

**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:  
S2494 - *Coregonus lavaretus* - Whitefish**

The information in this assessment corresponds to the "species 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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**Species Name: *Coregonus lavaretus***

<b>1. National level</b>	
Species Code	S2494
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 <i>Coregonus lavaretus</i> . The map includes the main islands of Great Britain and Ireland, as well as the Shetland Islands. Three specific locations are marked with grey squares: one in the Scottish Highlands (likely Loch Lomond), one in the English Midlands (likely the Great Ouse catchment), and one in the English Midlands (likely the Trent catchment). The rest of the map is blank, indicating no recorded distribution elsewhere in the UK.

## 1.2 Distribution map



## 2. Biogeographic level

### 2.1 Biogeographic region

ATL

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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)	1759
2.3.2 Date of range determination	1991-2001
2.3.3 Quality of data concerning range	Good
2.3.4 Range trend	Stable (=)
2.3.5 Range trend magnitude (%)	Not applicable
2.3.6 Range trend period	1994-2006
2.3.7 Reasons for reported trend	3 - Direct human influence;

### 2.4 Population

2.4.1 Population size estimation	Minimum	7	Maximum	7
	Units	Other Natural Sites		
2.4.2 Date of population estimation	2006			
2.4.3 Method used for population estimation	2 - Extrapolation from surveys of part of the population			
2.4.4 Quality of population data	Moderate			

2.4.5 Population trend	Decreasing (-)
2.4.6 Population trend magnitude (%)	Unknown
2.4.7 Population trend period	1994-2006
2.4.8 Reasons for reported trend	3 - Direct human influence;
2.4.9 Justification of % thresholds for trends (optional)	Not applicable
2.4.10 Main pressures	701 - water pollution; 910 - Silting up; 954 - invasion by a species; 966 - antagonism arising from introduction of species;
2.4.11 Threats	701 - water pollution; 910 - Silting up; 954 - invasion by a species; 966 - antagonism arising from introduction of species;
<b>2.5 Habitat for the species in the biogeographic region or marine region</b>	
2.5 Habitats for the species	
2.5.2 Area estimation (sq km)	97.59
2.5.3 Date of estimation	2007
2.5.4 Quality of data	Moderate
2.5.5 Trend of the habitat	Increasing (+)
2.5.6 Trend period	1994-2007
2.5.7 Reasons for reported trend	3 - Direct human influence;
<b>2.6 Future prospects</b>	
2.6 Future prospects for the species	Poor prospects_Species likely to struggle unless conditions change
<b>2.7 Complementary information</b>	
2.7.1 Favourable reference range (sq km)	1759
2.7.2 Favourable reference population	
2.7.3 Suitable Habitat for the species	Unknown
2.7.4 Other relevant information	
<b>2.8 Conclusions</b> <i>(assessment of conservation status at end of reporting period)</i>	
(2.3) Range	(FV) - Favourable
(2.4) Population	(U1-) - Inadequate and deteriorating
(2.5) Habitat for the species	(XX) - Unknown
(2.6) Future prospects	(U1) - Inadequate
Overall assessment	(U1-) - Inadequate and deteriorating