

**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
Species:
S1099 - *Lampetra fluviatilis* - River lamprey**

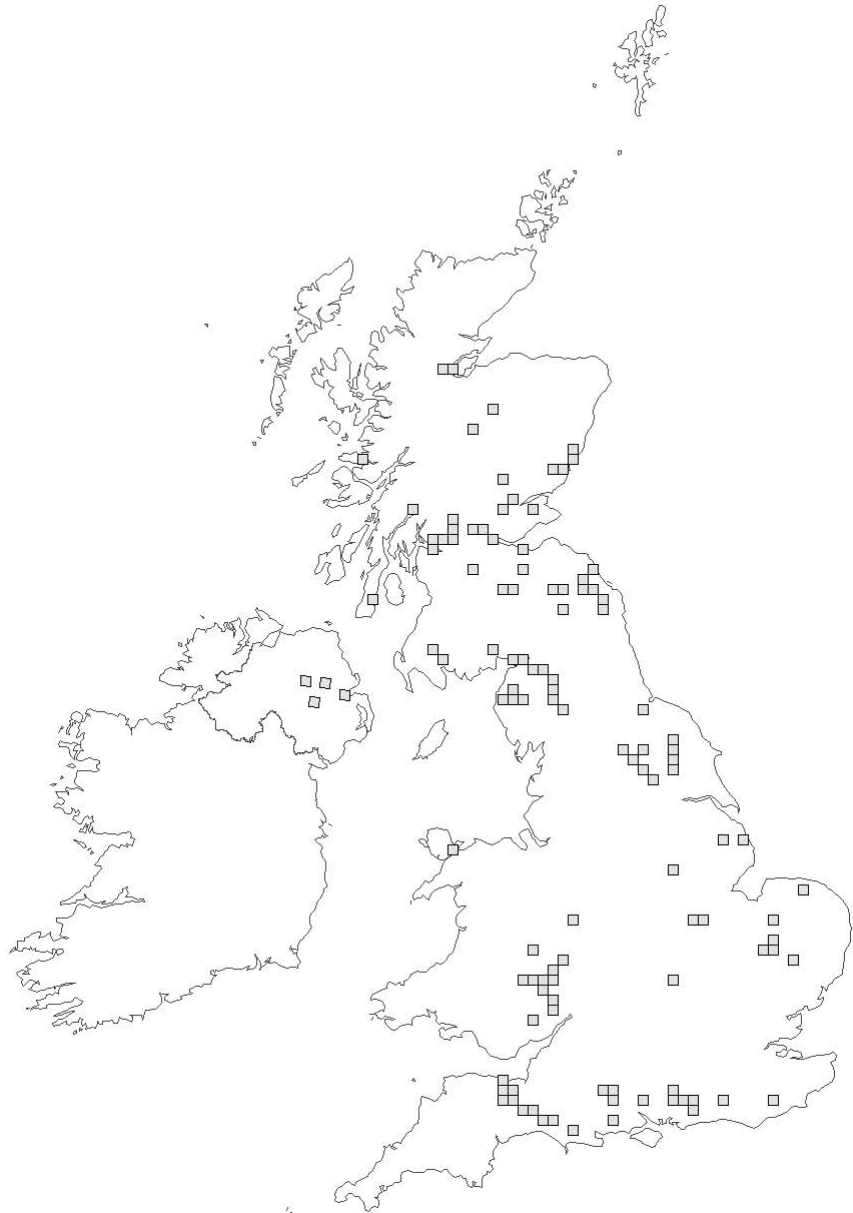
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Species Name: *Lampetra fluviatilis*

1. National level	
Species Code	S1099
Member State	United Kingdom
Biogeographic regions concerned within the Member state	ATL
1.1 Range map	 A map of the United Kingdom showing the distribution of the lampbrush trout (<i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i>). The distribution is indicated by several shaded grey areas. These areas are primarily located in the Scottish Highlands, the Scottish Islands, and the English Lake District. There are also smaller shaded areas in the Pennines and the southern part of England. The map shows the outline of the United Kingdom, including the main islands and the Channel Islands.

1.2 Distribution map



2. Biogeographic level

2.1 Biogeographic region

ATL

2.2 Published sources and/or websites

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2.3 Range of species in the biogeographic region or marine region	
2.3.1 Surface range of the species (sq km)	37685
2.3.2 Date of range determination	1990-2003

2.3.3 Quality of data concerning range	Moderate			
2.3.4 Range trend	Stable (=)			
2.3.5 Range trend magnitude (%)	Not applicable			
2.3.6 Range trend period	1994-2002			
2.3.7 Reasons for reported trend	Not applicable			
2.4 Population				
2.4.1 Population size estimation	Minimum	Unknown	Maximum	Unknown
	Units			
2.4.2 Date of population estimation	05/2007			
2.4.3 Method used for population estimation	1 - Based on expert opinion			
2.4.4 Quality of population data	Poor			
2.4.5 Population trend	Unknown (X)			
2.4.6 Population trend magnitude (%)	Not applicable			
2.4.7 Population trend period	1994-2006			
2.4.8 Reasons for reported trend	Not applicable			
2.4.9 Justification of % thresholds for trends (optional)	Not applicable			
2.4.10 Main pressures	221 - bait digging; 300 - Sand and gravel extraction; 420 - Discharges; 701 - water pollution; 811 - management of aquatic and bank vegetation for drainage purposes; 820 - Removal of sediments (mud...); 830 - Canalisation; 850 - Modification of hydrographic functioning, general; 852 - modifying structures of inland water courses; 853 - management of water levels; 951 - drying out / accumulation of organic material; 952 - eutrophication; 953 - acidification;			
2.4.11 Threats	221 - bait digging; 300 - Sand and gravel extraction; 420 - Discharges; 701 - water pollution; 811 - management of aquatic and bank vegetation for drainage purposes; 820 - Removal of sediments (mud...); 830 - Canalisation; 850 - Modification of hydrographic functioning, general; 852 - modifying structures of inland water courses; 853 - management of water levels; 951 - drying out / accumulation of organic material; 952 - eutrophication; 953 - acidification;			
2.5 Habitat for the species in the biogeographic region or marine region				
2.5 Habitats for the species	Clean well-oxygenated river gravels for spawning with suitable nearby hiding places. Good water quality, and slower flowing nursery areas of sandy silt for juveniles. The adult stage migrates to, and feeds in, estuaries. Therefore suitable estuarine conditions are needed at the mouth of 'home' rivers, free from pollution and with suitable prey fish species. They also require a clear migration route from estuary to the spawning grounds, with suitable river flows and no barriers			
2.5.2 Area estimation (sq km)	Unknown			
2.5.3 Date of estimation	05/2007			
2.5.4 Quality of data	Poor			
2.5.5 Trend of the habitat	Decreasing (-)			

2.5.6 Trend period	2000-2006
2.5.7 Reasons for reported trend	3 - Direct human influence;
2.6 Future prospects	
2.6 Future prospects for the species	Poor prospects_Species likely to struggle unless conditions change
2.7 Complementary information	
2.7.1 Favourable reference range (sq km)	37685
2.7.2 Favourable reference population	
2.7.3 Suitable Habitat for the species	Unknown
2.7.4 Other relevant information	
2.8 Conclusions <i>(assessment of conservation status at end of reporting period)</i>	
(2.3) Range	(FV) - Favourable
(2.4) Population	(XX) - Unknown
(2.5) Habitat for the species	(U1+) - Inadequate but improving
(2.6) Future prospects	(U1+) - Inadequate but improving
Overall assessment	(U1+) - Inadequate but improving