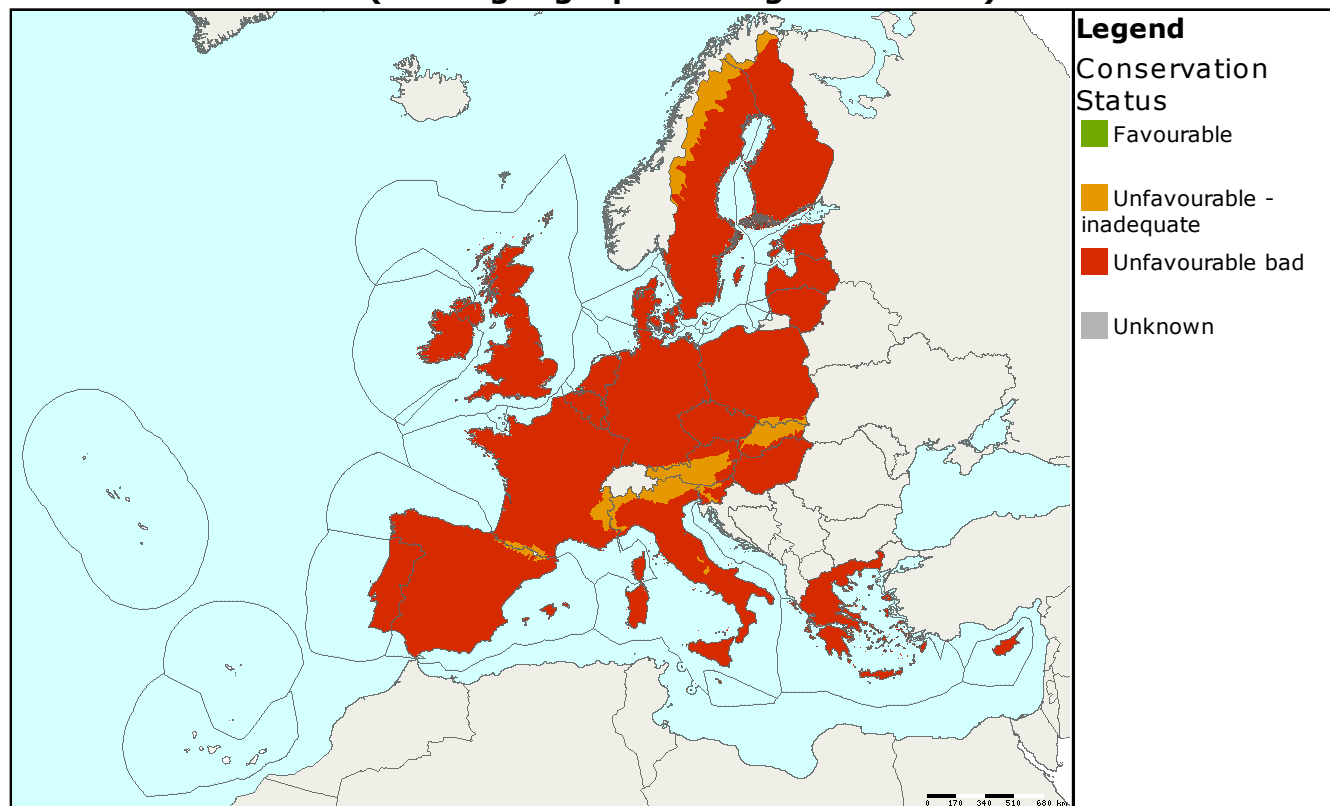


Habitat code: **4030**
 Habitat name: **European dry heaths**

Habitat group: **heath & scrub**
 Regions: **ALP ATL BOR CON MED PAN**

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



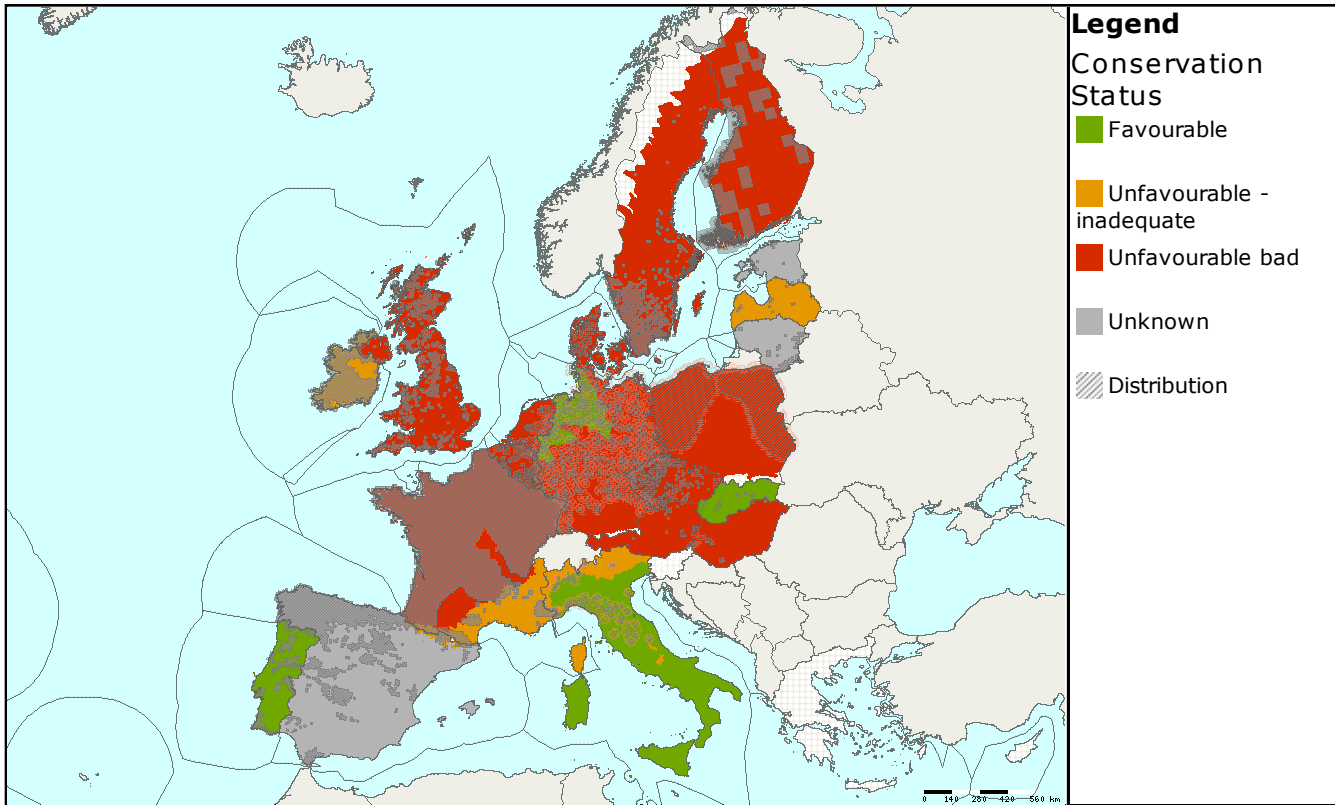
MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km ²	Trend in area
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ALP						>159	+
EU25	ATL						>21381	x
EU25	BOR						98	x
EU25	CON						>994	x
EU25	MED						>6187	x
EU25	PAN						6.43	-

Heaths on freely draining soils dominated by dwarf shrubs such as heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) and heaths (*Erica* spp) are widespread in northern and western Europe. They also occur in the south of Europe but are less common and often restricted to mountainous areas. This is a semi-natural habitat resulting from past agricultural management including grazing and burning. Coastal dunes with Cornish heath (*Erica vagans*) are the priority habitat type 4040.

Assessed as 'unfavourable-bad' in all regions where present except for the Alpine region where it is assessed as 'unfavourable-inadequate'. The habitat is also assessed as unfavourable by most countries, with a trend to be more favourable in southern Europe where the habitat is rare as in Italy.

