



## 1330 *Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae)*

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| <b>Habitat code</b>  | 1330   |
| <b>Priority</b>      | No   |
| <b>Habitat group</b> | Coastal habitats                             |
| <b>Regions</b>       | Atlantic, Boreal, Continental, Mediterranean |

These salt meadows occur along the coasts of the Atlantic and the western Baltic in the upper part of the intertidal zone on muds and sands. The vegetation is varied but always composed of salt tolerant plants. The vegetation varies with climate and the frequency and duration of tidal inundation; the species composition is often dependent on the grazing regime.

Assessed as "unfavourable" by all member states except Spain where it has been reported as "unknown". Assessed as "unfavourable inadequate" for the Mediterranean region and "bad" for the other regions.

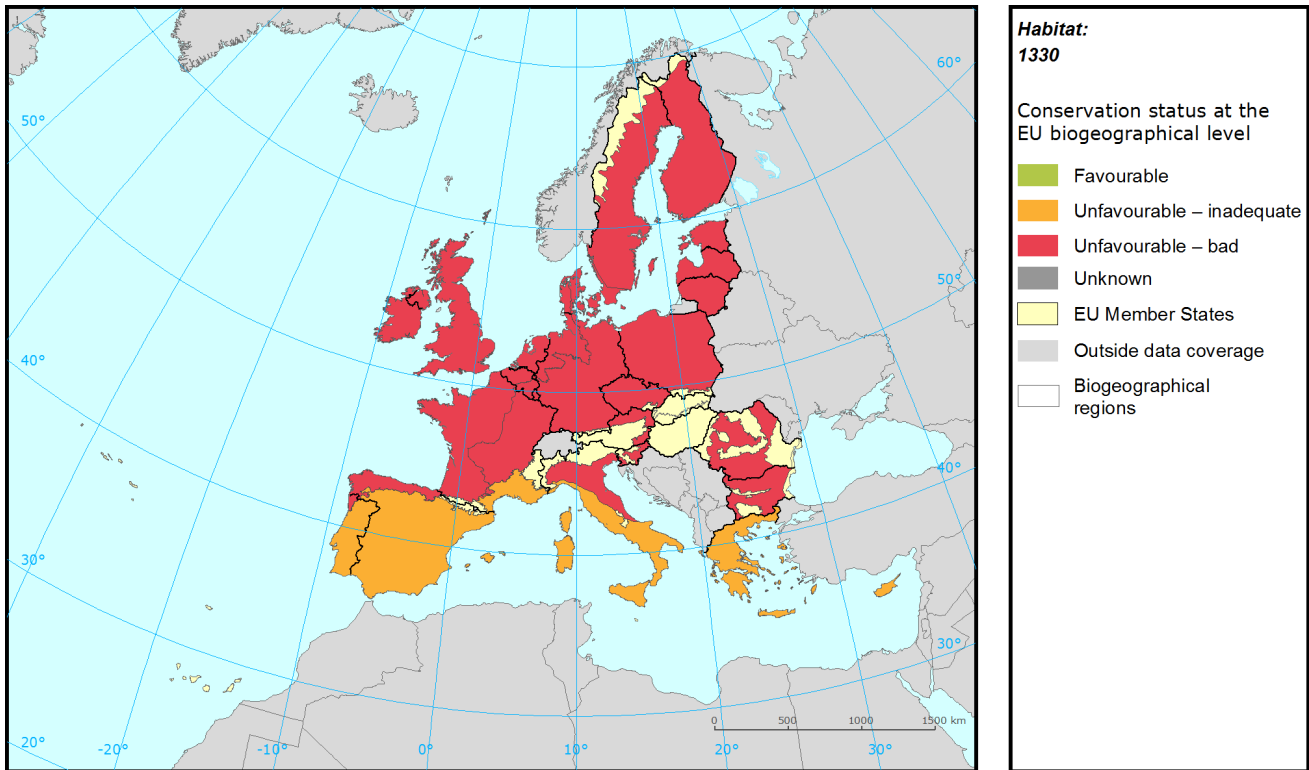
Reasons for the unfavourable conservation status include altered coastal dynamics, agriculture and other human impacts.

