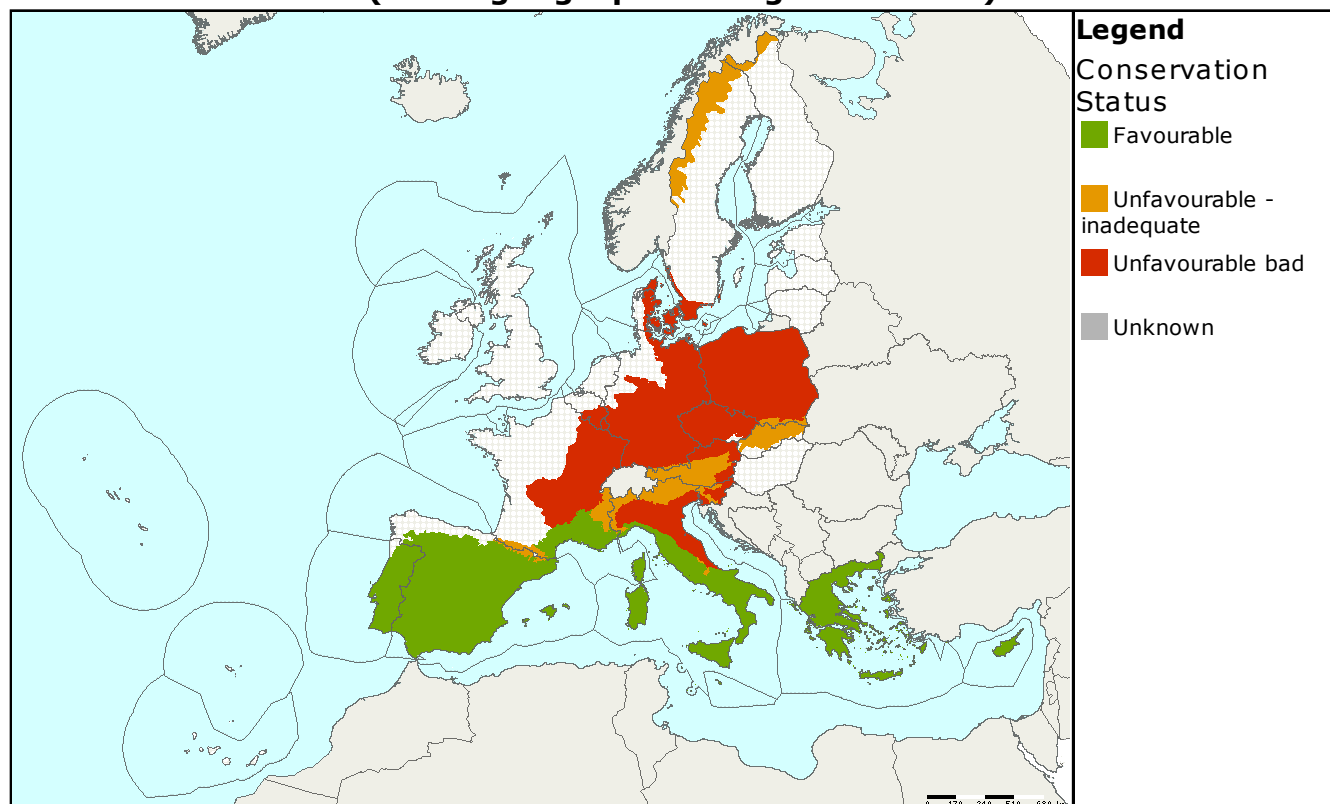


Habitat code: **9410**  
 Habitat name: **Acidophilous Picea forests of the montane to alpine levels (Vaccinio-Piceetea)**

