

**AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM**



**4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE  
AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT  
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP**

*18-20 June 2019, Perth, Scotland, United Kingdom*



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**INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AEWA European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG4) will be held at the Battleby Conference Centre in Perth, Scotland, United Kingdom on 18 to 20 June 2019.

Back-to-back with the EGM IWG4 meeting, a face-to-face meeting of the EGMP Task Forces will be held on 17 June 2019 in the same venue.

**Meeting Dates**

**The EGM IWG4 meeting will be opened at 09:00 on Tuesday 18 June and is scheduled to finish after lunch (13:00) on Thursday 20 June.** Times are subject to change, to be communicated on the [website](#) if applicable.

**Battleby Conference Centre 18-20 June**

The registration desk will be in the Conference Centre entrance hall. The meeting will be held in the auditorium on the ground floor, and you will be directed from the registration desk.

Registration at the venue will be open on 17 June (for the Task Force meetings participants) and 18 June at 08:00 until 09:30. Participants who are attending the Task Force meetings on 17 June can register for both meetings on the morning of 17 June.

Lists for signing in and out of the venue on a daily basis, a requirement for fire and safety regulations, will be available at the registration desk at the entrance of the venue.

**Funded delegates** will receive further detailed information about their arrangements.

## Contacts

In case of any questions or if you require any assistance, please contact the meeting organisers.

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## Conference Venue

**Battleby Conference Centre**

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Perth

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Scotland

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<https://www.nature.scot/about-snh/battleby-conference-centre>

The Battleby conference centre is located in the countryside, a few kilometres north of the city of Perth in Scotland, the United Kingdom.

Perth is north of Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. Perth has a population of around 47.000. The native language is English.

## Some short Information about Perth

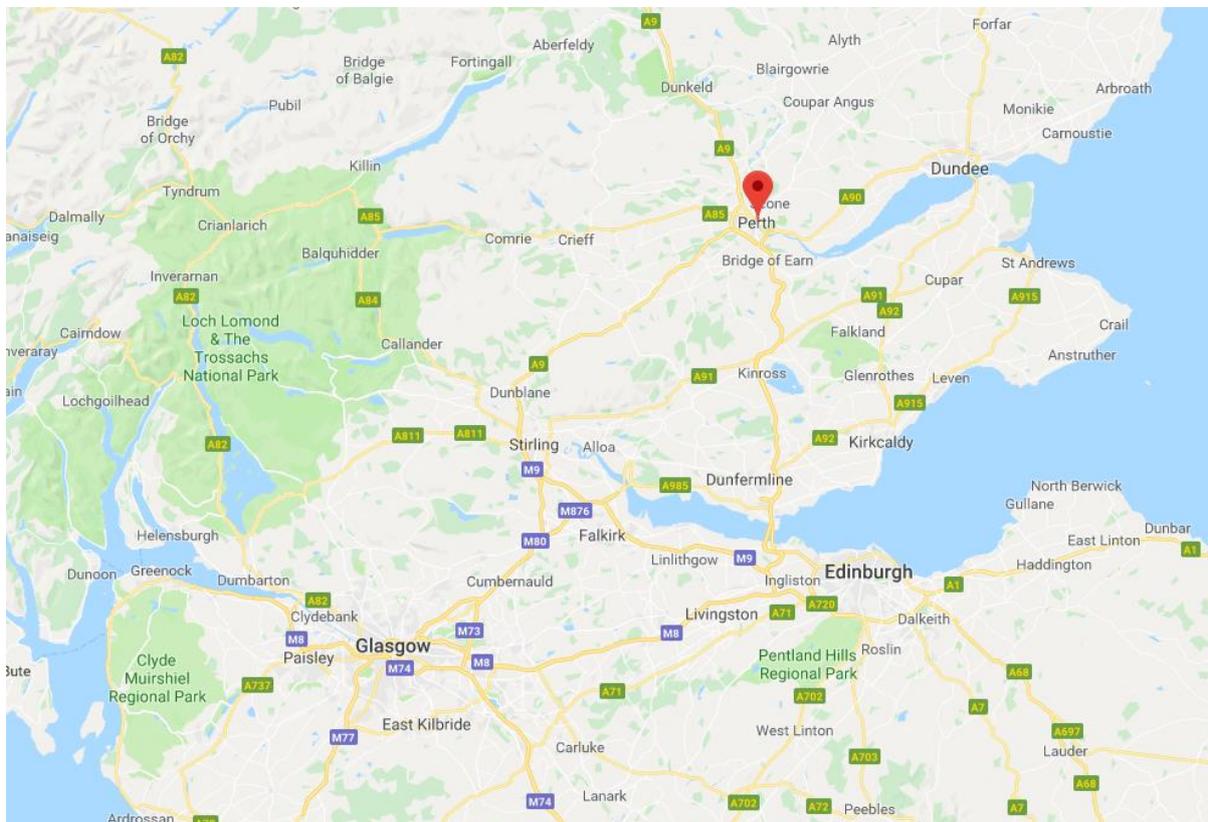
Perth is a beautiful and historic city on the banks of the River Tay. As Scotland's newest city, Perth offers visitors fantastic live music, exciting events, dozens of independent shops and many award-winning eateries.

