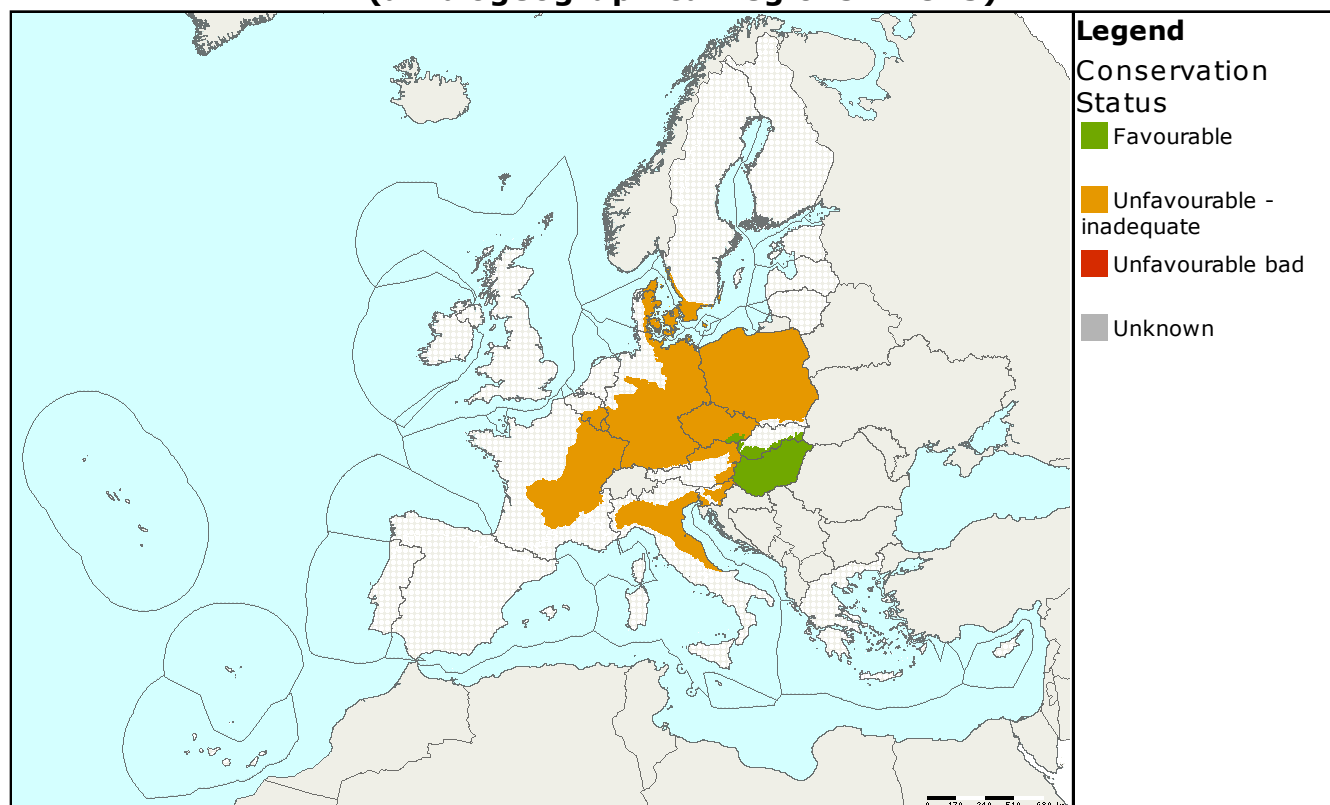


Species name: **Gymnocephalus baloni**  
Annex: **II, IV**

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

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



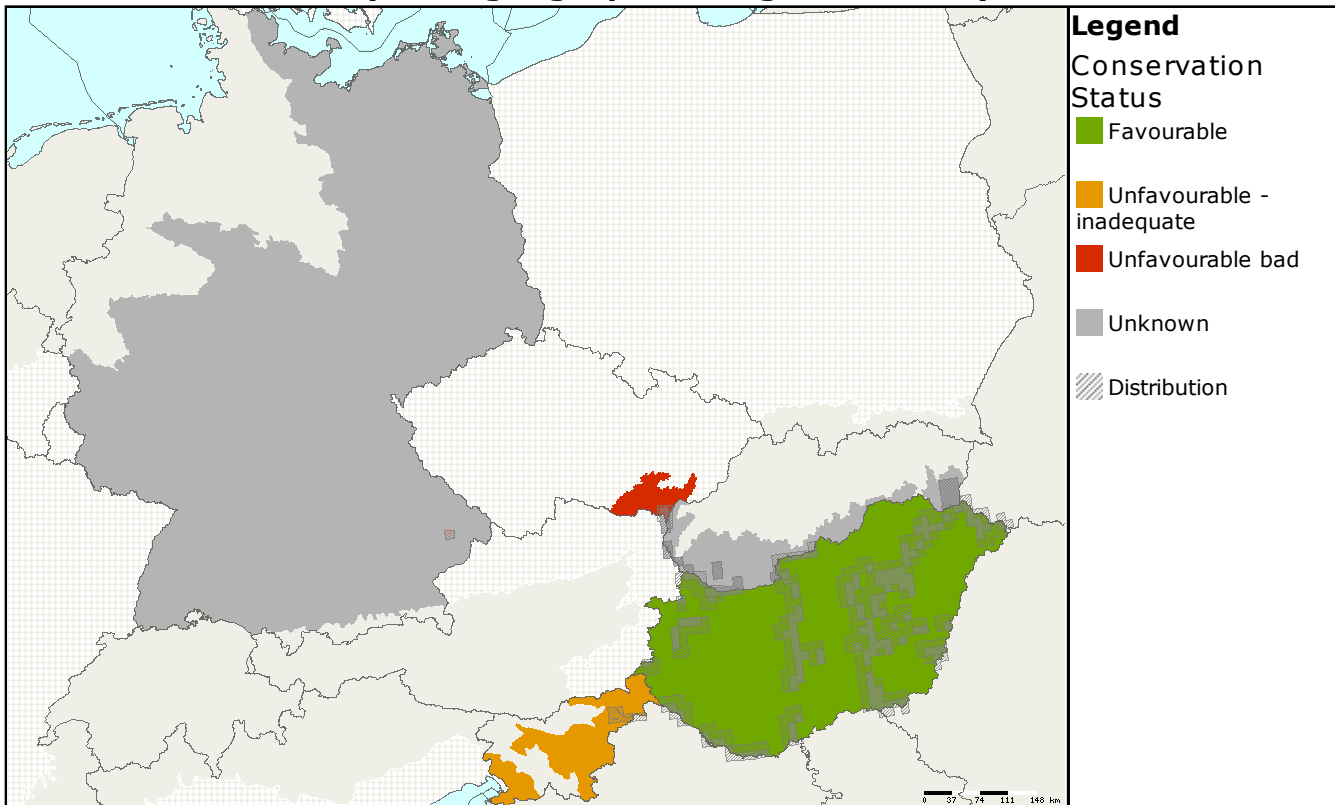
MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	CON						8 grids	X
EU25	PAN						362 grids	X

The Balon's Ruffe is a fish species occurring in big rivers of the Danube river system from the Danube delta up to Bavaria. Within the EU the species occurs as well in Romania and Bulgaria; it was recorded from Austria. It is a species of slowly flowing waters. It inhabits mostly sections with deep water.

The conservation status in the Pannonian biogeographical region is 'favourable'. The major proportion of the population in this biogeographical region was reported in Hungary. The species is relatively common here and no major threats to its population or habitats are known. Further upstream the species becomes rare and the status is not obviously 'favourable'. In the Continental biogeographical region it was assessed as 'unfavourable inadequate'. The major threats to the species in the upper parts of the

Danube are migration barriers.

### 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			
DE	CON						1 - (1) x	X	3
SI	CON						4 - (4) grids	X	3
CZ	PAN						2 - 2 grids	X	3
HU	PAN						150 - 220 loc.	X	2
SK	PAN						3 - 7 x	X	3

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>