

AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM



11th MEETING OF THE AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP *16-18 June 2026, Skövde, Sweden*



Decisions Table – EGM IWG11

AGENDA ITEM	DECISION	AGREED ACTION
Adoption of the agenda	The EGM IWG adopted the provisional agenda, document AEW A/EGMIWG11.1/Rev.1.	
Admission of individual expert observers to EGM IWG11	The EGM IWG admitted the following individual expert observers to EGM IWG11: Mr Szabolcs Nagy, from Wetlands International, and Ms Nelleke Buitendijk, from Fauna management unit (FBE) Noord-Holland.	
Report of the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre (2025/2026)	The EGM IWG took note of the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre report, document AEW A/EGMIWG11.3/Corr.1.	

<p>EGMP Finance Report (2025/2026)</p>	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Finance Report, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.20/Rev.1, and approved the additional 2026 Secretariat expenditure on staffing costs as reflected in Table 5, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional staffing costs for the EGMP Programme Management Assistant position and Umoja costs per staff position (to be offset from savings in the operational costs projected for 2026); and • a portion of the staffing costs for the Species Officer position (to be withdrawn from the carryover cash balance in the EGMP Trust Fund). 	
<p>Population Status and Assessment Report of the TBG</p>	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Population Status and Offtake Assessment Report, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.12/Rev.2.</p>	
<p>Report and Recommendations from the TBG Task Force</p>	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Task Force report and recommendations, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.14/Rev.1, and adopted the annual workplan for 2026/2027.</p> <p>Noting the current challenges in the population modelling for the Finland & NW Russia (br) population and the new population estimate just above the target of at least 70,000 individuals in spring, the EGM IWG agreed on a total annual harvest of less than 3,000 birds</p>	<p>Based on the TBG TF Report, the EGM IWG agreed to the following actions for 2026/2027 (see further details in the report):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue and strengthen January/mid-winter counts of all populations for the population size estimates and delineation of the populations in overlapping wintering areas. 2. Continue October and March counts of the Finland & NW Russia (br) population for the foreseeable future for the data generation for the IPM, and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. improve the count coverage in Finland and Denmark;

	<p>for the 2026/2027 hunting season (Finland – 1,740, Sweden – 900, Denmark – 360).</p> <p>The EGM IWG requested the Data Centre, in cooperation with the Task Force, to prepare a full Adaptive Harvest Management framework for the Taiga Bean Goose Finland & NW Russia (br) population.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. continue analysing the data on Finland in terms of changes in staging TBG numbers during key counting times to inform the IPM and development of the monitoring framework. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Strengthen and extend the age ratio monitoring in early autumn staging areas of the Finland and NW Russia (br) population and Scandinavia (br) populations (Finland, Denmark, Sweden). 4. The TBG Task Force will plan and prepare a draft implementation plan for the revised TBG ISSAP through the process outlined in the Task Force report, and will plan and implement the data collection and necessary analysis for the FRV setting for the respective populations, with necessary activities built into the implementation plan. 5. Consider funding monitoring projects (this would take an initial investment of perhaps ~50 tags to be followed by annual addition of around 10-20 tags to keep up with the level of 30-50 tags). 6. For the improved implementation of the TBG ISSAP with increased focus at population level, the Range States will endeavour to nominate experts to the Task Force to strengthen the output capacity of the TF.
<p>PfG Adaptive Flyway Management Programme</p>	<p>The EGM IWG adopted the Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the Svalbard breeding population of the Pink-footed Goose, document AEW/EGMIWG11.8/Rev.2.</p> <p>The EGM IWG agreed to establish a contact group tasked with developing criteria for preparing an</p>	

