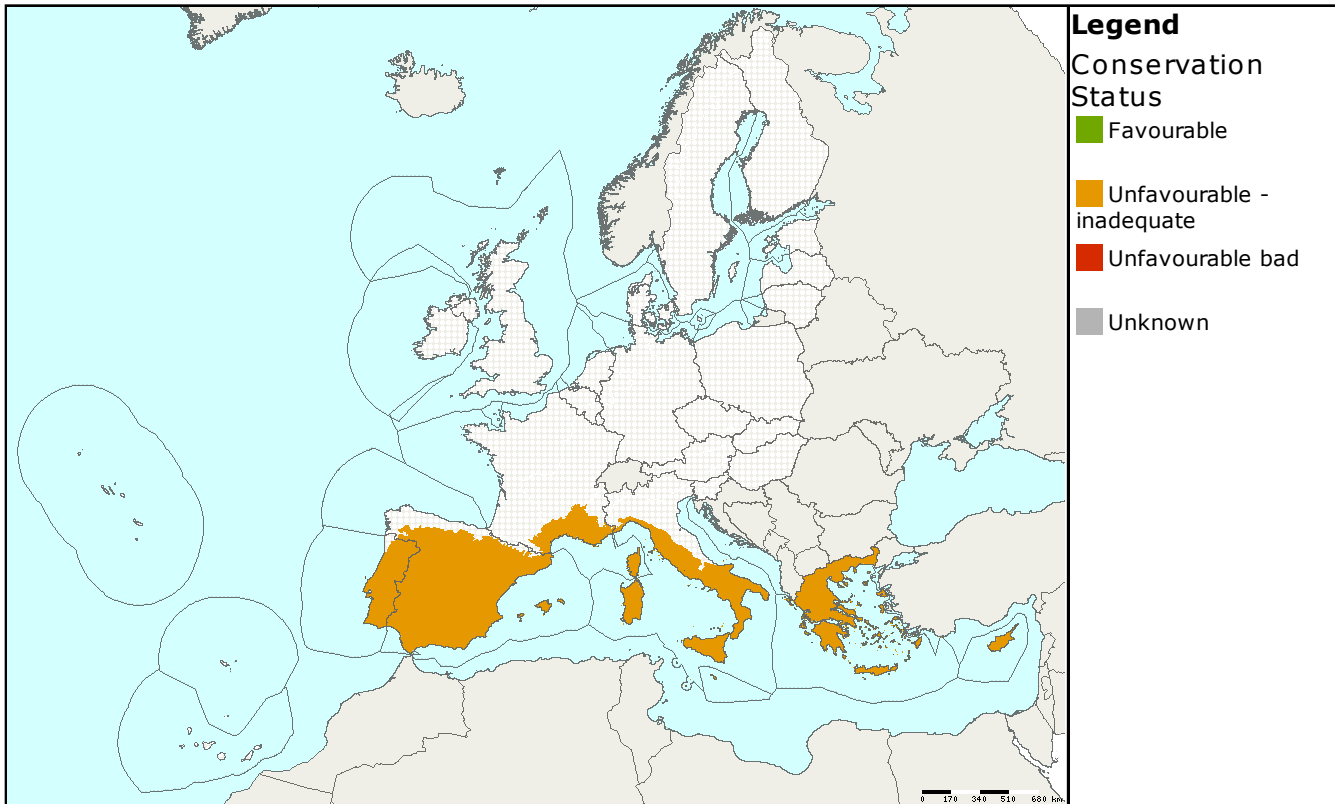




Species name: **Armadillidium
ghardalamensis**
Annex: **II*, IV**

Species group: **Invertebrates**
Regions: **MED**

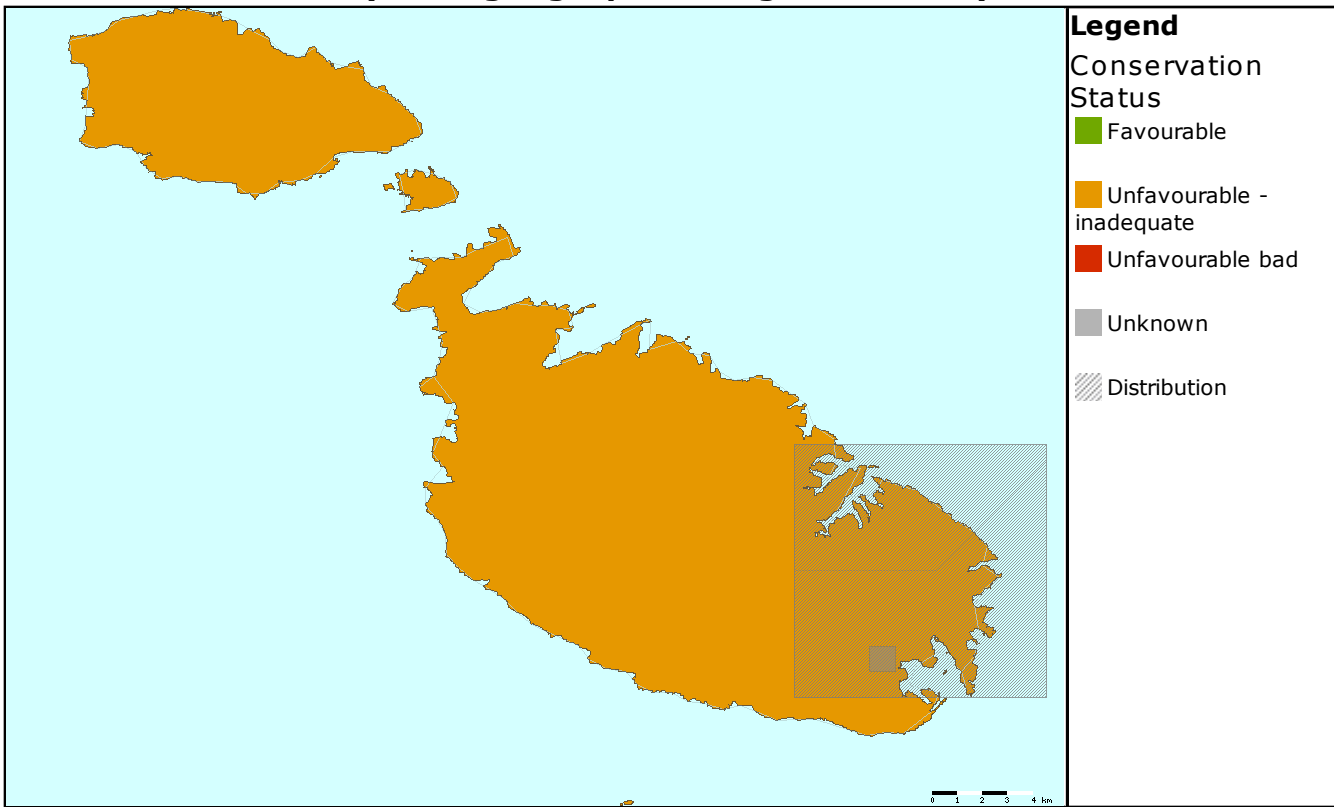
Assessments of conservation status at the European level (all biogeographical regions - EU25)



MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Population size & unit	Population Trend
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall		
EU25	MED						1 loc.	X

MED: *Armadillidium ghardalamensis* is rare endemic species, with small populations known only from one locality from the island of Malta, namely the Ghar Dalam/il-Friefet cave system (S-SE Malta), to which it is endemic. Ghar Dalam itself is open to the public in view of the abundance of Quaternary fossils, whilst Ghar il-Friefet is now severely affected by the nearby urbanisation. Nevertheless, the species occurs at a depth of 100m from the entrance, in that part of the cave which is not open to the public, and measures have been taken such that artificial light has been reduced in the inner parts of the cave, in order to further safeguard this troglobitic species (restricted to caves). In view of this, the species is not considered to be particularly threatened, except by way of its vulnerability due to it being globally restricted to a single cave system subject to natural disasters, as for instance, through collapse. Probably for above mentioned reasons future prospects was assessed in conclusion as "inadequate" so overall assessment is "inadequate" in spite of "favourable" status for range and habitat. There is discrepancy for future prospects, where in text part it is filled up as good ("favourable") and in conclusion as "inadequate". If data from text part should be accepted overall assessment will have status "favourable".

**Assessments of conservation status as reported by Member states
(all biogeographical regions - EU25)**



MS	Region	Conservation status assessment					Size&unit	Population trend	Data quality
		Range	Population	Habitat	Future prospects	Overall			
MT	MED						1 - 1 loc.	X	2

Data quality is based on an assessment by each Member State, 1 = good, 2 = medium, 3 = poor

This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive in 2007 and covering the period 2001-2006. More detailed information is available at <http://biodiversity.eionet.europa.eu/article17>