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:

S6305 - Ringed seal (Pusa hispida)

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.
### 1. General information

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<th>1.1 Member State</th>
<th>UK</th>
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<td>1.2 Species code</td>
<td>6305</td>
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<td>1.3 Species scientific name</td>
<td>Pusa hispida</td>
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<td>1.5 Common name (in national language)</td>
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### 2. Maps

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<th>2.1 Sensitive species</th>
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<td>2.2 Year or period</td>
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<td>2.3 Distribution map</td>
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<td>2.4 Distribution map Method used</td>
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<td>2.5 Additional maps</td>
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### 3. Information related to Annex V Species (Art. 14)

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

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

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) Area (km²)

b) Operator

c) Unknown

d) Method

Table: Hunting Bag or Quantity Taken

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### 6. Population

#### 6.1 Year or period

No change

The change is mainly due to:

#### 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

#### 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

#### 6.9 Short-term trend Magnitude

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

#### 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

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

#### 6.14 Long-term trend Method used

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

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

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

- **No change**
  - The change is mainly due to:

#### 6.17 Additional information
Report on the main results of the surveillance under Article 11 for Annex II, IV and V species (Annex B)

7. Habitat for the species

7.1 Sufficiency of area and quality of occupied habitat
a) Are area and quality of occupied habitat sufficient (for long-term survival)? Unknown
b) Is there a sufficiently large area of unoccupied habitat of suitable quality (for long-term survival)?

7.2 Sufficiency of area and quality of occupied habitat Method used
Insufficient or no data available

7.3 Short-term trend Period

7.4 Short-term trend Direction
Unknown (x)

7.5 Short-term trend Method used
Insufficient or no data available

7.6 Long-term trend Period

7.7 Long-term trend Direction

7.8 Long-term trend Method used

7.9 Additional information

8. Main pressures and threats

8.1 Characterisation of pressures/threats

8.2 Sources of information

8.3 Additional information

9. Conservation measures

9.1 Status of measures
a) Are measures needed? No
b) Indicate the status of measures

9.2 Main purpose of the measures taken

9.3 Location of the measures taken

9.4 Response to the measures

9.5 List of main conservation measures

9.6 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)
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
13.2 Trans-boundary assessment
13.3 Other relevant Information

- There is limited or insufficient new evidence on which to update this species since the previous reporting round
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