

***Ixobrychus minutus* (Common Little Bittern)**

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Supplementary Material

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Further information

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<http://www.birdlife.org/europe-and-central-asia/european-red-list-birds-0>
<http://www.iucnredlist.org/regions/europe>
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/redlist/>

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Table 1. Reported national breeding population size and trends in Europe¹.

Country (or territory) ²	Population estimate				Short-term population trend ⁵				Long-term population trend ⁵				Subspecific population (where relevant)
	Size (pairs) ³	Europe (%)	Year(s)	Method ⁴	Direction ⁶	Magnitude (%) ⁷	Year(s)	Method ⁴	Direction ⁶	Magnitude (%) ⁷	Year(s)	Method ⁴	
Albania	410–860	<1	2007-2018	complete	+	146 to 315	2007-2018	complete	+	132 to 938	1980-2018	expert	
Armenia	220–320	<1	2013-2018	complete	-	-5 to -2	2007-2018	complete	?		2003-2018	deficient	
Austria	400–600	<1	2013-2018	complete	+	80 to 120	2007-2018	partial	+		1981-2018	complete	
Azerbaijan	500–5000	1	1996-2019	expert	0		2013-2019	expert	?		1980-2019	partial	
Belarus	1800–3000	2	2010-2018	partial	+	30 to 100	2012-2019	expert	?		1980-2019	deficient	
Belgium	31–60	<1	2013-2018	complete	+	-17 to 60	2008-2018	complete	-	-52 to -8	1973-2018	partial	
Bosnia & HG	200–500	<1	2015-2018	complete	?	-10 to 10	2007-2018	complete	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Bulgaria	1500–4500	2	2005-2018	partial	0	10	2000-2018	partial	0	10	1980-2018	expert	
Croatia	1200–2200	1	2013-2018	expert	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Cyprus	1–8	<1	2013-2018	complete	+	0 to 100	2007-2018	complete	0	0	1980-2018	complete	
Czechia	60–90	<1	2014-2017	complete	0		2002-2016	complete	0		1987-2016	complete	
France	280–520	<1	2013-2018	partial	?		2007-2018	deficient	-	-80 to -40	1975-2005	expert	
Georgia	80–830	<1	2013-2017	partial	?			deficient	?				
Germany	210–270	<1	2012-2016	complete	+		2004-2016	expert	+		1985-2016	expert	
Greece	600–700	<1	2013-2018	partial	0		2007-2018	partial	0		1980-2018	partial	
Hungary	2500–3500	3	2017-2018	partial	0		2007-2018	expert	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Italy	1000–2000	1	2013-2018	expert	-	-25 to -15	2013-2018	expert	0		1993-2018	expert	
Kosovo	60–100	<1	2007-2019	partial	?		2007-2018	partial	+		1990-2018	partial	
Latvia	50–80	<1	2013-2018	partial	-	-58 to -46	2012-2018	partial	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Lithuania	170–300	<1	2013-2018	partial	+		2013-2018	partial	+	1400 to 1600	1980-2018	partial	
Luxembourg	5–7	<1	2013-2018	complete	+	0 to 30	2007-2018	complete	+	100 to 700	1980-2018	complete	
North Macedonia	200–300	<1	2014-2019	expert	0		2007-2018	expert	?		1980-2019		
Moldova	900–1400	1	2014-2017	partial	0		2007-2018	partial	0		1990-2018	expert	
Montenegro	40–80	<1	2013-2018	partial	+		2007-2018	expert	?				
Netherlands	20–40	<1	2013-2015	complete	-	-77 to -10	2006-2017	complete	-	-77 to -62	1980-2017	complete	
Poland	1100–1500	1	2013-2018	expert	?		2007-2018	deficient	+	110 to 180	1980-2018	expert	
Portugal	100–500	<1	2013-2018	partial	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Romania	27000–49400	32	2013-2015	complete	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Russia	25000–35000	26	2008-2018	partial	0		2010-2018	partial	0		1980-2018	expert	
Serbia	2700–3900	3	2013-2018	partial	0	0	2007-2018	complete	+	10 to 29	1980-2018	complete	
Slovakia	200–400	<1	2013-2018	partial	-	-10 to 0	2007-2018	partial	-	-30 to -10	1980-2018	partial	
Slovenia	70–130	<1	2013-2018	complete	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	

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Spain	1200–4100	4	2007-2018	partial	0		2007-2018	partial	-		1980-2018	partial	
ES: Canary Is	1–2	<1	2018-2018	complete	0		2007-2018	complete	+		1980-2018	complete	
Switzerland	90–120	<1	2013–2016	complete	0	-42 to 34	2007-2018	complete	0	-9 to 77	1990-2018	complete	
Turkey	950–3000	2	2002-2012	deficient	?		2008-2019	deficient	?		1980-2013	deficient	
Ukraine	15000–25000	17	2014-2018	expert	0		2007-2018	expert	F	10 to 30	1980-2018	expert	
EU28	37800–70800	46											
Europe	85900–151000	100											

¹ See 'Sources' at end of factsheet, and for more details on individual EU Member State reports, see the Article 12 reporting portal at <http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/report>.

