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Coturnix coturnix

Annex I No International action plan MP, No

Common Quail, *Coturnix coturnix*, is a species of gamebird found in cropland and grassland ecosystems.

Coturnix coturnix has a breeding population size of 1260000-2980000 calling males and a breeding range size of 2950000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Decreasing in the short term and Unknown in the long term.

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

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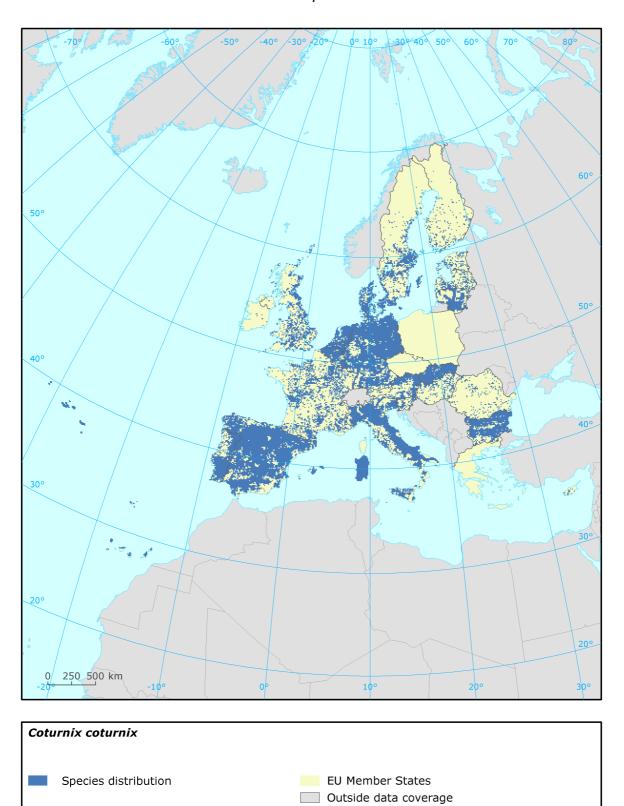
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Assessment of status at the European level

Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range _	Breeding range trend		Winter	Winter population trend		_Population
	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	population = size	Short term	Long term	status
1260000 - 2980000 cmales	-	X	2950000						Unknown

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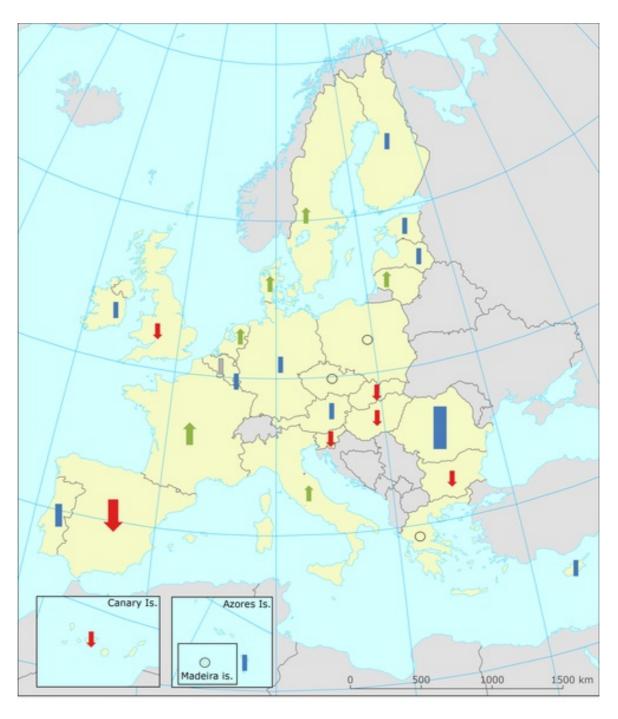


