



## *Acrocephalus melanopogon*

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<b>Annex I</b>	Yes
<b>International action plan</b>	No

Moustached Warbler, *Acrocephalus melanopogon*, is a species of passerine bird in the warbler family found in wetland and river and lake ecosystems. It is a widespread but patchily distributed breeder in southern and eastern Europe (Bird in Europe 2004). This species occupies low aquatic vegetation, especially reedbeds, but also rush stands, sedges, reedmace ( *Typha* ) and others, often with admixture of bushes or tamarisks ( *Tamarix* ). Its optimal habitat appears to be old reedbeds containing a high proportion of dead material and a complex lower stratum, with tall reeds above. In addition it is found along lake margins, ditches, beside freshwater and brackish marshes, and in very small reed marshes in steppe zone (European Red List 2015).

*Acrocephalus melanopogon* has a breeding population size of 14900-30200 pairs and a breeding range size of 54400 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Unknown in the short term and Unknown in the long term.

The EU population status for *Acrocephalus melanopogon* is Unknown, as the data reported were not sufficient to assess the population status of the species.

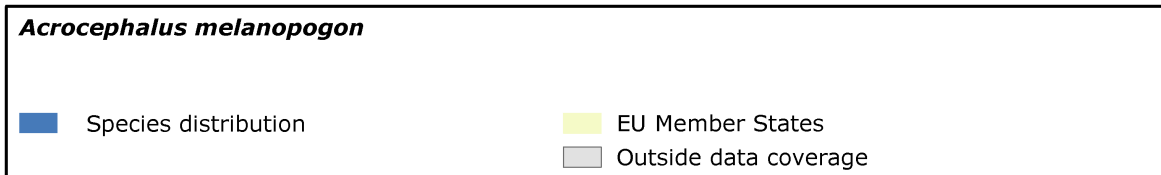
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## Assessment of status at the European level

Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range area	Breeding range trend		Winter population size	Winter population trend		Population status
	Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term	
14900 - 30200 p	x	x	54400						Unknown

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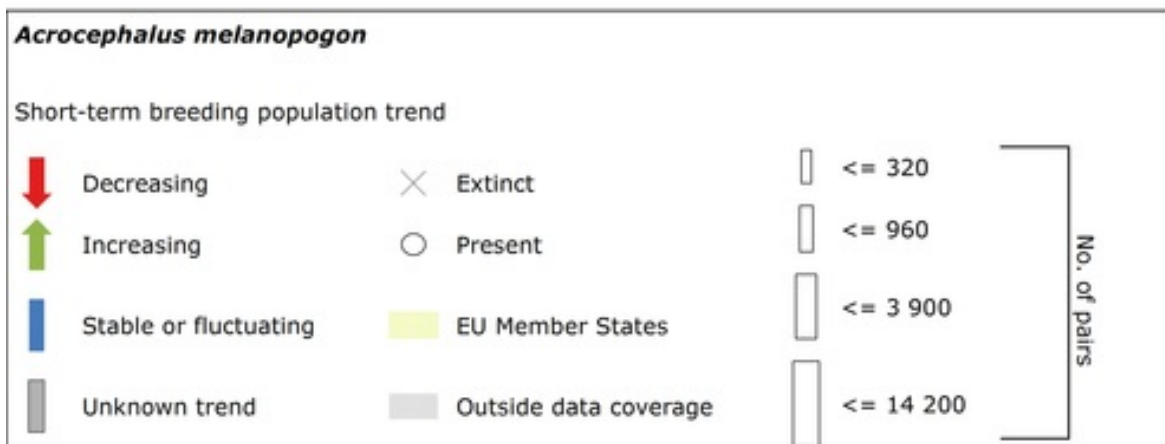
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## Trends at the Member State level

