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## 650 Pale Chanting-goshawk

*Melierax canorus*

IUCN Status **Least Concern**  
IUCN (2019-2)

male mass = 680 g  
female mass = 870 g  
mean mass = 746 g

area requirement (of pair/2.2 individuals) = 17.8 km<sup>2</sup>

from Newton (1979) figure 10: area km<sup>2</sup> = 0.4 + (0.02 \* female mass g)  
replaced by direct measurement of field density where we have data

this figure is used for estimating density of breeding individuals and offspring in good habitat  
we assume twice the area requirement in suboptimal habitat  
and half the area requirement in optimal habitat  
breeding population estimates represent theoretical maxima where habitat is saturated  
nest-site limitation and the floating / non-breeding population are not yet fully accounted for

### HABITAT SPACE ANALYSIS

	extent (km <sup>2</sup> )	individuals	pairs
suboptimal 25-50% suitable	1777853	109867	49940
good habitat 50-70% suitable	572722	70786	32175
optimal habitat 70-100% suitable	66	16	7
total habitat 25-100% suitable	2350641	180670	67751

### reporting rate from mobile app survey data

2014 (26724 km) : 1.145051 birds per 100 km  
2015 (87188 km) : 0.397992 birds per 100 km  
2016 (81150 km) : 0.327788 birds per 100 km  
2017 (57721 km) : 0.67047 birds per 100 km  
2018 (19798 km) : 0.500062 birds per 100 km

