

# Report on the main results of the surveillance under article 11 for annex II, IV and V species (Annex B)

0.1 Member State	IT
0.2.1 Species code	1092
0.2.2 Species name	<b>Austropotamobius pallipes</b>
0.2.3 Alternative species scientific name	Austropotamobius italicus
0.2.4 Common name	Gambero di fiume

## 1. National Level

### 1.1 Maps

1.1.1 Distribution Map	Yes
1.1.1a Sensitive species	No
1.1.2 Method used - map	Estimate based on partial data with some extrapolation and/or modelling (2)
1.1.3 Year or period	2007-2012
1.1.4 Additional map	No
1.1.5 Range map	Yes

## 2. Biogeographical Or Marine Level

### 2.1 Biogeographical Region

### 2.2 Published sources

#### Alpine (ALP)

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### 2.3 Range

2.3.1 Surface area - Range (km <sup>2</sup> )	42400
2.3.2 Method - Range surface area	Estimate based on partial data with some extrapolation and/or modelling (2)
2.3.3 Short-term trend period	2001-2012
2.3.4 Short-term trend direction	stable (0)
2.3.5 Short-term trend magnitude	min max
2.3.6 Long-term trend period	
2.3.7 Long-term trend direction	N/A
2.3.8 Long-term trend magnitude	min max
2.3.9 Favourable reference range	area (km <sup>2</sup> )

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	operator	approximately equal to (≈)		
	unkown	No		
	method	Expert opinion		
2.3.10 Reason for change	Use of different method			
2.4 Population				
2.4.1 Population size (individuals or agreed exception)	Unit	N/A		
	min	max		
2.4.2 Population size (other than individuals)	Unit	number of map 10x10 km grid cells (grids10x10)		
	min	168	max	168
2.4.3 Additional information	Definition of locality			
	Conversion method	not available		
	Problems	it is impossible to convert grids into individuals		
2.4.4 Year or period	2007-2012			
2.4.5 Method – population size	Estimate based on partial data with some extrapolation and/or modelling (2)			
2.4.6 Short-term trend period	2001-2012			
2.4.7 Short term trend direction	stable (0)			
2.4.8 Short-term trend magnitude	min	max	confidence interval	
2.4.9 Short-term trend method	Estimate based on expert opinion with no or minimal sampling (1)			
2.4.10 Long-term trend period				
2.4.11 Long term trend direction	N/A			
2.4.12 Long-term trend magnitude	min	max	confidence interval	
2.4.13 Long-term trend method	N/A			
2.4.14 Favourable reference population	number			
	operator	approximately equal to (≈)		
	unknown	No		
	method	Expert opinion		
2.4.15 Reason for change	Use of different method			
2.5 Habitat for the Species				
2.5.1 Surface area - Habitat (km²)				
2.5.2 Year or period				
2.5.3 Method used - habitat	Absent data (0)			
2.5.4 a) Quality of habitat	Moderate			
2.5.4 b) Quality of habitat - method	Expert opinion			
2.5.5 Short term trend period	2001-2012			
2.5.6 Short term trend direction	stable (0)			
2.5.7 Long-term trend period				
2.5.8 Long term trend direction	N/A			
2.5.9 Area of suitable habitat (km²)				
2.5.10 Reason for change	Genuine Use of different method			
2.6 Main Pressures				

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Pressure	ranking	pollution qualifier(s)
Sand and gravel extraction (C01.01)	low importance (L)	N/A
Hunting, fishing or collecting activities not referred to above (F06)	medium importance (M)	N/A
pollution to surface waters by industrial plants (H01.01)	low importance (L)	N/A
diffuse pollution to surface waters via storm overflows or urban run-off (H01.04)	high importance (H)	N/A
diffuse pollution to surface waters due to agricultural and forestry activities (H01.05)	high importance (H)	N/A
invasive non-native species (I01)	high importance (H)	N/A
Canalisation & water deviation (J02.03)	high importance (H)	N/A
modifying structures of inland water courses (J02.05.02)	high importance (H)	N/A
small hydropower projects, weirs (J02.05.05)	medium importance (M)	N/A
reduction or loss of specific habitat features (J03.01)	medium importance (M)	N/A

2.6.1 Method used – pressures based only on expert judgements (1)

## 2.7 Main Threats

Threat	ranking	pollution qualifier(s)
Hunting, fishing or collecting activities not referred to above (F06)	medium importance (M)	N/A
diffuse pollution to surface waters via storm overflows or urban run-off (H01.04)	medium importance (M)	N/A
diffuse pollution to surface waters due to agricultural and forestry activities (H01.05)	medium importance (M)	N/A
invasive non-native species (I01)	high importance (H)	N/A
Canalisation & water deviation (J02.03)	high importance (H)	N/A
modifying structures of inland water courses (J02.05.02)	high importance (H)	N/A
small hydropower projects, weirs (J02.05.05)	high importance (H)	N/A
reduction or loss of specific habitat features (J03.01)	high importance (H)	N/A