Perth is ideally placed to access the outdoors, as it's surrounded by hills and mountains that are popular with walkers, mountain-bikers and photographers.

As Scotland's ancient capital, Perthshire is steeped in history and heritage. From the Soldier's Leap in the North dating back to the Jacobite Rebellion to a former World War II prisoner of war camp in Comrie, you will find many significant, [historical landmarks](#). Whether you want to see the iconic Black Watch Museum showing the history of Scotland's oldest Highland Regiment, watch the sport of kings at Perth Racecourse or visit Loch Leven Castle situated on the middle of an island in the loch itself - you can take a boat over and browse the tranquil island and explore the castle where Mary Queen of Scots was once imprisoned. More information on [visitor's attractions](#) is available here.

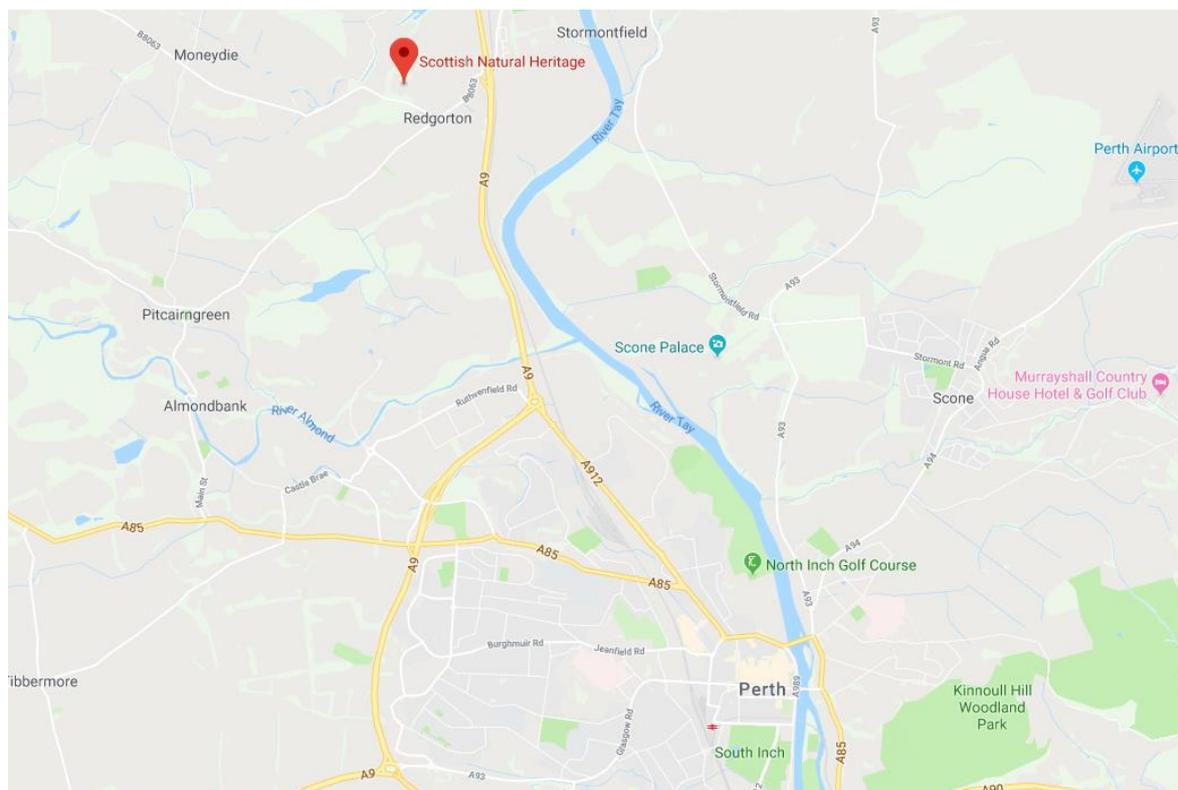
You can also visit the Highland Chocolatier, an award winning truffle specialist or see how single malt whisky is made at the oldest working distillery in Scotland, the Glenturret Distillery (Information on [food and drink attractions](#)).