	inventory of key sites for the Svalbard breeding population of the Pink-footed Goose. The contact group is requested to report its findings to EGM IWG12.	
Population Status and Assessment Report of the PfG	The EGM IWG took note of the Population Status and Offtake Assessment Report, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.12/Rev.2.	
Report and Recommendations of the PfG TF	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Task Force report and recommendations, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.13, and adopted the annual workplan for 2026/2027.</p> <p>The EGM IWG agreed on a total harvest quota of 20,000 birds for the 2026/2027 hunting season (Norway – 6,000, Denmark – 14,000).</p>	<p>Based on the PfG TF Report, the EGM IWG agreed to the following actions for 2026/2027 (see further details in the report):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force will engage in the prioritisation of the Framework for Action of the revised ISSMP and will support the specification of the AFMP and indicators. The Task Force will progress the work to increase the engagement of hunters in Denmark and Norway. Denmark and Norway will support the work with communication actions. • An internationally coordinated GPS tagging programme will be continued. • The PfG TF will engage in further initiatives to promote the EGMP flyway approach and uptake by national stakeholders, e.g. related to agricultural conflict resolution, effective goose shooting, reduction of crippling due to shotgun shooting, habitat restoration, etc.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TF members will engage in providing input to the development of an international dissemination platform.
Population Status and Assessment Report of the E. Greenland (br) population of Barnacle Goose	The EGM IWG took note of the Population Status Offtake Assessment Report, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.12/Rev.2.	
Report on the coordination of offtake of the E Greenland (br) population of Barnacle Goose in Autumn/Winter 2025/2026	The EGM IWG took note of the report on the coordination of offtake in Autumn/Winter 2025/2026, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.22.	
Status report: Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the E. Greenland (br) population of Barnacle Goose	The EGM IWG took note of the AFMP status report and acknowledged the proposed timeline for the activities in Table 1 in document AEWA/EGMIWG11.9.	<p>Based on the Progress report: Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the E Greenland BG population, the EGM IWG agreed on the following action for 2026/2027:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussion on use and way forward for damage impact models (see recommendations from the impact report, document AEWA/EGMIWG/Inf.8.15).
Indicator Assessment for the Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for Greenland (br) population of the Barnacle Goose	The EGM IWG took note of the Indicator Assessment for the Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for Greenland (br) population of the Barnacle Goose, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.7	

	<p>The EGM IWG agreed that Range States will submit any comments on the indicator assessment to the Data Centre by 1 September 2026, following which the Data Centre will finalise the assessment in a joint report on the indicator assessments for the three AFMPs.</p>	
<p>Report and Recommendations of the E. Greenland/Svalbard Barnacle Goose Task Force</p>	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Task Force report and recommendations, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.15, and adopted the annual workplan.</p> <p>The EGM IWG took note of the agreement between Iceland and the United Kingdom that the maximum offtake for 2026/2027 will be 4,250, split between the two Range States (Iceland - 3,250, UK - 1,000). This shall not be considered as a precedent in the context of any future EGM IWG decisions or in the broader context of AEWA.</p> <p>The EGM IWG requested Iceland and the United Kingdom to continue to implement a coordination mechanism to ensure adherence to these limits and to inform EGM IWG12 in writing on the outcomes of the offtake and coordination efforts.</p> <p>The EGM IWG decided to extend the lifespan of the AFMP for the Greenland (br) population of Barnacle Goose until EGM IWG12 and requested the Task Force to prepare any proposed revisions following the process outlined below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Taking into account, <i>inter alia</i>, the stocktake of implementation of the ISSMP actions and the assessment of AFMP indicators, the Task Force 	

	<p>will identify any elements of the AFMP that may benefit from revision, as well as proposed timelines for progressing these revisions and any associated resource requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. An overview of the elements proposed for revision will be consulted with the relevant National Government Representatives for approval. iii. The Task Force will draft the proposed revisions. iv. Draft revisions will be consulted with the relevant National Government Representatives prior to submission to the EGM IWG for adoption. 	
Population Status and Assessment Report of the Russia (br) population of Barnacle Goose	The EGM IWG took note of the Population Status and Offtake Assessment, document AEW/EGMIWG11.12/Rev.2.	
Report on the coordination of offtake of MU3 of the Russian (br) population of Barnacle Goose	The EGM IWG took note of the report on the coordination of offtake of MU3, document AEW/EGMIWG11.23.	
Progress report: Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the Russian	The EGM IWG took note of the AFMP status report and acknowledged the proposed timeline for the activities in Table 1 in document AEW/EGMIWG11.10.	Based on the Progress report: Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the Russian BG population, the EGM IWG agreed on the following actions for 2026/2027:

