



2230 *Malcolmietalia* dune grasslands

Habitat code	2230
Priority	No
Habitat group	Dunes habitats
Regions	Atlantic, Continental, Mediterranean

This habitat is formed by vegetation dominated by annual pioneer species of dry depressions in dune systems and is found along coasts from north-west Spain to Greece and on larger Mediterranean islands but not reported from Malta.

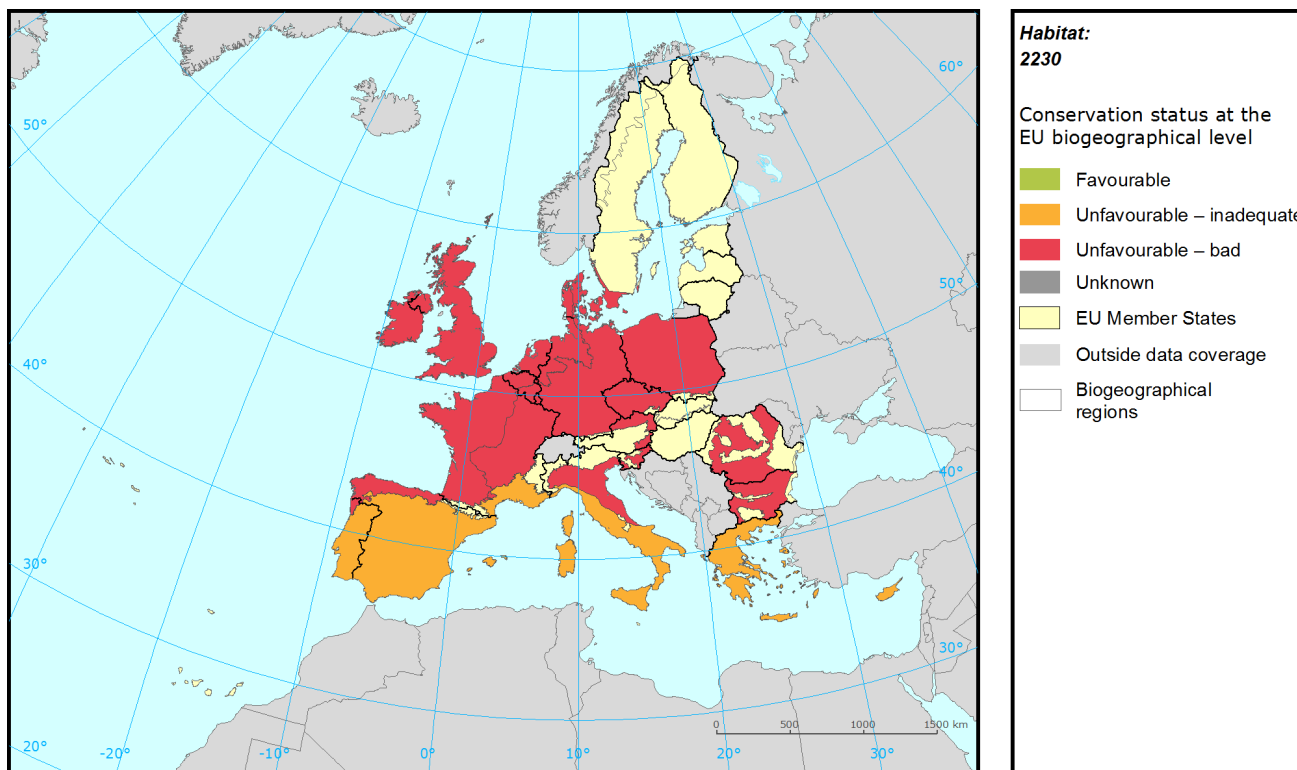
Assessed as Unfavourable bad in the Atlantic and Continental regions but Unfavourable inadequate in the Mediterranean region where it is more widespread. The changes in Conservation Status since 2001-06 in the first two regions are due to changes in methods and better data and not considered genuine. Although data quality has improved, especially in Spain, data from Portugal still lacks habitat area and some parameters remain Unknown.

A variety of activities associated with tourism, leisure and urbanisation are reported as highly important threats and pressures, together with invasive non-native species.

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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	U1	U1	U2	U1	U2	=	7	XX	Not genuine
CON	U2	U2	U2	U2	U2	-	7	U1	Not genuine
MED	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	x	86	U1	

See the endnote for more informationⁱ

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Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



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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					
ES	ATL	U1	U1	U2	U1	U2	=	79.1	XX	Changed method
PT	ATL	XX	U1	U1	XX	U1	=	20.9	U1	
IT	CON	U2	U2	U2	U2	U2	-	100.0	U1	Better data
CY	MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV		4.7	U1+	Better data
ES	MED	FV	XX	U1	U1	U1	-	19.4	XX	Changed method
FR	MED	U1	U2	U1	U2	U2	=	8.9	U2	
GR	MED	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1		1.5	U1	
IT	MED	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	x	50.7	XX	Better data
PT	MED	XX	U1	U1	XX	U1	=	14.9	U1	
UK	MED	FV	FV	FV	U1	U1	=		U1+	Better data

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.

Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' pressures

Code	Activity	Frequency
G01	Outdoor sports, leisure and recreational activities	25
G05	Other human intrusions and disturbances	25
E01	Urbanisation and human habitation	13
G02	Sport and leisure infrastructures	13
I01	Invasive alien species	13
D05	Improved access to site	6
K01	Abiotic natural processes	6

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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	CON	MED
CY			100
ES	97		40
FR			100
IT		32	49
PT	x		x
UK			100

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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
4.4	Restoring coastal areas	23
6.1	Establish protected areas/sites	23
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	23
6.0	Other spatial measures	15
8.1	Urban and industrial waste management	8
9.1	Regulating/Management exploitation of natural resources on land	8

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=Dunes+habitats&period=3&subject=2230>

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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.