Habitat group: **forests**  
 Regions: **ALP CON MED**

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



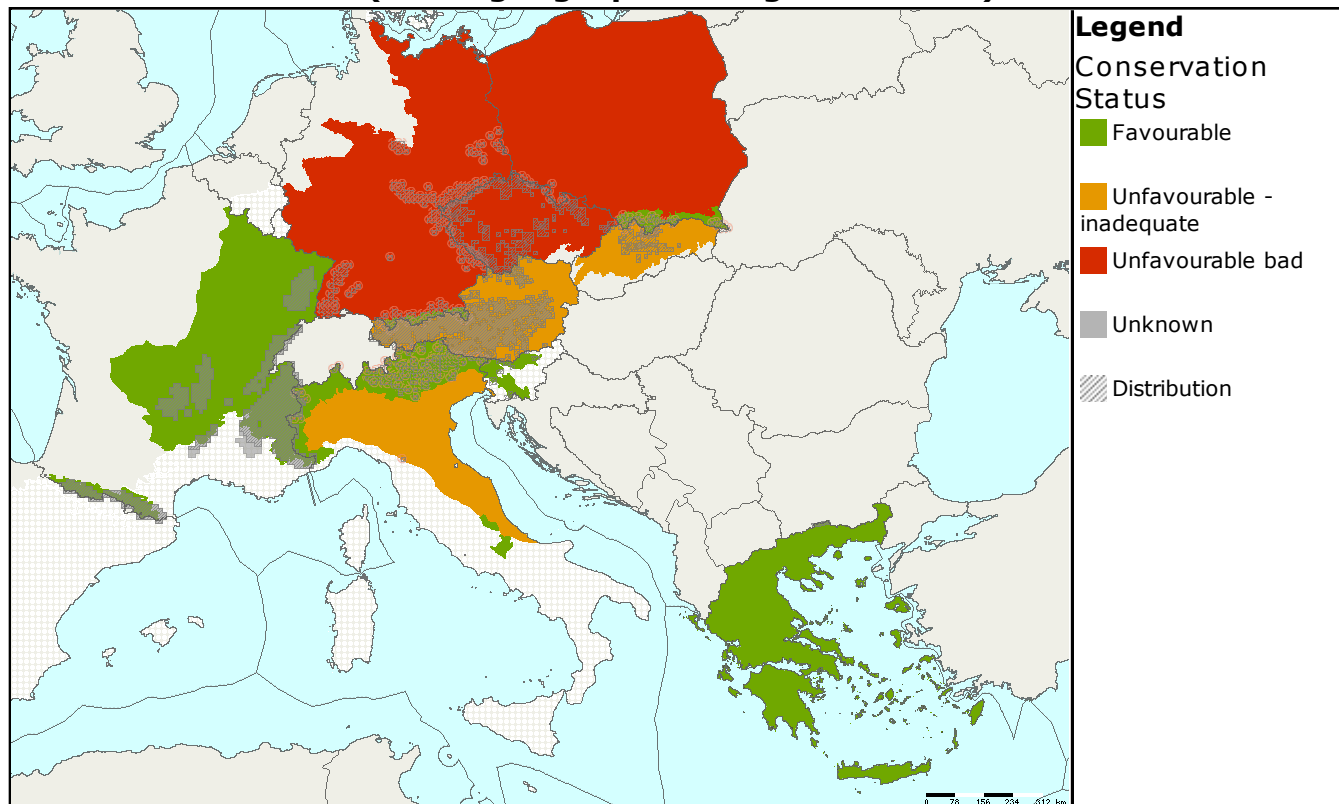
MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km <sup>2</sup>	Trend in area
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ALP	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Orange	6572	
EU25	CON	Orange	Red	Red	Orange	Red	1414	-
EU25	MED	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	73	+

Sub-alpine and alpine coniferous forests dominated by Norway spruce (*Picea abies*) and oriental spruce (*Picea orientalis*). This habitat is widespread in the Alps, Carpathians and Hercynian ranges. These forests also occur in the montane zone of the inner Alps and inner Carpathian basins in areas with a climate unfavourable to both beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and fir (*Abies alba*). Outlying Norway spruce formations can also be found in the mountain ranges of southern and southeastern Europe and locally within the montane level of above mentioned mountain ranges.

Although at the national level in the Alpine region 'favourable' assessment are widespread, the biogeographical assessment is 'unfavourable-inadequate' as a result of assessments by Austria and Slovakia. In the Continental region, the status is 'unfavourable-bad' and this conclusion was provided by all the countries of the Hercynian mountain range. In the Mediterranean region the habitat is present only in Greece,

where the conservation status is 'favourable'. The major threats to this habitat include inappropriate forestry management, air pollution and at the higher altitudes development of resorts for winter sports.

### 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			
AT	ALP	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Orange	4700	=	2
DE	ALP	Green	Green	Green	Grey	Green	50	=	2
FR	ALP	Green	Green	Grey	Green	Green	194	=	2
IT	ALP	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	948	=	2
PL	ALP	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	330	X	3
SI	ALP	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	20	=	2
SK	ALP	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Orange	329.95	-	2
AT	CON	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Orange	200	=	2
CZ	CON	Green	Green	Red	Orange	Red	686	=	2
DE	CON	Green	Orange	Red	Orange	Red	446	-	3
FR	CON	Green	Green	Grey	Green	Green	44	=	2
IT	CON	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Orange	8	=	2
PL	CON	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	30	-	1
EL	MED	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	73	+	1

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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