

Reporting under Article 12 of the Birds Directive



Report format for the period 2013–2018

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Annex A - General report format (Article 12)

0 Member State	<i>Use two-digit code according to list in the Reference portal</i>
1 Main achievements under the Birds Directive	
Describe briefly the main achievements under the Birds Directive during the reporting period, with a special emphasis on the SPA network. If a Member State wishes to add further documentation to what is requested in this format, mention these Annexes and their file-names at the end of this free text section and upload the relevant files to the EEA's Central Data Repository together with the rest of the report. If possible, provide a translation into English.	
1.1 Text in national language	<i>Maximum 2 pages</i>
1.2 Translation into English	<i>Optional</i>

2 General information sources on the implementation of the Birds Directive – links to information sources of the Member State	
For the topics below, give a link to Internet address(es) where the requested information can be found or explain how to access this information.	
2.1 General information on the Birds Directive	<i>URL/text</i>
2.2 Information on the Natura 2000 (SPA) network	<i>URL/text</i>
2.3 Monitoring schemes (Art. 4(1) and Art. 10)	<i>URL/text</i>
2.4 Protection of species (Art. 5–8)	<i>URL/text</i>
2.5 Transposition of the Directive (legal texts)	<i>URL/text</i>

3 Natura 2000 (SPAs) – site classification (Art. 4)		
Site classification at the national level. Where appropriate, give figures separately for the surface areas of the terrestrial and marine components of sites (as defined in the Explanatory notes and guidelines).		
	Number of SPAs	Surface area of SPAs
3.1 All SPAs	<i>Number</i>	<i>Surface area in km²</i>
3.2 Terrestrial area of sites (excluding marine area)	<i>(no information requested)</i>	<i>Surface area in km²</i>
3.3 Marine sites	<i>Number</i>	<i>Surface area in km²</i>
3.4 Date of database used	<i>Date of latest update of the Natura 2000 (SPAs) database used to provide the above figures, i.e. the closest possible to the end of the reporting period</i>	

4 Set of conservation measures and management plans for Natura 2000 sites (SPAs)		
	Number of SPAs	Proportion (%) of the SPA network area
4.1 Necessary conservation measures have been established and are applied		
4.2 Conservation measures have been set out in a comprehensive management plan or a similar instrument		

5 Measures taken in relation to approval of plans and projects (Art. 6.4 and Art. 7 of the Habitats Directive)	
List projects and plans for which compensatory measures were necessary. Repeat fields 5.1 to 5.6 for each project/plan as needed. For each project/plan with compensatory measures report the following:	
5.1 Site code	
5.2 Site name	
5.3 Title of project/plan	
5.4 Year Commission was informed of compensatory measures	
5.5 Year project/plan was started	
5.6 Impact of projects requiring compensatory measures on relevant bird species	<i>Free text</i>
<i>Optional</i>	

6 Research and work required as a basis for the protection, management and sustainable use of bird populations (Art. 10)	
List the most recent activities (see below) related to research work. Additional free text information of relevance with reference to the implementation of Art. 10 can be given in Section 1.	
6.1 National bird atlas	
6.1.1 Title	
6.1.2 Year of publication	
6.1.3 Web-link and/or bibliographic reference	<i>URL/text</i>
6.2 National bird monitoring overview	<i>Repeat fields 6.2.1 to 6.2.3 if more than one overview has been published</i>
6.2.1 Title or similar plus short description	<i>Species covered, main results, etc.</i>
6.2.2 Year of publication	
6.2.3 Web-link and/or bibliographic reference	<i>URL/text</i>

6.3 National bird red list	
6.3.1 Title	
6.3.2 Year of publication	
6.3.3 Web-link and/or bibliographic reference	<i>URL/text</i>
6.4 Other publications of EU-wide interest (e.g. national overview of action for threatened species)	<i>Repeat fields 6.4.1 to 6.4.3 if more than one; maximum 10 publications</i>
6.4.1 Title or similar plus short description	<i>Species covered, main results etc.</i>
6.4.2 Year of publication	
6.4.3 Web-link and/or bibliographic reference	<i>URL/text</i>