Reported threats and pressures are mostly linked to inappropriate land management

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						N/A	X	3
ES	ALP						51.09	=	3
FR	ALP						104	+	2
IT	ALP						2	=	2
SK	ALP						1.5	=	2
BE	ATL						40	=	2
DE	ATL						153.8	+	3
DK	ATL						154	X	2
ES	ATL						7535.71	X	2
FR	ATL						370	-	2
IE	ATL						6807	-	3
NL	ATL						240	=	3
PT	ATL						N/A	=	
UK	ATL						6080.22	=	2
EE	BOR						4.5	-	2
FI	BOR						10	-	2
LT	BOR						20	X	3
LV	BOR						12	=	3
SE	BOR						51	+	2
AT	CON						N/A	X	3
BE	CON						12	=	2
CZ	CON						19	-	1
DE	CON						335.38	-	2
DK	CON						64	-	2

MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km ²	Trend in area	Data quality
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall			
FR	CON						217	-	2
IT	CON						53	=	2
LU	CON						0.333	+	2
PL	CON						200	-	3
SE	CON						93	+	2
ES	MED						6025	N/A	2
FR	MED						110	=	2
IT	MED						52	=	2
PT	MED						N/A	=	
CZ	PAN						0.33	-	2
HU	PAN						0.7	-	1
SK	PAN						5.4	=	2

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 <http://biodiversity.eionet.europa.eu/article17>