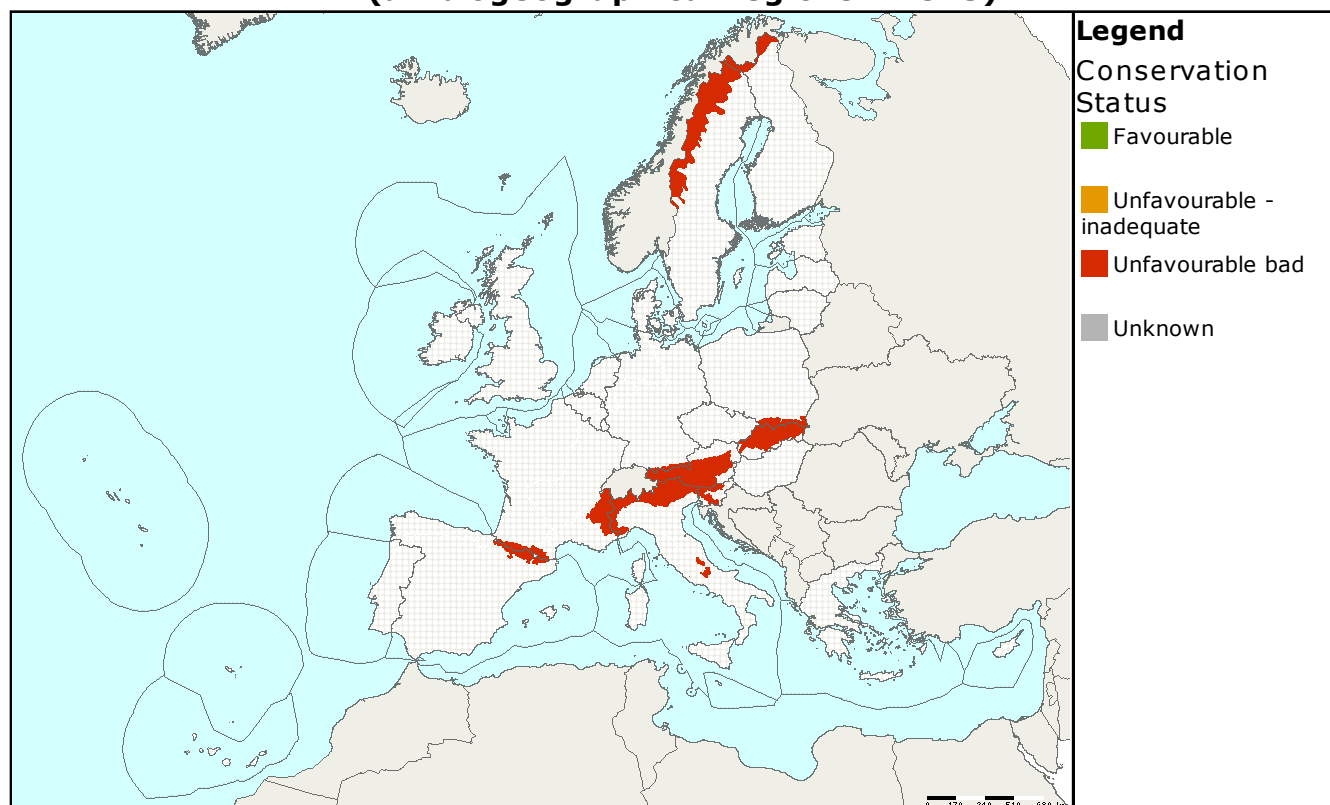


Habitat code: **8340**  
 Habitat name: **Permanent glaciers**

Habitat group: **rocky habitats**  
 Regions: **ALP**

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

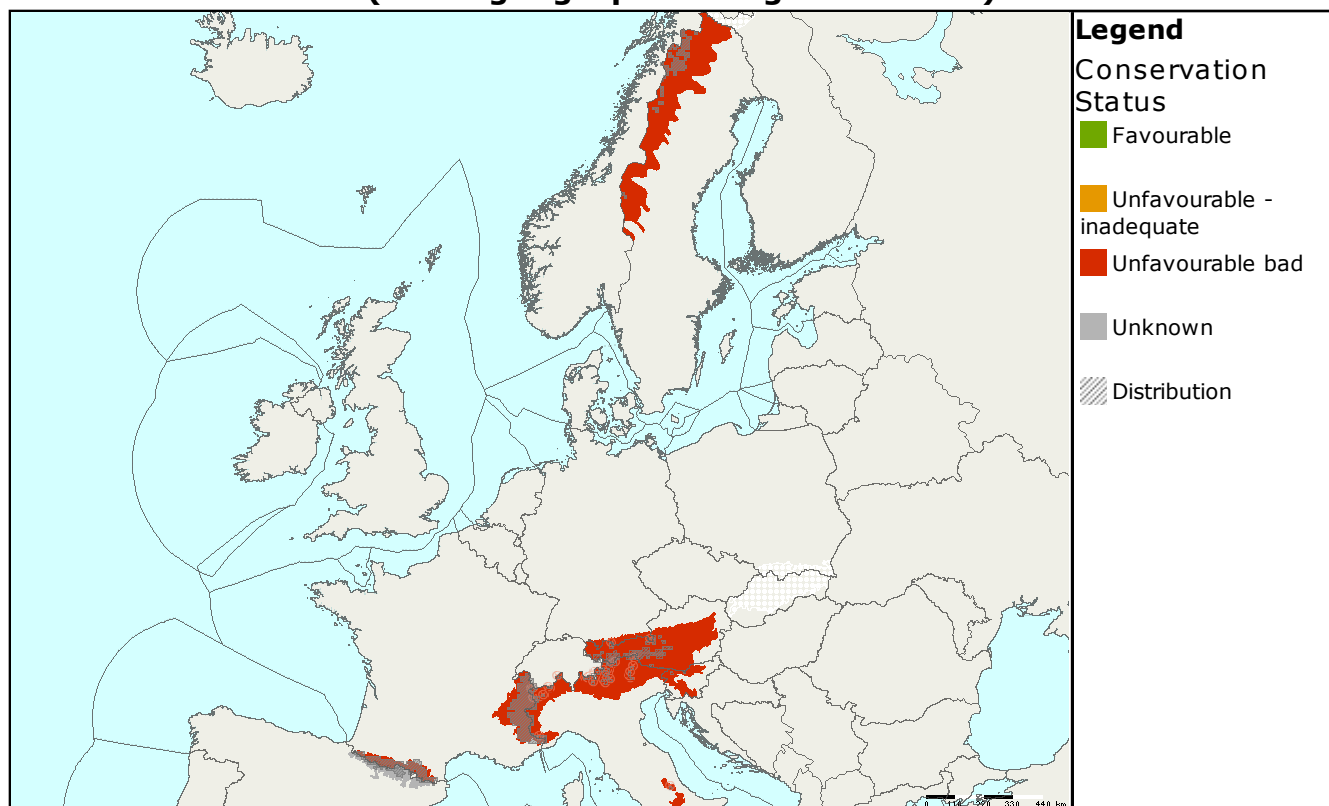


MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km <sup>2</sup>	Trend in area
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ALP	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	1650	

Glaciers and permanent snowfields are found at high altitude or high latitudes and within the European Union are only found in the Alpine region.

All countries have reported this habitat as 'unfavourable-bad' except for Spain which reported 'unknown'. However it is clear from the literature that Spanish glaciers in the Pyrenees are shrinking and cannot be considered 'favourable'. Although some countries note sports such as skiing as a threat and/or pressure, it is clear that the main threat is climate change with some studies suggesting that glaciers may disappear completely from some areas such as the Pyrenees within the next 50 years.

## 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	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	455	-	1
DE	ALP	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	0.35	-	2
ES	ALP	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	8.56	X	3
FR	ALP	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	123	-	2
IT	ALP	Favourable	Favourable	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	293	=	2
SE	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	770	-	2
SI	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	0.02	-	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 <http://biodiversity.eionet.europa.eu/article17>