

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

0.1 Member State	GR
0.2.1 Species code	5269
0.2.2 Species name	<b>Alburnus vistonicus</b>
0.2.3 Alternative species scientific name	N/A
0.2.4 Common name	Alaia

## 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	Yes
1.1.5 Range map	Yes

## 2. Biogeographical Or Marine Level

### 2.1 Biogeographical Region

#### Mediterranean (MED)

### 2.2 Published sources

Freyhof, J. and M. Kottelat, 2007. *Alburnus vistonicus*, a new species of shemaya from eastern Greece, with remarks on *Chalcalburnus chalcoides macedonicus* from Lake Volvi (Teleostei: Cyprinidae). *Ichthyol. Explor. Freshwat.* 18(3): 205-212.

Kottelat, M. and J. Freyhof, 2007. *Handbook of European freshwater fishes.* Publications Kottelat, Cornol, Switzerland. 646 p.

Κοκκινάκης Α. Κ. 1992. Συγκριτική μελέτη της βιολογίας και της δυναμικής του ψαριού *Chalcalburnus chalcoides macedonicus* Stephanidis, 1971 (Pisces: Cyprinidae) των συστημάτων Βόλβης και Βιστονίδας. Διδακτορική διατριβή, Αριστοτέλειο Πανεπιστήμιο Θεσσαλονίκης. 1-261.

Κοκκινάκης Α.Κ., Α. Σίνης και Π.Σ. Οικονομίδης 1997. Μηνιαίες διακυμάνσεις στην αύξηση του ψαριού *Chalcalburnus chalcoides macedonicus* Stephanidis, 1971 (Pisces: Cyprinidae) στις Λίμνες Βόλβη και Βιστονίδα. 25ο Πανελλήνιο Συμπόσιο Ωκεανογραφίας και Αλιείας, Καβάλα, 15-18 Απριλίου 1997:245-248.

### 2.3 Range

2.3.1 Surface area - Range (km <sup>2</sup> )	3400
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	decrease (-)
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> ) 4275 operator N/A unkown No method Basic assumption: Favourable Reference Range = Historic Range = value extracted from Additional Reference Range

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Map

## 2.3.10 Reason for change

## 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 5x5 km grid cells (grids5x5)		
	min	136	max	136
2.4.3 Additional information	Definition of locality			
	Conversion method			
	Problems	Most data are described as semi-quantitative or qualitative. Few quantitative data. Too much variability between existing samples, especially between different river basins, making it difficult to extrapolate a number or a class for reporting population unit.		
2.4.4 Year or period		2006-2012		
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 partial data with some extrapolation and/or modelling (2)		
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	171		
	operator	N/A		
	unknown	No		
	method	Basic assumption: Favourable Reference Population = value extracted from Additional Reference Range Map		

## 2.4.15 Reason for change

## 2.5 Habitat for the Species

2.5.1 Surface area - Habitat (km <sup>2</sup> )		3400
2.5.2 Year or period		2006-2012
2.5.3 Method used - habitat		Estimate based on partial data with some extrapolation and/or modelling (2)
2.5.4 a) Quality of habitat		Bad
2.5.4 b) Quality of habitat - method		Based on partial data with some extrapolation and expert judgment. Spawning habitat specialist species. Pressures and Threats on its habitat are present.
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> )		0
2.5.10 Reason for change		

## 2.6 Main Pressures

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Pressure	ranking	pollution qualifier(s)
Pollution to surface waters (limnic & terrestrial, marine & brackish) (H01)	high importance (H)	N/A
surface water abstractions for agriculture (J02.06.01)	high importance (H)	N/A
large scale water deviation (J02.03.01)	medium importance (M)	N/A
reduction or loss of specific habitat features (J03.01)	high importance (H)	N/A

2.6.1 Method used – pressures      mainly based on expert judgement and other data (2)

## 2.7 Main Threats

Threat	ranking	pollution qualifier(s)
Pollution to surface waters (limnic & terrestrial, marine & brackish) (H01)	high importance (H)	N/A
surface water abstractions for agriculture (J02.06.01)	high importance (H)	N/A
large scale water deviation (J02.03.01)	medium importance (M)	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

The % threshold could not be used for the assessment since: a) a different method for assessing range was employed, compared to the 2nd Reporting 1. According to Economidis (1991 & 1974), in the Greek freshwater occurs in the stream Vozvozis which is running throughout Komotini plain and flows in the lake Ismarida (Kottelat & Freyhof, 2007). The species face many problems regarding its reproduction, mainly due to the presence of obstacles/barriers that inhibit its migration to the spawning grounds, situated in the upstream part of the rivers. The main obstacles in the migration of the species are the presences of weirs, the abstraction of large volumes of water for irrigation or hydropower production. Nowadays, another problem that threatens the species is increase of salinity in lakes Vistonida and Ismarida that limited its distribution range to the outflowing rivers and the low quality of the waters due to urbanization and agricultural activities that exist near to the rivers.

2. Basic Assumptions:

i) "Surface Area Range" (field 2.3.1) = value extracted from "Range Map" (field 1.1.5).

ii) "Favourable Reference Range" (field 2.3.9a) = a) "Surface Area Range" (field 2.3.1) OR b) value extracted from "Additional Reference Range Map" (provided). Depends on whether the Favourable range is equal or larger than actual species range.

iii) "Population Size" (field 2.4.2) = value extracted from "Distribution Map" (field 1.1.1) or "Additional Distribution Map" (field 1.1.4) (when provided).

iv) "Favourable Reference Population" (field 2.4.14) = a) "Population Size" (field 2.4.2) OR b) value extracted from "Additional Reference Range Map" (provided). Depends on whether the Favourable population is equal or larger than actual species population.

v) Habitat "Area Estimation" (field 2.5.1) = "Distribution Map" (field 1.1.1) or "Additional Distribution Map" (field 1.1.4) (when provided).

2.8.3 Trans-boundary assessment

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

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2.9.1 Range	assessment Bad (U2) qualifiers declining (-)
2.9.2. Population	assessment Bad (U2) qualifiers declining (-)
2.9.3. Habitat	assessment Bad (U2) qualifiers declining (-)
2.9.4. Future prospects	assessment Bad (U2) qualifiers declining (-)
2.9.5 Overall assessment of Conservation Status	Bad (U2)
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	number of map 5x5 km grid cells (grids5x5)
	min	43
	max	43
3.1.2 Method used	Estimate based on partial data with some extrapolation and/or modelling (2)	
3.1.3 Trend of population size within	stable (0)	

### 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 Administrative One-off	low importance (L)	Inside	Enhance Long term