Better information required from Germany, Portugal and Spain.

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## Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level



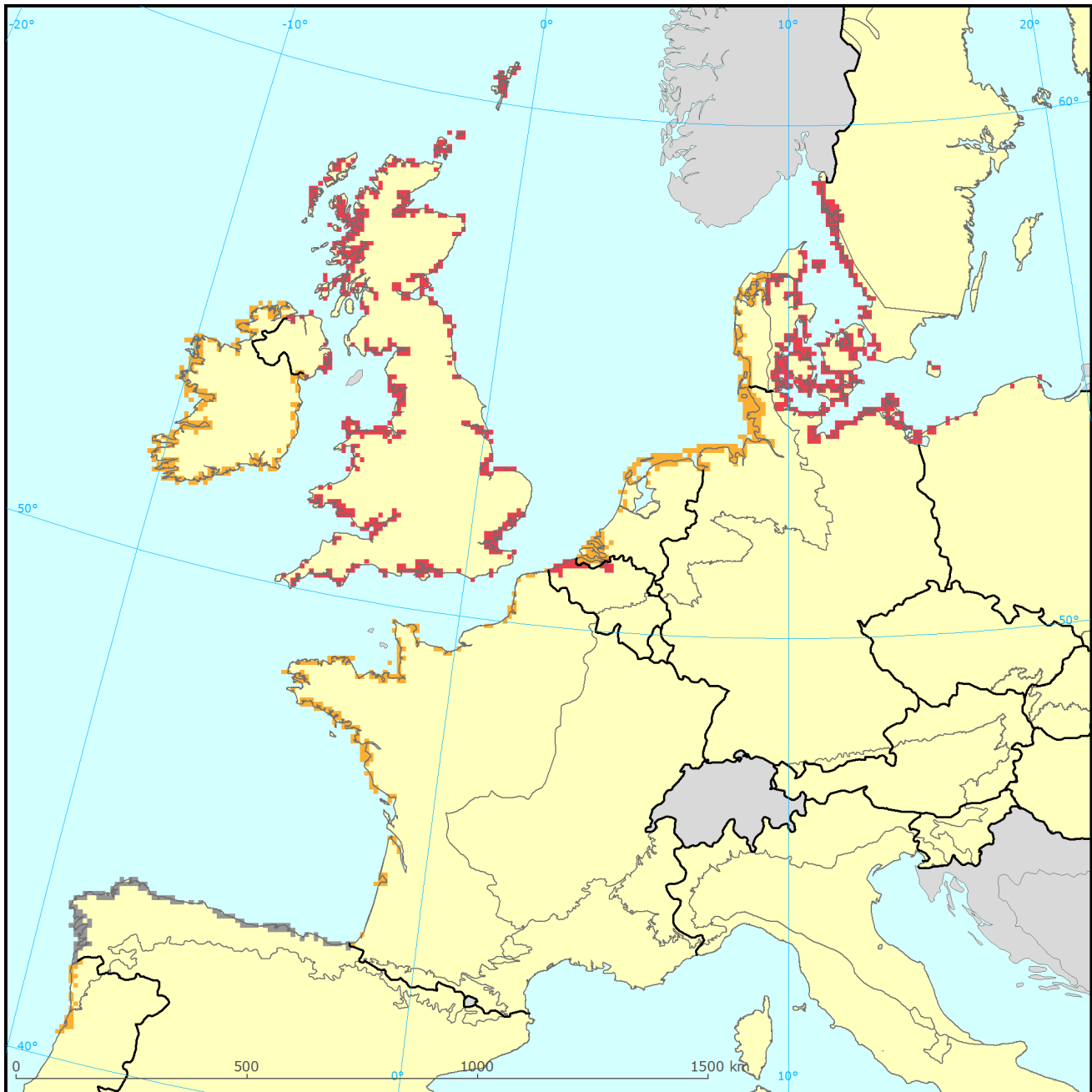
| Region | Conservation status (CS) of parameters |      |                       |                  | Current CS | Trend in CS | % in region | Previous CS | Reason for change |
|--------|--|------|-----------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
|        | Range                                  | Area | Structure & Functions | Future prospects |            |             |             |             |                   |
| ATL    | FV                                     | U1   | U2                    | U1               | U2         | =           | 76          | U1          | Not genuine       |
| BOR    | FV                                     | U2   | U1                    | U2               | U2         | =           | 2           | U2          |                   |
| CON    | FV                                     | U2   | U2                    | U2               | U2         | -           | 22          | U2          |                   |
| MED    | U1                                     | U1   | U1                    | XX               | U1         | x           | 0.63        | U1          |                   |

