

# *Mergus merganser*

## COMMON MERGANSER



**Non-SPEC** (1994: —) **Status** (Secure)

**Criteria** —

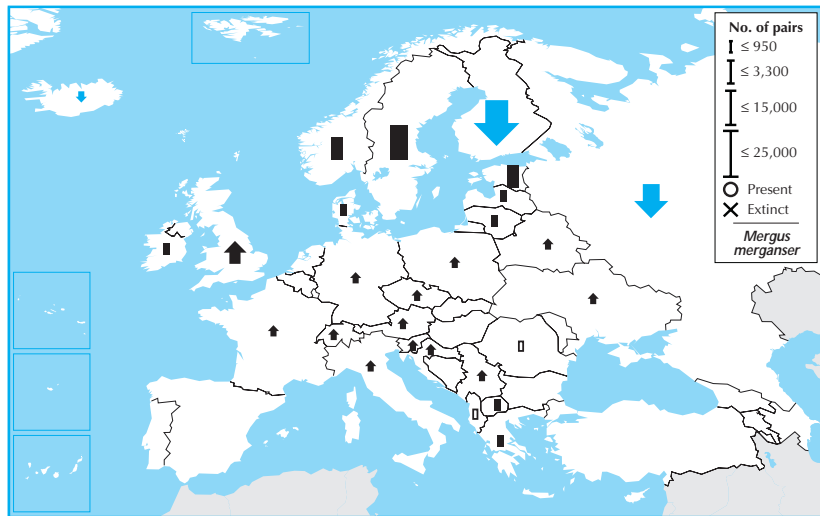
**European IUCN Red List Category** —

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**Global IUCN Red List Category** —

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*Mergus merganser* is a widespread breeder in northern Europe, but occurs more patchily farther south, with Europe accounting for less than a quarter of its global range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<74,000 pairs), but increased between 1970–1990. Although populations increased or were stable across most of Europe during 1990–2000, key ones in Finland and Russia declined, and the species declined slightly overall. Nevertheless, this recent decline is still outweighed by earlier increases, and consequently it is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Albania	2–5	99-00	?	–	
Austria	150–200	98-02	+	>80	
Belarus	40–50	92-00	+	0–9	
Croatia	4–6	02	+	N	70
Czech Rep.	1–3	00	+	50–79	
Denmark	30–36	98-00	0	0–19	4,5,6,7
Estonia	1,500–2,000	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	20,000–30,000	99-01	–	20	
France	180–200	96-00	+	>80	5
Germany	490–640	95-99	+	30–49	
Greece	10–30	97	0	0–19	
Iceland	(100–300)	00	(–)	(–)	1,21
Rep. Ireland	0–50	88-91	0	0–19	
Italy	3–3	00	+	0–19	18
Latvia	(100–150)	90-00	(0)	(0–19)	23,17
Lithuania	700–1,000	99-01	(0)	(0–19)	20
Macedonia	(3–5)	90-00	(0)	(0–19)	
Norway	(1,000–5,000)	90-03	(0)	(0–19)	
Poland	900–1,000	95-00	+	40–59	2,31
Romania	1–1	03	?	–	33
Russia	(8,000–9,000)	90-00	(–)	(20–29)	85
Serbia & MN	20–25	00-02	+	20–29	1,108,155
Slovenia	4–12	91-00	+	N	
Sweden	10,000–20,000	99-00	0	0–19	
Switzerland	450–500	93-96	+	20–29	
Ukraine	10–25	90-00	+	30–49	
UK	2,900–3,600	00	+	24	5,31
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	47,000–74,000			<b>Overall trend</b> Small decline	
<b>Breeding range</b>	>3,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>			<b>Gen. length 4</b> % Global pop. 5–24	

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Denmark	13,000–17,000	99-00	–	10–19	25,26
Finland	10,000–100,000	99-01	+	20–49	
Germany	32,000–45,000	95-00	+	8–30	4
Latvia	1,500–12,000	90-99	F	>80	29
Lithuania	10,000–20,000	92-02	F	30–49	
Poland	40,000–80,000	92-97	F	30–49	115
Sweden	8,000–14,000	98-01	0	0–19	
UK	16,100–16,100	94-99	+	6	44,49
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	>150,000			<b>Overall trend</b> Small increase	
<b>% in European IBAs</b>	69–84			<b>Gen. length 4</b> % Global pop. 5–24	

<b>2000 population</b>	19	74	7	
<b>1990 population</b>	99			
<b>Data quality (%) – <i>Mergus merganser</i></b>				
	unknown	poor	medium	good
<b>1990–2000 trend</b>	20	31	49	
<b>1970–1990 trend</b>	75		24	