



## Coluber hippocrepis

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| <b>Annex</b>         | IV                      |
| <b>Priority</b>      | No                      |
| <b>Species group</b> | Reptiles                |
| <b>Regions</b>       | Atlantic, Mediterranean |

The horseshoe whip snake (*Coluber hippocrepis*)(valid name *Hemorrhois hippocrepis*) occurs in the south-western Europe and in the north-western Africa. It is relatively common in the southern part of the Iberian Peninsula, further towards the north it becomes rare. In Italy it occurs only in Sardinia. It inhabits wide spectrum of natural, semi-natural and even artificial habitats excluding wet and humid stands.

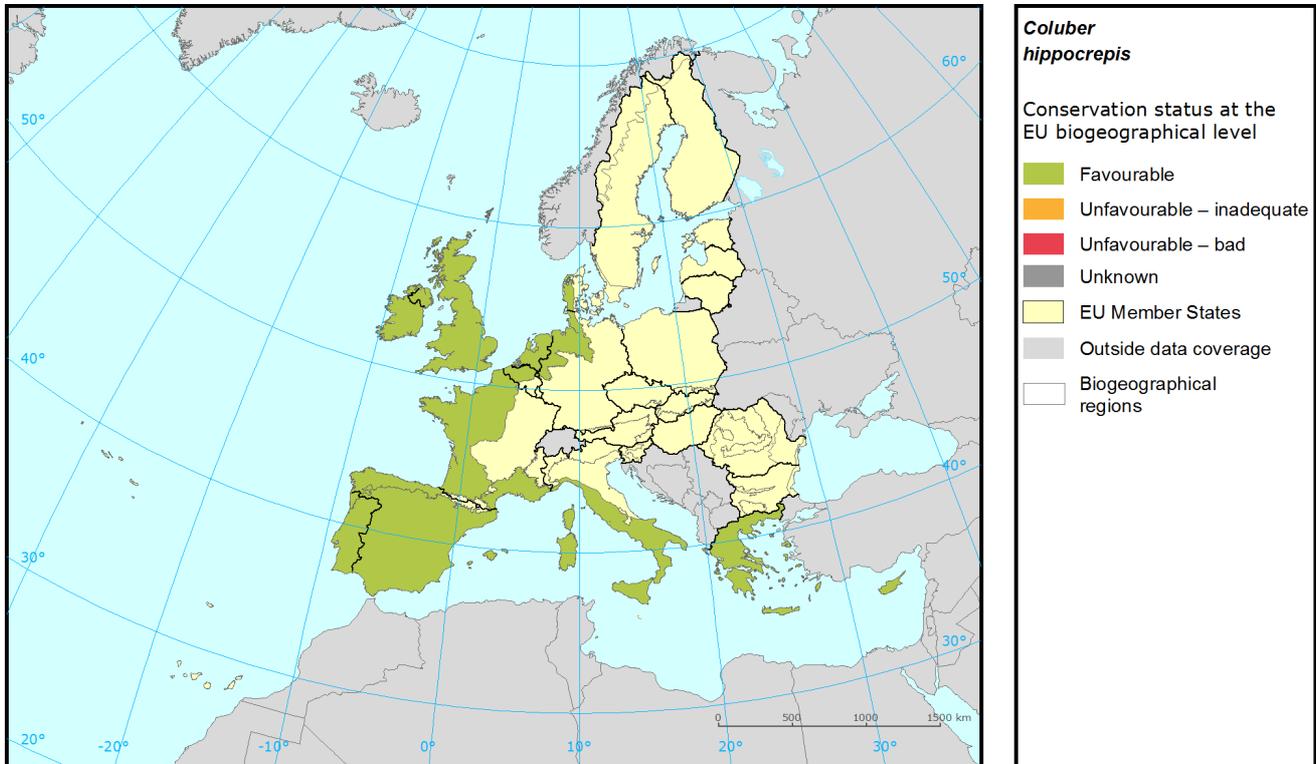
The conservations status in the Atlantic biogeographical region, where the species occurs only in Portugal is favourable as in 2007. However, there are data gaps population size and habitat for the species. No threats and pressures of high importance are reported which supports the reported status.

In the Mediterranean biogeographical region the status was still unknown in 2007, but now assessed as favourable due to changed conclusions by Spain and Italy. No threats and pressures of high importance were reported.

EU 27 regional assessment by IUCN assessed this species as Least Concern.

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## Assessment of conservation status at the European biogeographical level