<p>(br) population of Barnacle Goose</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outstanding from 2023/2024: Discussion on use and way forward for impact models (see recommendations from the impact report, document AEWA/EGMIWG/Inf.8.15). 2. Outstanding from 2022/2023: Systematic monitoring in place by EGM IWG8 in 2023. It is important to note that some monitoring activities are still missing from some Range States (see the <i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i> for a full overview of data availability).
<p>Indicator Assessment for the Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for Russia (br) population of the Barnacle Goose</p>	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Indicator Assessment for the Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for Russia (br) population of the Barnacle Goose, document AEWA/EGMIWG/11.6.</p> <p>The EGM IWG agreed that Range States will submit any comments on the indicator assessment to the Data Centre by 1 September 2026, following which the Data Centre will finalise the assessment in a joint report on the indicator assessments for the three AFMPs.</p>	
<p>Report and Recommendations of the Russia Barnacle Goose Task Force</p>	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Task Force report and recommendations and adopted the annual workplan for 2026/2027, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.16/Rev.1.</p> <p>In preparation for the establishment of an offtake coordination mechanism for MU2, the EGM IWG requested that Denmark, Sweden and Finland improve the provision of data on the temporal and spatial</p>	<p>Based on the Russia Barnacle Goose Task Force Report, the EGM IWG agreed to the following actions for 2026/2027:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to continue supporting the Dutch Modelling Consortium by facilitating in gathering and provision of required data and by assisting with communication where needed; 2. to address gaps in monitoring information used for the annual assessment of the population.

	<p>distribution of derogations in order to enable an assessment of their impact on MU2.</p> <p>The EGM IWG requested the Task Force, subject to capacity and resources, to prepare a report on the use of derogations to reduce agricultural damage based on the presentations from the webinar organised on 21 April 2026.</p> <p>The EGM IWG requested Germany to monitor the development of the local breeding population size and distribution in Schleswig-Holstein in light of clutch management measures, and to include any relevant information in the report on the coordination of offtake of MU3.</p> <p>The EGM IWG agreed to extend the lifespan of the AFMP for the Russia (br) population of Barnacle Goose until EGM IWG12 and requested the Task Force to prepare any proposed revisions following the same process as that outlined above for the E Greenland (br) population of Barnacle Goose.</p>	
<p>Population Status and Assessment Report of the NW Europe (br) population of Greylag Goose</p>	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Population Status and Offtake Assessment report, document AEW/EGMIWG11.12/Rev.2.</p> <p>Considering that the population level of both MUs is well above the target population size, and that the population shows no declining trend, the EGM IWG</p>	

	agreed to maintain the current level of offtake for the 2026/2027 hunting season and improve harvest and derogation data collection schemes.	
Progress report: Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the GG population	The EGM IWG took note of the AFMP status report and acknowledged the proposed timeline for the activities in Table 1 in document AEWA/EGMIWG11.11.	Based on the Progress report: Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the NW Europe (br) population of Greylag Goose, the EGM IWG agreed on the following actions for 2026/2027: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outstanding from 2023/2024: Discussion on use and way forward for damage impact models and knowledge gap for Greylag Goose (see recommendations from the impact report, document AEWA/EGMIWG/Inf.8.15). 2. Outstanding from 2022/2023: Systematic monitoring is not in place due to the lack of monitoring activities from some Range States (see the <i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i> for a full overview of data availability and specific recommendations for Management Unit 1 (MU1) provided in AEWA/EGMIWG/9.10). 3. Discussion of harvest protocol including the coordination of offtake as necessary.
Indicator Assessment for the Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for NW Europe (br) population of the Greylag Goose	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Indicator Assessment for the Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for NW Europe (br) population of the Greylag Goose, document AEWA/EGM IWG11.5.</p> <p>The EGM IWG agreed that Range States will submit any comments on the indicator assessment to the Data Centre by 1 September 2026, following which the Data</p>	

	Centre will finalise the assessment in a joint report on the indicator assessments for the three AFMPs.	
Report from the Ad Hoc Working Group on Greylag Goose Migration	The EGM IWG took note of the roadmap and agreed on the mandate, timeline and deliverables of the Ad Hoc Working Group up to EGM IWG13 as indicated in document AEW/EGMIWG11.24. It further agreed that, moving forward, the group should rather be referred to as the ‘Contact Group’ on Greylag Goose Migration, to remain consistent with the terminology used elsewhere in the EGMP.	
Report and Recommendations of the Greylag Goose Task Force	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Task Force report and recommendations, document AEW/EGMIWG11.17, and adopted the annual workplan for 2026/2027.</p> <p>The EGM IWG agreed to extend the lifespan of the AFMP for the NW Europe (br) population of the Greylag Goose until EGM IWG12 and requested the Task Force to prepare any proposed revisions following the same process as that outlined above for the E Greenland (br) population of Barnacle Goose.</p>	<p>Based on the GG TF Report, the EGM IWG agreed to the following actions for 2026-2027:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Range States strive to provide the necessary data as stated below in descending order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Reliable seasonal offtake estimates: by country and biannual period (spring-summer: March-August and fall-winter: September-February) for the most recent five calendar years. ii. Summer or early autumn abundance: by country for those conducting such surveys; all years in which they are available. iii. Post-breeding age ratios: all years and countries where available; should include counts of young and total sample size. Data should be provided at the lowest level available (e.g., by flock or location). iv. Winter counts: all years and countries where available

