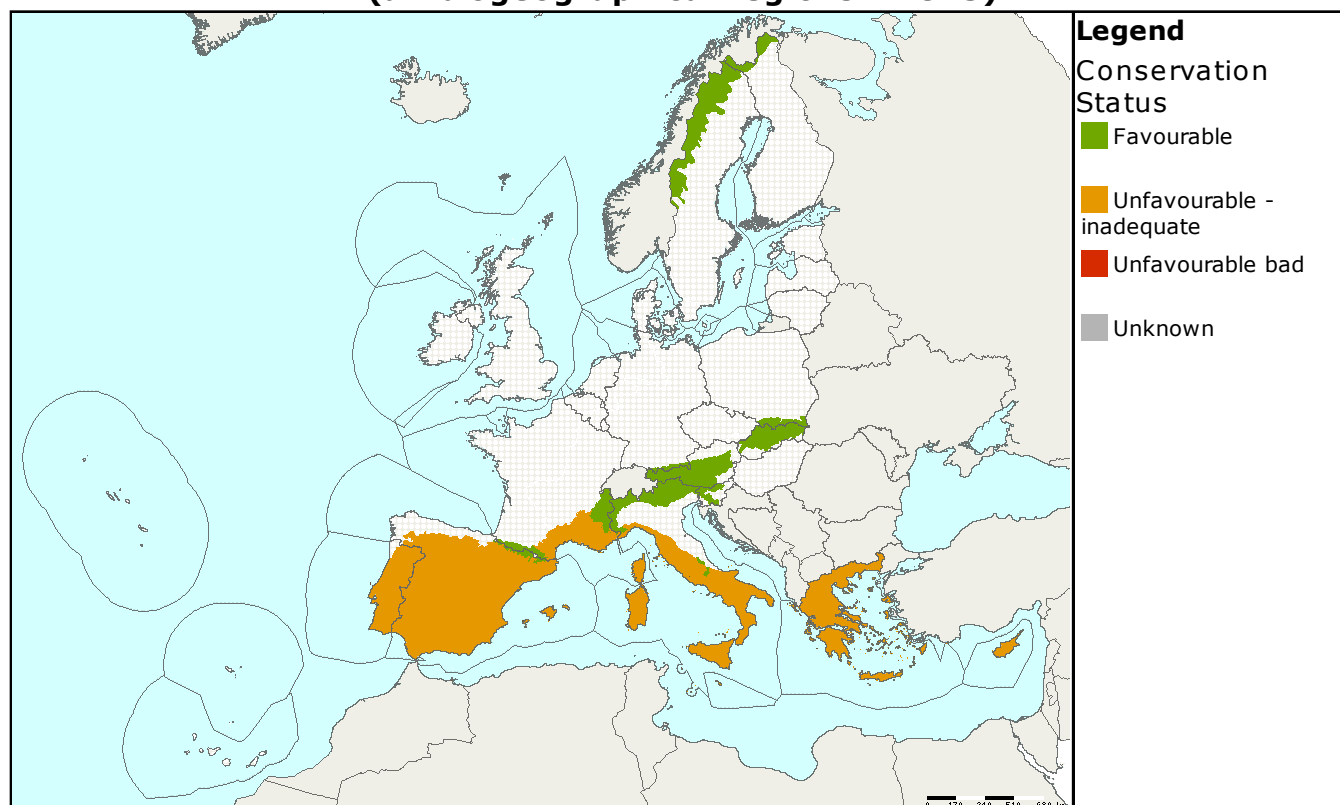


Species name: **Melanargia arge**
Annex: **II, IV**

Species group: **Invertebrates**
Regions: **ALP MED**

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

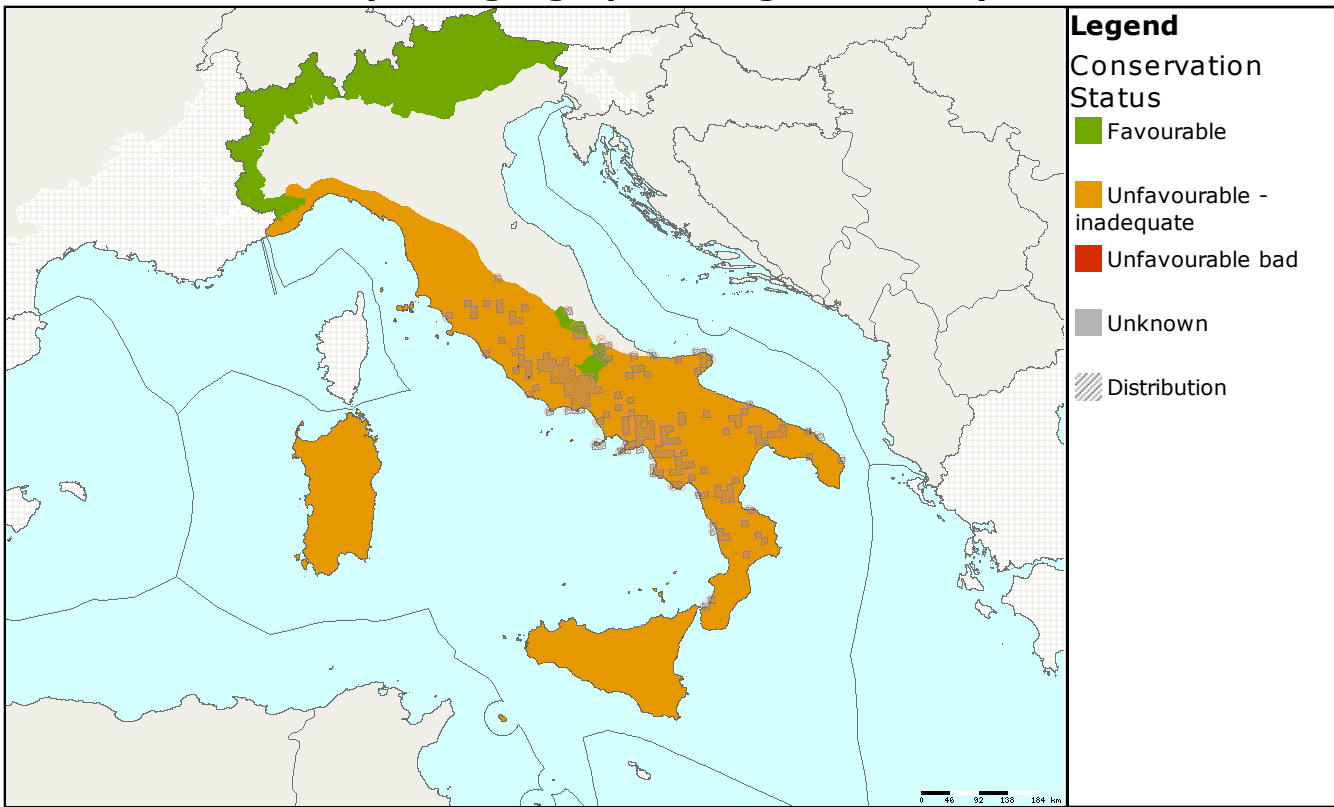


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	ALP	 	 	 	 	 	11 loc.	X
EU25	MED	 	 	 	 	 	270 - 324 loc.	-

The Italian Marbled White is a butterfly endemic to the central and southern Italy. It occurs in steppe grasslands with scattered shrubs and trees on stands protected from wind.

The conservation status in the Alpine biogeographical region, where the species occurs marginally is 'favourable'. In the Continental biogeographical region the status was assessed as 'unfavourable inadequate'. Although the species can be found relatively commonly within its natural range, the populations are small and fragmented. The range and the population size are decreasing and the habitat of species is deteriorated as a result of overgrazing and fire management of pastures.

**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			
IT	ALP						11 - 11 loc.	X	2
IT	MED						270 - 324 loc.	-	2

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

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