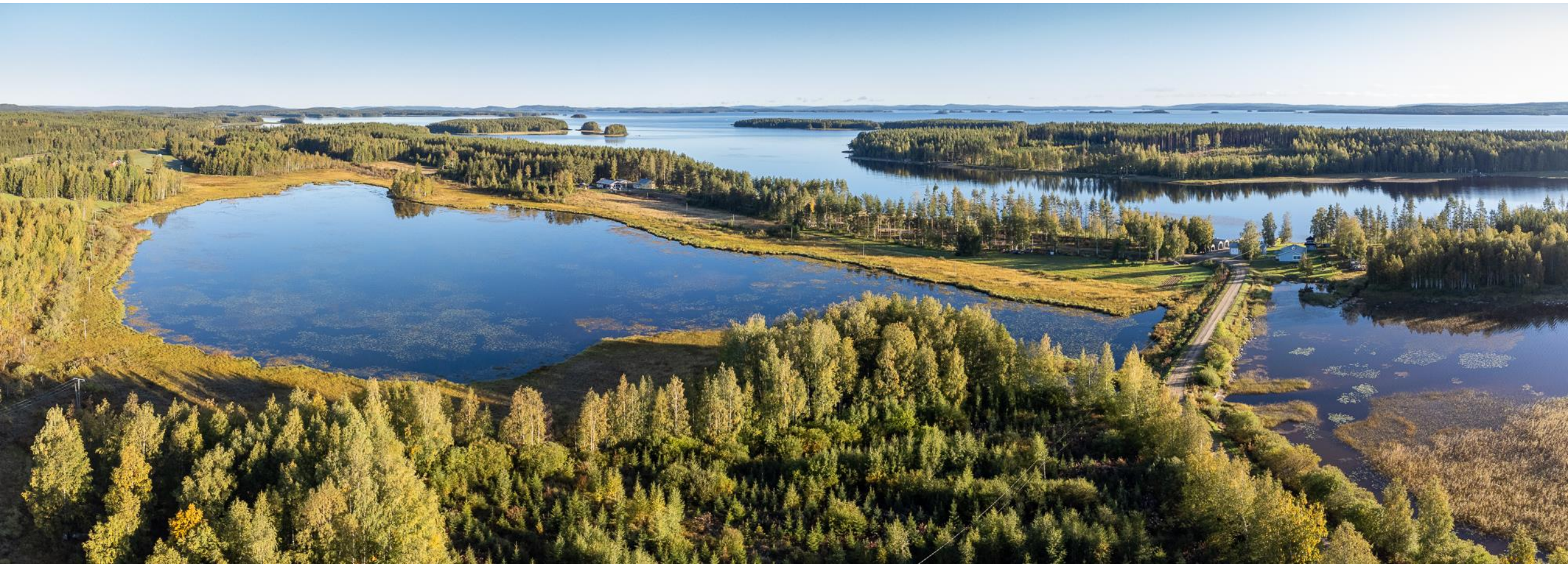


Latest Results on Breeding Populations in Finland

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40 Years of Waterfowl Monitoring

The primary goal of the national waterfowl monitoring in Finland is to track changes in breeding populations and assess the annual reproductive success of ducks in various types of aquatic habitats. The data are essential for managing waterfowl habitats, regulating hunting, and monitoring biodiversity in wetland ecosystems. The monitoring is coordinated by the [Natural Resources Institute Finland](#) and the [Finnish Museum of Natural History](#), with voluntary participation from hunters and birdwatchers. Link to report:

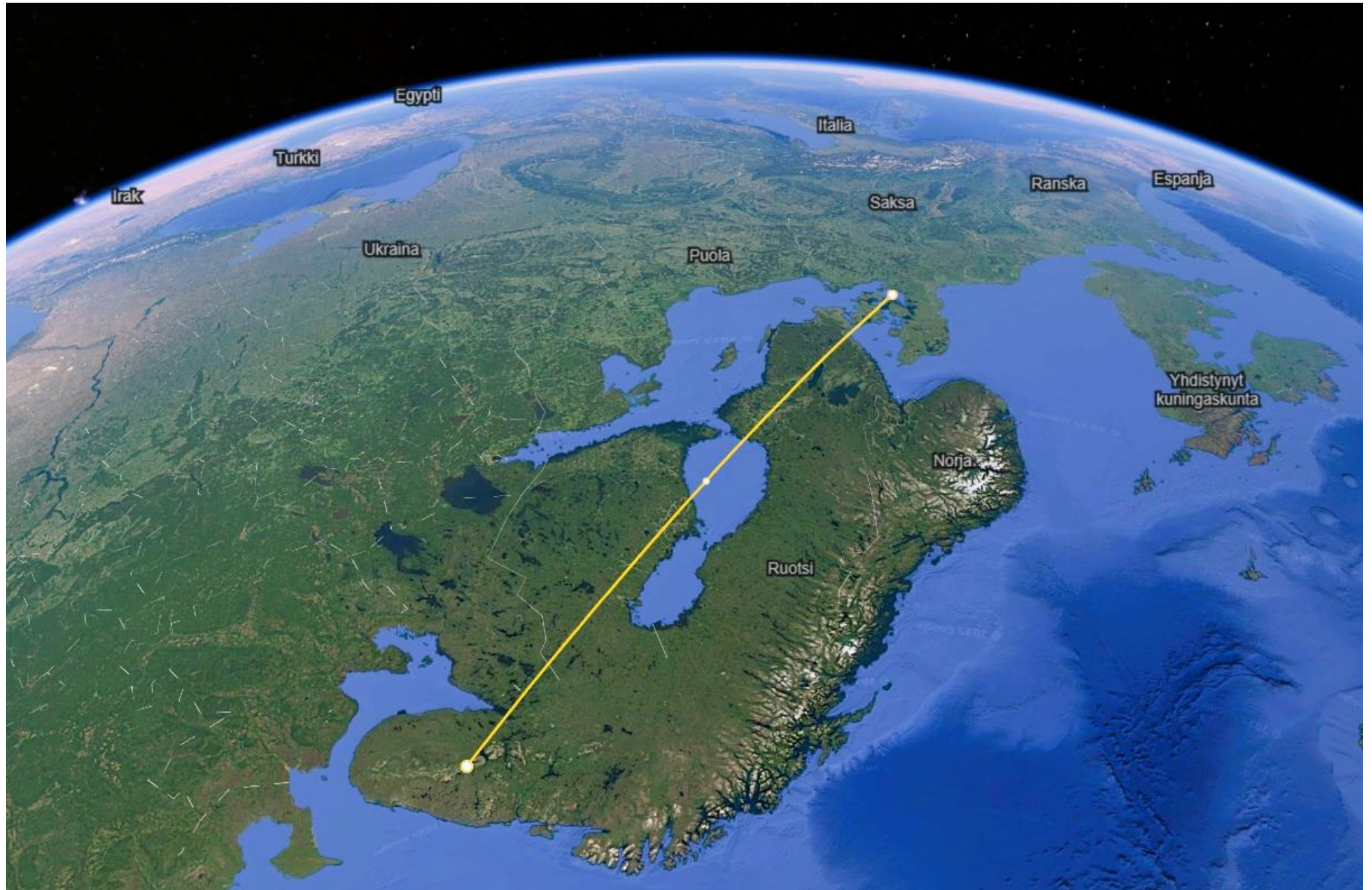
The results indicate that waterfowl populations in Finland have declined overall during the monitoring period 1986–2025. Over the long term (40 year time-series), the breeding populations of most of the 16 monitored species have decreased significantly, with the sharpest declines observed in nutrient-rich waters.



Others	Change % 1986-2025	Change % 3 generations	Change % 10 years
 Tufted duck - <i>Aythya fuligula</i>	 -78	 -66	 +7
 Common porcard - <i>Aythya ferina</i>	 -97	 -91	 -60
 Common goldeneye - <i>Bucephala clangula</i>	 -13	 -20	 +2
 Common merganser - <i>Mergus merganser</i>	 -45	 -8	 -8
 Red-breasted merganser - <i>Mergus serrator</i>	 -51	 -38	 -9
 Eurasian coot - <i>Fulica atra</i>	 -74	 -65	 -6