2.7.1 Method used – threats expert opinion (1)

## 2.8 Complementary Information

2.8.1 Justification of % thresholds for trends

2.8.2 Other relevant Information

Following recent molecular studies (see Fratini et al., 2005 and following papers cited in 2.2), in the ALP region *A. pallipes* was subdivided in *A. pallipes* s. str. In western Piedmont and Liguria, and *A. italicus* in remaining part of the areal; ssp. *A. italicus carinthiacus* and *A. italicus carsicus* are present in ALP region.

2.8.3 Trans-boundary assessment

## 2.9 Conclusions (assessment of conservation status at end of reporting period)

2.9.1 Range assessment Favourable (FV)

qualifiers N/A

2.9.2. Population assessment Favourable (FV)

qualifiers N/A

2.9.3. Habitat assessment Favourable (FV)

qualifiers N/A

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2.9.4. Future prospects	assessment Favourable (FV) qualifiers N/A
2.9.5 Overall assessment of Conservation Status	Favourable (FV)
2.9.5 Overall trend in Conservation Status	N/A

## 3. Natura 2000 coverage and conservation measures - Annex II species

### 3.1 Population

3.1.1 Population Size	Unit N/A min max
3.1.2 Method used	Absent data (0)
3.1.3 Trend of population size within	N/A

### 3.2 Conversation Measures

3.2.1 Measure	3.2.2 Type	3.2.3 Ranking	3.2.4 Location	3.2.5 Broad Evaluation
Other wetland-related measures (4.0)	Recurrent	medium importance (M)	Inside	Maintain Enhance
Restoring/improving water quality (4.1)	Legal Administrative	high importance (H)	Both	Maintain Not evaluated
Restoring/improving the hydrological regime (4.2)	Legal	high importance (H)	Both	Long term
Managing water abstraction (4.3)	Legal Administrative	high importance (H)	Both	Long term Not evaluated
Legal protection of habitats and species (6.3)	Legal	high importance (H)	Both	Long term Unknown Not evaluated
Other species management measures (7.0)	One-off	medium importance (M)	Outside	Maintain Enhance
Specific single species or species group management measures (7.4)	Legal Administrative One-off	high importance (H)	Both	Long term Unknown Not evaluated

## 2. Biogeographical Or Marine Level

### 2.1 Biogeographical Region

### 2.2 Published sources

#### Continental (CON)

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## 2.3 Range

2.3.1 Surface area - Range (km <sup>2</sup> )	65800
2.3.2 Method - Range surface area	Estimate based on partial data with some extrapolation and/or modelling (2)
2.3.3 Short-term trend period	2001-2012
2.3.4 Short-term trend direction	stable (0)
2.3.5 Short-term trend magnitude	min max
2.3.6 Long-term trend period	
2.3.7 Long-term trend direction	N/A
2.3.8 Long-term trend magnitude	min max
2.3.9 Favourable reference range	area (km <sup>2</sup> ) operator approximately equal to (≈) unknown No method Expert opinion
2.3.10 Reason for change	Use of different method

## 2.4 Population

2.4.1 Population size (individuals or agreed exception)	Unit N/A min max
2.4.2 Population size (other than individuals)	Unit number of map 10x10 km grid cells (grids10x10) min 260 max 260
2.4.3 Additional information	Definition of locality Conversion method not available Problems it is impossible to convert grids into individuals
2.4.4 Year or period	2007-2012
2.4.5 Method – population size	Estimate based on partial data with some extrapolation and/or modelling (2)
2.4.6 Short-term trend period	2001-2012
2.4.7 Short term trend direction	decrease (-)
2.4.8 Short-term trend magnitude	min max confidence interval
2.4.9 Short-term trend method	Estimate based on expert opinion with no or minimal sampling (1)
2.4.10 Long-term trend period	
2.4.11 Long term trend direction	N/A

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2.4.12 Long-term trend magnitude	min	max	confidence interval
2.4.13 Long-term trend method	N/A		
2.4.14 Favourable reference population	number		
	operator	approximately equal to (≈)	
	unknown	No	
	method	Expert opinion	
2.4.15 Reason for change	Use of different method		

