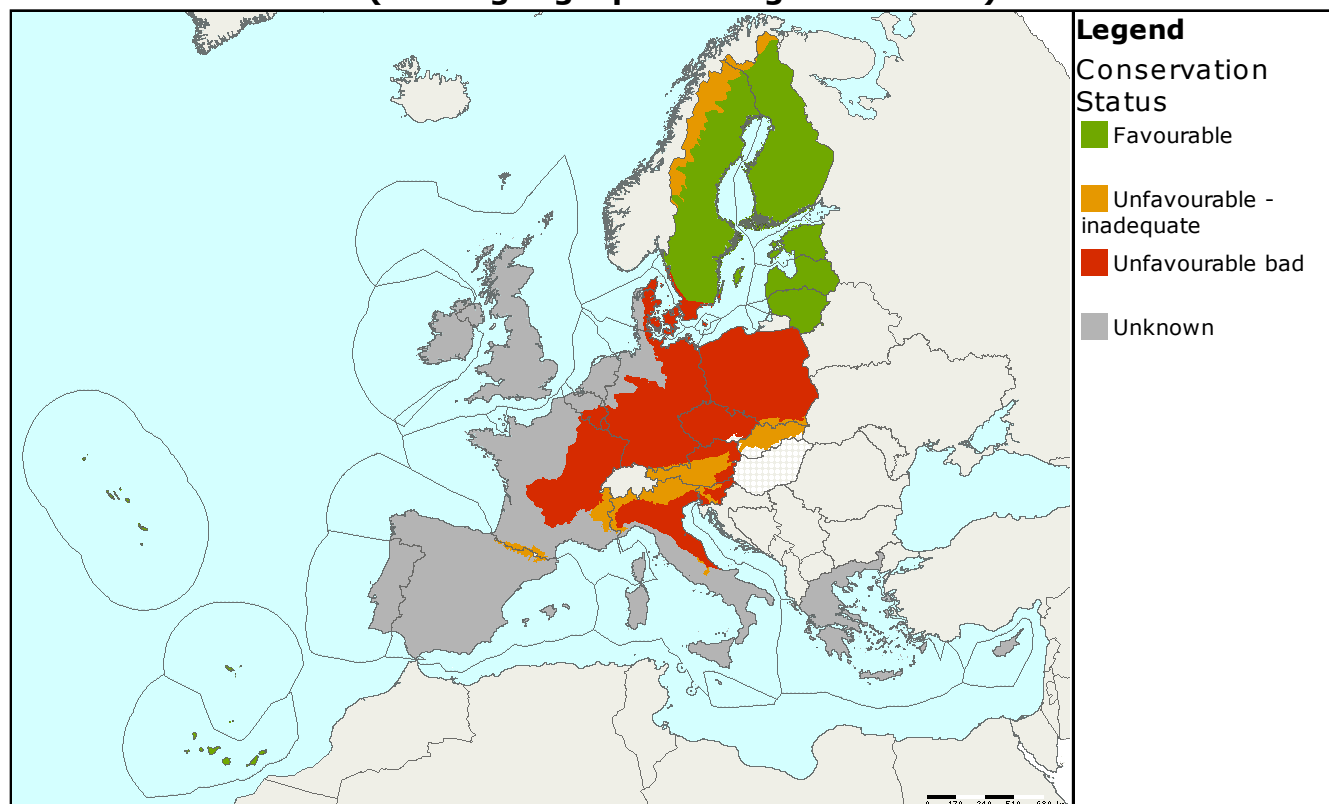




Habitat code: **3220**
 Habitat name: **Alpine rivers and the herbaceous vegetation along their banks**

Habitat group: **freshwater habitats**
 Regions: **ALP ATL BOR CON MAC MED**

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



MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km ²	Trend in area
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ALP	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	10370	
EU25	ATL	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	33	X
EU25	BOR	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	49	=
EU25	CON	Red	Red	Grey	Red	Red	134.07	-
EU25	MAC	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	8	=
EU25	MED	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	2	X

This habitat includes rivers in the Alps and other high mountains where the banks are dominated by herbaceous plants rather than trees or scrubs. Although typical of the Alpine biogeographical region it is also reported from the Boreal, Continental, Macaronesian and Mediterranean regions.

