

Haematopus ostralegus

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER

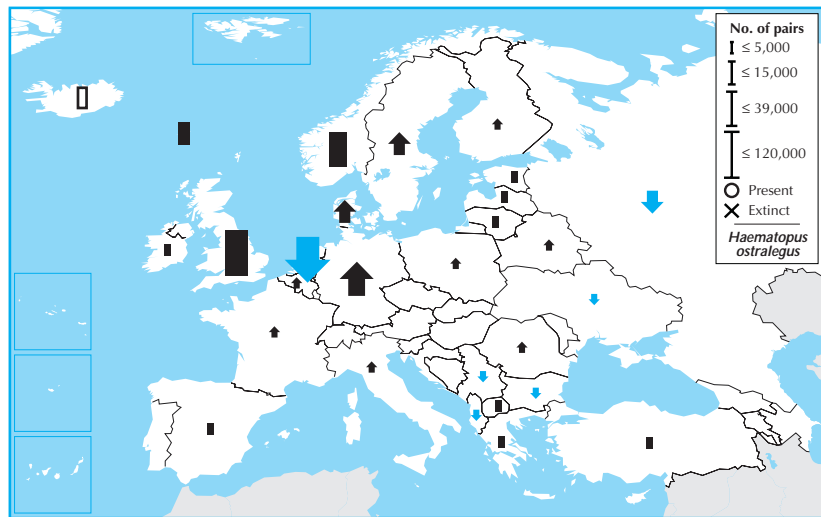
Non-SPEC^E (1994: —) Status (Secure)
Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —
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Global IUCN Red List Category —
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Haematopus ostralegus is a widespread but patchily distributed breeder across much of Europe (especially the north-west), which constitutes more than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>300,000 pairs), and increased substantially between 1970–1990. Although most populations were stable or increased during 1990–2000, the species declined in the Netherlands, and underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Nevertheless, this decline is outweighed by earlier increases, and consequently the species is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	10 – 15	96-02	–	0–19	6
Belarus	230 – 300	97-00	+	0–9	
Belgium	1,500 – 2,100	01-02	+	0–19	1
Bulgaria	25 – 50	96-02	–	>80	
Denmark	10,000 – 14,500	93-01	+	30–39	22
Faroe Is.	10,000 – 10,000	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Estonia	(3,000 – 4,000)	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	4,000 – 5,000	98-02	+	25	
France	1,000 – 1,200	98-02	+	0–9	4
Germany	31,000 – 36,000	95-99	+	20–29	
Greece	30 – 60	95-00	(0)	(0–19)	
Iceland	10,000 – 20,000	90-00	?	–	41
Rep. Ireland	2,500 – 10,000	88-91	(0)	(0–19)	
Italy	129 – 130	00	+	20–29	18
Latvia	50 – 80	90-00	0	0–19	23
Lithuania	20 – 40	99-01	0	0–19	20
Macedonia	(0 – 5)	99-00	(F)	(50–79)	
Netherlands	80,000 – 130,000	98-00	–	40	1,2
Norway	(30,000 – 50,000)	00-03	(0)	(0–19)	11
Poland	20 – 30	97-00	+	40–59	46,60–69
Romania	(50 – 150)	90-02	(+)	(0–19)	
Russia	7,000 – 23,000	90-00	–	20–29	28,29,60
Serbia & MN	1 – 3	97-02	–	50–79	1,148,179,156, 227,135a
Spain	46 – 58	98-02	0	0–19	10,16
Sweden	12,000 – 18,000	99-00	+	0–9	
Turkey	600 – 1,200	01	(0)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	650 – 880	90-00	–	0–19	
UK	98,500 – 127,000	00	0	3	5,23

Total (approx.)	300,000 – 450,000	Overall trend	Moderate decline
Breeding range	>3,000,000 km ²	Gen. length 11	% Global pop. 50–74

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Denmark	45,000 – 50,000	99-00	+	50–79	25
France	50,000 – 70,000	98-02	+	50–79	9
Germany	130,000 – 320,000	95-00	–	11–42	2
Rep. Ireland	40,000 – 44,000	94-00	0	0–19	
Netherlands	230,000 – 230,000	99-01	–	38	3,4,8,9,11,12
UK	338,700 – 338,700	94-99	–	12	44,52

Total (approx.)	>840,000	Overall trend	Small decline
% in European IBAs	55–61	Gen. length 11	% Global pop. 50–74

2000 population	12	12	76	
1990 population	46	53		
Data quality (%) – <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>				
□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good				
1990–2000 trend	4	15	10	71
1970–1990 trend	13	51	36	