See the endnote for more information<sup>i</sup>

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## Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



### **Habitat: 1330**

Distribution and conservation status at the Member State level

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|  Favourable                |  EU Member States       |
|  Unfavourable - inadequate |  Outside data coverage  |
|  Unfavourable - bad        |  Biogeographical region |
|  Unknown                   |  |

The map shows both Conservation Status and distribution using a 10 km x 10 km grid. Conservation status is assessed at biogeographical level. Therefore the representation in each grid cell is only illustrative.

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| MS | Region | Conservation status (CS) of parameters |      |                       |                  | Current CS | Trend in CS | % in region | Previous CS    | Reason for change |
|----|--------|--|------|-----------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
|    |        | Range                                  | Area | Structure & functions | Future prospects |            |             |             |                |                   |
| BE | ATL    | FV                                     | U2   | U1                    | U2               | =          | 1.7         | U2          |                |                   |
| DE | ATL    | FV                                     | FV   | U1                    | U1               | =          | 7.9         | U1          |                |                   |
| DK | ATL    | FV                                     | FV   | U1                    | U1               | =          | 4.5         | U2          | Changed method |                   |
| ES | ATL    | FV                                     | FV   | XX                    | XX               |            | 9.0         | XX          |                |                   |
| FR | ATL    | FV                                     | U1   | U1                    | U1               | =          | 12.1        | U1          |                |                   |
| IE | ATL    | FV                                     | FV   | U1                    | U1               | =          | 16.6        | U1          |                |                   |
| NL | ATL    | FV                                     | U1   | U1                    | U1               | =          | 6.6         | U1          |                |                   |
| PT | ATL    | FV                                     | U1   | U1                    | XX               | x          | 1.0         | U1          |                |                   |
| UK | ATL    | FV                                     | U1   | U2                    | U1               | =          | 40.6        | U2-         | Genuine        |                   |
| SE | BOR    | FV                                     | U2   | U1                    | U2               | =          | 100.0       | U2          |                |                   |
| DE | CON    | FV                                     | U2   | U2                    | U1               | -          | 24.4        | U1          | Genuine        |                   |
| DK | CON    | FV                                     | FV   | U2                    | U2               | =          | 57.1        | U2          |                |                   |
| PL | CON    | FV                                     | U2   | U1                    | U1               | +          | 4.4         | U2          |                |                   |
| SE | CON    | FV                                     | U2   | U1                    | U2               | =          | 14.1        | U2          |                |                   |
| PT | MED    | FV                                     | U1   | U1                    | XX               | x          | 100.0       | U1          |                |                   |

Knowing that not all changes in conservation status between the reporting periods were genuine, Member States were asked to give the reasons for changes in conservation status. Bulgaria and Romania only joined the EU in 2007 and Greece did not report for 2007-12 so no reason is given for change for these countries. Greek data shown above is from 2001-06.

## Main pressures and threats reported by Member States

Member States were asked to report the 20 most important threats and pressures using an agreed hierarchical list which can be found on the [Article 17 Reference Portal](#). Pressures are activities which are currently having an impact on the habitats and threats are activities expected to have an impact in the near future. Pressures and threats were ranked in three classes 'high, medium and low importance'; the tables below only show threats and pressures classed as 'high', for some habitats there were less than ten threats or pressures reported as highly important.