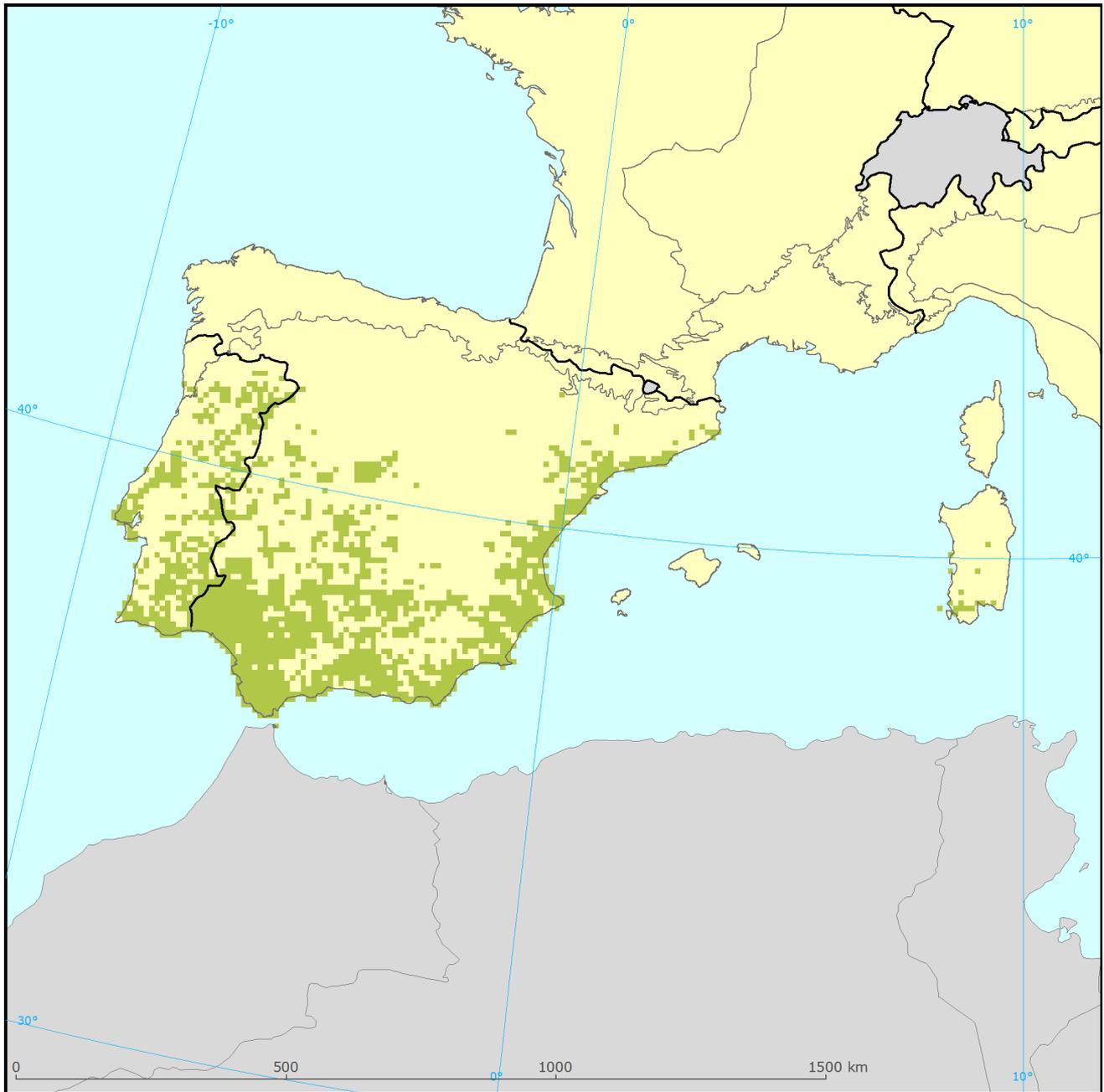


| Region | Conservation status (CS) of parameters |                                       |                                       |                                       | Current CS                            | Trend in CS | % in region | Previous CS                           | Reason for change |
|--------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
|        | Range                                  | Population                            | Habitat                               | Future prospects                      |                                       |             |             |                                       |                   |
| ATL    | <span style="color: green;">FV</span>  | <span style="color: grey;">XX</span>  | <span style="color: green;">FV</span> | <span style="color: green;">FV</span> | <span style="color: green;">FV</span> | =           | 0.12        | <span style="color: green;">FV</span> |                   |
| MED    | <span style="color: green;">FV</span>  | <span style="color: green;">FV</span> | <span style="color: green;">FV</span> | <span style="color: grey;">XX</span>  | <span style="color: green;">FV</span> | x           | 100         | <span style="color: grey;">XX</span>  | Not genuine       |

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

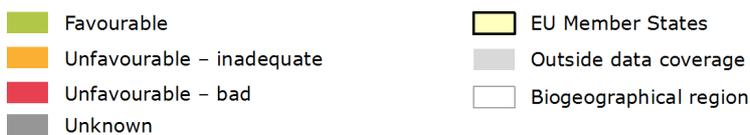
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Assessment of conservation status at the Member State level



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Distribution and conservation status at the Member State level



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 of parameters |            |         |                  | Current CS | Trend in CS | % in region | Previous CS    | Reason for change |
|----|--------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
|    |        | Range                             | Population | Habitat | Future prospects |            |             |             |                |                   |
| PT | ATL    | FV                                | XX         | FV      | FV               |            | 100.0       | FV          |                |                   |
| ES | MED    | FV                                | FV         | FV      | XX               |            | 77.3        | XX          | Changed method |                   |
| IT | MED    | FV                                | FV         | FV      | FV               |            | 1.0         | XX          | Better data    |                   |
| PT | MED    | FV                                | XX         | FV      | FV               |            | 21.6        | FV          |                |                   |
| UK | MED    | FV                                | FV         | FV      | FV               |            | 0.1         |             |                |                   |

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 |
|--|----------|-----------|
| No 'highly important' pressures were reported. |          |           |

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

| Code   | Activity | Frequency |
|--|----------|-----------|
| No 'highly important' threats were reported. |          |           |

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=Reptiles&period=3&subject=Coluber+hippocrepis>

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