

# EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM



## Highlights 2022



It is that time of the year again! The EGMP team is sending warmest wishes for this festive season to you and your loved ones. Staying true to tradition, we would like to recall and share with you all the memorable moments of the past year:

### 7th Meeting of the European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG7) in Helsinki, Finland - 21-23 June 2022

After two years of virtual annual meetings, the famous “Helsinki Meeting” finally happened! We were so happy to reconnect with everyone in person again. Big thanks go out to the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland for persistently renewing their invitation throughout the challenging period of global pandemic and being the best hosts one could wish for. Curious to know more? The [meeting report](#), as well as the presentations from the meeting can be found on [EGM IWG7 meeting page](#).



EGM IWG Members in Helsinki, Finland on 23 June 2022

### Excursion to Suomenlinna

Thanks to our hosts, we got to discover this unique place with rich history and beautiful nature.



Took stunning ferry rides discovering seabirds



Found out about the history of the island



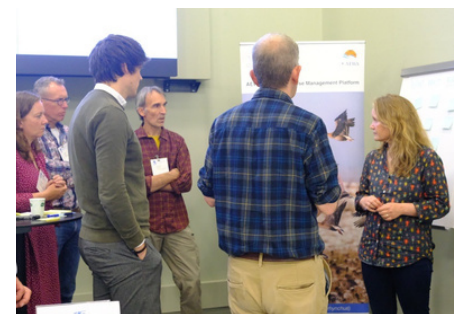
And look who we met on the spot!

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### Joint Meeting of the EGMP Task Forces in Helsinki, Finland- 20 June 2022

Our six Task Forces also came together in person, and it was a blast! One of the main takeaways of their dynamic brainstorming session was “Goose is goose, grass is grass” – no matter what species, Task Forces can learn a lot from each other.

Many great ideas came out of this session, and we have started putting them into practice. A Joint Meeting of EGMP Task Forces was organised remotely in December 2022 to allow for their members to share species updates and upcoming projects. Happy about the positive feedback, we will continue maintaining this close friendship between TFs.



GG TF Coordinator Ms Iben Hove Sorensen taking lead in the facilitated session

### EGMP Side Event at AEWA MOP8 in Budapest – 26-30 September 2022

Part of the EGMP team travelled to Budapest to support the running of the AEWA MOP8 and organise an EGMP side event. It was the EGMP Coordinator Ms Eva Meyers, the Head of the EGMP Data Centre Dr Jesper Madsen and the Coordinator of the Greylag Goose Task Force Ms Iben Hove Sorensen who guided the attendees into the fascinating and complex world of EGMP, carefully explaining its main concepts and the processes behind.



EGMP side event - AEWA MOP8 in Budapest Hungary on 29 September 2023

## Establishment of Ad-Hoc Group for Communications

In spring 2022, we sent out a questionnaire to the EGM IWG asking a number of important questions on EGMP. Turns out that our communications efforts are in need of improvement. As a result, at EGM IWG7 an ad-hoc group was established to determine ways of addressing the issue. The group will focus on a communication strategy, restructuring of the website and production of briefing notes and fact sheets. If you are interested in becoming a member and sharing your ideas with us, do not shy away – the membership is open and all it takes is dropping us a line.

## EGMP Webinars

EGMP webinars came to life as an idea from the EGMP Task Forces in response to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, we continued this fantastic initiative, organising new webinars dedicated to general topic of EGMP and adaptive management. You will find recordings of all our webinars on the [EGMP Youtube channel](#). See below for the upcoming webinars in 2023.



EGM IWG Chair and our wonderful Task Force Coordinators

## EGM IWG Chair

We have been so lucky to have the most brilliant and supportive Chair that we just could not let him go! Warmest thanks to Dr Des Thompson from UK for kindly agreeing to carry on with his responsibilities for another year.

We are also pleased and excited to confirm that at EGM IWG8 in June 2023, Sweden will take over the role of the EGM IWG Chair.



EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre taking good care of the EGM IWG Chair Dr Des Thompson

## EGMP Modelling Consortium meetings

The EGMP Modelling Consortium, which consists of 37 researchers from 8 Range States, has already met 2 times since EGM IWG7. The first meeting in September had a focus on the damage impact models for Barnacle Goose and Greylag Goose, status of work and ways of presenting the results. More on this at the webinar in spring 2023 and at EGM IWG8.

The second meeting in October had a focus on Greylag Goose, preliminary results from the first summer counts in Management Unit 1 and the status of the flyway decision model. Updates on this will be given at EGM IWG8, where the first Greylag Goose assessment at management unit level will be presented.

## News on projects in 2022

In 2022, we have put great efforts into making the move to a flyway decision model at management unit level for Greylag Goose, understanding the relationship between goose numbers and damage and ways of mitigating damage and risk. Below is the overview of all the projects:

- [Flyway decision model for Greylag Goose by Aarhus University](#)
- [Inputs to the flyway decision model for Greylag Goose by Office Français de la Biodiversité \(OFB\) and Netherlands Institute of Ecology \(NIOO-KNAW\)](#)
- [Summer counts of Greylag Goose in the Nordic countries](#) (The project in Denmark by Aarhus University)
- [GPS tagging of Greylag Goose by Aarhus University](#)
- Damage impact model for the Greenland and Svalbard Barnacle Goose populations by the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research and NatureScot
- [Investigating the indirect effects of goose disturbance and goose grazing on agricultural damages in the Netherlands 2018-2022 NIOO](#)
- [How the combination of accommodation areas and scaring/derogation shooting can be used to manage crop-damage by geese and swans by Aarhus University](#)
- Investigating how scaring and derogation activities can be improved to keep geese away from the airport area in Copenhagen, by Aarhus University and Copenhagen Airport



## What does 2023 hold for the EGMP?

### EGMP Webinars

- **10 January 2023** – Webinar on Geese and Risks to Air Safety – What is already being done and what can we do to improve air safety?
- **March-April 2023 (date tbc)** – Webinar on Barnacle and Greylag Goose Impact Models – Understanding the link between population level and damages.
- **31 May 2023** – Webinar on EGMP and EGM IWG8 documents – Learn about the EGMP and “get dressed” for EGM IWG8.

### EGM IWG8

We know you have been wondering as well where our next annual meeting will take us. The EGMP team is in close communication with a potential host-country, hoping to reveal the news in early 2023. Until then, do not forget to block the week of 19-23 June 2023 in your calendars!



EGM IWG Chair, EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre  
(Only our colleague Fred Johnson is missing from the picture.)

### EGMP Briefing Notes

A series of communication materials focused on EGMP species, processes and documents is in the making. Please stay tuned and regularly check our website.

### New National Reporting format

In 2023, we will be moving to a new, more straightforward and dynamic format for the EGMP national reporting. The Task Forces and EGM IWG members will shortly receive more information about the timelines and workflow.






**Thank you for being with us and we are looking forward to working with you in 2023!**

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