Information about Scotland's National Parks and Nature Reserves can be found [here](#), and about birdwatching sites in Perthshire [here](#). From the city centre there are also walks up Kinnoul Hill and along the River Tay on foot.



A few minutes north of Perth, just off the A9, is (Scottish Natural Heritage) Battleby Conference Centre, the venue for the conference. The conference facilities available are enhanced by 37 acres of woodland, wildflower meadows and pathways accessible for all.

The venue is also very “green” with heating provided by renewable energy, food waste composted, recycling points and cycle parking. Battleby Conference Centre also holds a Green Tourism silver award.



## Pre-Registration

Please pre-register under the following links as soon as possible:

**4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Goose Management International Working Group, 18-20 June 2019.**

<https://meetings.unep-aewa.org/meetings/EGMP4/registration>

The pre-registration deadline is **12 April 2019**.

## Hotels

Please note, that no hotel rooms will be booked by the AEWAs Secretariat for participants; **both funded and non-funded delegates are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations.**

We would like to urge you to **make your hotel reservation as soon as possible**; in the summer season, Perth attracts lots of visitors, so hotels can fill up.

**Please also view the list of hotels in which information on provisional reservations is provided to help your booking. The document is also found separately on the website ([EGM IWG 4 meeting website](#)).**

## Travel and Transport to and from Perth and the Conference Centre

Travel will be to Edinburgh Airport (<https://www.edinburghairport.com>) or Glasgow Airport (<https://www.glasgowairport.com>) and onwards to Perth by train (ca. 2-2.5 hours from either airport depending on connection).

Transport to and from Perth to the Battleby Conference Centre will be provided in the mornings and evenings after the end of the conference with pick-up and drop-off locations in Perth. More information on the free shuttle will be provided at a later stage.

Perth is relatively small and much of it can be explored on foot. [Buses](#) are however available. Tickets can be purchased in the bus.

### **Recommended taxi companies in Perth:**

Radio Taxis: +44 (0)1738 580058 (also has minibuses available)

A & B Taxis: +44 (0) 1738 634567 (also offers minibus service to the airport)

Station Taxis: +44 (0) 1738 628608

A&B Taxis also offer transport to and from Edinburgh and Glasgow Airport, including for small groups. Booking in advance with considerable notice is necessary.

### **Meals**

Lunches will be provided for all participants on all meeting days (17 June for TF meeting participants and 18-20 June for participants to the EGM IWG4). Lunch will be served in the venue.

Coffee and tea will be available from 08:30 onwards and there will also be refreshments in the morning and afternoon during coffee breaks for all meeting days.

An event, kindly hosted by Scottish Natural Heritage, will be offered on Tuesday, 18 June, after the meeting.

### **Visas**

All registered participants requiring visas will be provided with personal invitation letters as well as verbal notes to support their visa applications. Please contact Christina Irven ([christina.irven@unep-aewa.org](mailto:christina.irven@unep-aewa.org)) at the AEWA Secretariat if you should require visa support. Please apply at the relevant Embassy to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the visa.

Participants experiencing any difficulties with immigration or customs upon arrival in the United Kingdom should contact the meeting organisers (see contact information above). Additional information regarding visas is available in the fact sheet for funded delegates.

### **Currency**

The currency in the United Kingdom is the British Pound (GBP / £).

### **Internet**

Wireless internet will be available (free of charge) throughout the venue for the duration of the meeting.

### **Weather**

Temperatures in Perth in June vary between 8°C and 18°C. For an up-to-date weather forecast closer to the meeting dates, please check: <https://www.bbc.com/weather/2640358>.

## Electricity and Water

Electrical sockets (outlets) used in the United Kingdom are types G. They usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC.



Tap water in the United Kingdom is of high quality and safe to drink.

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

The emergency number for all services (police, ambulance, fire brigade) in the United Kingdom is **999**, but calls are also accepted on the European Union emergency number **112**.

## Disclaimer

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, compensation for death or disability compensation, loss of or damage to personal property and any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the duration of the meetings. In this context, it is strongly recommended that all meeting participants secure international medical and travel insurance for the period of travel and the duration of the meeting, prior to their departure.