## 2.5 Habitat for the Species

2.5.1 Surface area - Habitat (km <sup>2</sup> )	
2.5.2 Year or period	
2.5.3 Method used - habitat	Absent data (0)
2.5.4 a) Quality of habitat	Moderate
2.5.4 b) Quality of habitat - method	Expert opinion
2.5.5 Short term trend period	2001-2012
2.5.6 Short term trend direction	decrease (-)
2.5.7 Long-term trend period	
2.5.8 Long term trend direction	N/A
2.5.9 Area of suitable habitat (km <sup>2</sup> )	
2.5.10 Reason for change	Genuine Improved knowledge/more accurate data

## 2.6 Main Pressures

Pressure	ranking	pollution qualifier(s)
Sand and gravel extraction (C01.01)	medium importance (M)	N/A
Hunting, fishing or collecting activities not referred to above (F06)	medium importance (M)	N/A
pollution to surface waters by industrial plants (H01.01)	high importance (H)	N/A
diffuse pollution to surface waters via storm overflows or urban run-off (H01.04)	medium importance (M)	N/A
diffuse pollution to surface waters due to agricultural and forestry activities (H01.05)	medium importance (M)	N/A
invasive non-native species (I01)	high importance (H)	N/A
Canalisation & water deviation (J02.03)	high importance (H)	N/A
modifying structures of inland water courses (J02.05.02)	high importance (H)	N/A
small hydropower projects, weirs (J02.05.05)	medium importance (M)	N/A
reduction or loss of specific habitat features (J03.01)	medium importance (M)	N/A

2.6.1 Method used – pressures based only on expert judgements (1)

## 2.7 Main Threats

Threat	ranking	pollution qualifier(s)
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Hunting, fishing or collecting activities not referred to above (F06)	medium importance (M)	N/A
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diffuse pollution to surface waters due to agricultural and forestry activities (H01.05)	medium importance (M)	N/A
invasive non-native species (I01)	high importance (H)	N/A
Canalisation & water deviation (J02.03)	high importance (H)	N/A
modifying structures of inland water courses (J02.05.02)	high importance (H)	N/A
small hydropower projects, weirs (J02.05.05)	low importance (L)	N/A
reduction or loss of specific habitat features (J03.01)	high importance (H)	N/A

2.7.1 Method used – threats expert opinion (1)

## 2.8 Complementary Information

2.8.1 Justification of % thresholds for trends

2.8.2 Other relevant Information

Following recent molecular studies (see Fratini et al., 2005 and following papers cited in 2.2), in the CON region *A. pallipes* was subdivided in *A. pallipes* s. str. In a very restricted area of northwestern Italy, and *A. italicus* in remaining part of the areal; ssp. *A. italicus carinthiacus*, *A. italicus carsicus* and few populations of *A. i. meridionalis* and *A. italicus italicus* are intermixed in CON region. Intermixing may be due to human intervention (transfaunation).

2.8.3 Trans-boundary assessment

## 2.9 Conclusions (assessment of conservation status at end of reporting period)

2.9.1 Range	assessment Favourable (FV) qualifiers N/A
2.9.2. Population	assessment Inadequate (U1) qualifiers declining (-)
2.9.3. Habitat	assessment Inadequate (U1) qualifiers declining (-)
2.9.4. Future prospects	assessment Inadequate (U1) qualifiers declining (-)
2.9.5 Overall assessment of Conservation Status	Inadequate (U1)
2.9.5 Overall trend in Conservation Status	declining (-)

## 3. Natura 2000 coverage and conservation measures - Annex II species

### 3.1 Population

3.1.1 Population Size	Unit N/A min max
3.1.2 Method used	Absent data (0)
3.1.3 Trend of population size within	N/A

### 3.2 Conversation Measures

3.2.1 Measure	3.2.2 Type	3.2.3 Ranking	3.2.4 Location	3.2.5 Broad Evaluation
Other wetland-related measures (4.0)	Recurrent	high importance (H)	Inside	Maintain Enhance



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Legal protection of habitats and species (6.3)	Legal	high importance (H)	Both	Long term Unknown
Specific single species or species group management measures (7.4)	Legal One-off	high importance (H)	Both	Long term Unknown

## 2. Biogeographical Or Marine Level

### 2.1 Biogeographical Region

### 2.2 Published sources

#### Mediterranean (MED)

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### 2.3 Range

2.3.1 Surface area - Range (km <sup>2</sup> )	40900
2.3.2 Method - Range surface area	Estimate based on partial data with some extrapolation and/or modelling (2)
2.3.3 Short-term trend period	2001-2012
2.3.4 Short-term trend direction	stable (0)
2.3.5 Short-term trend magnitude	min max
2.3.6 Long-term trend period	
2.3.7 Long-term trend direction	N/A
2.3.8 Long-term trend magnitude	min max
2.3.9 Favourable reference range	area (km <sup>2</sup> )
	operator approximately equal to (≈)
	unknown No
	method Expert opinion
2.3.10 Reason for change	Use of different method