² The designation of geographical entities and the presentation of the material do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of IUCN or BirdLife International concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

³ In the few cases where population size estimates were reported in units other than those specified, they were converted to the correct units using standard correction factors.

⁴ The 'method used' (replacing the data 'quality' assessment in the 2015 European Red List) is reported as: a) Complete: complete survey or a statistically robust estimate; b) Partial: based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data; c) Expert: based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data; d) Defficient: insufficient or no data available.

⁵ The robustness of regional trends to the effects of any missing or incomplete data was tested using plausible scenarios, based on other sources of information, including any other reported information, recent national Red Lists, scientific literature, other publications and consultation with relevant experts.

⁶ Trend directions are reported as: increasing (+); decreasing (-); stable (0); fluctuating (F); or unknown (?).

⁷ Trend magnitudes are rounded to the nearest integer.

Trend maps

A symbol appears in each country where the species occurs: the shape and colour of the symbol represent the population trend in that country, and the size of the symbol corresponds to the proportion of the European population occurring in that country.

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| ↑ Large increase ($\geq 50\%$) | ↓ Large decrease ($\geq 50\%$) |
| ↑ Moderate increase (20–49%) | ↓ Moderate decrease (20–49%) |
| ↑ Small increase ($< 20\%$) | ↓ Small decrease ($< 20\%$) |
| ↑ Increase of unknown magnitude | ↓ Decrease of unknown magnitude |
| ■ Stable or fluctuating | |
| □ Unknown | |
| ○ Present (no population or trend data) | |
| × Extinct since 1980 | |

Each symbol, with the exception of Present and Extinct, may occur in up to three different size classes, corresponding to the proportion of the European population occurring in that country.

- ↑ Large: $\geq 10\%$ of the European population
- ↑ Medium: 1–9% of the European population
- ↑ Small: $< 1\%$ of the European population

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Figure 1. Breeding population sizes and short-term trends across Europe.

