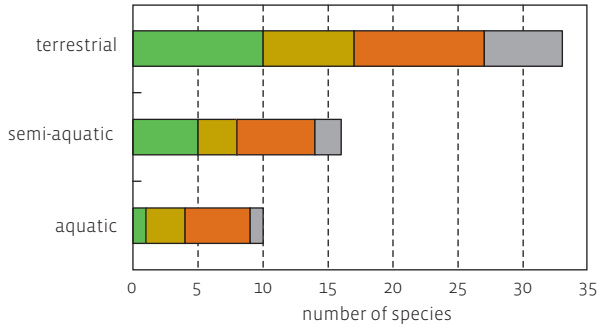
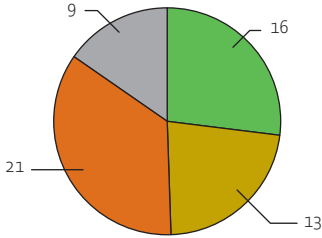




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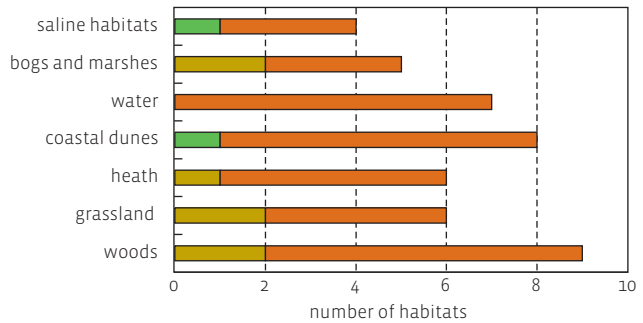
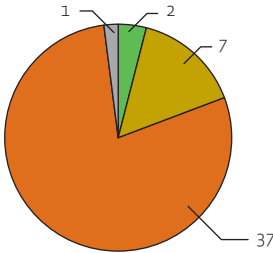
per group of species



■ favourable
 ■ slightly unfavourable
 ■ very unfavourable
 ■ unknown

all habitats

per group of habitats



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Conservation status of important European species

The Habitat Directive intends to promote a favourable conservation status for a number of habitats and species that are threatened worldwide and for which Europe plays an important role. This often concerns very specific habitats and species. Conservation status of the habitats is evaluated on the basis of four criteria specified by Europe: the area of the habitat, its distribution, its quality and its future prospects. For species these are the populations of the species, its distribution, the state of its habitat and the future prospects.

Both habitats and species score badly

Three-quarters of the habitats (37) are in a very unfavourable state of conservation. In addition there are another seven habitats that are rated as moderately unfavourable. That means that there are only two habitats that have a favourable conservation status across the board.

A little more than one quarter of the species (16) are in a favourable state of conservation. For 13 species the score is moderately unfavourable and for 21 species very unfavourable. The assessment is relatively speaking worst for aquatic species where only one of the 10 species scores favourably. Water-associated habitats also get a very unfavourable assessment.