Dabbling ducks	Change % 1986-2025	Change % 3 generations	Change % 10 years
 Mallard - <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	 +15	 -11	 -21
 Teal - <i>Anas crecca</i>	 -26	 -25	 -14
 European wigeon - <i>Mareca penelope</i>	 -61	 -44	 -21
 Northern pintail - <i>Anas acuta</i>	 -75	 -57	 +11
 Northern shoveler - <i>Spatula clypeata</i>	 -69	 -71	 +7

East Atlantic Flyway



Mallard

Anas Platyrhynchos

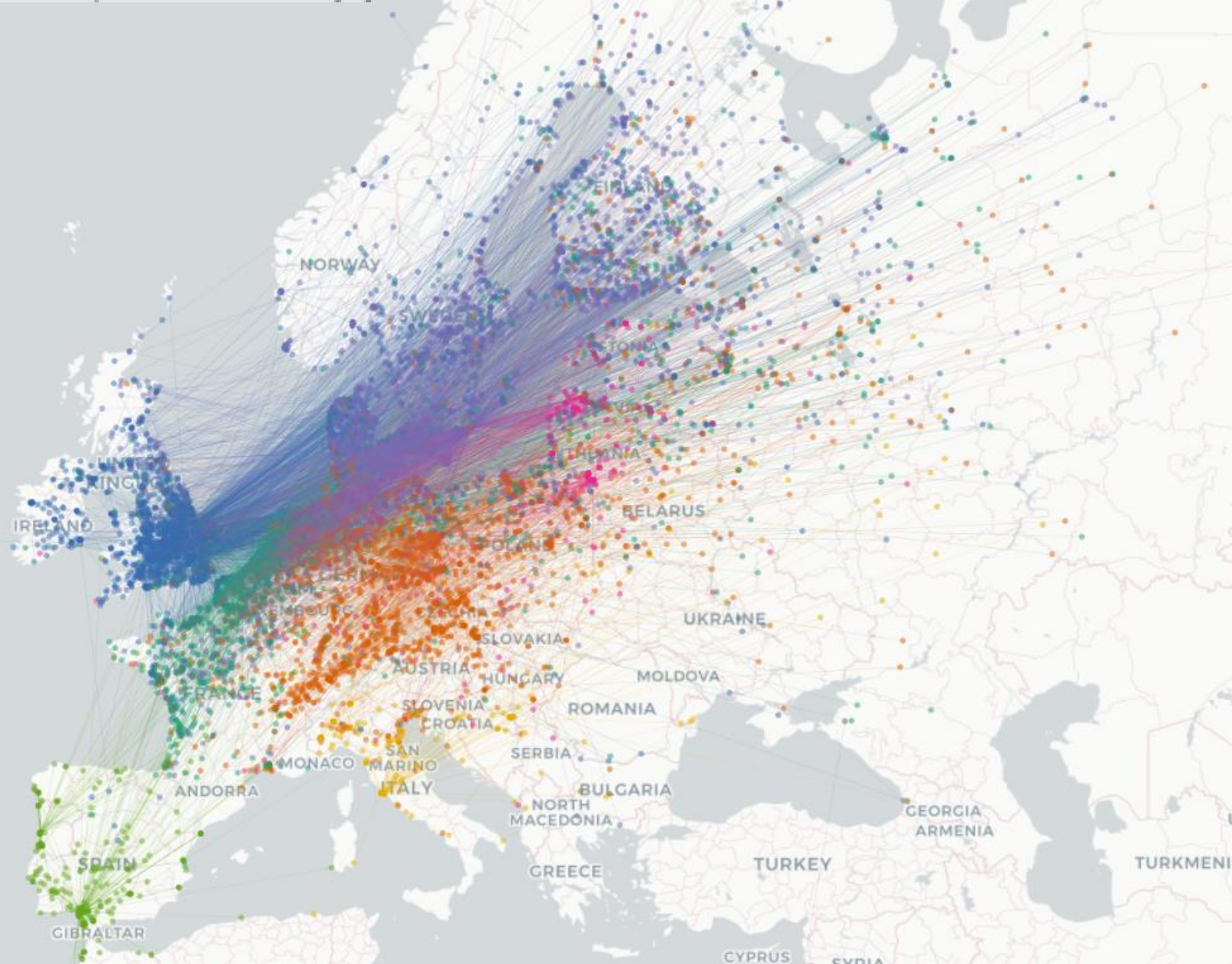
Population trend: Decreasing

Population size (min-max):

