

**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**


**Conservation status assessment for  
Habitat:**

**H3260 - Water courses of plain to montane levels  
with the *Ranunculion fluitantis* and *Callitricho-  
Batrachion* vegetation**

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	H3260
Member State	UK
Biogeographic regions concerned within the MS	ATL
1.1 Habitat range map	

## 1.2 Habitat distribution map



## 2. Biogeographic level

2.1 Biogeographic region or marine region

ATL

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<b>2.3 Range of the habitat within the Biogeographic or marine region</b>	
2.3.1 Surface area of range in square km	193696
2.3.2 Date of range determination	05/2007
2.3.3 Quality of data concerning range	Moderate

2.3.4 Range trend	Stable (=)
2.3.5 Range trend magnitude in %	Not applicable
2.3.6 Range trend period	1994-2006
2.3.7 Reasons for reported trend	Not applicable
<b>2.4 Area covered by habitat type within the range in the biogeographical region concerned.</b>	
2.4.1 Surface area of the habitat type (sq km)	Unknown
2.4.2 Date of area estimation	05/2007
2.4.3 Method used for area estimation	
2.4.4 Quality of data on area	Poor
2.4.5 Area trend	Decreasing (-)
2.4.6 Area trend magnitude in %	0.15% per annum
2.4.7 Area trend period	1994-2006
2.4.8 Reasons for reported trend	3 - Direct human influence; 4 - Indirect anthropo or zoogenic influence;
2.4.9 Justification of % thresholds for trends (optional)	Not applicable
2.4.10 Main pressures	110 - Use of pesticides; 120 - Fertilisation; 130 - Irrigation; 220 - Leisure fishing; 421 - disposal of household waste; 422 - disposal of industrial waste; 701 - water pollution; 830 - Canalisation; 852 - modifying structures of inland water courses; 910 - Silting up; 954 - invasion by a species; 971 - competition;
2.4.11 Threats	110 - Use of pesticides; 120 - Fertilisation; 130 - Irrigation; 220 - Leisure fishing; 421 - disposal of household waste; 422 - disposal of industrial waste; 701 - water pollution; 830 - Canalisation; 852 - modifying structures of inland water courses; 910 - Silting up; 952 - eutrophication; 954 - invasion by a species; 971 - competition;
<b>Complementary information</b>	
2.5.1 Favourable reference range (sq km)	193696
2.5.2 Favourable reference area (sq km)	Unknown
2.5.3 Typical species	none listed
2.5.4 Typical species assessment	Not applicable
2.5.5 Other relevant information	
<b>2.6 Conclusions (assessment of conservation status at end of reporting period)</b>	
(2.3) Range	(FV) - Favourable
(2.4) Area	(U1) - Inadequate
(2.5) Specific structures and functions (incl. typical species)	(U2-) - Bad and deteriorating
Future prospects	(U2-) - Bad and deteriorating
Overall assessment	(U2-) - Bad and deteriorating