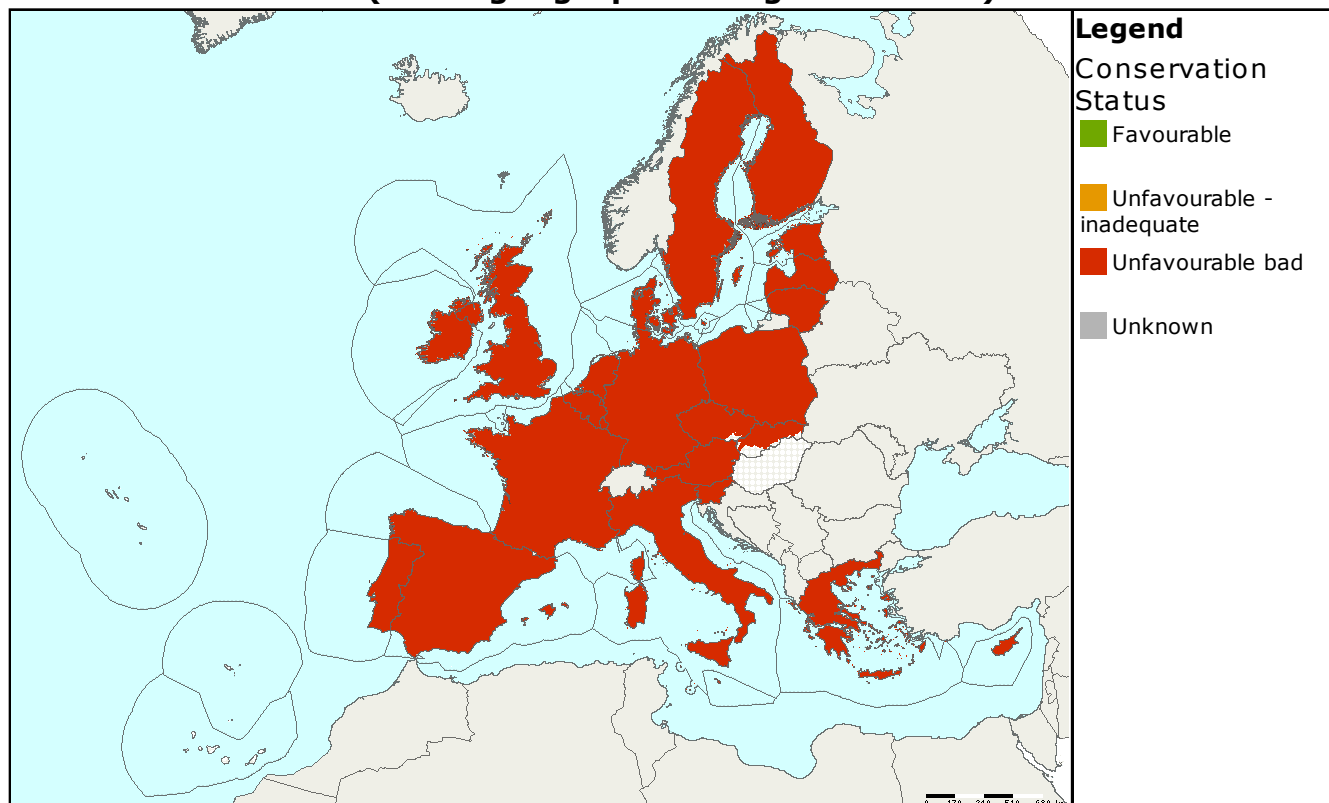


Species name: **Margaritifera margaritifera**  
Annex: **II, V**

Species group: **Invertebrates**  
Regions: **ALP ATL BOR CON MED**

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

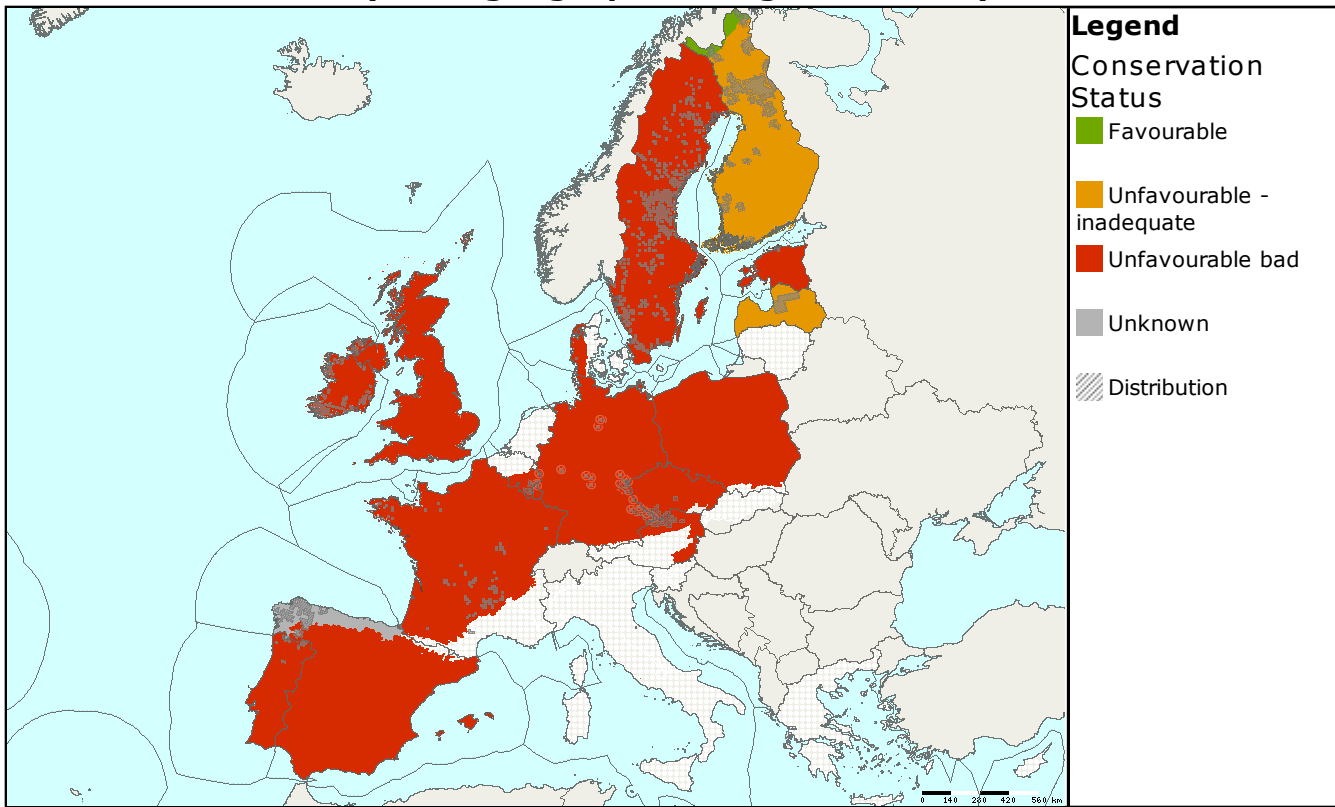


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MED	Unfavourable bad	Unknown	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	30 grids	
EU25	ALP	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	66 grids	=
EU25	BOR	Favourable	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable - inadequate	Unfavourable bad	987 grids	-
EU25	ATL	Unknown	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	> 309 grids	
EU25	CON	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	Unfavourable bad	> 321 grids	

The freshwater pearl mussel is widely spread in European freshwaters. In the past it was widely exploited for its pearls.

The status of this species differs per geographical region. Its status is often reported as ‘unknown’ or ‘bad’ in the Atlantic, Continental and Mediterranean regions and ‘favourable in the Alpine and Boreal region. However, the