European Environment Agency *European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity*



Falco peregrinus brookei

Annex I Yes-HTL International action plan No

Falco pelegrinoides, which is only found in the Canary Islands in the EU27, and *F. peregrinus* are considered the same species, *F. peregrinus*, according to the current BirdLife International taxonomy. Therefore, the EU population status was assessed at the level of *F. peregrinus*. Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus*, is a species of day-flying bird of prey found in wetland, unvegetated or sparsely vegetated land, urban and river and lake ecosystems.

Falco peregrinus has a breeding population size of 9600-11900 pairs in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Increasing in the short term and Increasing in the long term.

The EU population status of *Falco peregrinus* was assessed as Secure, because the species does not meet any of the IUCN Red List criteria for threatened or Near Threatened, or the criteria for Depleted or Declining (the EU27 population or range has not declined by 20% or more since 1980).

Falco peregrinus has a breeding population size of 9500-11800 pairs and a breeding range size of 2010000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Increasing in the short term and Increasing in the long term. Falco pelegrinoides has a breeding population size of 140-150 pairs and a breeding range size of 7700 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Increasing in the short term and Increasing in the long term.

This factsheet was produced for *Falco peregrinus brookei*. Also other subspecies/populations of the same species occur within the EU27. The assessment of status at the European level and the introductory text were done at the species level in line with the criteria for assessment of the EU population status.

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Assessment of status at the European level

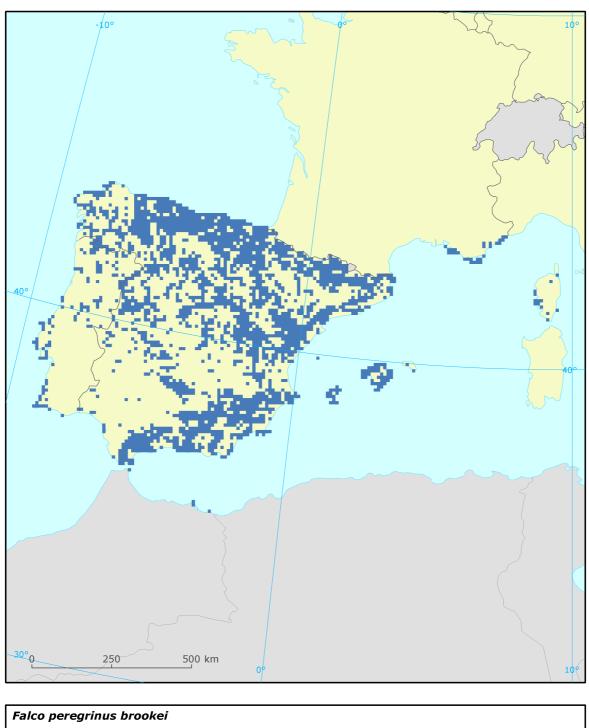
Breeding	Breeding population trend		_ Range _	Breeding range trend		Winter	Winter population trend		_Population
population size	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	population size	Short term	Long term	status
9500 - 11800 p	+	+	2010000						Secure

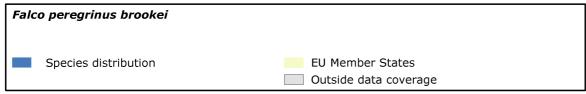
See the endnotes for more informationⁱ

The population status assessment at the EU level was carried out at the species level. The EU status assessment covers following subspecies/populations: *Falco pelegrinoides*, *Falco peregrinus* all others, *Falco peregrinus brookei*, *Falco peregrinus peregrinus* (each of them presented in a separate factsheet).

The EU trends were assessed at the species or subspecies level following BirdLife International's current taxonomy. The EU trends assessment covers more former subspecies or populations: *Falco peregrinus* all others, *Falco peregrinus brookei*, *Falco peregrinus peregrinus* (each of them presented in a separate factsheet).

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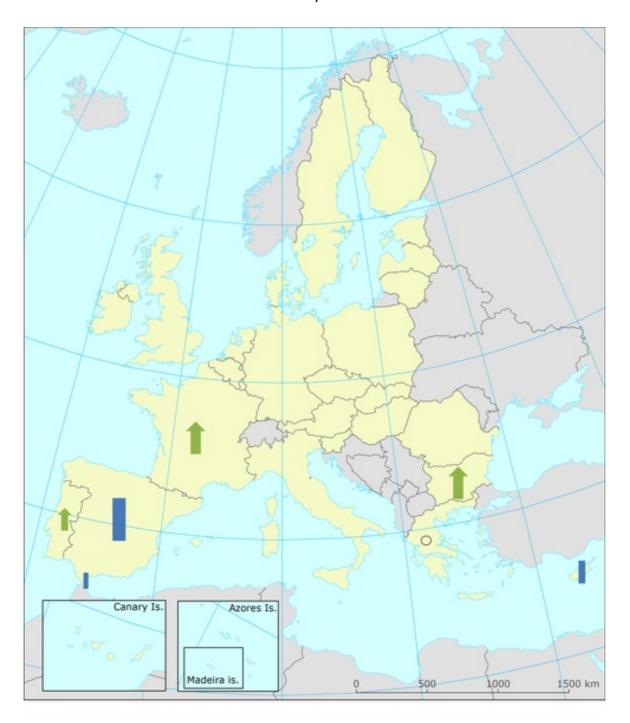
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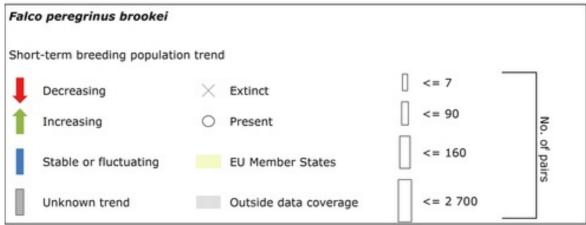
Trends at the Member State level

MS/Ter.	% in	Breeding	Breeding population trend		Range	Breeding range trend		Winter	Winter population trend	
wis/Ter.	EU27	population size	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	population size	Short term	Long term
BG	6.0	120 - 190 p	+	+	51500	+	+			
CY	0.9	40 - 60 p	0	+	3900	0	X			
ES	87.1	2462 - 2804 p	0	+	445352	0	+			
FR	1.6	100 - 150 p	+	+	4000	+	+			
GIB	0.1	6 - 7 p	0	+	6	0	0			
GR										
PT	4.3	80 - 100 p	+	+	41100	0	+			

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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
F03	Hunting and collection of terrestrial wild animals	33
C03	Production of renewable energy (abiotic)	17
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	17
G01	Outdoor sports, leisure and recreational activities	17
J03	Other changes to ecosystems	17

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
BG	breeding	YES	35.81
CY	breeding	YES	70.71
ES	breeding	YES	0.91
FR	breeding	YES	39.34
GIB	breeding	YES	77.15
PT	breeding	YES	59.16

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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

Code	Measure	Frequency
6.1	Establish protected areas/sites	36
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	29
7.4	Specific single species or species group management measures	14
2.1	Maintaining grasslands and other open habitats	7
6.0	Other spatial measures	7
7.1	Regulation/ Management of hunting and taking	7

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=A709.

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ⁱ 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.