7 Non-native bird species (Art. 11)	
Report on bird species that do not naturally occur in the wild in the European territory of the Member States and for which introduction has taken place during the reporting period. Repeat fields 7.1 to 7.5 for each species reported as needed.	
7.1 Species scientific name	
7.2 Subspecific unit	<i>Where relevant</i>
7.3 Main contents of legal decision for introduction	<i>Free text; to include justification, number of individuals and duration of any authorisation</i>
7.4 Consultation with the Commission	<i>Date</i>
7.5 Additional information <i>Optional</i>	<i>Other relevant information, complementary to the data requested under fields 7.1–7.4</i> <i>Free text</i>

Annex B - Bird species' status and trends report format (Article 12)

1 Species information	
1.1 Member State	Use two-digit code according to list in the Reference portal
1.2 Species code	Select code from bird species checklist in the Reference portal
1.3 EURING code	Select code from bird species checklist in the Reference portal
1.4 Species scientific name	Select species from bird species checklist in the Reference portal
1.5 Subspecific population	Where relevant, select the distinct population (according to bird species checklist in the Reference portal)
1.6 Alternative species scientific name <i>Optional</i>	Scientific name used at the national level, if different to 1.4
1.7 Common name <i>Optional</i>	In national language
1.8 Season	Select season in which the data you are reporting were collected: Breeding / Winter / Passage ('winter' and 'passage' apply only for a subset of species, as identified in the bird species checklist in the Reference portal)

2 Population size		
2.1 Year or period	Year or period when population size was last determined	
2.2 Population size	a) Unit	Breeding pairs / individuals / other (according to bird species checklist in the Reference portal)
	b) Minimum	Number (raw, i.e. not rounded). Provide either interval (b, c) and/or best single value (d)
	c) Maximum	Number (raw, i.e. not rounded). Provide either interval (b, c) and/or best single value (d)
	d) Best single value	Number (raw, i.e. not rounded). Provide either interval (b, c) and/or best single value (d)
2.3 Type of estimate	Best estimate / multi-year mean / 95% confidence interval/ minimum	
2.4 Population size Method used	Select one of the following methods: a) Complete survey or a statistically robust estimate b) Based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data c) Based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data d) Insufficient or no data available	
2.5 Sources	Give bibliographic references, link to Internet sites, expert contact details, etc. <i>Free text</i>	

2.6 Change and reason for change (since previous report)	<i>Is there a change between reporting periods? YES/NO</i>	
	<i>If yes, provide the nature of that change. More than one option (a to d) can be chosen</i>	
	<i>a) yes, due to genuine change</i>	<i>YES/NO</i>
	<i>b) yes, due to improved knowledge/more accurate data</i>	<i>YES/NO</i>
	<i>c) yes, due to the use of different method</i>	<i>YES/NO</i>
	<i>d) yes, but there is no information on the nature of</i>	<i>YES/NO</i>
	<i>The change is mainly due to (select one of the reasons above): genuine change / improved knowledge or more accurate data / the use of a different method</i>	
2.7 Additional information	<i>Other relevant information, complementary to the data requested under fields 2.1–2.6</i>	
<i>Optional</i>	<i>Free text</i>	

3 Population trend		
3.1 Short-term trend (last 12 years)		
3.1.1 Short-term trend Period	<i>2007–2018 (rolling 12-year time window) or period as close as possible to that</i>	
3.1.2 Short-term trend Direction	<i>stable / fluctuating / increasing / decreasing / uncertain / unknown</i>	
3.1.3 Short-term trend Magnitude	a) Minimum	<i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 3.1.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
	b) Maximum	<i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 3.1.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
	c) Best single value	<i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 3.1.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
3.1.4 Short-term trend Method used	<i>Select one of the following methods:</i> <i>a) Complete survey or a statistically robust estimate</i> <i>b) Based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data</i> <i>c) Based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data</i> <i>d) Insufficient or no data available</i>	
3.1.5 Sources	<i>Give bibliographic references, link to Internet sites, expert contact details, etc.</i> <i>Free text.</i>	

