Report under the Article 17 of the Habitats Directive Period 2007-2012

# **European Environment Agency** *European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity*



## Rutilus arcasii

Annex II
Priority No
Species group Fish

**Regions** Alpine, Atlantic, Mediterranean

This freshwater fish species from the carps family that occurs in lakes and mountain streams, including the middle reaches of rivers and lakes on the north and centre of the Iberian peninsula. The currently accepted scientific name for this species is *Achondrostoma arcasii* (Steindachner, 1866) (http://www.fishbase.org/summary/Rutilus-arcasii.html).

Its conservation status is 'unfavourable-inadequate' and deteriorating in the Alpine region. Main pressures are human induced changes in hydraulic conditions (canalisation, dams), alien species and water pollution.

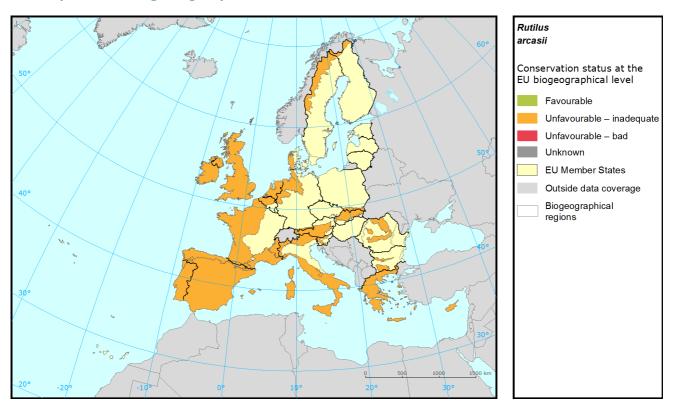
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Its conservation status is 'unfavourable-inadequate' and deteriorating in the Mediterranean region. Main pressures are human induced changes in hydraulic conditions (canalisation, dams) and alien species.

The populations from Portugal (rivers Douro and Minho) may belong to a different species, but the taxonomic situations remains to be clarified.

The species is classified by IUCN as 'vulnerable' (Steindachner, 1866) (http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/61192/0).

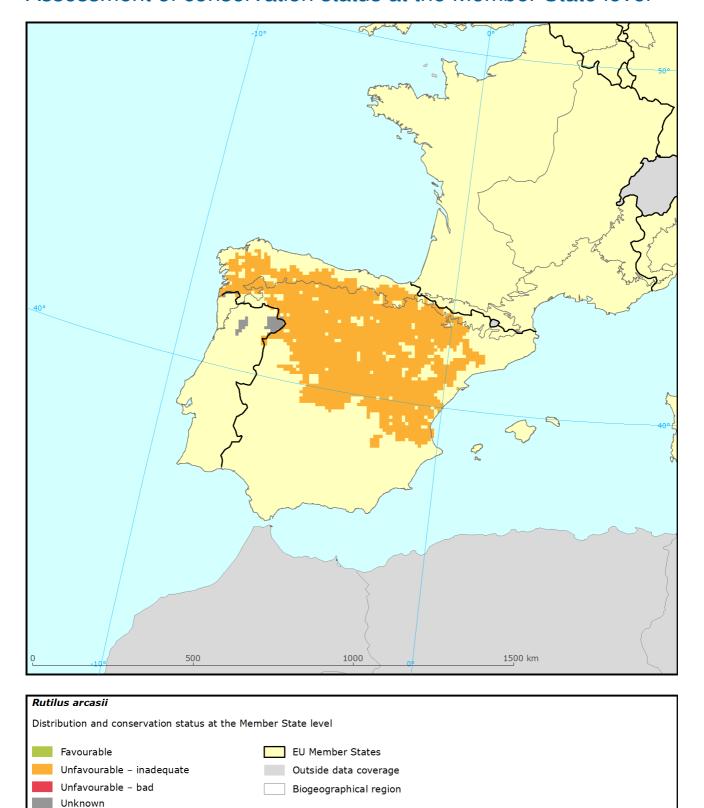
## Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level



_	Conservation status (CS) of parameters				Current	Trend in	% in	Previous	Reason for
Region	Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	CS	CS	region	CS	change
ALP	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	-	0.96	XX	Not genuine
ATL	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	-	12	XX	Not genuine
MED	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	-	87	U2	Not genuine

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

## Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



The map shows both Conservation Status and distribution using a  $10 \text{ km} \times 10 \text{ km}$  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 of parameters				Current	Trend in	% in	Previous	Reason for
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	CS	CS CS	region	CS	change
ES	ALP	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	-	100.0	XX	Changed method
ES	ATL	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	-	98.6	XX	Changed method
PT	ATL	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		1.4	U2	Changed method
ES	MED	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	-	98.2	U2	Changed method
PT	MED	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		1.8	U2	Changed method

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 species 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 species there were less than ten threats or pressures reported as highly important.

#### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' pressures

Code	Activity	Frequency
J02	Changes in water bodies conditions	75
101	Invasive alien species	25

#### Ten most frequently reported 'highly important' threats

Code	Activity	Frequency
I01	Invasive alien species	25
J02	Changes in water bodies conditions	25
J03	Other changes to ecosystems	25
H01	Pollution to surface waters	13
K03	Interspecific faunal relations	13

## Proportion of population covered by the Natura 2000 network

For species listed in the Annex II of the Directive Member States were asked to report the population size within the Natura 2000 network. The percentage of species population covered by the network was estimated by comparing the population size within the network and the total population size in the biogeographical/marine region.

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

	ALP	ATL	MED
ES	0	10	16
PT		Х	Х

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

## Most frequently reported conservation measures

For species listed in the Annex II of the Directive Member States were asked to report up to 20 conservation measures being implemented for this species 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 species there were less than ten measures reported as highly important.

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

Code	Measure	Frequency
4.1	Restoring/improving water quality	22
4.2	Restoring/improving the hydrological regime	22
4.3	Managing water abstraction	13
6.3	Legal protection of habitats and species	13
7.4	Specific single species or species group management measures	13
3.1	Restoring/improving forest habitats	9
4.0	Other wetland-related measures	9

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/species/summary/? group=Fish&period=3&subject=Rutilus+arcasii

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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 species population occurring within the biogeographical/marine region (% in region) is calculated based on the area of GIS distribution.

iiPercentage 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 species population 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 species has been reported by the Member States.