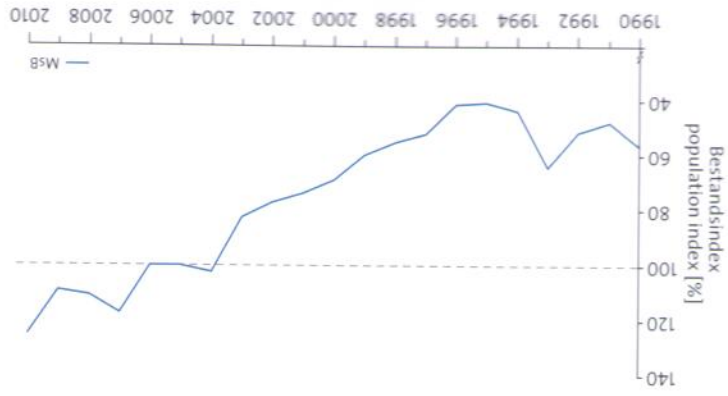
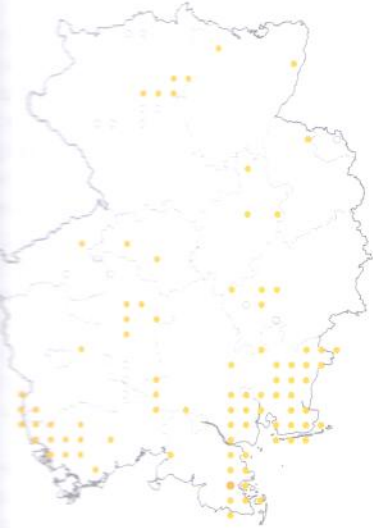


**Montagu's Harriers** used to breed in wetlands such as bulrushes, reeds, swamps with tall forbes, bog heathlands and fens. Today, they inhabit vast and open agricultural landscapes in the lowlands where they nest in early winter crops, rapeseed fields or fallow lands. The species is patchily distributed throughout the North German Plain, where it occurs in low abundances, with the exception of the peatbog Diepholzer Moorniederung that represents a hot-spot. Two further distinct occurrences are found in the region Mainfranken and in the agricultural region Hellwegbörde. The breeding population is estimated to number 470–550 pairs. Due to the cultivation of heathlands and the degeneration of fens and wet meadows the population decreased over a long period. However, the short-term (1985–2009) population trend is increasing.



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1985  
 ?  
 100-1000  
 1000-10000  
 > 10000



1985-2009  
 Bestandszunahme  
 population increase

10% TK  
 0  
 191  
 1  
 74  
 2-3  
 34  
 4-7  
 11  
 8-20  
 3  
 21-50  
 0  
 51-150  
 0  
 151-400  
 0  
 401-1000  
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 1001-3000  
 0  
 3001-8000  
 0  
 > 8000

470 – 550  
 Paare – pairs