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. All Range States keep focusing on offtake strategies minimising the need for breeding season derogation (meaning those with high winter offtake). 3. The GG TF continues discussing the crippling rate, which has remained relatively high. The TF should work to raise awareness of this issue through activities, perhaps by arranging a webinar or creating information campaigns. 4. The GG TF continues to support the Data Centre during the assessment of the AFMP indicators in preparation for a potential revision, extension or update of the plan. 5. With a view to progressing the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, Range States explore possible funding opportunities to support a position or a junior researcher for four months, with an approximated cost of EUR 20,000. 6. The GG TF will work on raising awareness of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). Recent examples show there is a lack of knowledge in the general public, which raises concerns regarding a wider spread of the disease (e.g. in Denmark, sick Greylag Geese were taken in and kept by people). 7. Range States discuss and identify obstacles and limitations they may have in implementing the actions and recommendations so that these can be better understood by the EGM IWG.
<p>Report and Recommendations of the Flight Safety Task Force (FSTF)</p>	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the Flight Safety Task Force report and recommendations, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.19, and adopted the annual workplan for 2026/2027.</p>	<p>Based on the FSTF Report, the EGM IWG agreed to the following actions for 2026-2027:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Government Representatives to further facilitate the transmission of relevant aircraft goose strike data and information regarding the number of

		<p>geese passing over aerodromes to the AEWA Secretariat and the EGMP Data Centre.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Provide support to the development of aerodrome warning systems based of GPS tagging of geese. 3. The Flight Safety Task Force assists the Russia Barnacle Goose Task Force, Greenland/Svalbard Barnacle Goose Task Force and Greylag Goose Task Force in the preparation of proposed revisions of the respective AFMPs.
Report and Recommendations of the Agriculture TF	The EGM IWG took note of the Task Force report and recommendations, document AEWA/EGMIWG11,18/Rev.1, and adopted the annual workplan for 2026/2027.	
EGMP 10th Anniversary Report	The EGM IWG took note of the anniversary report, document AEWA/EGMIWG/11.4.	
Report from the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Contact Group	<p>The EGM IWG took note of the HPAI Contact Group update from 2025/2026 winter season, document AEWA/EGMIWG11.25.</p> <p>The EGM IWG recalled that the HPAI Contact Group was established to facilitate the exchange of relevant information between Range States across EGMP species with a view to ensuring that the EGM IWG is informed of those HPAI impacts that are relevant for the management of species within the EGMP’s remit. It further requested the Contact Group to continue to liaise with the CMS/FAO-convened Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds, as appropriate.</p>	

	<p>The EGM IWG encouraged Range States to nominate members to the HPAI Contact Group if they have not yet done so.</p>	
<p>EGMP budget and costed Programme of Work for 2027</p>	<p>The EGM IWG approved the EGMP budget estimate for 2027 in scenario 1 and the proposed costed Programme of Work for 2027 under this scenario.</p> <p>The EGM IWG approved of the indicative scale for voluntary contributions for scenario 1, as provided in Annex 2 of the document AEW/EGMIWG11.21/Rev.2.</p> <p>The EGM IWG further agreed that contributing Range States will endeavour to communicate their 2027 pledges to the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre as early as possible and not later than the end of November 2026 and to pay their 2027 voluntary contributions as early as possible, preferably by the end of March 2027 and not later than EGM IWG12.</p>	
<p>Looking Ahead: Perspectives on the functioning of the EGMP and opportunities for future improvements</p>		<p>After EGM IWG11, the Secretariat and Data Centre will compile a note summarising the discussion from this session and proposing action points in response thereto. Range States will be consulted on these via a written procedure.</p>
<p>Election of the new Chair of EGM IWG</p>	<p>The EGM IWG elected the Netherlands as the next Chair of the EGM IWG until EGM IWG13.</p>	

Date and Venue of the next EGM IWG meeting	<p>The dates for the EGM IWG12 were set for the week of 21-24 June 2027.</p> <p>The EGM IWG welcomed the interest expressed by the United Kingdom in hosting its next meeting. Should this venue not be confirmed, the meeting will be held in Bonn, at the premises of the Secretariat.</p>	
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