

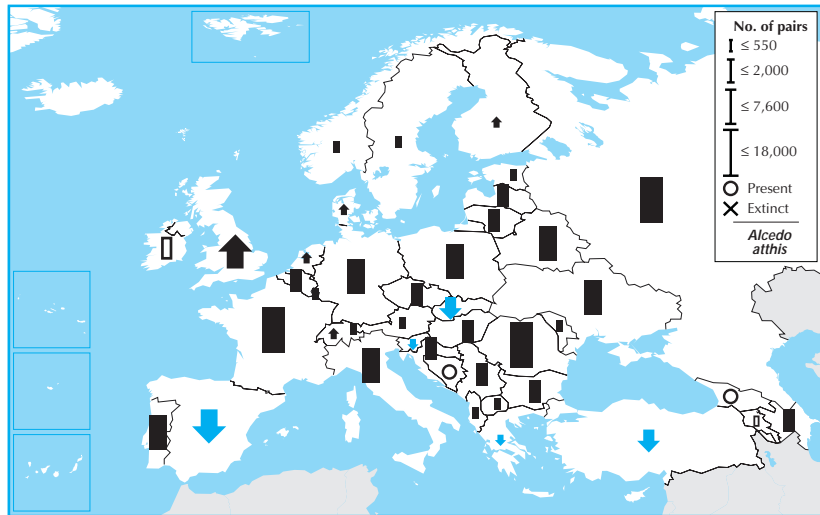
# *Alcedo atthis*

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**SPEC 3** (1994: 3) **Status** Depleted  
**Criteria** Moderate historical decline  
**European IUCN Red List Category** —  
**Criteria** —  
**Global IUCN Red List Category** —  
**Criteria** —



*Alcedo atthis* is a widespread breeder across much of Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<160,000 pairs), and underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although the species was broadly stable overall during 1990–2000—with stable, fluctuating or increasing trends across the vast majority of Europe—its population has not yet recovered to the level that preceded its decline. Consequently, it is evaluated as Depleted.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	100–500	02	(F)	(>80)	
Armenia	300–1,000	98-02	?	–	
Austria	300–500	98-02	0	0–19	
Azerbaijan	(500–5,000)	96-00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	3,000–6,000	97-02	0	0–19	
Belgium	900–1,500	01-02	F	20–29	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90-03	?	–	
Bulgaria	800–1,200	96-02	0	0–19	
Croatia	(1,500–2,500)	02	(0)	(0–19)	70,54
Czech Rep.	<b>600–1,000</b>	00	F	<b>&gt;80</b>	
Denmark	(250–400)	00	+ 50–79	3	
Estonia	200–500	98	F	20–29	1
Finland	5–30	98-02	+ 100		
France	10,000–30,000	00	(F)	(20–49)	1
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	4,500–7,000	95-99	0	0–19	
Greece	(100–300)	95-00	(–)	(0–19)	
Hungary	900–1,600	95-02	0	0–19	
Rep. Ireland	(1,000–2,500)	88-91	?	–	
Italy	(5,000–10,000)	03	(0)	(0–19)	
Latvia	600–1,500	90-00	F	<b>50–79</b>	17
Liechtenstein	<b>0–1</b>	99-00	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	
Lithuania	700–1,000	99-01	(0)	(0–19)	20
Luxembourg	<b>50–80</b>	00-02	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	
Macedonia	(100–400)	90-00	(0)	(0–19)	
Moldova	310–390	90-00	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	
Netherlands	<b>70–300</b>	98-00	+ <b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	
Norway	0–5	99	F	<b>30–49</b>	63
Poland	2,500–6,000	90-00	F	<b>50–79</b>	94
Portugal	(2,000–10,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Romania	12,000–15,000	98-02	0	0–19	
Russia	12,000–25,000	90-00	0	0–19	8,55,73,117,118
Serbia & MN	1,500–2,400	90-02	0	10–19	1,205,156,155, 78,227,225
Slovakia	700–1,300	80-99	–	30–49	
Slovenia	200–300	99-00	–	10–19	
Spain	(3,600–7,000)	98-02	(–)	(0–19)	10,16
Sweden	<b>200–220</b>	99-00	0	0–19	
Switzerland	<b>300–350</b>	93-96	+ 0–9		
Turkey	(1,000–2,000)	01	(–)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	<b>6,000–9,500</b>	90-00	0	0–19	
UK	<b>4,800–8,000</b>	00	+	<b>29</b>	5

Total (approx.) Breeding range 79,000–160,000 >5,000,000 km<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall trend Fluctuating  
 Gen. length. <3.3 % Global pop. 25–49  
 (See p. 171, bottom, for data quality graph)