



# European Red List of Insect Taxonomists

The **European Red List of Insect Taxonomists** provides assessment of the status and capacity of taxonomic expertise for insects in Europe.



The **European Red List of Insect Taxonomists** is based on two approaches:

- A quantitative analysis of taxonomic papers published in scientific journals during the last decade.
- A survey and self-declaration campaign among entomologists, providing a detailed overview of the taxonomic capacity for each insect order and for each European country.

Overall, taxonomic capacity is threatened or eroded for more than **40%** of the insect orders in Europe.

The variation in the number of insect orders covered by taxonomists is substantial among the countries. No country has full capacity across all insect groups!

