



9140 *Medio-European subalpine beech woods with Acer and Rumex arifolius*

Habitat code	9140
Priority	No
Habitat group	Forests
Regions	Alpine, Continental, Mediterranean

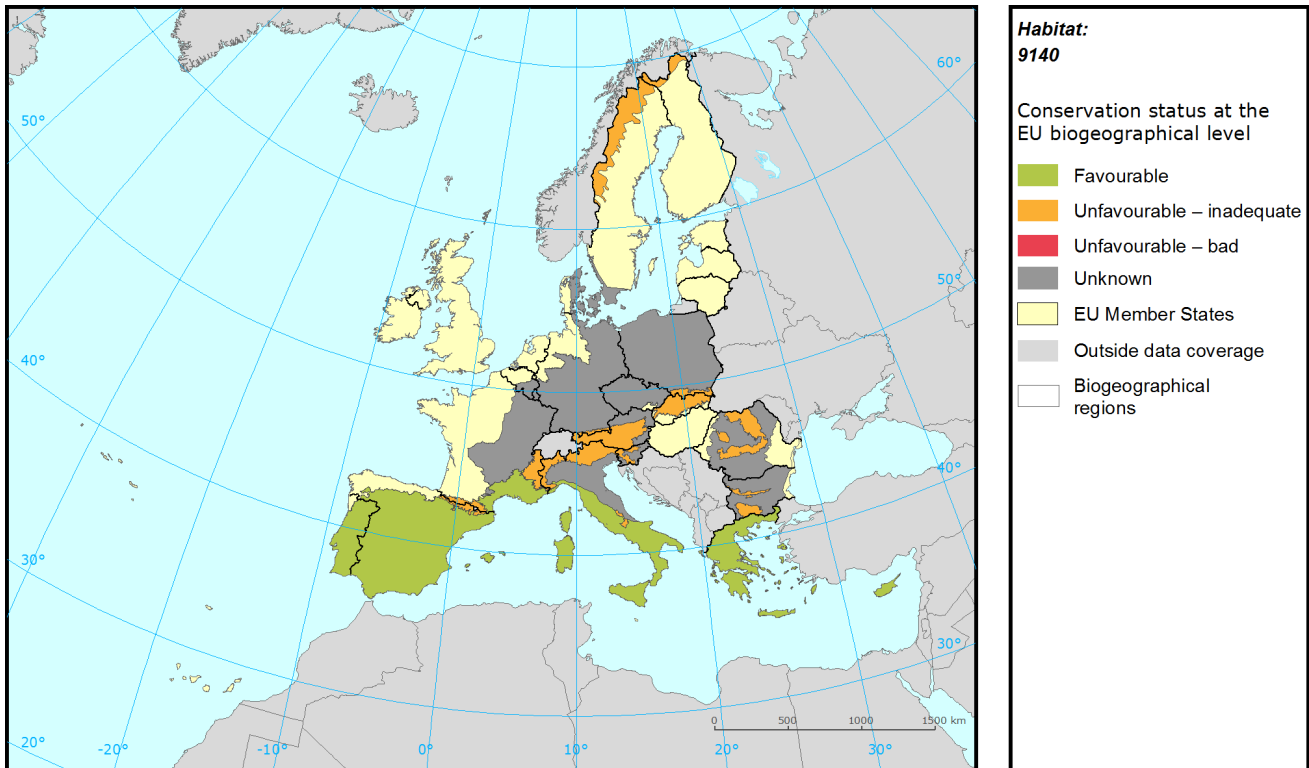
Forests composed of low, low-branching beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) occurring at the tree limit in lower mountains with an oceanic climate of Western Europe and central and northern Central Europe.

The conservation status in the Continental region is "unknown", due to the proportion of the habitat occurring in Czech republic. The conservations status in the Mediterranean region is "favourable" (only in Greece). The "unfavourable inadequate" assessment in the Alpine region reflects the situation in Austria and Italy, the other countries in the region has reported "favourable" status.

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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					
ALP	FV	FV	U1	U1	U1	-	72	XX	Not genuine
CON	FV	FV	XX	XX	XX	x	26	U1	Not genuine
MED	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV	=	2	FV	

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					
AT	ALP	FV	FV	U1	U1	=	20.6	U1		
DE	ALP	FV	FV	FV	FV		8.1	FV		
FR	ALP	FV	FV	FV	FV		23.1	XX	Better data	
IT	ALP	FV	FV	U1	U1	-	19.4	U1	Better data	
PL	ALP	FV	FV	FV	FV		2.3	FV		
SK	ALP	FV	FV	FV	FV		26.4	FV		
AT	CON	U1	U1	U1	U1	x	0.7			
CZ	CON	FV	FV	XX	XX		26.1	U2	Better data	
DE	CON	FV	FV	U1	FV	=	15.7	FV	Changed method	
FR	CON	FV	FV	FV	U1	=	57.5	XX	Better data	
PL	CON	XX	U1	U1	U1	x				
GR	MED	FV	FV	FV	FV		100.0	FV		

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
G02	Sport and leisure infrastructures	33
B02	Forest and plantation management & use	22
B03	Forest exploitation	11
D01	Roads, railroads and paths	11
G01	Outdoor sports, leisure and recreational activities	11
H04	Air pollution, air-borne pollutants	11

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Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

Code	Activity	Frequency
G02	Sport and leisure infrastructures	33
B02	Forest and plantation management & use	17
J03	Other changes to ecosystems	17
M01	Abiotic changes (climate change)	17
M02	Biotic changes (climate change)	17

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

	ALP	CON
AT	35	1
CZ		78
DE	94	72
FR	83	100
IT	11	
PL	100	100*
SK	68	

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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
3.2	Adapt forest management	25
3.1	Restoring/improving forest habitats	17
6.1	Establish protected areas/sites	17
6.2	Establishing wilderness areas/ allowing succession	17
3.0	Other forestry-related measures	8
6.0	Other spatial measures	8
7.1	Regulation/ Management of hunting and taking	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=Forests&period=3&subject=9140>

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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.