general trend seems to be that this species is declining. In Poland it is even believed to be extinct. The IUCN conservation status currently is ‘Endangered’ but it needs updating.

## 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			
FI	ALP	FI has provided a report to the European Commission under Article 17							
SE	ALP						4 - 15 x	=	2
DE	ATL						7500 - (7500) indiv.	+	1
DK	ATL						N/A x	X	3
ES	ATL						N/A x	X	
FR	ATL						1500 - 3000 indiv.	-	1
IE	ATL						N/A loc.	-	2
PT	ATL						(100) - 100 indiv.	-	1
UK	ATL						66 - 66 x	-	2
EE	BOR						20000 - 25000 indiv.	-	1
FI	BOR	FI has provided a report to the European Commission under Article 17							
LV	BOR						25000 - 25000 indiv.	-	1
SE	BOR						100 - 550 x	-	2
AT	CON						30000 - 50000 indiv.	-	2
BE	CON						(3000) - 3000 x	-	1
CZ	CON						25000 - 30000 indiv.	-	1
DE	CON						141857 - (141857) indiv.	-	3
FR	CON						100000 - 100000 indiv.	-	1
LU	CON						1000 - 1000 indiv.	-	1
PL	CON						N/A loc.	X	2
SE	CON						- 30 x	=	2
ES	MED						(13) - 13 loc.	-	1
PT	MED						500000 - 1500000 indiv.	-	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>