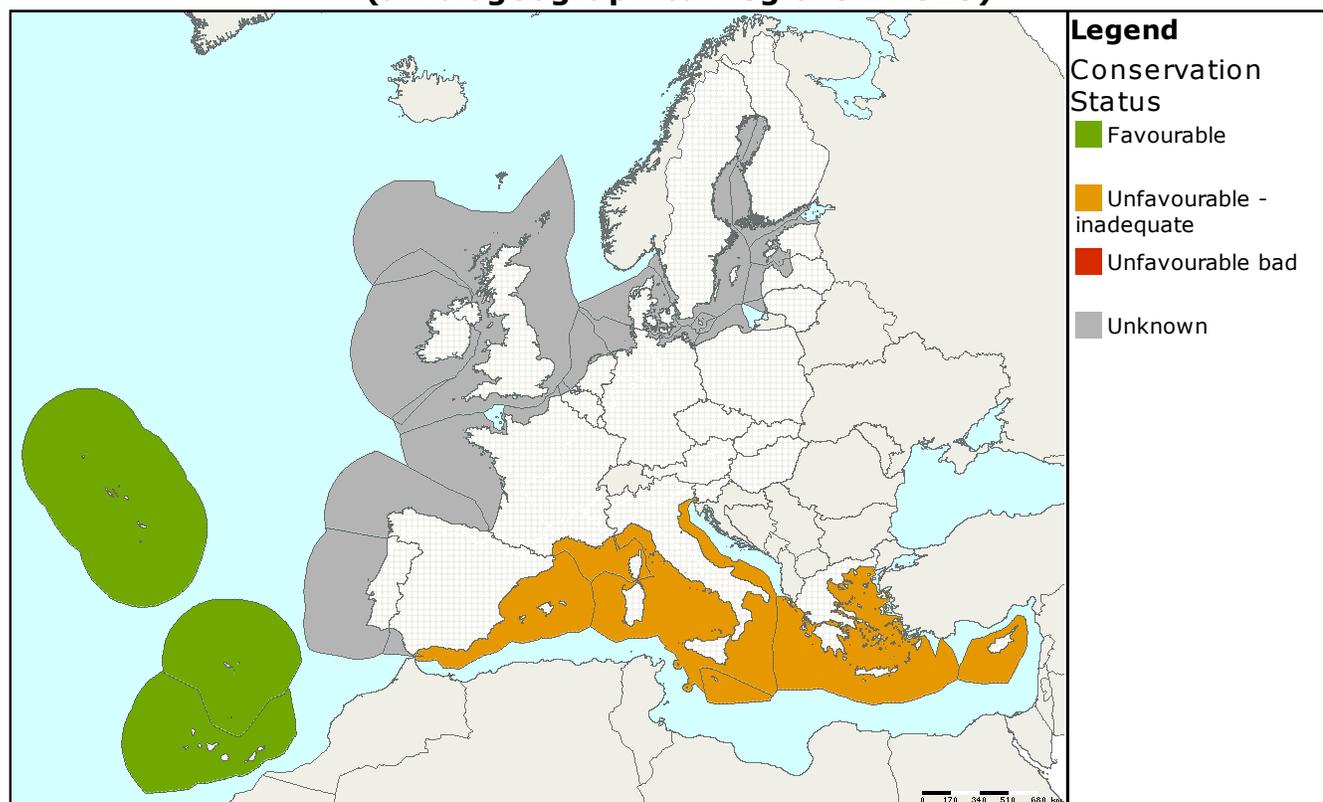


Habitat code: **8330**  
 Habitat name: **Submerged or partially submerged caves**