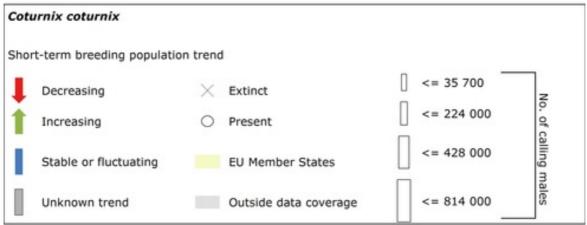
Trends at the Member State level

MS/Ter. % in EU27		Breeding population	Breeding population trend		Range	Breeding range trend		Winter	Winter population trend	
		size	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	population size	Short term	Long term
AT	2.5	5000 - 10000 cmales	F	X	75959	0	0			
BE	1.5	2700 - 3400 cmales	X	X	28374	+	+			
BG	5.1	15000 - 35000 cmales	-	-	117500	-	-			
CY	0.1	2000 - 5000 cmales	0	+	3700	X	+			
CZ										
DE	16.6	26000 - 49000 cmales	F	+	345083	+	+			
DK	2.1	1830 - 1830 cmales	+	+	42897	+	+			
EE	0.8	100 - 3000 cmales	F	F	39200	F	+			
ES	22.6	285000 - 640000 cmales	-	-	505549	-	-			
ESIC	0.3	2500 - 10000 cmales	-	-	3850	-	X			
FI	1.3	150 - 500 cmales	0	+	105200	X	+			
FR	10.0	100000 - 300000 cmales	+	-	445000	0	-			
GR										
HU	1.3	29000 - 37000 cmales	-	X	76919	-	X			
ΙE		1 - 20 cmales	0	0	900	+	-			
IT	11.7	15000 - 30000 cmales	+	X	296800	+	+			
LT	2.1	2000 - 5000 cmales	+	+	62700	0	0			
LU	0.1	50 - 100 cmales	F	-	2585	0	0			
LV	1.3	589 - 956 cmales	F	+	60407	X	+			
NL	2.0	1284 - 15467 cmales	+	+	41286	0	+			
PL		85000 - 135000 p	-	X		X	X			
PT	3.6	100000 - 500000 cmales	0	X	96400	0	0			
PTAC	0.4	11000 - 21000 cmales	0	X	7400	X	X			
PTMA		500 - 1000 p	0	0	1600	+	X			
RO	1.2	575000 - 1150000 cmales	F	X	234700	X	X			
SE	4.9	600 - 1400 cmales	+	+	211900	0	X			
SI	0.5	1000 - 2000 cmales	-	-	9995	0	X			
SK	2.9	2000 - 6000 cmales	-	-	55595	0	0			
UK	4.8	540 - 540 cmales	-	-	87200	+	+			

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Short-term winter population trend was not reported for this species.

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). 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
A02	Modification of cultivation practices	38
J03	Other changes to ecosystems	25
A03	Mowing or cutting grasslands	13
A10	Restructuring agricultural parcels	13
F03	Hunting and collection of terrestrial wild animals	13

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	NO	
BE	breeding	NO	
BG	breeding	NO	
CY	breeding	NO	
DE	breeding	NO	
DK	breeding	NO	
EE	breeding	NO	
ES	breeding	YES	1.24
ESIC	breeding	NO	
FI	breeding	NO	

MS/territory	season	SPA trigger	% coverage
FR	breeding	NO	
HU	breeding	NO	
IE	breeding	NO	
IT	breeding	NO	
LT	breeding	NO	
LU	breeding	YES	20
LV	breeding	NO	
NL	breeding	NO	
PL	breeding	NO	
PT	breeding	NO	
PTAC	breeding	NO	
PTMA	breeding	NO	
RO	breeding	NO	
SE	breeding	NO	
SI	breeding	NO	
SK	breeding	YES	53.62
UK	breeding	NO	

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Most frequently reported conservation measures

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

Code	Measure	Frequency
6.1	Establish protected areas/sites	30
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	30
2.0	Other agriculture-related measures	10
2.1	Maintaining grasslands and other open habitats	10
7.1	Regulation/ Management of hunting and taking	10
7.4	Specific single species or species group management measures	10

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=A113.

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¹ 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.

ⁱⁱSpecies 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.

iiiPercentage 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.