3.2 Long-term trend (since c. 1980)		
3.2.1 Long-term trend Period	<i>1980–2018 or period as close as possible to that</i>	
3.2.2 Long-term trend Direction	<i>stable / fluctuating / increasing / decreasing / uncertain / unknown</i>	
3.2.3 Long-term trend Magnitude	a) Minimum	<i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 3.2.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
	b) Maximum	<i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 3.2.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
	c) Best single value	<i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 3.2.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
3.2.4 Long-term trend Method used	<i>Select one of the following methods:</i> <i>a) Complete survey or a statistically robust estimate</i> <i>b) Based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data</i> <i>c) Based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data</i> <i>d) Insufficient or no data available</i>	
3.2.5 Sources	<i>Give bibliographic references, link to Internet sites, expert contact details, etc.</i> <i>Free text</i>	
3.3 Additional information <i>Optional</i>	<i>Other relevant information, complementary to the data requested under sections 3.1 and 3.2</i> <i>Free text</i>	

4 Breeding distribution map and size	
4.1 Sensitive species	<i>The spatial information provided relates to a species (or subspecific population) to be treated as 'sensitive' YES/NO</i>
4.2 Year or period	<i>Year or period when breeding distribution was last determined</i>
4.3 Breeding distribution map	<i>Submit a map together with relevant metadata following the technical specifications in the Explanatory Notes & Guidelines. The standard for species distribution is 10x10km ETRS grid cells, projection ETRS LAEA 5210</i>
4.4 Breeding distribution surface area	<i>Total surface area of the breeding distribution in km²</i>
4.5 Breeding distribution Method used	<i>Select one of the following methods:</i> <i>a) Complete survey or a statistically robust estimate</i> <i>b) Based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data</i> <i>c) Based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data</i> <i>d) Insufficient or no data available</i>

4.6 Additional maps <i>Optional</i>	<i>MS can submit an additional map, deviating from the standard submission under field 4.3. and/or a range map</i>
4.7 Sources	<i>Give bibliographic references, link to Internet sites, expert contact details, etc.</i>
4.8 Additional information <i>Optional</i>	<i>Other relevant information, complementary to the data requested under fields 4.1–4.7</i> <i>Free text</i>

5 Breeding distribution trend		
5.1 Short-term trend (last 12 years)		
5.1.1 Short-term trend Period	<i>2007–2018 (rolling 12-year time window) or period as close as possible to that</i>	
5.1.2 Short-term trend Direction	<i>stable / fluctuating / increasing / decreasing / uncertain / unknown</i>	
5.1.3 Short-term trend Magnitude	a) Minimum	<i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 5.1.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
	b) Maximum	<i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 5.1.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
	c) Best single value	<i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 5.1.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
5.1.4 Short-term trend Method used	<i>Select one of the following methods:</i> <i>a) Complete survey or a statistically robust estimate</i> <i>b) Based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data</i> <i>c) Based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data</i> <i>d) Insufficient or no data available</i>	
5.1.5 Sources	<i>Give bibliographic references, link to Internet sites, expert contact details, etc.</i> <i>Free text</i>	

5.2 Long-term trend (since c. 1980)	
5.2.1 Long-term trend Period	<i>1980–2018 or period as close as possible to that</i>
5.2.2 Long-term trend Direction	<i>stable / fluctuating / increasing / decreasing / uncertain / unknown</i>
5.2.3 Long-term trend Magnitude	a) Minimum <i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 5.2.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
	b) Maximum <i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 5.2.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value (c)</i>
	c) Best single value <i>Percentage change over period indicated in the field 5.2.1. Provide either interval (a, b) and/or best single value(c)</i>
5.2.4 Long-term trend Method used	<p><i>Select one of the following methods:</i></p> <p><i>a) Complete survey or a statistically robust estimate</i></p> <p><i>b) Based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data</i></p> <p><i>c) Based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data</i></p> <p><i>d) Insufficient or no data available</i></p>
5.2.5 Sources	<p><i>Give bibliographic references, link to Internet sites, expert contact details, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Free text</i></p>
5.3 Additional information <i>Optional</i>	<p><i>Other relevant information, complementary to the data requested under sections 5.1 and 5.2.</i></p> <p><i>Free text</i></p>

