

AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM



3rd MEETING OF THE AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP



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AEWA EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force

Terms of Reference¹

Role

The role of the EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force is to:

- 1) Assist the EGM IWG in coordinating and catalysing the implementation of activities related to goose management and agriculture under the EGMP;
- 2) Assist the EGM IWG in stimulating and supporting Range States in the implementation of activities related to goose management and agriculture; and
- 3) monitor and report on the implementation of these activities to the EGM IWG via the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat and the National Reports to the EGM IWG, as appropriate.

Tasks

The EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force will:

- develop and support the implementation of an international interdisciplinary cooperation framework for dealing with interaction between geese and agriculture;
- assist in other ways as requested by the EGM IWG.

Membership

The EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force will be open to (1) designated governmental representatives of all EGMP Range States, (2) representatives of national expert and stakeholder organisations as designated by the state authorities from all EGMP Range States, (3) representatives of admitted observer organisations, and (4) other experts as required.

The Coordinator of the EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force may invite and admit international expert and stakeholder organisations as well as individual experts to the Task Force via the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat and in consultation with the relevant Range States, as necessary.

To ensure coordination with the activities carried out by the EGMP Data Centre, the Data Centre will be represented by a staff member in the EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force.

¹ As adopted by EGM IWG2, 15-16 June 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark

Officers

A voluntary Coordinator, ideally from one of the major Range States or organizations/institutes with expertise on the subject matter of the EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force, will be identified by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat to oversee the operations of the Task Force in close cooperation with the Secretariat and the EGMP Data Centre.

Communication

The EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force will mainly conduct its work electronically via the EGM IWG website and intranet as well as via email, Skype and other online communication platforms, as appropriate.

Meetings

No specific funds are allocated under the EGMP for the EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force. However, the EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force is encouraged to have annual face-to-face meetings directly before the meetings of the EGM IWG. In addition, Task Force Coordinator and members are also encouraged to arrange face-to-face meetings if opportunities present themselves, for example in the margins of other international meetings or conferences.

Reporting

A brief report on the general progress of the EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force (convening, membership, activities etc.) will be presented by the Coordinator via the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat to each meeting of the EGM IWG. This will include the presentation of any specific Task Force outputs, as requested by the EGM IWG.

Overall National Reports will be prepared by each EGMP Range State according to a format and reporting schedule agreed by the EGM IWG. Task Force members are requested to contribute to these National Reports regarding the implementation of activities relevant to the EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force, as appropriate.

Financing

No specific funds are allocated under the EGMP for the EGM IWG Agriculture Task Force. The operations of the Task Force, including that of the voluntary Coordinator, are therefore to be financed primarily by its members and observers such as through in-kind support in form of personnel time or separate funding. Neither the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat nor the EGMP Data Centre can commit regular financial support and may only provide such if possible.