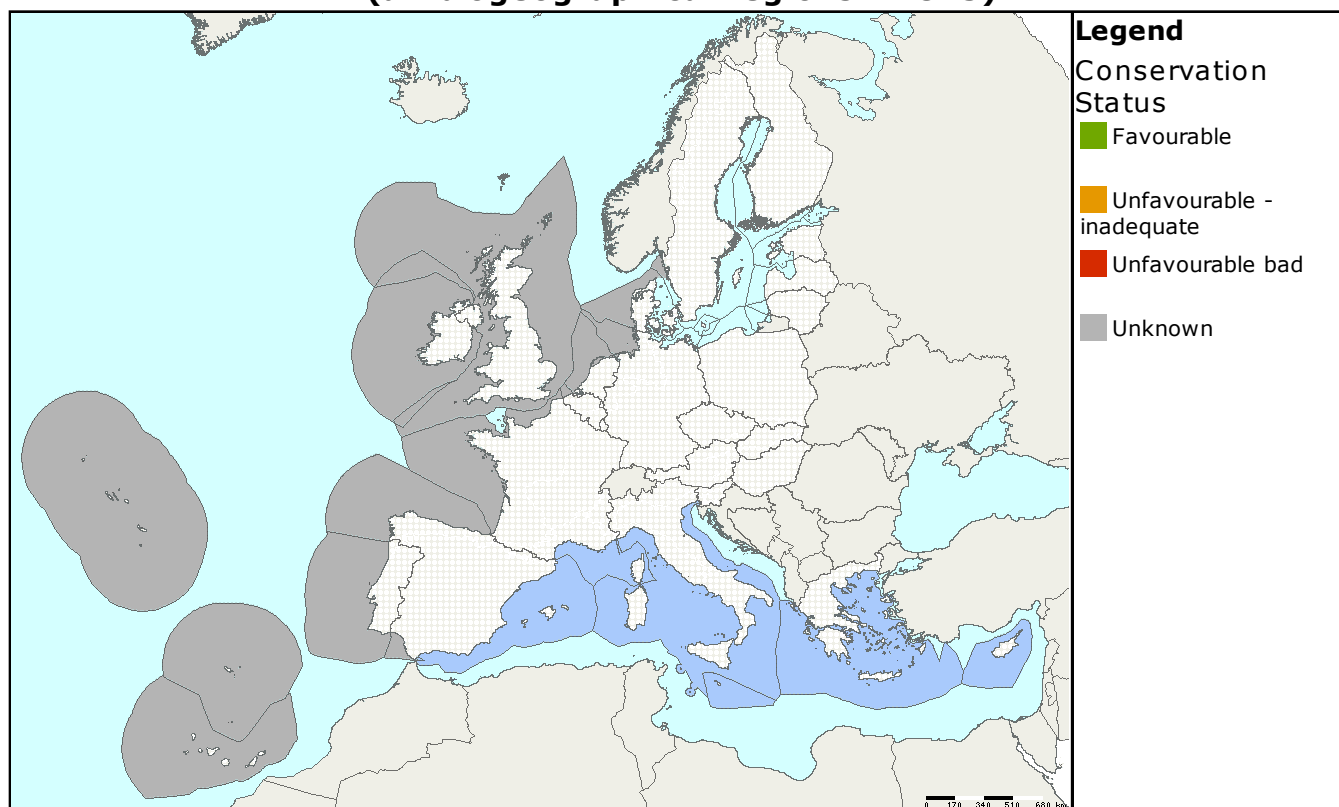


Species name: **Balaenoptera borealis**  
Annex: **IV**

Species group: **Mammals**  
Regions: **MATL MMAC MMED**

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

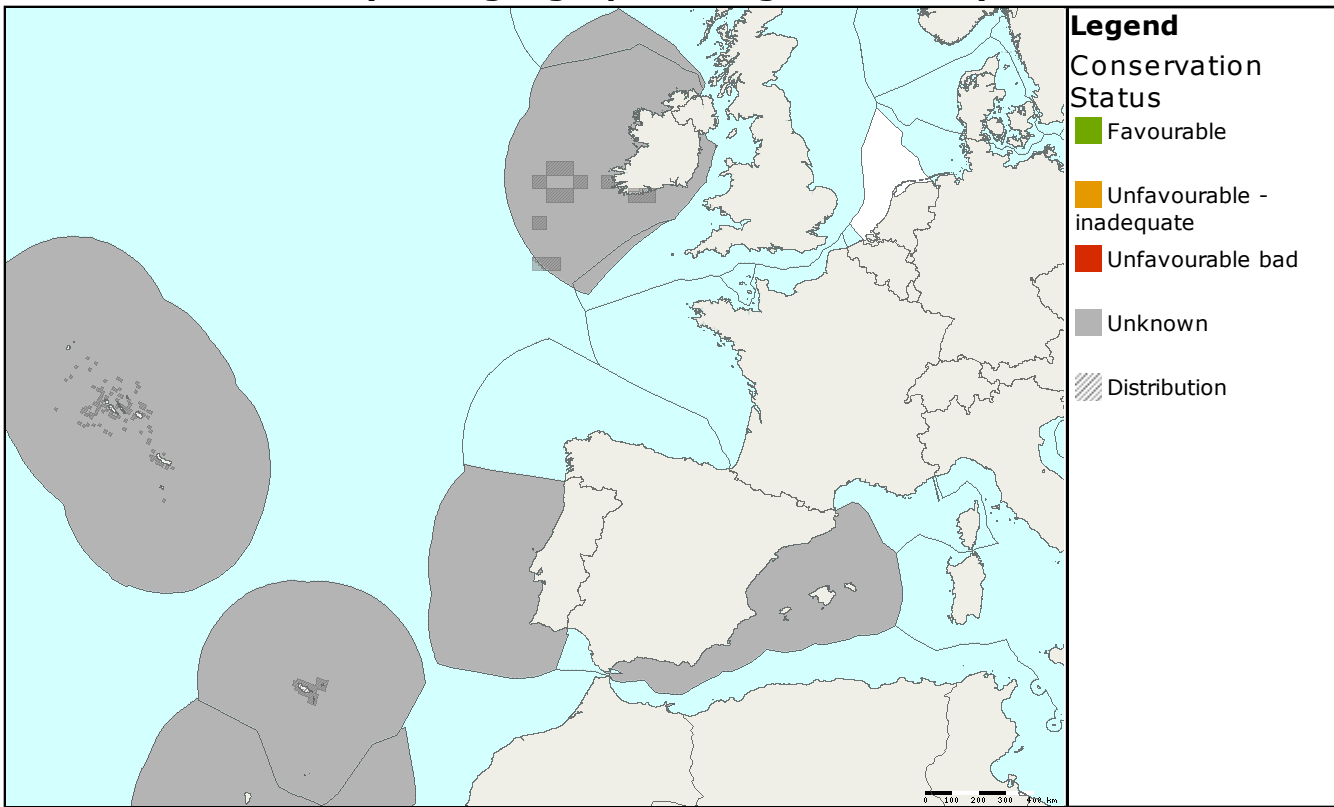


MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MATL							
EU25	MMAC						> 168 grids	X
EU25	MMED							

The Sei whale is widely distributed in the marine Atlantic and Macaronesian regions, from latitudes extending from northern Scotland southwards to the Portuguese and Spanish archipelagos. This area encompasses both its southern wintering and northern summering grounds. It is an occasional visitor to the marine Mediterranean region. The species is found in a distinct offshore habitat namely pelagic waters 500-3,000 meters deep.

The overall assessment in the marine Atlantic region is 'unknown' and based only on the report from the Irish Republic. Portugal reported the species as an occasional visitor. No reports were provided by the United Kingdom, France or Spain. The overall assessment in the marine Macaronesian region is also 'unknown' due to the lack of data. The species is listed as 'endangered' in the IUCN Red List of threatened species because of the impact of whaling.

## 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			
IE	MATL						N/A x	N/A	
NL	MATL						N/A x	N/A	
PT	MATL						N/A x	X	3
ES	MMAC						15000 - 20000 indiv.	X	3
PT	MMAC						N/A x	X	
ES	MMED						N/A x	N/A	

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>