6 Progress in work related to international Species Action Plans (SAPs), Management Plans (MPs) and Brief Management Statements (BMSs)	
6.1 Type of international plan	<i>SAP/MP/BMS (according to bird species checklist in the Reference portal)</i>
6.2 Has a national plan linked to the international SAP/MP/BMS been adopted?	<i>Has a national plan linked to the international SAP/MP/BMS been adopted? YES/NO</i>
6.3 If 'NO', describe any measures and initiatives taken related to the international SAP/MP/BMS	<p><i>Describe any measures and initiatives taken related to the international SAP/MP/BMS. Refer, when relevant, to code numbers of the actions in the plan</i></p> <p><i>Free text</i></p>
6.4 Assessment of the effectiveness of SAPs for globally threatened species (Art. 12, Species Action Plans)	<p><i>Indicate if species' national status (with respect to numbers and range) is:</i></p> <p><i>a) moving towards the plan's aim/objective(s) or</i></p> <p><i>b) unchanged or</i></p> <p><i>c) further deteriorating away from the plan's aim/objective(s)</i></p>

6.5 Assessment of the effectiveness of MPs for huntable species in non-Secure status (Articles 3 and 7, Management Plans)	Indicate if species' national status (with respect to numbers and range) is: a) improving or b) unchanged or c) further deteriorating
6.6 Sources of further information	Web-links (e.g. for national plan), published reports, etc. Free text

7 Main pressures and threats				
To be reported for all Annex I species and non-Annex I species triggering SPA classification (as identified in the bird species checklist in the Reference portal)				
7.1 Characterisation of pressures/threats				
a) Pressure/threat	Pressure		Threat	
	b) Ranking	c) Location	d) Ranking	e) Location
List a maximum of 10 pressures and a maximum of 10 threats using code list provided in the Reference portal	Indicate whether the pressure is of: H = high importance (maximum of 5 entries) M = medium importance	Indicate where the pressure is primarily operating: 4 = Inside the Member State 3 = Elsewhere in the EU 2 = outside EU 1 = both inside and outside EU x = unknown	Indicate whether the threat is of: H = high importance (maximum of 5 entries) M = medium importance	Indicate where the threat is primarily operating: 4 = Inside the Member State 3 = Elsewhere in the EU 2 = outside EU 1 = both inside and outside EU x = unknown
7.2 Sources of information <i>Optional</i>	Provide sources of information (URL, metadata, expert judgement) supporting evidence of pressures/threats reported as 'High'			
7.3 Additional information <i>Optional</i>	Other relevant information, complementary to the data requested under field 7.1 Free text			