2 830 000 – 3 770 000

Best estimate: 3 200 000

Red List category: LC



Northern Teal

Anas Crecca

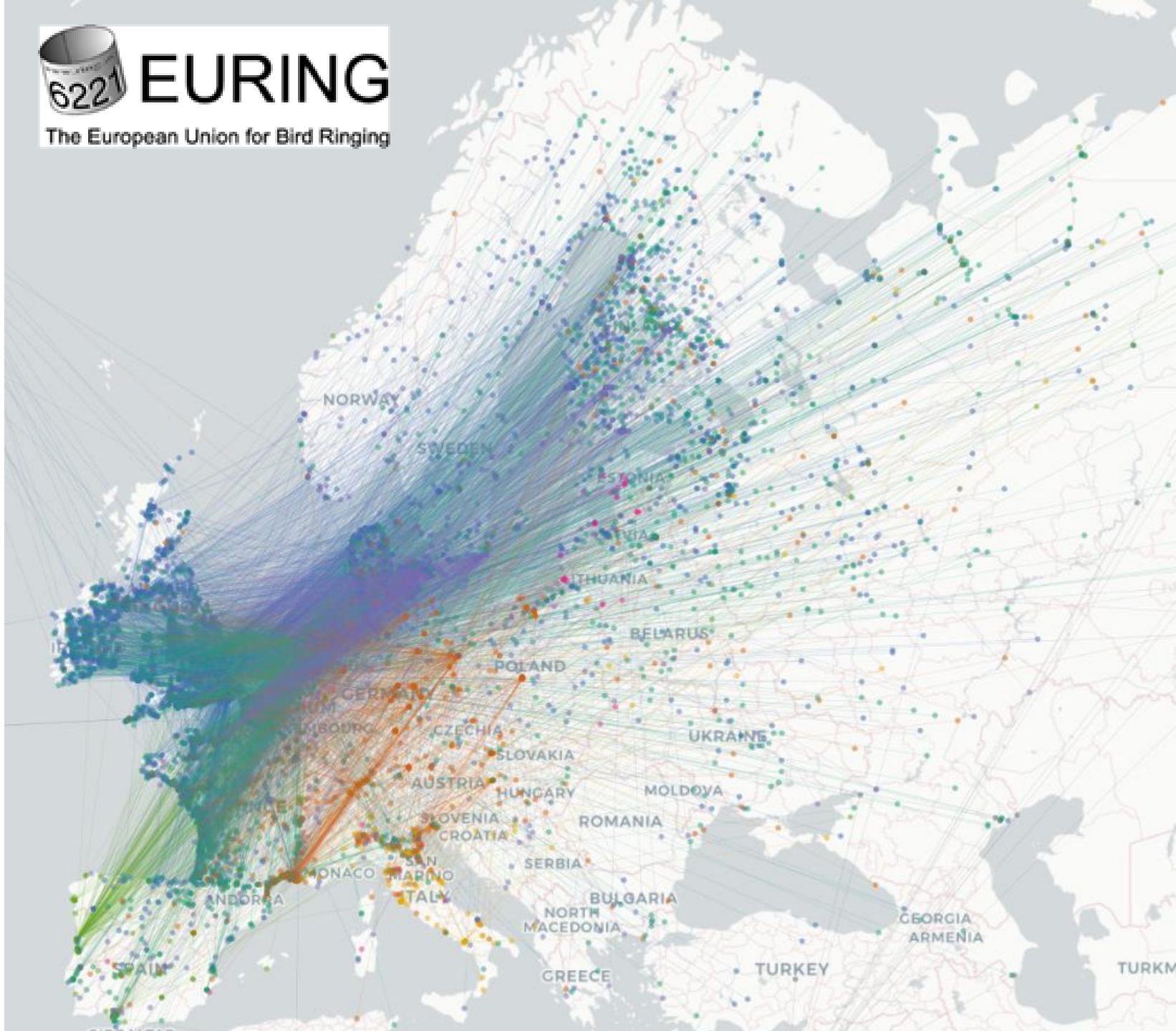
Population trend: Increasing

Population size (min-max):