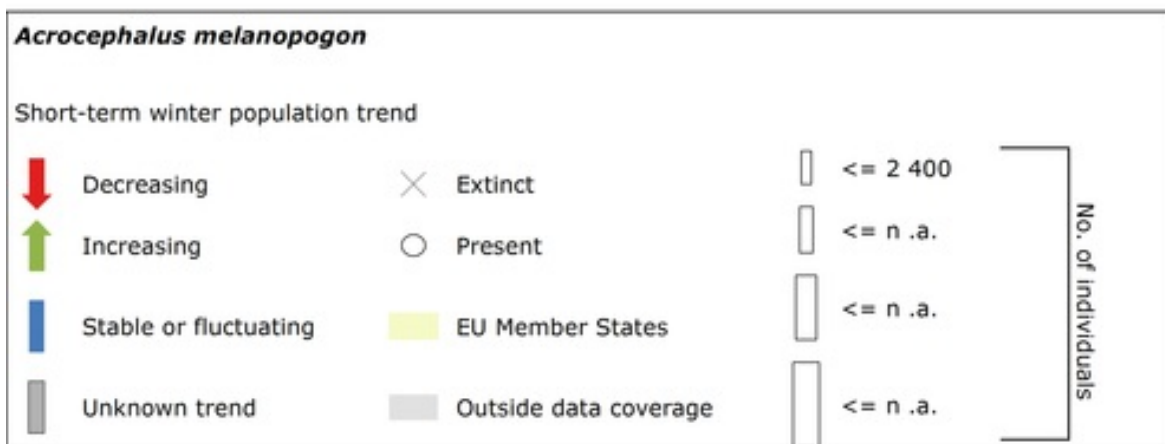
MS/Ter.	% in EU27	Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range area	Breeding range trend		Winter population size	Winter population trend	
			Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term
AT	2.2	3000 - 5000 p	-	x	799	0	0			
BG	4.5	5 - 25 p	x	x	2100	x	x			
ES	28.0	484 - 1777 p	-	-	20117	-	-	1410 - 3965 i	-	-
FR	16.0	700 - 1300 p	-	-	8700	0	0			
GR										
HU	37.7	10000 - 20000 p	x	x	9853	x	x			
IT	9.0	650 - 830 p	-	-	3700	-	-			
RO	1.5	100 - 1000 p	x	x	8900	x	x			
SK	1.1	10 - 20 p	0	0	300	0	0			

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## Main pressures and threats reported by Member States

For the bird species triggering SPA classification Member States were asked to report the 20 most important pressures and threats using an agreed hierarchical list which can be found on the Article 12 Reference Portal ([http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/activities/Reporting/Article\\_12/reference\\_portal](http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/activities/Reporting/Article_12/reference_portal)). Pressures are activities which are currently having an impact on the species and threats are activities expected to have an impact in the near future. The table below only contains information from Member States, where a species triggers SPA classification. Pressures and threats were ranked in three classes 'high, medium and low importance', the table below only shows pressures and threats classed as 'high', for some species there were less than ten pressures and threats reported as highly important.

### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' pressures and threats

Code	Activity	Frequency
J02	Changes in water bodies conditions	45
J03	Other changes to ecosystems	18
A02	Modification of cultivation practices	9
A03	Mowing or cutting grasslands	9
A07	Use of 'pesticides' in agriculture	9
M01	Abiotic changes (climate change)	9

## Proportion of population covered by the Natura 2000 network

For the bird species triggering SPA classification Member States were asked to report the size of a species population occurring within the Natura 2000 network. The percentage of species population covered by the network was estimated by comparing the population size within the network and the total population size.

### Percentage of coverage by Natura 2000 sites

MS/territory	season	SPA trigger	% coverage
AT	breeding	YES	100
BG	breeding	YES	100
ES	breeding	YES	17.9
ES	winter	YES	0.55
FR	breeding	YES	88.95
HU	breeding	YES	84.5
IT	breeding	YES	94.32
RO	breeding	YES	80
SK	breeding	YES	15.81

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## Most frequently reported conservation measures

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For the bird species triggering SPA classification Member States were asked to report up to 20 conservation measures being implemented for this species using an agreed list which can be found on the Article 12 Reference Portal. Member States were further requested to highlight up to five most important ('highly important') measures; the table below only shows measures classed as 'high', for many species there were less than ten measures reported as highly important.

### **Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' conservation measures**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
4.2	Restoring/improving the hydrological regime	23
6.1	Establish protected areas/sites	23
4.0	Other wetland-related measures	18
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	14
2.0	Other agriculture-related measures	5
3.0	Other forestry-related measures	5
4.3	Managing water abstraction	5
6.2	Establishing wilderness areas/ allowing succession	5
7.1	Regulation/ Management of hunting and taking	5

This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 12 of the Birds Directive in 2013 and covering the period 2008-2012. More detailed information, including the MS reports, is available at:

<http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/summary?period=1&subject=A293> .



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<sup>i</sup> **Assessment of status at the European level:** The EU assessments of birds population status was made by the European Red List of Birds Consortium (under contract with the European Commission)

The EU27 population trends were assessed using these categories: '+' Increasing, '0' Stable, 'F' Fluctuating, '-' Decreasing, 'xu' Uncertain and 'x' Unknown. The breeding population size is estimated in majority of the cases as 'p' number of pairs. Alternative population units used are: 'males' number of males, 'i' number of individuals, 'cmales' number of calling males and 'bfem' number of breeding females. The winter population size is estimated as number of individuals.

<sup>ii</sup> **Species trends at the Member State level:** The percentage of the EU27 species population occurring in the Member States (% in EU27) is calculated based on the population size reported by the Member States.

<sup>iii</sup> **Percentage of coverage by Natura 2000 sites:** In some cases the population size within the Natura 2000 network has been estimated using a different methodology to the estimate of overall population size and this can lead to percentage covers greater than 100%. In such case the value has been given as 100% and highlighted with an asterisk (\*). The value 'x' indicates that the Member State has not reported the species population and/or the coverage by Natura 2000. No information is available for Greece and for non-Annex I species in the Czech Republic.