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## Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' pressures

| Code | Activity                                   | Frequency |
|------|--|-----------|
| J02  | Changes in water bodies conditions         | 30        |
| A04  | Grazing by livestock                       | 26        |
| A08  | Fertilisation in agriculture               | 7         |
| H01  | Pollution to surface waters                | 7         |
| I01  | Invasive alien species                     | 7         |
| A02  | Modification of cultivation practices      | 4         |
| A03  | Mowing or cutting grasslands               | 4         |
| D01  | Roads, railroads and paths                 | 4         |
| I02  | Problematic native species                 | 4         |
| K02  | Vegetation succession/Biocenotic evolution | 4         |

## Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

| Code | Activity                                | Frequency |
|------|---|-----------|
| A04  | Grazing by livestock                    | 22        |
| J02  | Changes in water bodies conditions      | 22        |
| A08  | Fertilisation in agriculture            | 9         |
| I01  | Invasive alien species                  | 9         |
| A02  | Modification of cultivation practices   | 4         |
| A03  | Mowing or cutting grasslands            | 4         |
| D01  | Roads, railroads and paths              | 4         |
| G05  | Other human intrusions and disturbances | 4         |
| H01  | Pollution to surface waters             | 4         |
| H04  | Air pollution, air-borne pollutants     | 4         |

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## Proportion of population covered by the Natura 2000 network

Member States were asked to report the area of the habitat which is covered by the Natura 2000 network. The percentage of the habitat area covered by the network was estimated by comparing the area within the network and the total area in the biogeographical/marine region.

### Percentage of coverage by Natura 2000 sites in biogeographical/marine region

|           | ATL  | BOR | CON | MED |
|-----------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>BE</b> | 76   |     |     |     |
| <b>DE</b> | 96   |     | x   |     |
| <b>DK</b> | 82   |     | 73  |     |
| <b>ES</b> | 100* |     |     |     |
| <b>FR</b> | 100  |     |     |     |
| <b>IE</b> | 76   |     |     |     |
| <b>NL</b> | 100  |     |     |     |
| <b>PL</b> |      |     | 100 |     |
| <b>PT</b> | x    |     |     | x   |
| <b>SE</b> |      | 10  | 100 |     |
| <b>UK</b> | 79   |     |     |     |

See the endnotes for more information<sup>ii</sup>

## Most frequently reported conservation measures

Member States were asked to report up to 20 conservation measures being implemented for this habitat using an agreed list which can be found on the Article 17 Reference Portal. Member States were further requested to highlight up to five most important ('highly important') measures; the table below only shows measures classed as 'high', for many habitats there were less than ten measures reported as highly important.

### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' conservation measures

| Code | Measure  | Frequency |
|------|--|-----------|
| 2.1  | Maintaining grasslands and other open habitats     | 29        |
| 4.2  | Restoring/improving the hydrological regime        | 13        |
| 6.1  | Establish protected areas/sites                    | 13        |
| 6.3  | Legal protection of habitats and species           | 13        |
| 2.0  | Other agriculture-related measures                 | 8         |
| 4.4  | Restoring coastal areas                            | 8         |
| 2.2  | Adapting crop production                           | 4         |
| 6.0  | Other spatial measures                             | 4         |
| 6.2  | Establishing wilderness areas/ allowing succession | 4         |
| 6.4  | Manage landscape features                          | 4         |

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This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive in 2013 and covering the period 2007-2012. More detailed information, including the MS reports, is available at:

<http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article17/reports2012/habitat/summary/?group=Coastal+habitats&period=3&subject=1330>

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**i Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level:** Current Conservation Status (Current CS) shows the status for the reporting period 2007-2012, Previous Conservation Status (Previous CS) for the reporting period 2000-2006. Reason for change in conservation status between the reporting periods indicates whether the changes in the status were genuine or not genuine. Previous Conservation Status was not assessed for Steppic, Black Sea and Marine Black Sea regions. For these regions the Previous status is therefore considered as 'unknown'. The percentage of the habitat area occurring within the biogeographical/marine region (% in region) is calculated based on the area of GIS distribution.

**ii Percentage of coverage by Natura 2000 sites in biogeographical/marine region:** In some cases the population size within the Natura 2000 network has been estimated using a different methodology to the estimate of overall population size and this can lead to percentage covers greater than 100%. In such case the value has been given as 100% and highlighted with an asterisk (\*). The value 'x' indicates that the Member State has not reported the habitat area and/or the coverage by Natura 2000. No information is available for Greece. The values are only provided for regions, in which the occurrence of the habitat has been reported by the Member States.