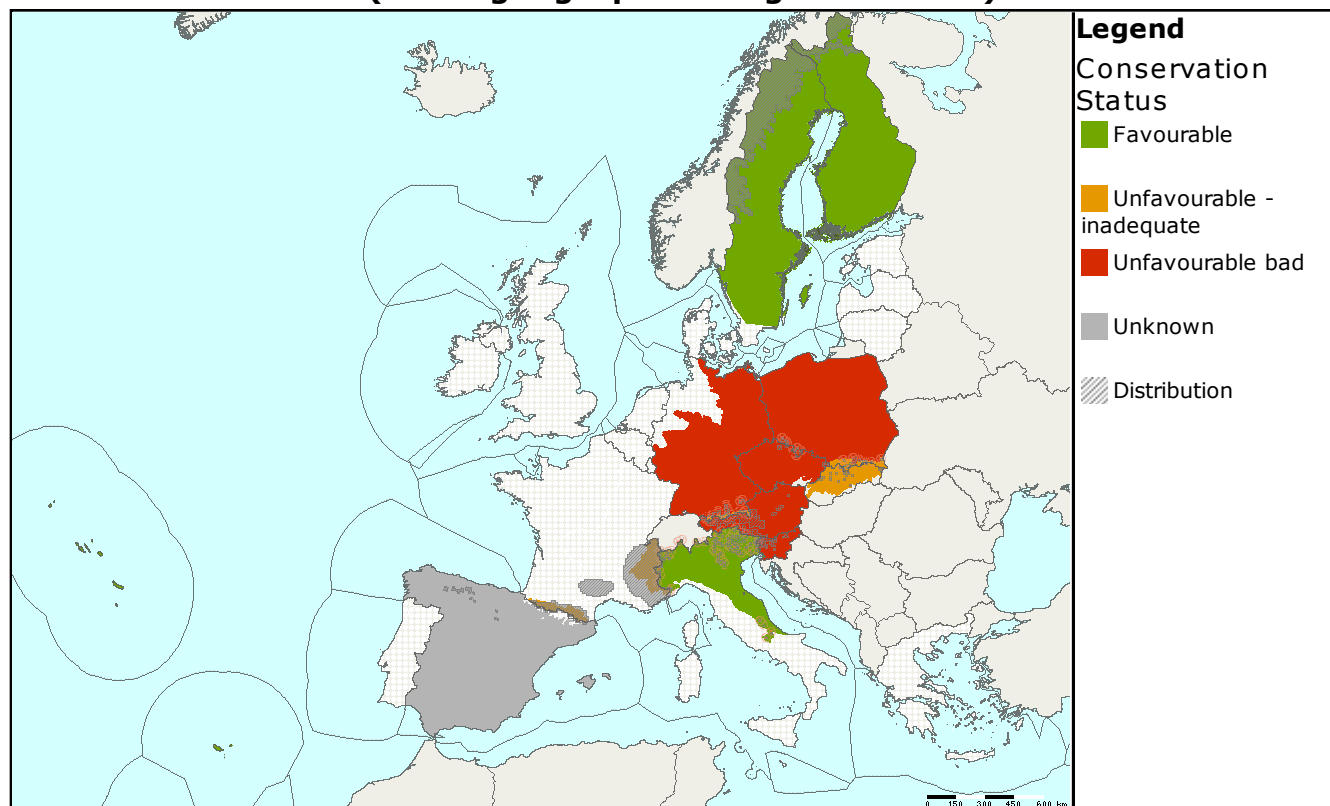
In the Alps, where some 98% of this habitat occurs within the European Union, the habitat is assessed as 'unfavourable-inadequate' both overall and for all four parameters. This covers a wide range of variation, from 'unfavourable-bad' in Austria and Slovenia to 'favourable' in Italy and in the Finnish-Swedish subregion.

The habitat is also assessed as 'favourable' in the Boreal region giving a clear difference in conservation status between north and central/southern Europe, it is also 'favourable'

in Macaronesia where this is a rare habitat and only in Portugal. In the Continental region the assessment is 'unfavourable-bad' overall and for all parameters except 'structure and function' which is unknown but unlikely to be favourable given the reported threats and pressures which are mostly linked to human impact such as river engineering.

In both the Atlantic and Mediterranean regions where the habitat is only reported by Spain the assessment is 'unknown' for all parameters. Better information required, especially from Spain.

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



MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km ²	Trend in area	Data quality
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall			
AT	ALP	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	9688	-	3
DE	ALP	Unfavourable - inadequate					2.3	-	2
FI	ALP	Favourable					64	=	1
FR	ALP	Unfavourable - inadequate					52	-	2
IT	ALP	Favourable		Unknown		Favourable	64	=	2
PL	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate		Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	20	-	2
SE	ALP	Favourable				Favourable	389	=	3
SI	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate			Unfavourable bad	90	-	2
SK	ALP	Unknown		Unfavourable - inadequate	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	0.75	X	3
ES	ATL	Unknown				Unknown	33	X	3
FI	BOR	Favourable				Favourable	4	=	1
SE	BOR	Favourable				Favourable	45	=	3
AT	CON	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	100	=	3
CZ	CON	Favourable		Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	N/A	=	1
DE	CON	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	4.1	-	1
IT	CON	Favourable		Unknown		Favourable	27	=	2
PL	CON	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	0.5	-	2

MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment				Km ²	Trend in area	Data quality	
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects				Overall
SI	CON						2	-	2
PT	MAC						8	=	1
ES	MED						2	X	3

Data quality is based on an 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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