Habitat group: **rocky habitats**  
 Regions: **MATL MBAL MMAC MMED**

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

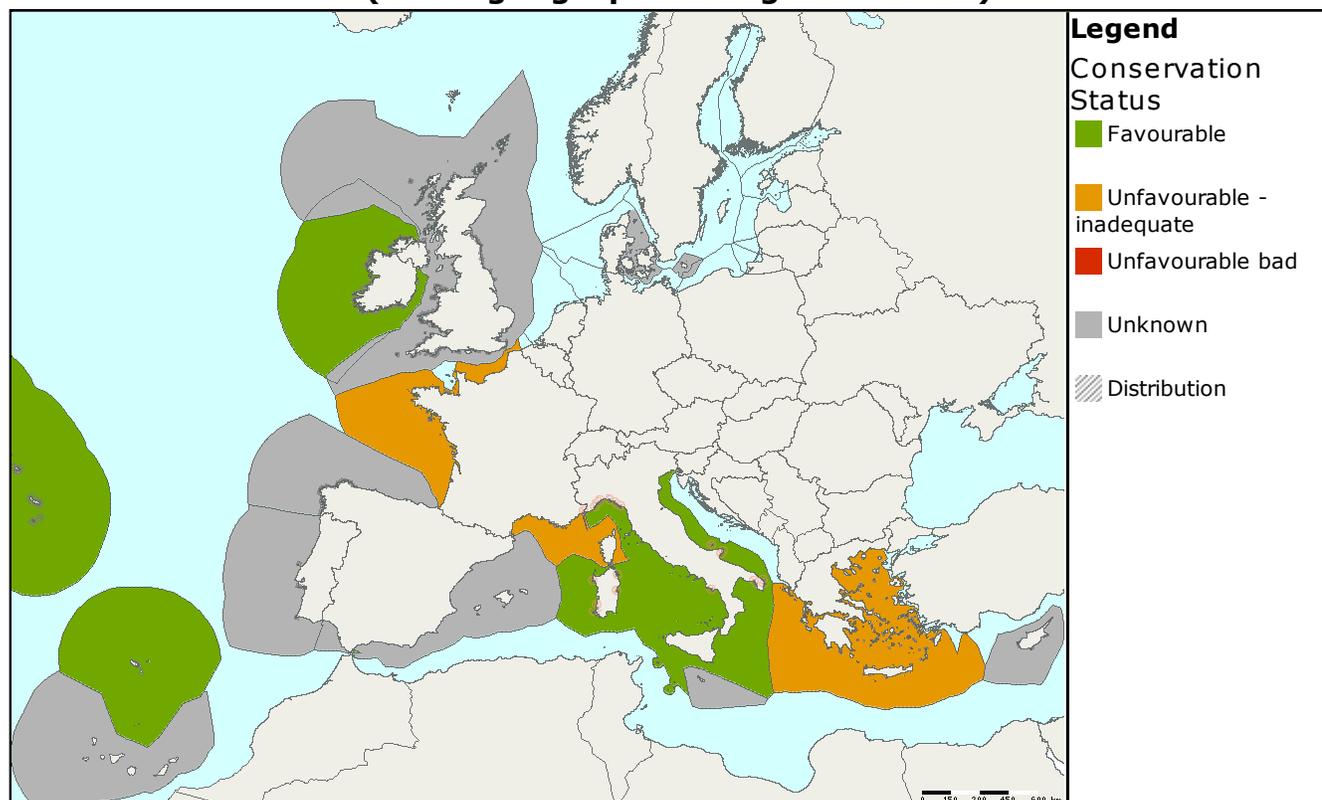


MS	Biogeographic Region	Conservation status assessment					Km <sup>2</sup>	Trend in area
		Range	Area	Structure & function	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MATL						>3	
EU25	MBAL						1	=
EU25	MMAC							
EU25	MMED							

This habitat is distributed throughout Europe's rocky coasts. The communities present in this habitat vary considerably depending on the structure and extent of the cave system, their degree of submergence and of exposure to the wave's action, and their geology. The conservation status of this habitat is 'unknown' in the marine Baltic and Atlantic regions. In the first case this is determined by the only report provided for by Denmark, while in the second cases it is dictated by the large extent of this habitat's distribution in United Kingdom waters. The conservation status is 'favourable' in the marine Macaronesian region due to the Portuguese report. The habitat has an 'unfavourable-inadequate' in the marine Mediterranean region due to the large extent of this habitat's distribution in Greek and French waters where the future prospects parameter is identified as unfavourable-inadequate due to various threats amongst which: pollution, poor coastal zone

management, human disturbance caused by leisure activities. It is to be noted that there is a poor knowledge of this habitat throughout all the regions which is likely due to its submerged / partially submerged characteristics which do not facilitate data collection on its conservation status.

### 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			
ES	MATL						N/A	=	1
FR	MATL						3	=	2
IE	MATL						N/A	=	3
PT	MATL						N/A	=	
UK	MATL						N/A	X	3
DK	MBAL						1	=	3
ES	MMAC						N/A	N/A	
PT	MMAC						5274.2	=	3
CY	MMED						0.03	X	2
EL	MMED						N/A	-	3
ES	MMED						N/A	N/A	
FR	MMED						13	=	2
IT	MMED						14	=	2
MT	MMED						N/A	X	3
UK	MMED						0.06	=	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>