands	5,400 – 5,400	99–01	0	0–19	3,4,8,9,11,12
Norway	25,000 – 30,000	93–96	(0)	(0–19)	68,70
Poland	(1,000 – 3,000)	92–97	?	–	116
Sweden	3,000 – 6,000	98–01	+	50	
Turkey	600 – 1,200	91–01	(0)	(0–19)	
UK	10,200 – 10,200	86–91	+	23	44,49
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	>89,000				
<b>% in European IBAs</b>	31–44				
			<b>Overall trend</b>	Small decline	
			Gen. length 4	% Global pop. 5–24	

Year	Population	Quality	Population	Quality	Population	Quality
2000 population	37		42		21	
1990 population	9		89			
Data quality (%) – <i>Mergus serrator</i>						
□ unknown    □ poor    □ medium    □ good						
1990–2000 trend	5	19	20		56	
1970–1990 trend	10		86			4