### 2.4 Population

2.4.1 Population size (individuals or agreed exception)	Unit N/A
	min max



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2.4.2 Population size (other than individuals)	Unit	number of map 10x10 km grid cells (grids10x10)		
	min	132	max	132
2.4.3 Additional information	Definition of locality			
	Conversion method	not available		
	Problems	it is impossible to convert grids into individuals		
2.4.4 Year or period	2007-2012			
2.4.5 Method – population size	Estimate based on partial data with some extrapolation and/or modelling (2)			
2.4.6 Short-term trend period	2001-2012			
2.4.7 Short term trend direction	decrease (-)			
2.4.8 Short-term trend magnitude	min		max	confidence interval
2.4.9 Short-term trend method	Estimate based on expert opinion with no or minimal sampling (1)			
2.4.10 Long-term trend period				
2.4.11 Long term trend direction	N/A			
2.4.12 Long-term trend magnitude	min		max	confidence interval
2.4.13 Long-term trend method	N/A			
2.4.14 Favourable reference population	number			
	operator	more than (>)		
	unknown	No		
	method	Expert opinion		
2.4.15 Reason for change				

## 2.5 Habitat for the Species

2.5.1 Surface area - Habitat (km <sup>2</sup> )	
2.5.2 Year or period	
2.5.3 Method used - habitat	Absent data (0)
2.5.4 a) Quality of habitat	Moderate
2.5.4 b) Quality of habitat - method	Expert opinion
2.5.5 Short term trend period	2001-2012
2.5.6 Short term trend direction	decrease (-)
2.5.7 Long-term trend period	
2.5.8 Long term trend direction	N/A
2.5.9 Area of suitable habitat (km <sup>2</sup> )	
2.5.10 Reason for change	Genuine

## 2.6 Main Pressures

Pressure	ranking	pollution qualifier(s)
Hunting, fishing or collecting activities not referred to above (F06)	medium importance (M)	N/A
diffuse pollution to surface waters due to agricultural and forestry activities (H01.05)	medium importance (M)	N/A
invasive non-native species (I01)	medium importance (M)	N/A
Canalisation & water deviation (J02.03)	high importance (H)	N/A
modifying structures of inland water courses (J02.05.02)	high importance (H)	N/A
reduction or loss of specific habitat features (J03.01)	high importance (H)	N/A
2.6.1 Method used – pressures	based only on expert judgements (1)	

## 2.7 Main Threats

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Threat	ranking	pollution qualifier(s)
Hunting, fishing or collecting activities not referred to above (F06)	medium importance (M)	N/A
diffuse pollution to surface waters due to agricultural and forestry activities (H01.05)	medium importance (M)	N/A
invasive non-native species (I01)	medium importance (M)	N/A
Canalisation & water deviation (J02.03)	high importance (H)	N/A
modifying structures of inland water courses (J02.05.02)	high importance (H)	N/A
reduction or loss of specific habitat features (J03.01)	high importance (H)	N/A

2.7.1 Method used – threats expert opinion (1)

## 2.8 Complementary Information

2.8.1 Justification of % thresholds for trends

2.8.2 Other relevant Information

Following recent molecular studies (see Fratini et al., 2005 and following papers cited in 2.2), in the MED region *A. pallipes* is absent and populations formerly ascribed to it are now ascribed to *A. italicus meridionalis*.

2.8.3 Trans-boundary assessment

## 2.9 Conclusions (assessment of conservation status at end of reporting period)

2.9.1 Range assessment Favourable (FV)

qualifiers N/A

2.9.2. Population assessment Inadequate (U1)  
qualifiers declining (-)

2.9.3. Habitat assessment Inadequate (U1)  
qualifiers declining (-)

2.9.4. Future prospects assessment Inadequate (U1)  
qualifiers declining (-)

2.9.5 Overall assessment of Conservation Status Inadequate (U1)

2.9.5 Overall trend in Conservation Status declining (-)

## 3. Natura 2000 coverage and conservation measures - Annex II species

### 3.1 Population

3.1.1 Population Size Unit N/A  
min max

3.1.2 Method used Absent data (0)

3.1.3 Trend of population size within N/A

### 3.2 Conversation Measures

3.2.1 Measure	3.2.2 Type	3.2.3 Ranking	3.2.4 Location	3.2.5 Broad Evaluation
Establish protected areas/sites (6.1)	Legal	high importance (H)	Inside	Long term