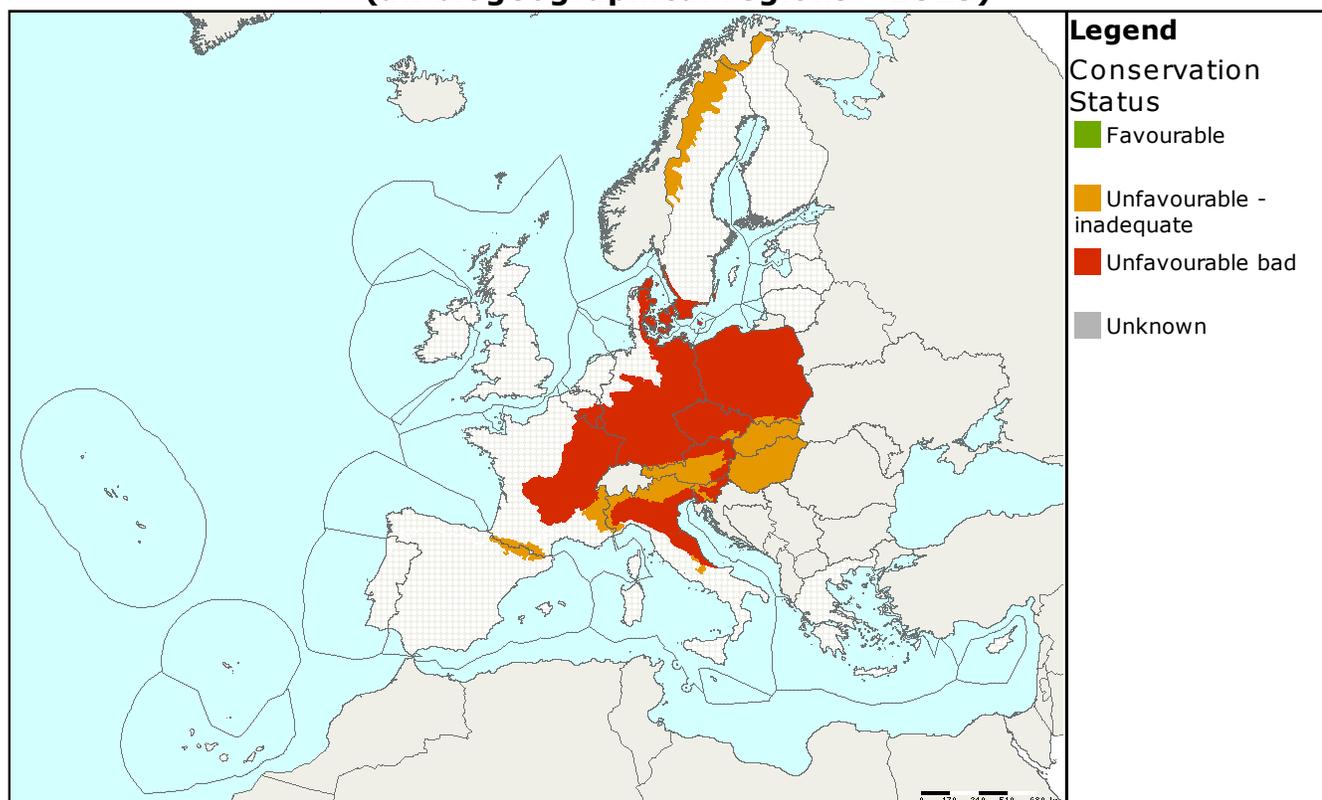


Species name: **Acipenser ruthenus**
Annex: **V**

Species group: **Fish**
Regions: **ALP CON PAN**

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



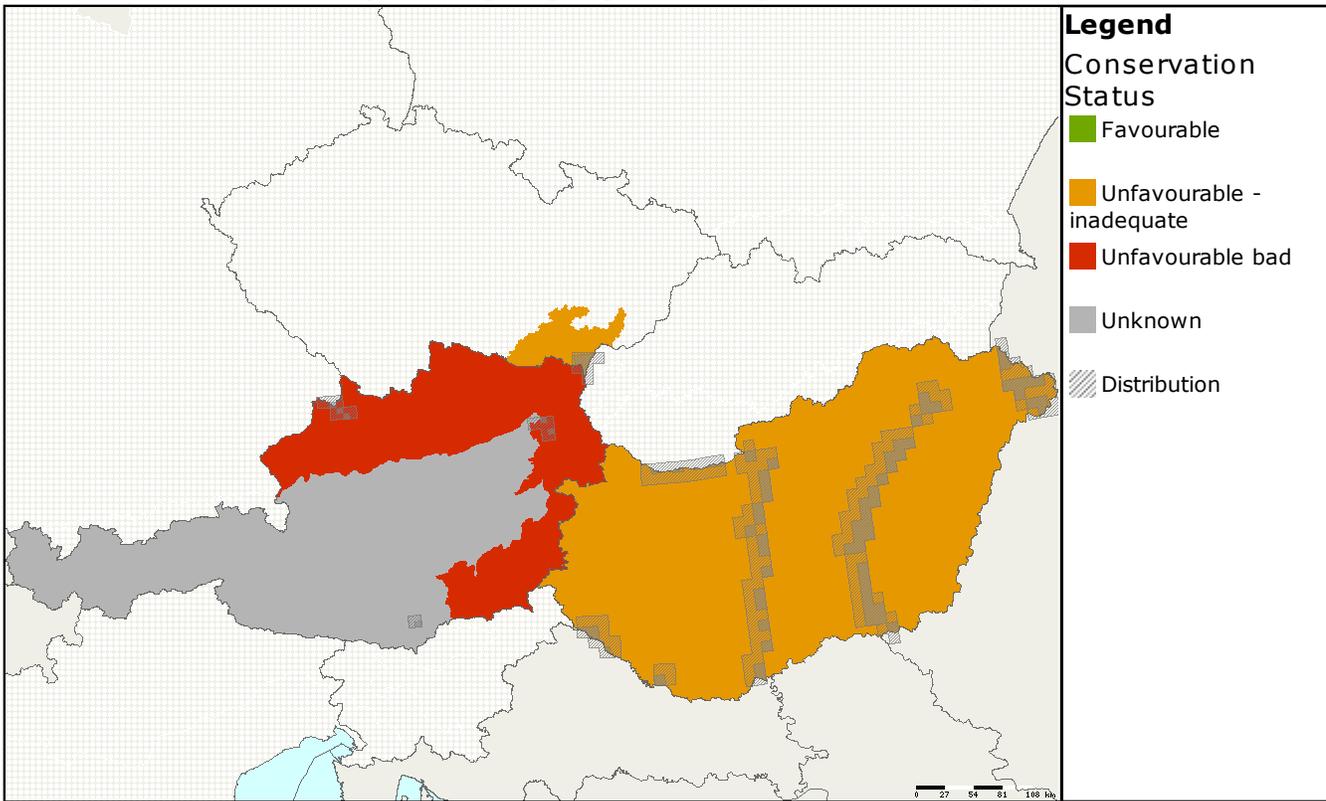
MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	CON	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	-	-
EU25	PAN	Favourable	Unknown	Favourable	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	177 grids	X
EU25	ALP	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unknown	Unknown	Unfavourable - inadequate	100 indiv.	x

ALP: The species has a limited distribution in the Alpine region and is represented by a population of few individuals present in Austria. Even if most of the parameters are unknown, the species is known to be exposed to numerous threats such as hybridisation and habitat reduction.

CON: *A. ruthenus* distribution in AT is limited to the Danube and Drava rivers. Its population and habitat trend are in decrease and it also risks hybridisation with other artificially reared and released sturgeons.

PAN: The distribution of the species is more widespread in HU and less well known in CZ. The future prospects are in general poor due to concerns over habitat degradation issues such as river damming. Available Cites information reports that a conspicuous amount of artificial rearing is carried out in HU for the release of fingerlings which could be at the base of this species widespread distribution. The species overall unfavourable-poor status in the Pannonic Region is in line with its Vulnerable Red Listing status.

**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			
AT	ALP						100 - 100 x	X	3
AT	CON						100 - 1000 x	-	3
CZ	PAN						3 - 3 grids	X	3
HU	PAN						80 - 130 loc.	X	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>