1 040 000 – 1 640 000

Best estimate: 1 240 000

Red List category: LC



Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*

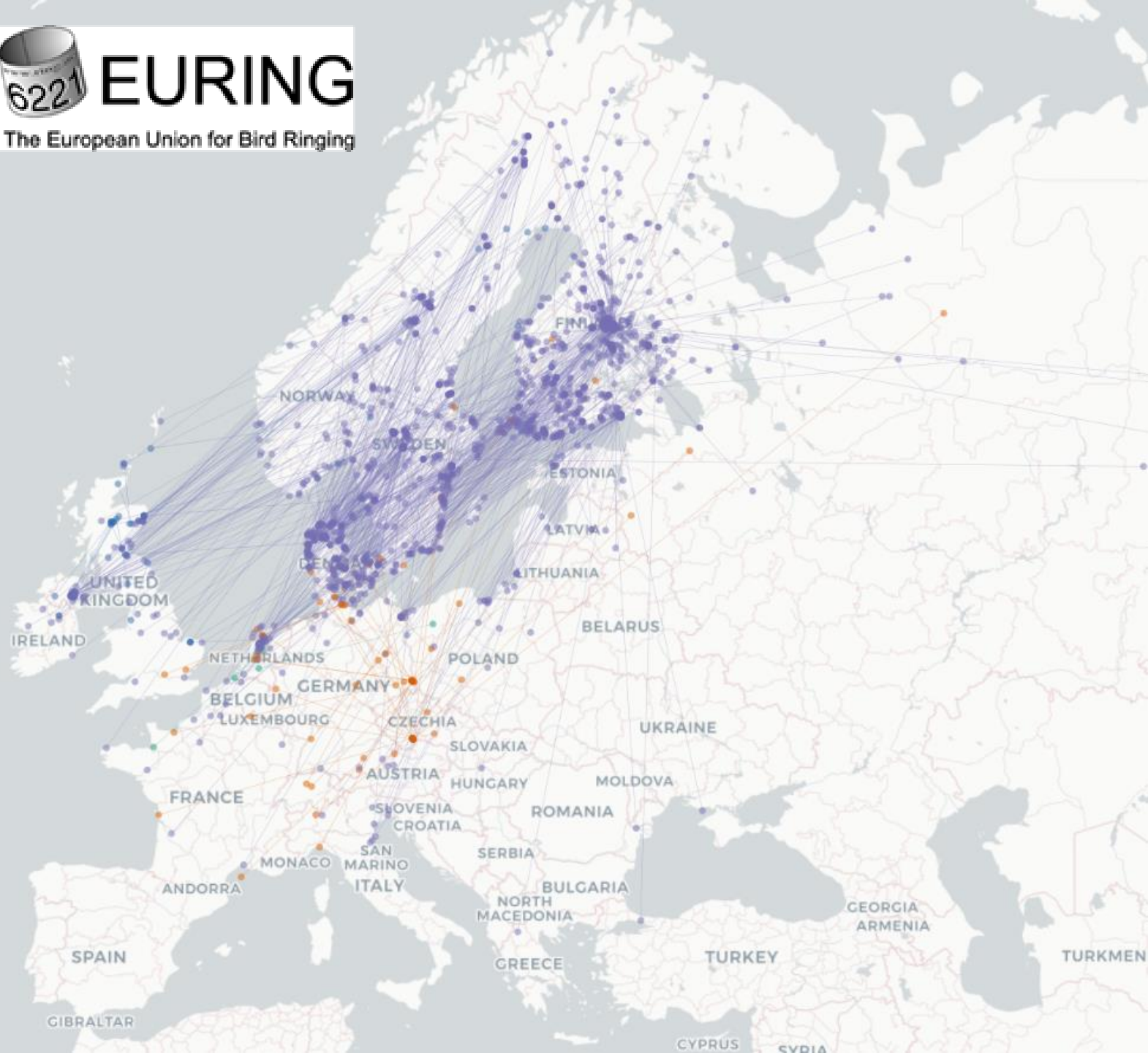
Population trend: Decreasing

Population size (min-max):

