

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

**Second Report by the United Kingdom under
Article 17
on the implementation of the Directive
from January 2001 to December 2006
Report for Gibraltar only**

**Conservation status assessment for
Habitat:
H5230 - Matorral with *Laurus nobilis***

The information in this assessment corresponds to the "habitat fact sheet" submitted by the UK to the European Union in February 2008 (second and final submission). Please note that this is a section of the UK's report. For the complete report visit <http://www.jncc.gov.uk/article17>

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1. National level

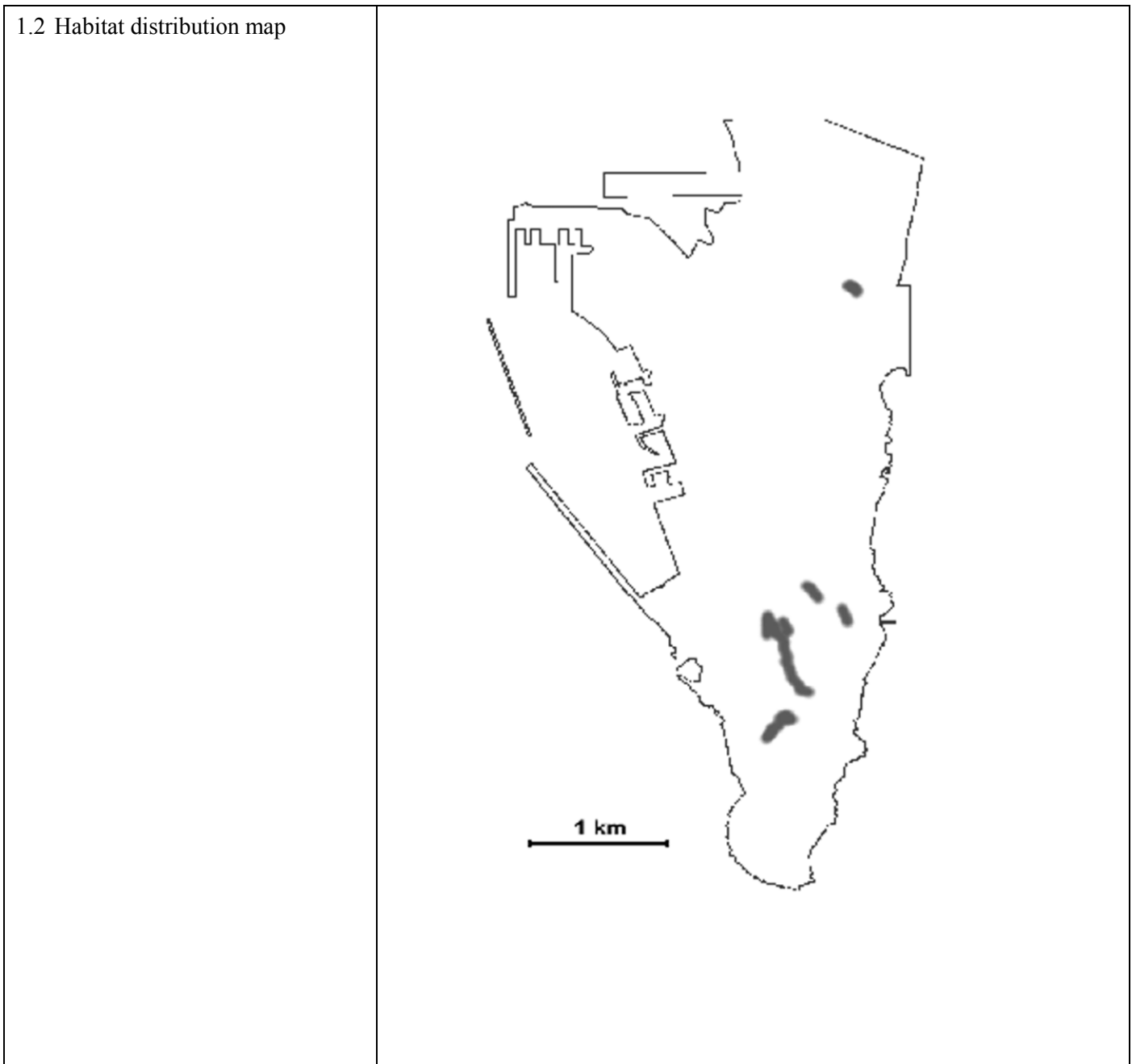
Habitat Code H5230

Member State UK

Biogeographic regions concerned within the MS MED

1.1 Habitat range map





2. Biogeographic level

2.1 Biogeographic region or marine region	MED
2.2 Published sources and/or websites	<p>Cortes, J.E. (1994) The History of the vegetation of Gibraltar. <i>Almoriama</i>, 11: 155-169.</p> <p>Perez, C.E. (2006) Biodiversity Action Plan, Gibraltar: Planning for Nature. Gibraltar: GONHS.</p> <p>Perez, C.E. & Bensusan, K.J. (2005) Upper Rock Nature Reserve. A Management and Action Plan. Gibraltar: GONHS.</p>

2.3 Range of the habitat within the Biogeographic or marine region

2.3.1 Surface area of range in square km	2
2.3.2 Date of range determination	2007
2.3.3 Quality of data concerning range	Good
2.3.4 Range trend	increasing (+)

2.3.5 Range trend magnitude in %	
2.3.6 Range trend period	1979-2006
2.3.7 Reasons for reported trend	1 - Improved knowledge/more accurate data; 5 - Natural processes;
2.4 Area covered by habitat type within the range in the biogeographical region concerned.	
2.4.1 Surface area of the habitat type (sq km)	0.08
2.4.2 Date of area estimation	2007
2.4.3 Method used for area estimation	3 - Ground based survey
2.4.4 Quality of data on area	Moderate
2.4.5 Area trend	increasing (+)
2.4.6 Area trend magnitude in %	0.004
2.4.7 Area trend period	1979-2006
2.4.8 Reasons for reported trend	1 - Improved knowledge/more accurate data; 5 - Natural processes;
2.4.9 Justification of % thresholds for trends (optional)	
2.4.10 Main pressures	702 - air pollution; 979 - other forms or mixed forms of interspecific floral competition;
2.4.11 Threats	400 - Urbanised areas, human habitation; 948 - fire;
Complementary information	
2.5.1 Favourable reference range (sq km)	2
2.5.2 Favourable reference area (sq km)	0.5
2.5.3 Typical species	<i>Celtis australis</i> ; <i>Coluber hippocrepis</i> ; <i>Crataegus monogyna ssp. brevispina</i> ; <i>Laurus nobilis</i> ; <i>Macrothele calpeiana</i> ; <i>Olea europea</i> ; <i>Scolopendra cingulatus</i> ;
2.5.4 Typical species assessment	
2.5.5 Other relevant information	
2.6 Conclusions (assessment of conservation status at end of reporting period)	
(2.3) Range	(FV) Favourable
(2.4) Area	(U1+) Inadequate but improving
(2.5) Specific structures and functions (incl. typical species)	(U1+) Inadequate but improving
Future prospects	(FV) Favourable
Overall assessment	(U1+) Inadequate but improving