

Sterna sandvicensis

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SPEC 2 (1994: 2) **Status** Depleted

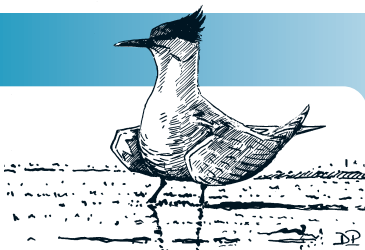
Criteria Moderate historical decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

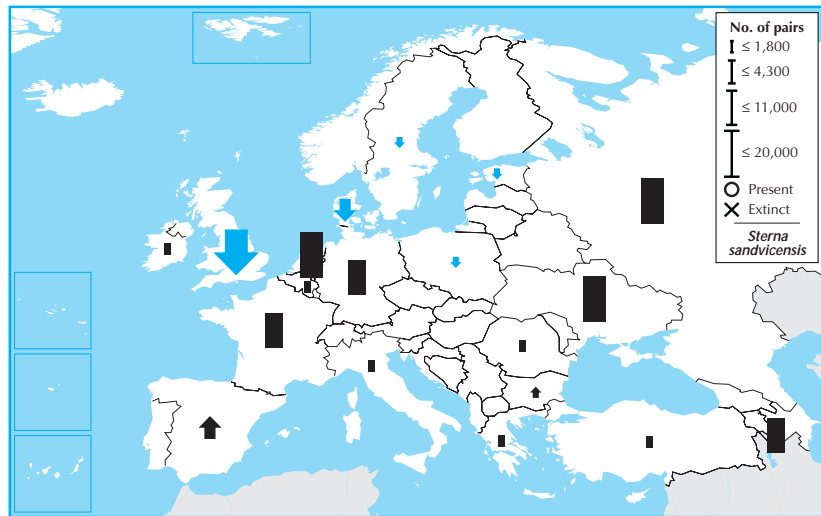
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Global IUCN Red List Category —

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Sterna sandvicensis is a widespread but very dispersed breeder in coastal areas of Europe, which holds >50% of its global population. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<130,000 pairs), and underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although there were declines in a few countries during 1990–2000, key populations in the Netherlands, Ukraine and Russia fluctuated, and the species declined only slightly overall. Nevertheless, its population still remains below the level that preceded its decline, and consequently it is evaluated as Depleted.



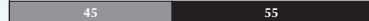
Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Azerbaijan	6,500 – 10,000	96–00	(F)	(–)	
Belgium	1,550 – 1,550	00–02	F	>80	1
Bulgaria	150 – 500	96–02	+	>80	
Denmark	4,000 – 4,500	02	–	0–19	2
Estonia	500 – 900	98	–	20–29	1
France	6,800 – 6,800	00	0	0–19	1
Germany	9,700 – 10,500	95–99	0	0–19	
Greece	(30 – 50)	95–00	(F)	(50–79)	
Rep. Ireland	1,800 – 1,800	99–02	0	0–19	
Italy	610 – 612	00	0	0–19	18
Netherlands	14,500 – 14,500	98–00	F	34	1
Poland	0 – 24	90–00	–	>80	75
Romania	40 – 60	90–02	(F)	(20–29)	
Russia	15,000 – 25,000	90–02	(F)	(30–49)	60,120
Spain	3,000 – 3,000	01	+	>80	10,16
Sweden	300 – 350	99–00	–	30–49	
Turkey	50 – 60	01	0	0–19	
Ukraine	5,000 – 40,000	90–00	F	30–49	
UK	12,500 – 12,500	00–01	–	15	20

Total (approx.) 82,000 – 130,000
Breeding range >250,000 km²
Overall trend Small decline
Gen. length 9
% Global pop. 50–74

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	171 – 314	95–02	(F)	(–)	
Croatia	(150 – 300)	02	?	–	16,26
Cyprus	20 – 60	94–02	0	0–9	
France	(500 – 1,500)	98–02	?	–	9
Greece	1,000 – 2,000	95–99	0	0–19	
Italy	(500 – 1,500)	02	0	0–19	22
Malta	2 – 5	95–02	0	0–19	4
Netherlands	2 – 2	99–01	?	–	3,4,8,9,11,12
Portugal	Present	02	?	–	
Slovenia	15 – 35	95–00	F	30–49	
Turkey	(800 – 1,200)	91–01	(0)	(0–19)	
UK					
Gibraltar	10 – 20	00–03	0	0–19	

Total (approx.) >3,200
% in European IBAs 46–60
Overall trend Unknown
Gen. length 9
% Global pop. <5

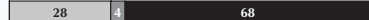
2000 population



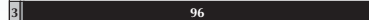
1990 population



1990–2000 trend



1970–1990 trend



Data quality (%) – *Sterna sandvicensis*
□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good