8 Conservation measures	
To be reported for all Annex I species and non-Annex I species triggering SPA classification (as identified in the bird species checklist in the Reference portal)	
8.1 Status of measures	<p><i>Are measures needed? YES/NO</i></p> <p><i>If YES, indicate the status of measures:</i></p> <p><i>a) Measures identified, but none yet taken or</i></p> <p><i>b) Measures identified and taken or</i></p> <p><i>c) Measures needed but cannot be identified</i></p>
8.2 Main purpose of the measures taken	<p><i>Indicate the main purpose of measures taken:</i></p> <p><i>a) Maintain the current distribution, population and/or habitat for the species or</i></p> <p><i>b) Expand the current distribution of the species or</i></p> <p><i>c) Increase the population size and/or improve population dynamics (improve reproduction success, reduce mortality, improve age/sex structure) or</i></p> <p><i>d) Restore the habitat of the species</i></p>
8.3 Location of the measures	<p><i>Indicate the location of measures taken:</i></p> <p><i>a) Only inside Natura 2000 or</i></p> <p><i>b) Both inside and outside Natura 2000 or</i></p> <p><i>c) Only outside Natura 2000</i></p>
8.4 Response to the measures <i>(when the measures starts to neutralize the pressure(s) and produce positive effects)</i>	<p><i>Indicate the time frame of the response to measures (with regard to the main purpose indicated in field 8.2):</i></p> <p><i>a) Short-term results (within the current reporting period, 2013–2018) or</i></p> <p><i>b) Medium-term results (within the next two reporting periods, 2019–2030) or</i></p> <p><i>c) Long-term results (after 2030)</i></p>
8.5 List of main conservation measures	<i>List a maximum of 10 measures using code list provided in the Reference portal</i>
8.6 Additional information <i>Optional</i>	<p><i>Other relevant information, complementary to the data requested under fields 8.1–8.5</i></p> <p><i>Free text</i></p>

9 Natura 2000 (SPAs) coverage		
To be reported for all Annex I species and non-Annex I species triggering SPA classification (as identified in the bird species checklist in the Reference portal)		
9.1 Population size inside the Natura 2000 (SPA) network <i>(on national level including all sites where the species is present)</i>	a) Unit	<i>Use same unit as in field 2.2.a)</i>
	b) Minimum	<i>Number (raw, i.e. not rounded). Provide either interval (b, c) and/or best single value (d)</i>
	c) Maximum	<i>Number (raw, i.e. not rounded). Provide either interval (b, c) and/or best single value (d)</i>
	d) Best single value	<i>Number (raw, i.e. not rounded). Provide either interval (b, c) and/or best single value (d)</i>
9.2 Type of estimate	<i>Best estimate / multi-year mean / 95% confidence interval / minimum</i>	
9.3 Population size inside the network Method used	<i>Select one of the following methods:</i> <i>a) Complete survey or a statistically robust estimate</i> <i>b) Based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data</i> <i>c) Based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data</i> <i>d) Insufficient or no data available</i>	
9.4 Short-term trend of population size within the network Direction	<i>Short-term trend of population size within the network over the period indicated in field 3.1.1 :</i> <i>stable / fluctuating / increasing / decreasing / uncertain / unknown</i>	
9.5 Short-term trend of population size within the network Method used	<i>Select one of the following methods:</i> <i>a) Complete survey or a statistically robust estimate</i> <i>b) Based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data</i> <i>c) Based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data</i> <i>d) Insufficient or no data available</i>	
9.6 Additional information <i>Optional</i>	<i>Other relevant information, complementary to the data requested under fields 9.1–9.5</i> <i>Free text</i>	

10 Information related to Annex II species (Art. 7)							
10.1 Is the species nationally hunted?	<p><i>Is the species nationally hunted? YES/NO</i></p> <p><i>If yes, then continue filling in fields 10.2 to 10.4.</i></p>						
10.2 Hunting bag	<i>Provide national hunting bag statistics for the reporting period</i>						
	a) Unit	<i>Individuals</i>					
	b) Statistics/ quantity taken	<i>Provide statistics per hunting season or per year (where season is not used) over the reporting period.</i>					
		<i>Season/ year 1</i>	<i>Season/ year 2</i>	<i>Season/ year 3</i>	<i>Season/ year 4</i>	<i>Season/ year 5</i>	<i>Season/ year 6</i>
	Min. (raw, i.e. not rounded)						
	Max. (raw, i.e. not rounded)						
Unknown							
10.3 Hunting bag Method used	<p><i>Select one of the following methods:</i></p> <p><i>a) Complete survey or a statistically robust estimate</i></p> <p><i>b) Based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data</i></p> <p><i>c) Based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data</i></p> <p><i>d) Insufficient or no data available</i></p>						
10.4 Additional information	<p><i>Other relevant information, complementary to the data requested under fields 10.1–10.3</i></p> <p><i>Free text</i></p>						
<i>Optional</i>							