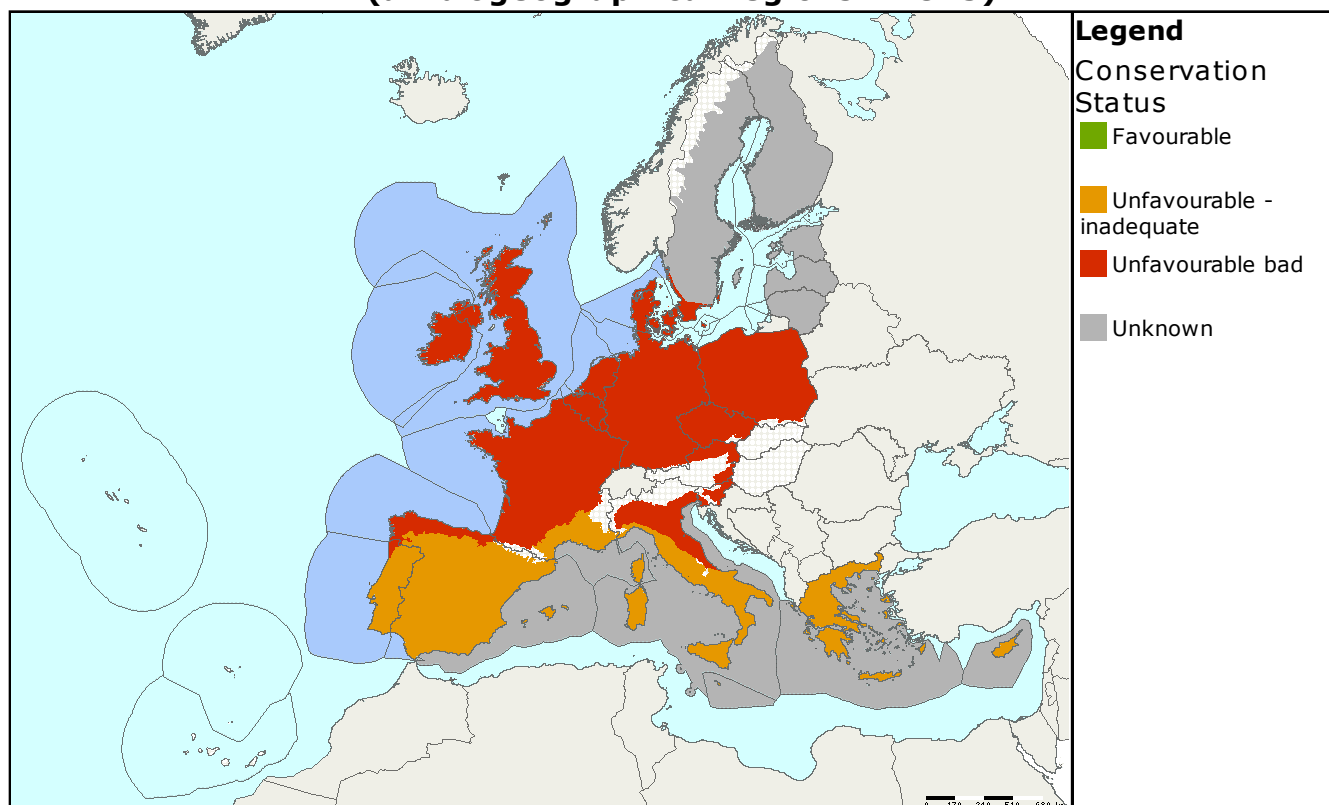


Species name: **Alosa fallax**
Annex: **II, V**

Species group: **Fish**
Regions: **ATL BOR CON MATL MED MMED**

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



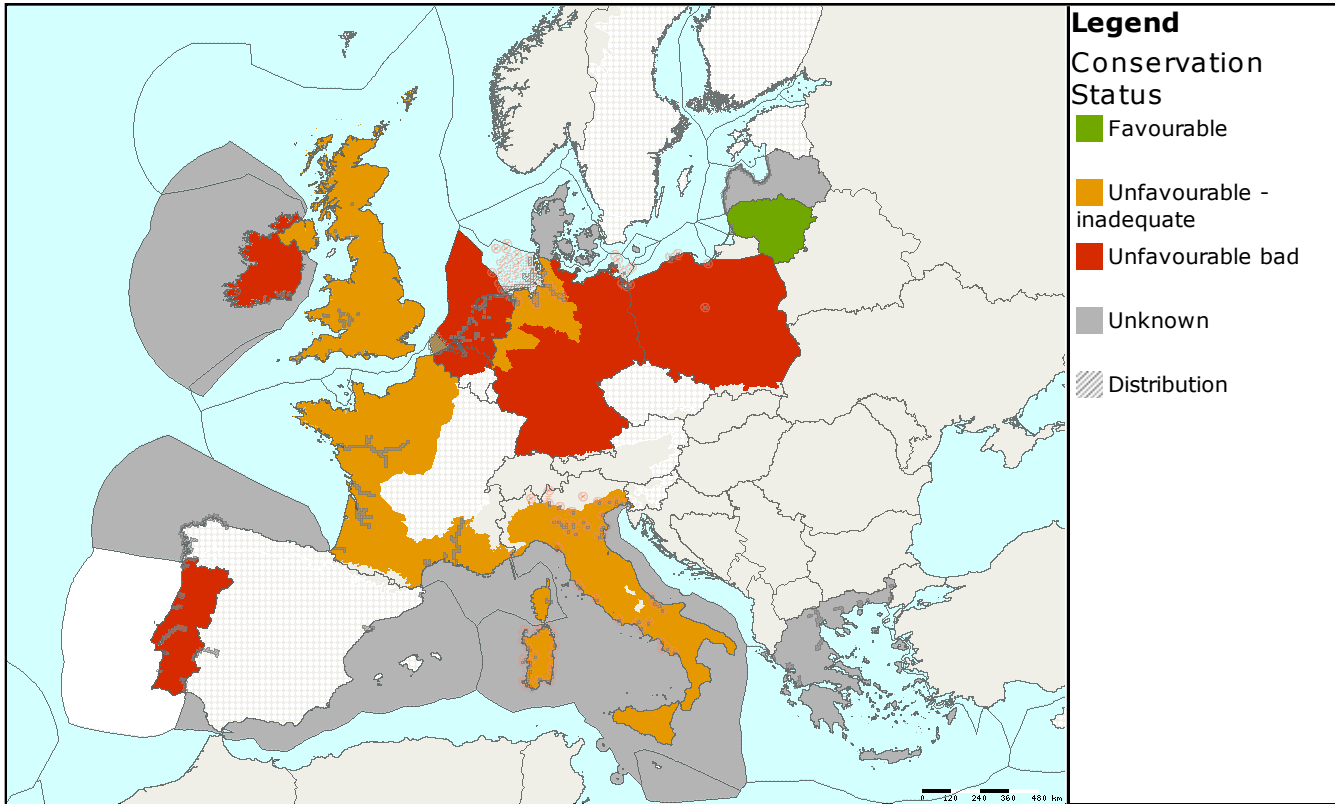
MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	BOR						68 grids	+
EU25	CON						56 grids	
EU25	MMED						> 70 grids	
EU25	ATL						323 grids	
EU25	MED							
EU25	MATL							

The twaite shad is a pelagic and anadromous fish species. It is found along western Europe, from southern Norway to Morocco and along to the eastern Mediterranean, but has declined substantially throughout Europe. Population declines in many parts of Europe have been attributed to pollution, overfishing and migratory route obstructions.

The overall assessment is 'unknown' in the Boreal region due to the lack of information from Latvia on suitable habitat and future prospects for the species. The conservation status is 'unfavourable-bad' in the Atlantic and Continental region, due to the low population sizes reported in all Atlantic countries, and the 'unfavourable-bad' conservation status reported by Germany and Poland. The 'unfavourable-inadequate' conservation status in the Mediterranean region is mainly due to low population sizes and poor future prospects. The species spends the vast majority of its life in marine

