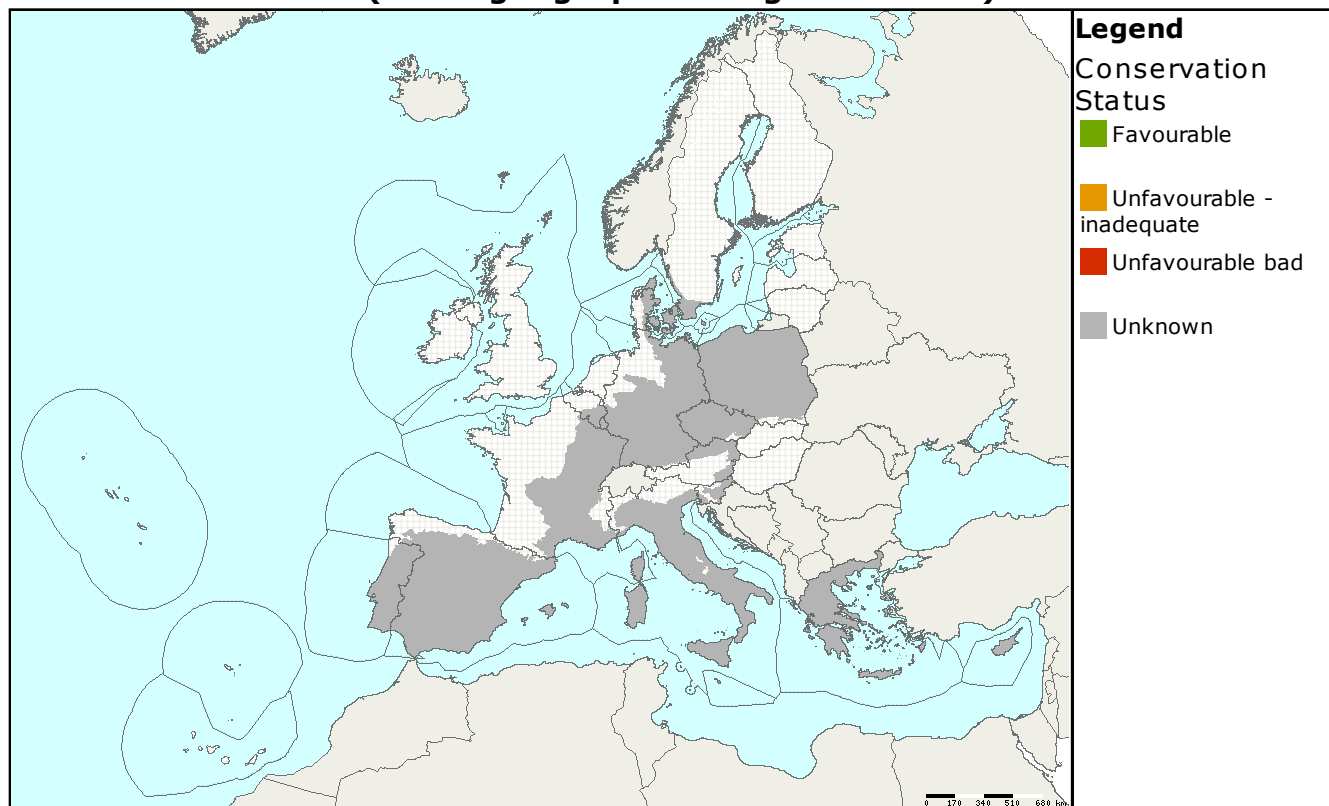Habitat code: **1510**
Habitat name: **Mediterranean salt steppes (Limonietalia)**

Habitat group: **coastal habitats**
Regions: **CON MED**

Assessments of conservation status at the European level
(all biogeographical regions - EU25)

Legend

Conservation Status

- Favourable
- Unfavourable - inadequate
- Unfavourable bad
- Unknown

MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km^2	Trend in area
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	CON						62	=
EU25	MED						>464	

These grass-steppes are formed by species of sea lavender (*Limonium* spp) and/or esparto grass (*Lygeum spartum*) growing on saline soils which become very dry in summer. They occur along coasts, particularly in the Mediterranean but also inland, especially in Spain. This habitat is widespread in Spain but relatively scattered & rare elsewhere.

Four of six countries in the Mediterranean region reported one or more parameters as 'unknown', with little information from Spain, leading to an assessment for the region as 'unknown' although unlikely to be favourable. Excluding Spain the habitat would be assessed as 'unfavourable-inadequate'.

Also 'unknown' for the Continental region where it only occurs on the coast of northeast Italy.

Better information required, particularly from Italy and Spain.

Assessments of conservation status as reported by Member states
(all biogeographical regions - EU25)

Legend

Conservation Status

- ■ Favourable
- ■ Unfavourable - inadequate
- ■ Unfavourable bad
- ■ Unknown
- Distribution

MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km^2	Trend in area	Data quality
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall			
IT	CON						62	=	2
EL	MED						60.2	-	1
ES	MED						185.25	X	2
FR	MED						43	-	2
IT	MED						126	=	2
MT	MED						50	=	2
PT	MED						N/A	-	

Data quality is based on as assessment by each Member State, 1 = good, 2 = medium, 3 = poor

This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive in 2007 and covering the period 2001-2006. More detailed information is available at http://biodiversity.eionet.europa.eu/article17