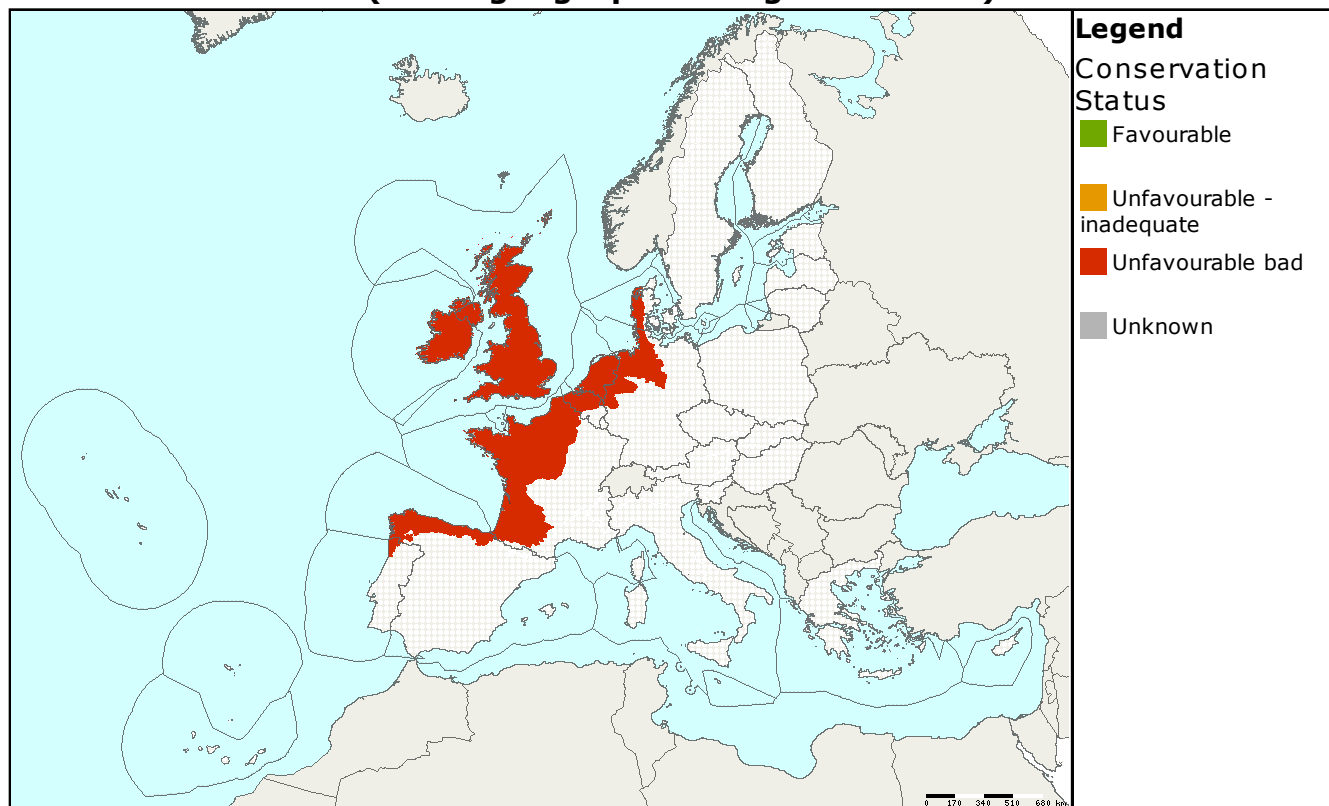


Habitat code: **21A0**  
 Habitat name: **Machairs (\* in Ireland)**

Habitat group: **dunes habitats**  
 Regions: **ATL**

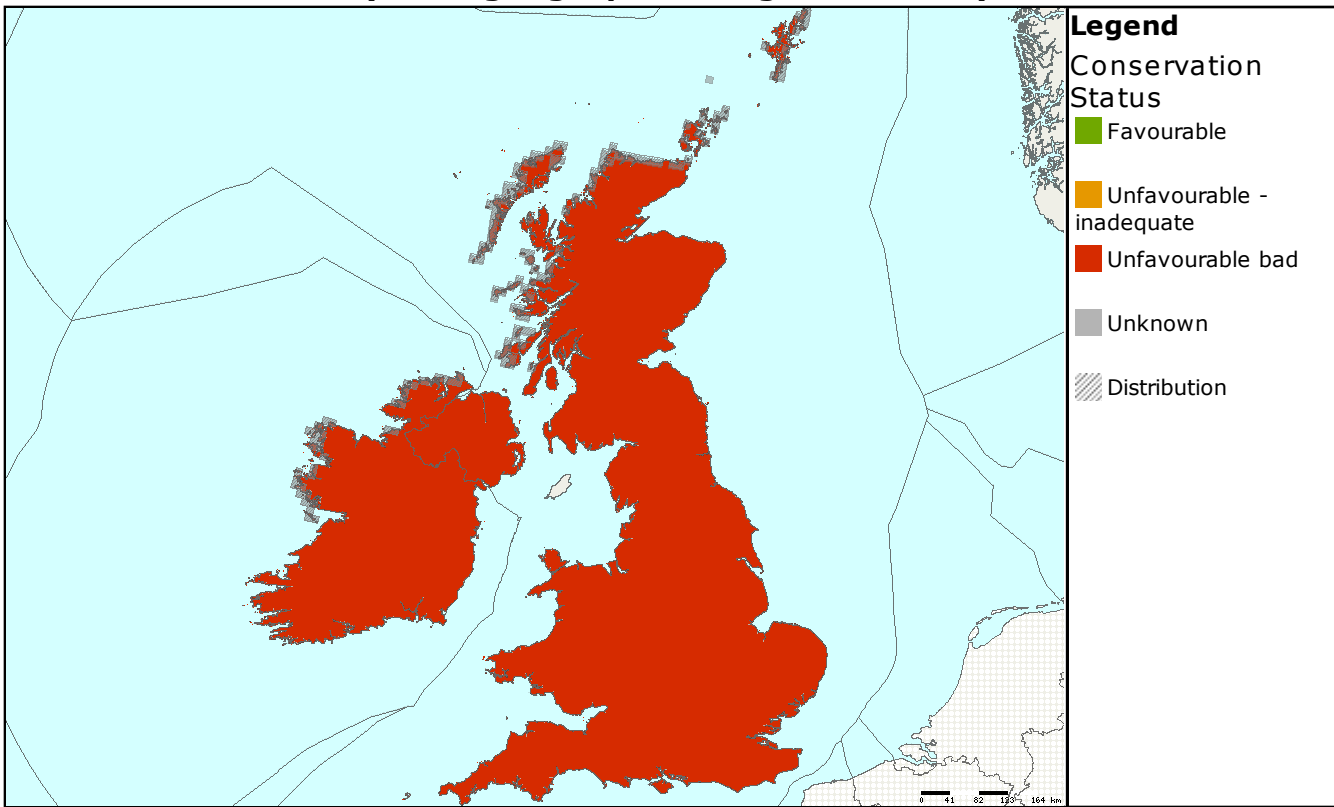
## Assessments of conservation status at the European level (all biogeographical regions - EU25)



MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km <sup>2</sup>	Trend in area
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ATL						161	=

Machair are cultural landscape developed in western Ireland and Scotland on windblown sand resulting from centuries of low intensity agriculture including grazing and cultivation. As such, they are dependent on the continuation of traditional agricultural practices. The habitat has priority status in Ireland but not in the United Kingdom. The conservation status is 'unfavourable bad', due to 'structure and functions' and 'future prospects' resulting from current agricultural practises. Range and area of habitat are 'favourable' for the region although area is declining in Ireland.

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



MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km <sup>2</sup>	Trend in area	Data quality
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall			
IE	ATL						27.53	-	1
UK	ATL						133	=	2

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

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