770 000 – 990 000

Best estimate: 870 000

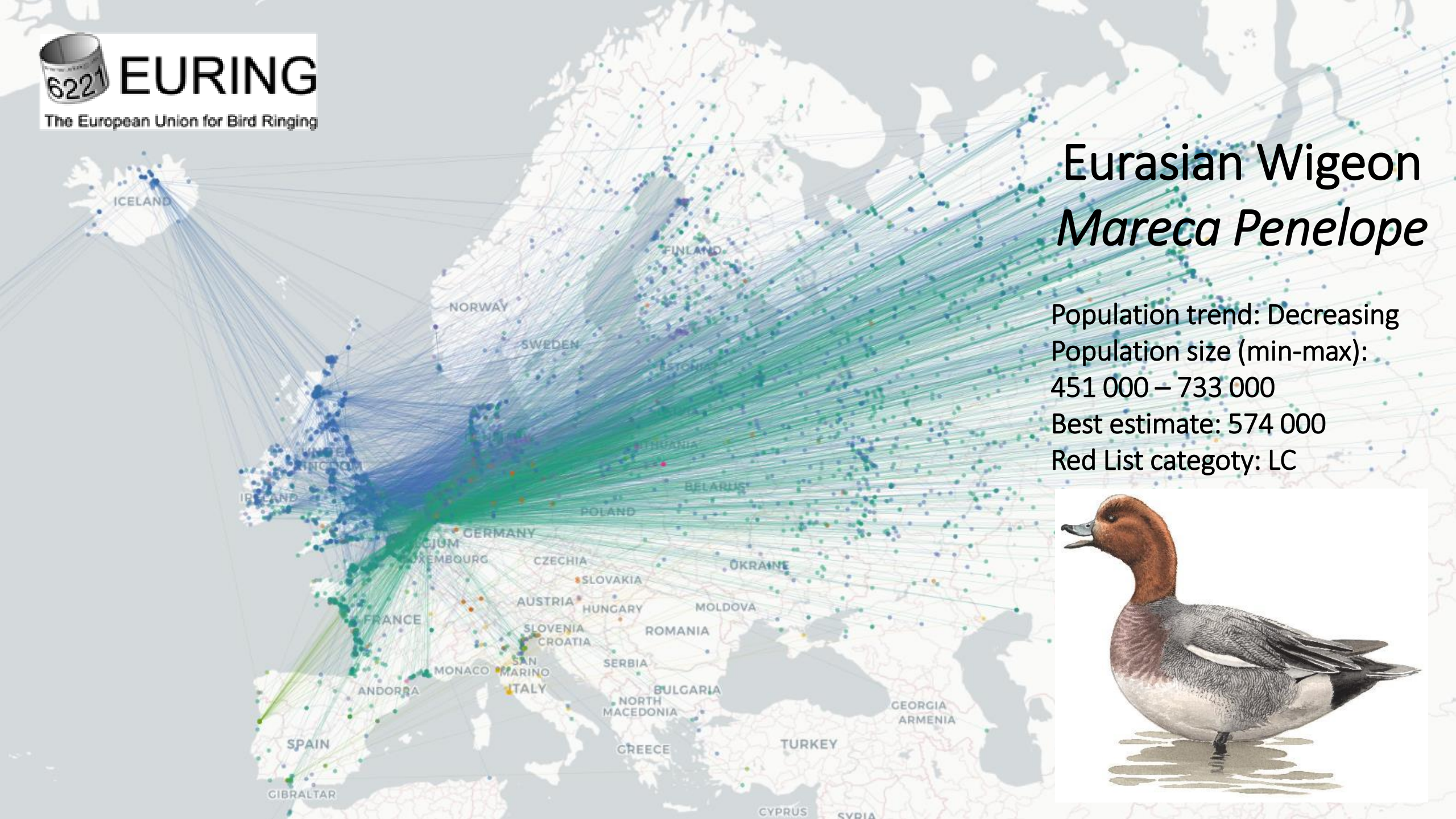
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Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca Penelope*

Population trend: Decreasing

Population size (min-max):

451 000 – 733 000

Best estimate: 574 000

Red List category: LC





Thank You!

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