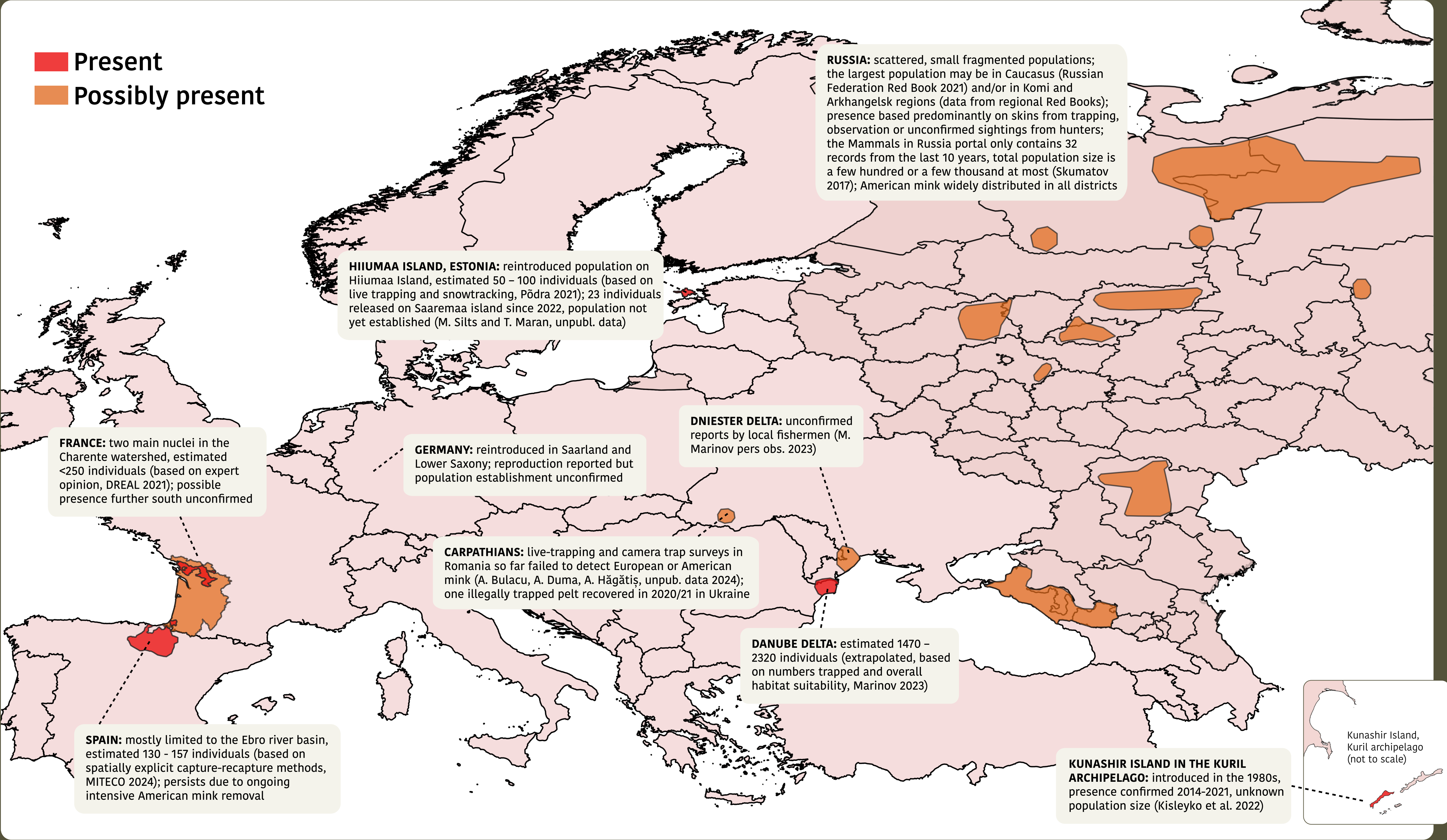


Current known status of the European mink compiled for the European IUCN Red List Assessment

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Extent of former range: <3%

Threats: primarily competition with introduced invasive American mink Neogale vison, coupled with widespread habitat loss and degradation (other threats, e.g. disease, may also be important locally)

Recent population trends: declining, rate unknown (due to lack of up-to-date empirical data)

Current population size: estimated to be no more than 5,000 in the wild

Status: Critically Endangered*

Needs: systematic range-wide, coordinated American mink control, conservation actions (habitat restoration, breeding and release, social awareness), and monitoring.

* The species meets the criteria A3ce "Population reduction of at least 80% projected, inferred or suspected to be met in the future (up to a maximum of 100 years) based on a decline in area of occupancy and the effects of introduced taxa" and is therefore considered to be facing an **extremely high risk of extinction in the wild**.

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