

Species name: **Testudo graeca**
Annex: **II, IV**

Species group: **Amphibians & Reptiles**
Regions: **MED**

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



MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MED						246 grids	=

The Spur-thighed tortoise is widely distributed around the Mediterranean, as well as Bulgaria and Romania. Outside the European Union it is known from the Middle East and North Africa. There is a large number of subspecies described. It is present as an introduction in Gibraltar (United Kingdom) and Malta but not reported. It is reported by Spain, Greece and Italy. All the parameters are reported as 'unknown' by Spain, although it is listed as 'endangered' in the national Red Data Book. Report is 'favorable' in Italy and 'unfavourable-inadequate' in Greece. Overall assessment is 'unfavourable-inadequate'. Better information required especially from Spain. According to IUCN the species is considered as 'vulnerable'.

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



MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Size&unit	Population trend	Data quality
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall			
EL	MED						149 - (149) grids	=	3
ES	MED						60 - (60) loc.	=	1
IT	MED						25 - 28 grids	=	2

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>