European Community Directive
on the Conservation of Natural Habitats
and of Wild Fauna and Flora
(92/43/EEC)

Fourth Report by the United Kingdom
under Article 17

on the implementation of the Directive
from January 2013 to December 2018

Conservation status assessment for the species:

S2638 - Bearded Seal (*Erignathus barbatus*)

UNITED KINGDOM
IMPORTANT NOTE - PLEASE READ

• The information in this document represents the UK Report on the conservation status of this species, submitted to the European Commission as part of the 2019 UK Reporting under Article 17 of the EU Habitats Directive.

• It is based on supporting information provided by the geographically-relevant Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies, which is documented separately.

• The 2019 Article 17 UK Approach document provides details on how this supporting information contributed to the UK Report and the fields that were completed for each parameter.

• The reporting fields and options used are aligned to those set out in the European Commission guidance.

• Maps showing the distribution and range of the species are included (where available).

• Explanatory notes (where provided) are included at the end. These provide additional audit trail information to that included within the UK assessments. Further underpinning explanatory notes are available in the related country-level reports.

• Some of the reporting fields have been left blank because either: (i) there was insufficient information to complete the field; (ii) completion of the field was not obligatory; and/or (iii) the field was not relevant to this species (section 12 Natura 2000 coverage for Annex II species).

• The UK-level reporting information for all habitats and species is also available in spreadsheet format.

Visit the JNCC website, https://jncc.gov.uk/article17, for further information on UK Article 17 reporting.
# Report on the main results of the surveillance under Article 11 for Annex II, IV and V species (Annex B)

## NATIONAL LEVEL

### 1. General information

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<th>1.1 Member State</th>
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<td>1.2 Species code</td>
<td>2638</td>
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<td><em>Erignathus barbatus</em></td>
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<td>1.5 Common name (in national language)</td>
<td>Bearded Seal</td>
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### 2. Maps

| 2.1 Sensitive species | No |
| 2.2 Year or period |   |
| 2.3 Distribution map | No |
| 2.4 Distribution map Method used | Insufficient or no data available |
| 2.5 Additional maps | No |

### 3. Information related to Annex V Species (Art. 14)

| 3.1 Is the species taken in the wild/exploited? | No |
| 3.2 Which of the measures in Art. 14 have been taken? | a) regulations regarding access to property No |
|                                               | b) temporary or local prohibition of the taking of specimens in the wild and exploitation No |
|                                               | c) regulation of the periods and/or methods of taking specimens No |
|                                               | d) application of hunting and fishing rules which take account of the conservation of such populations No |
|                                               | e) establishment of a system of licences for taking specimens or of quotas No |
|                                               | f) regulation of the purchase, sale, offering for sale, keeping for sale or transport for sale of specimens No |
|                                               | g) breeding in captivity of animal species as well as artificial propagation of plant species No |
|                                               | h) other measures No |
3.3 Hunting bag or quantity taken in the wild for Mammals and Acipenseridae (Fish)

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<th>b) Statistics/quantity taken</th>
<th>Season/year 1</th>
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3.4. Hunting bag or quantity taken in the wild Method used

3.5. Additional information

4. Biogeographical and marine regions

4.1 Biogeographical or marine region where the species occurs

BIOGEOGRAPHICAL LEVEL

Marine Atlantic (MATL)


4.2 Sources of information

5. Range

5.1 Surface area (km²)

5.2 Short-term trend Period

5.3 Short-term trend Direction

5.4 Short-term trend Magnitude

5.5 Short-term trend Method used

5.6 Long-term trend Period

5.7 Long-term trend Direction

5.8 Long-term trend Magnitude

5.9 Long-term trend Method used

5.10 Favourable reference range

a) Minimum  
b) Maximum

Insufficient or no data available

a) Minimum  
b) Maximum

a) Area (km²)  
b) Operator
## 6. Population

### 6.1 Year or period

No change

The change is mainly due to:

### 5.11 Change and reason for change in surface area of range

- **c) Unknown**
- **d) Method**

### 5.12 Additional information

### 6. Population

#### 6.1 Year or period

No change

The change is mainly due to:

#### 5.11 Change and reason for change in surface area of range

- **c) Unknown**
- **d) Method**

### 5.12 Additional information

#### 6. Population

##### 6.2 Population size (in reporting unit)

- **a) Unit** number of individuals (i)
- **b) Minimum**
- **c) Maximum**
- **d) Best single value**

#### 6.3 Type of estimate

- **d) Best single value**

#### 6.4 Additional population size (using population unit other than reporting unit)

- **a) Unit**
- **b) Minimum**
- **c) Maximum**
- **d) Best single value**

#### 6.5 Type of estimate

#### 6.6 Population size Method used

- **Unknown (x)**

#### 6.7 Short-term trend Period

#### 6.8 Short-term trend Direction

- **Unknown (x)**

#### 6.9 Short-term trend Magnitude

- **a) Minimum**
- **b) Maximum**
- **c) Confidence interval**
- **d) Best single value**

#### 6.10 Short-term trend Method used

- **Insufficient or no data available**

#### 6.11 Long-term trend Period

#### 6.12 Long-term trend Direction

- **a) Minimum**
- **b) Maximum**
- **c) Confidence interval**

#### 6.13 Long-term trend Magnitude

#### 6.14 Long-term trend Method used

#### 6.15 Favourable reference population (using the unit in 6.2 or 6.4)

#### 6.16 Change and reason for change in population size

- **a) Population size**
- **b) Operator**
- **c) Unknown**
- **d) Method**

- **No change**

- The change is mainly due to:
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6.17 Additional information

7. Habitat for the species

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<td>b) Is there a sufficiently large area of unoccupied habitat of suitable quality (for long-term survival)?</td>
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7.1 Sufficiency of area and quality of occupied habitat

- **Method used:** Insufficient or no data available

- **Direction:** Unknown (x)

- **Method used:** Insufficient or no data available

8. Main pressures and threats

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8.1 Characterisation of pressures/threats

- **Sources of information:**

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- **Additional information:**

8.3 Additional information

9. Conservation measures

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<th>a) Are measures needed?</th>
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9.1 Status of measures

- **Status of measures:**

9.2 Main purpose of the measures taken

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9.3 Location of the measures taken

- **Location of the measures taken:**

9.4 Response to the measures

- **Response to the measures:**

9.5 List of main conservation measures

- **List of main conservation measures:**

9.6 Additional information

- **Additional information:**

10. Future prospects
10.1 Future prospects of parameters
a) Range Unknown
b) Population Unknown
c) Habitat of the species Unknown

10.2 Additional information

11. Conclusions

11.1. Range

11.2. Population

11.3. Habitat for the species

11.4. Future prospects

11.5 Overall assessment of Conservation Status

11.6 Overall trend in Conservation Status

11.7 Change and reasons for change in conservation status and conservation status trend

a) Overall assessment of conservation status

The change is mainly due to:

b) Overall trend in conservation status

The change is mainly due to:

11.8 Additional information

12. Natura 2000 (pSCIs, SCIs and SACs) coverage for Annex II species

12.1 Population size inside the pSCIs, SCIs and SACs network (on the biogeographical/marine level including all sites where the species is present)
a) Unit
b) Minimum
c) Maximum
d) Best single value

12.2 Type of estimate

12.3 Population size inside the network Method used

12.4 Short-term trend of population size within the network Direction

12.5 Short-term trend of population size within the network Method used

12.6 Additional information

13. Complementary information

13.1 Justification of % thresholds for trends
There is limited or insufficient new evidence on which to update this species since the previous reporting round.