waters however, very little data is available concerning its status during this phase of its life cycle. To this effect no overall assessment was made in the marine Atlantic region and the overall assessment for the marine Mediterranean region is 'unknown'. The species is listed as 'Least Concern' in the IUCN Red List of threatened species.

**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			
BE	ATL						4 - 4 grids	=	1
DE	ATL						432 - (432) x	X	3
FR	ATL						100000 - 300000 indiv.	=	3
IE	ATL						3 - 3 loc.	-	2
NL	ATL						3000 - 60000 indiv.	+	3
PT	ATL						N/A x	-	
UK	ATL						100000 - 100000 indiv.	=	3
DK	ATL						N/A x	X	3
LT	BOR						250000 - 400000 indiv.	+	1
LV	BOR						3 - 5 loc.	=	2
DE	CON						9 - (9) x	X	3
IT	CON						36 - 36 grids	-	2
PL	CON						9 - 9 grids	X	3
DK	CON						N/A x	X	3
BE	MATL						10000 - 1000000 indiv.	+	1
ES	MATL						87 - 87 loc.	=	1
IE	MATL						N/A x	X	3
NL	MATL						3000 - 60000 indiv.	+	3
PT	MATL						N/A x	N/A	
EL	MED						N/A x	=	2
FR	MED						10000 - 30000 indiv.	=	2

MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Size&unit	Population trend	Data quality
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall			
IT	MED						58 - 58 grids	-	2
PT	MED						5000 - 50000 indiv.	-	3
ES	MMED						11 - 11 loc.	N/A	
FR	MMED						N/A x	N/A	
IT	MMED						N/A x	X	3
MT	MMED						N/A x	X	3

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>