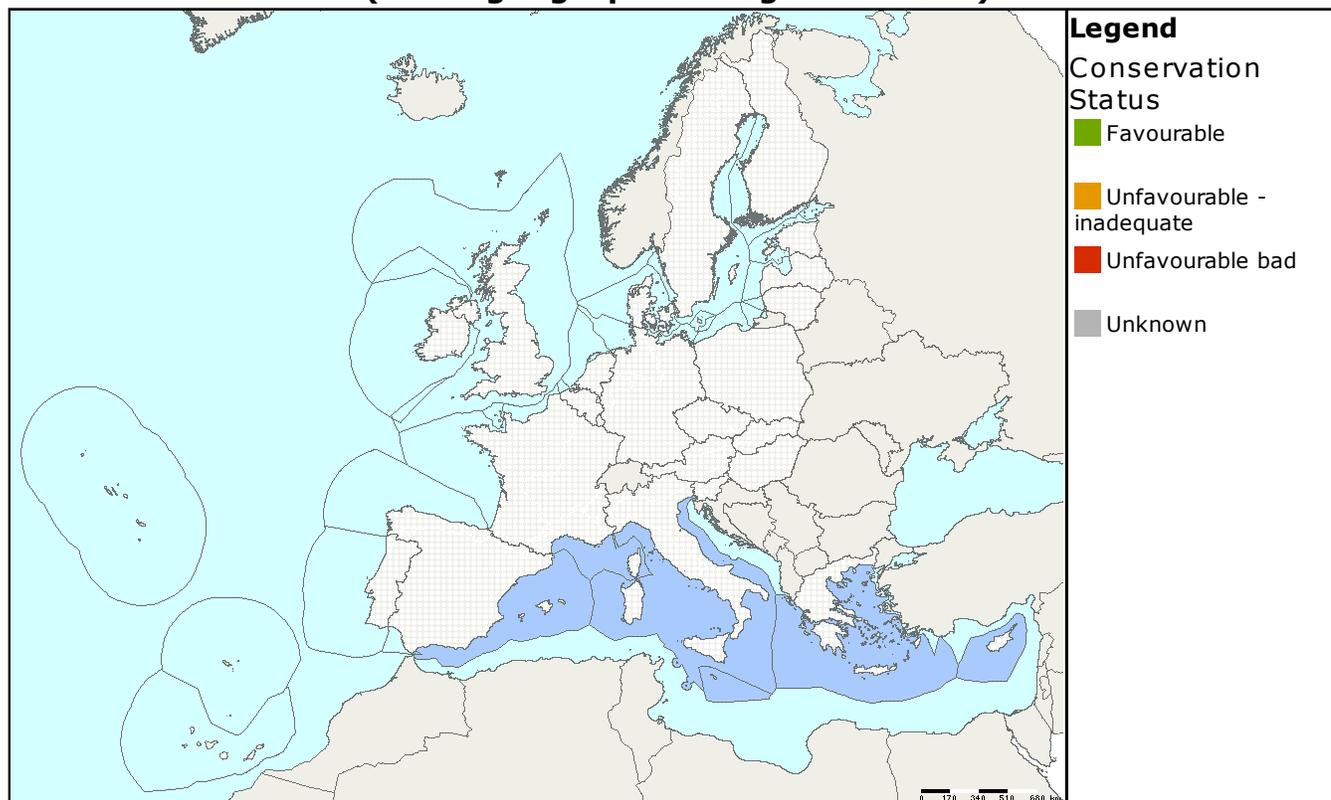


Species name: **Corallium rubrum**
Annex: **V**

Species group: **Invertebrates**
Regions: **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	MMED							

The red coral is a gorgonian endemic species of the Mediterranean and contiguous Atlantic coasts, from southern Portugal to the Cabo Verde Islands. This species settles mainly on rocky cliffs and in submarine caves, from about 20 to 200 meters in depth. It is a slow growing (a few centimetres per year) and long living species.

The marine Mediterranean region assessment was not possible because incomplete parameter compilation by Member States did not allow a national comparison. The species is known to be present but no data on its distribution nor status was provided. The main reported threat to this species is over-harvesting with secondary human impacts including pollution and increased sedimentation. Data on this species is needed particularly to inform judgements on regulating its exploitation.

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	MMED						N/A x	X	
ES	MMED						N/A x	N/A	
FR	MMED						N/A indiv.	=	2
IT	MMED						N/A colony	X	3
MT	MMED						N/A 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>