

Table S1. Minimum (Min) and Maximum (Max) Mediterranean Gull mid winter population estimates in the different countries of its distribution range. Different countries with no wintering birds sharing the Source have been grouped

Country	Min	Max	Source
Norway	0	0	(Nils Helge Lorentzen pers. com.)
Sweden	0	2	(Nilsson and Södercrantz 2010)
Finland	0	0	(Annika Forstern in litt)
Estonia	0	0	(Estonian Rarities Committee 2010)
Latvia	0	0	(Latvijas Putni 2009)
Lithuania	0	0	(Vytautas Pareigis pers. com.)
Denmark	5	10	(Lars Hansen pers. com.)
Germany	1	5	(Wahl et al. 2005; Wahl and Bellebaum 2006; Wahl et al. 2007)
Netherlands	10	20	(Peter Meininger and Roland-Jan Buijs pers. com.)
Belgium	10	20	(Renaud Flamant pers. com.)
Luxembourg	0	0	(Renaud Flamant pers. com.)
United Kingdom	278	278	(Banks et al. 2007)
Ireland	7	34	(Crowe 2005)
Atlantic France	4,571	4,571	(Dubois and Jiguet 2006; Dubois et al. 2008)
Cantabric	530	1,397	(Eusko Jaurlaritza 2007; Alvarez-Laó 2007; DXCN ined.; Fernando Arce and Gorka Ocio pers. com.)
Inland Spain	0	7	(Juan et al. 2007; Javier Marchamalo pers. com.)
Iberian Atlantic	7,776	9,148	(Poot and Flamant 2006; EBD 2010; DXCN ined.; Peter Rock and Rafael García pers.com.)
Macaronesia	0	0	(CR-SEO/Birdlife 2000; CPR-SPEA 2009)
Guinea Bissau	0	0	(Clive Barlow pers. com.)
Senegal	-	-	No Data
Gambia	0	5	(Barlow et al. 2006)
Mauritania	14	73	(Isenmann In prep.)
Morocco	13	613	(Dakki et al. 2002; Thévenot et al. 2003)
Algeria	34	34	(Isenmann and Moali 2000)

Country	Min	Max	Source
Tunisia	330	9,500	(Baccetti and Smart 1999; Azafzaf 2002; Isenmann et al. 2005; Azafzaf and Feltrup-Azafzaf 2007)
Libya	228	710	(Azafzaf et al. 2005; Azafzaf et al. 2006; Etayeb et al. 2007; Hamza et al. 2008)
Egypt	500	700	(Ahmed Riad pers. com.)
Israel	10	50	(Yoav Perlman pers. com.)
Palestine, Jordan and Syria	0	0	(Keith Betton pers. com.)
Lebanon	0	5	(Richard Prior pers. com.)
Turkey	2,000	3,000	(Kirwan et al. 2008)
Cyprus	10	60	(Flint and Stewart 1992; Richardson in prep.)
Greece	1,000	5,000	(BirdLife International 2004; Michalis Dretakis pers. com.)
Albania	-	-	No Data
Serbia	0	0	(Antón Zuljevic pers. com.)
Montenegro	0	0	(Darko Saveljic pers. com.)
Bosnia Herzegovina	0	0	(Drazen Kotrosan pers. com.)
Croatia	0	0	(Luka Jurinovic pers. com.)
Slovenia	5	20	(Borut Rubinic pers. com.)
Italy	5,000	20,000	(Baccetti and Smart 1999; BirdLife International 2004)
Malta	300	1,000	(BirdLife International 2004; Birdlife Malta Members pers. com.)
Mediterranean France	3,461	3,461	(Dubois and Jiguet 2006; Dubois et al. 2008)
Mediterranean Iberia	24,435	61,297	Own data
Balearic Islands	0	10	(Rebassa et al. 2002; Maties Rebassa pers. com.)
Belarus	0	0	(Tatiana Pavlushchick pers. com.)
Moldova	-	-	No Data
Romania	0	0	(Eugen Petrescu pers. com.)
Bulgaria	1	104	(Michev and Profirov 2003; Dimitrov et al. 2005)
Hungary	0	0	(Péter Szinai pers. com.)
Check Rep. And Slovakia	0	0	(Josef Chytil pers. com.)
Austria	0	1	(Wolfgang Schweighofer and Gábor Wichmann pers. com.)

Country	Min	Max	Source
Switzerland	0	2	(Keller and Burkhardt 2008)
Inland France	13	13	(Dubois and Jiguet 2006; Dubois et al. 2008)
Poland	0	12	(Monika Zielinska pers. com.)
Ukraine	200	800	(Gorban 2004; Antonina Rudenko pers. com.)
Russia	-	-	No Data
Georgia	6	27	(Abuladze 2004; Giorgi Darchiashvili pers. com.)
Armenia	0	0	(Vasil Ananian pers. com.)
Azerbaijan	0	0	(Patrikeev 2004; Aspinall 2005)
Iran, Iraq, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kuwait, Qatar, Yemen and Saudi Arabia	0	0	(Keith Betton pers. com.)
Bahrain	0	0	(Saeed A. Alkhuzai pers. com.)
United Arab Emirates	0	1	(Pedersen 2007)
Oman	0	0	(Keith Betton pers. com.; Jens Eriksen pers. com.)
Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia and Ethiopia	0	0	(Urban et al. 1986; van Perlo 1995)
Kenya	0	0	(Urban et al. 1986; van Perlo 1995; Amedeo Buonajuti pers. com.)

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