

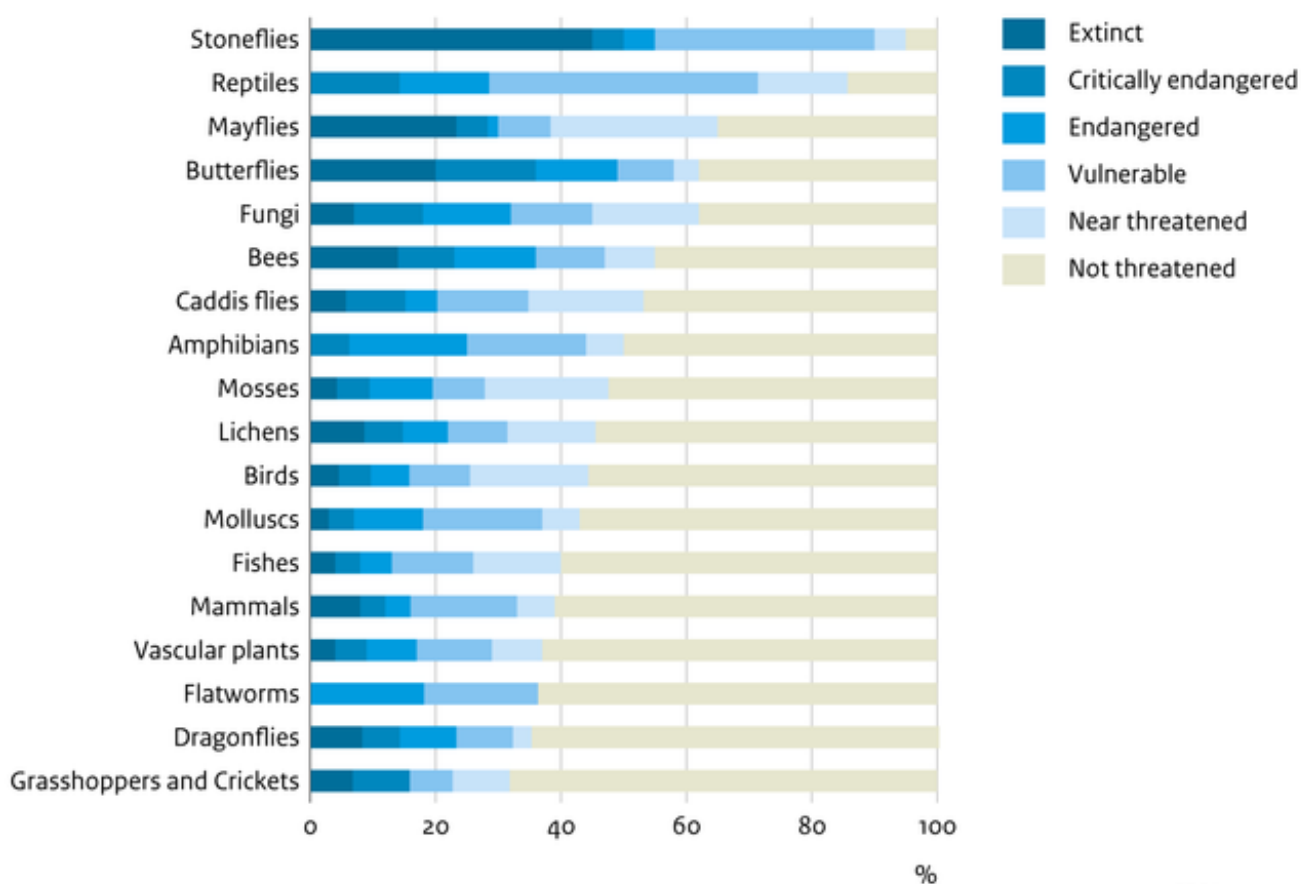
Number of threatened species in The Netherlands, by 2019

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Officially assembled Red Lists show that many Dutch plant and animal species are threatened with extinction.

Percentage of threatened species per species group in The Netherlands, 2019



Source: Species organizations; WUR

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Red List

Species decreasing in population size and/or in distribution range are placed on a Red List of threatened species. The Dutch Red Lists may be regarded as a national application of the IUCN Red

List (IUCN 2008), but follows its own protocol. Red Lists are assembled approximately every ten years for a number of species groups, based on the Red List status per species. As species continue to decline and become increasingly rare, they are categorized as "Near Threatened", "Vulnerable", "Endangered", "Critically Endangered", or "Extinct".

To date, official Red Lists of 18 species groups have been compiled. The Red list status of each evaluated species is published in the Dutch Government Gazette. Of most of these 18 species groups, the Red List status per species has been revised and published in the Government Gazette for a second time, resulting in updated Red Lists.

Threatened species

Of each of the 18 species groups, at least one third of the species in that group are on the Red List, with much higher ratios found in some of the species groups. With 19 out of 20 species being listed, almost all stoneflies have an unfavourable Red List status (see table). Approximately two thirds of the species of reptiles, butterflies, mayflies and mushrooms are on the Red List. Species groups of which relatively high proportions of the species have disappeared from the Netherlands include stoneflies, butterflies, mayflies and bees. Many threatened species are not protected by law.

Trend of threatened species

Periodical revisions of Red Lists make it possible to derive trends in the numbers of threatened species over time. However, with a revision frequency of approximately every 10 years, such trends do not reflect the actual situation in the years between revisions. By constructing "virtual" Red Lists in the years between official Red List publications, it is possible to calculate the trend in the number of threatened species on a yearly basis (see the Red List Indicator).

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