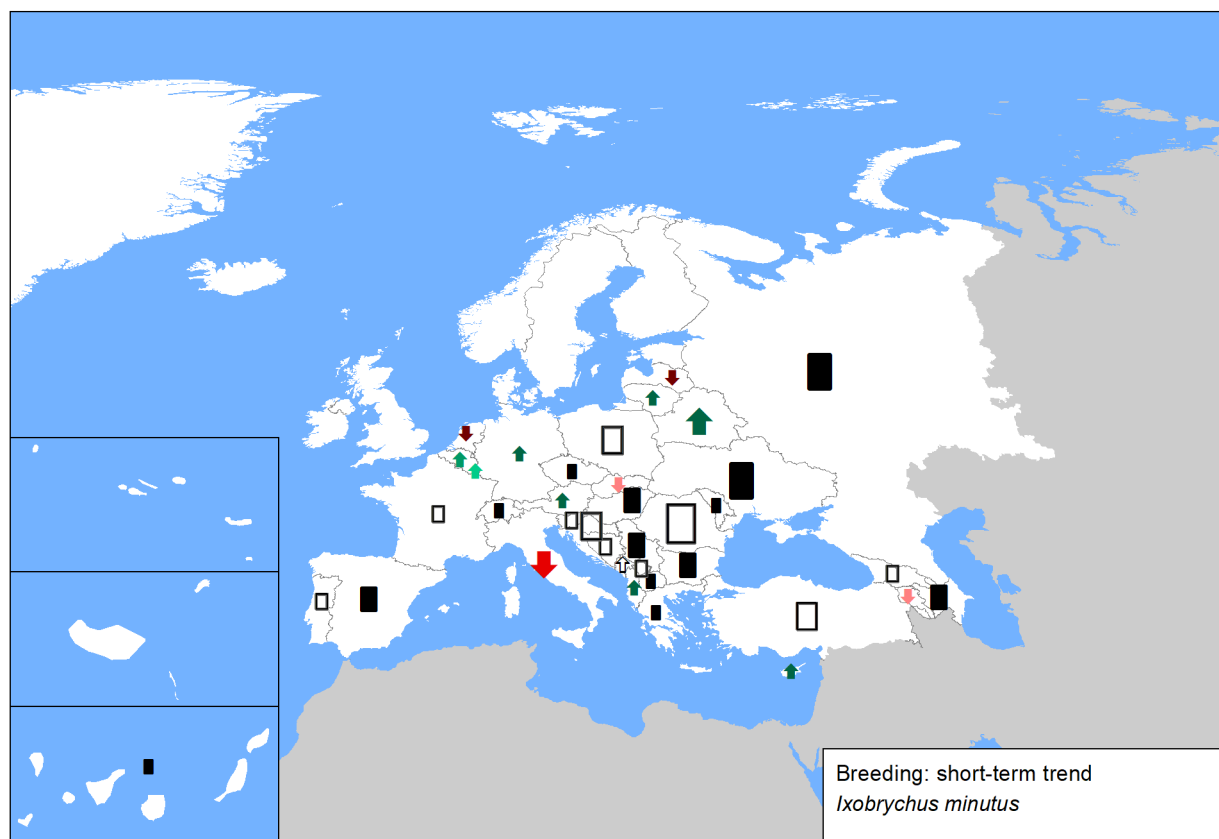
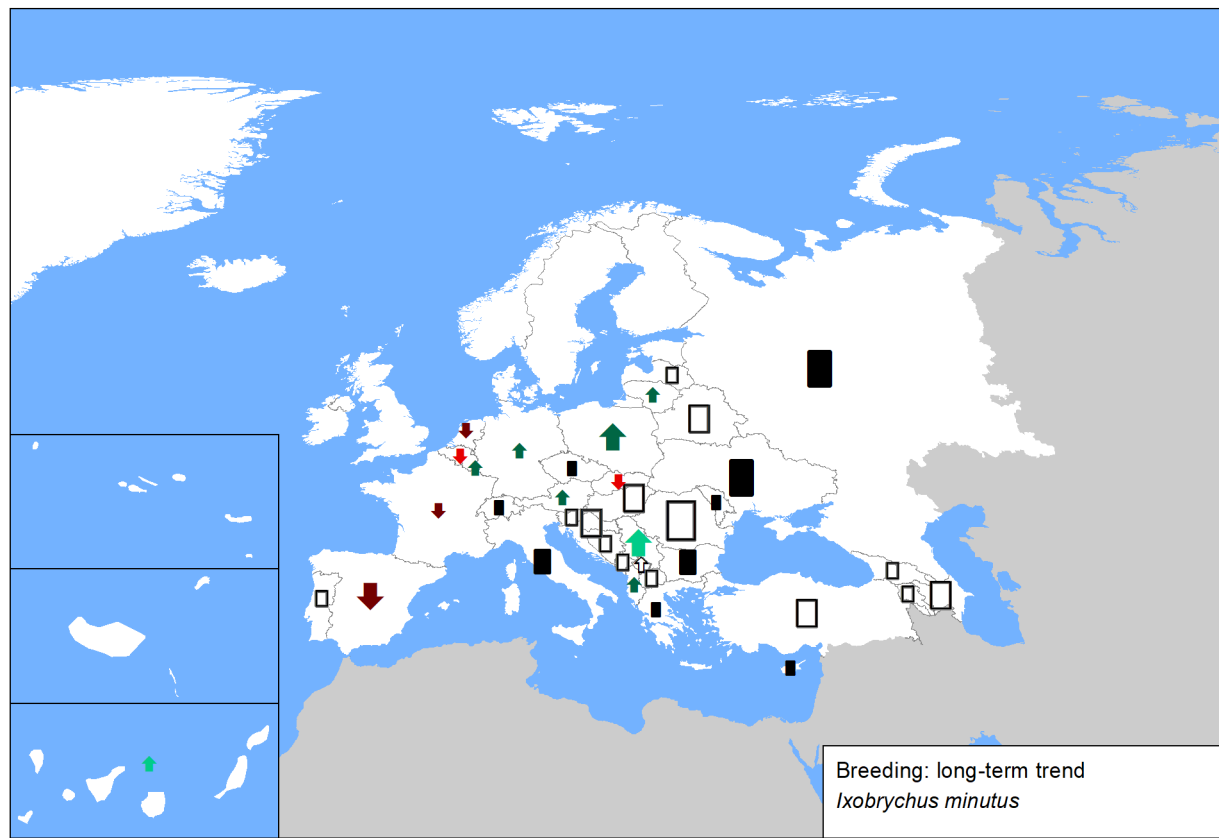


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



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Cyprus

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