



# EGMP Highlights 2025



The closure of another year coinciding with busy deadlines and festive holiday preparations is also a time to pause, review and reflect. The EGMP team would like to extend its warmest wishes to you and your families for the holiday season and, true to tradition, to invite you to look back with us at some of the year's key milestones and achievements.

## 10th Meeting of the European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG10) (Brussels, Belgium, 17-19 June 2025)

This year's EGM IWG, our flagship annual meeting, was kindly hosted in the vibrant city of Brussels by the Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO), with support from the Flemish Agency for Nature and Forests (ANB).

Alongside reviewing the population status updates and Task Force reports, delegates took an important step by agreeing to establish a dedicated ad hoc group to investigate changes in migration and the decline of wintering Greylag Geese in Spain and France. The Working Group reaffirmed its commitment to science-based approaches, better data collection and close cross-border collaboration.

The exchanges carried on well beyond the meeting rooms, over a lively beer-tasting offered by our generous hosts – a fitting way to bring intense days of discussions to a close.

## EGMP Task Force Day (Brussels, Belgium, 16 June 2025)



The lively Task Force Day once again offered a valuable opportunity for Task Force members to reconnect in person after a busy cycle of online meetings.

Species status, new scientific initiatives, monitoring gaps and data discrepancies and ongoing communication projects were all on the table. Cross-cutting sessions helped to spark fresh ideas and identify opportunities for meaningful collaboration between Task Forces, reinforcing the EGMP community as a closely connected and collaborative group.



## AEWA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception

A celebratory reception marking the 30th Anniversary of AEWA added a special note to the EGM IWG programme. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous hosts, the engaging speakers and everyone who joined us in celebrating three decades of international cooperation for migratory waterbirds.



## Workshop for the Revision of the Taiga Bean Goose International Single Species Action Plan

A hybrid revision workshop brought together Range States, observers and experts for in-depth exchanges on the best available knowledge for conservation and adaptive harvest management of Taiga Bean Goose. Participants reviewed the species' status, recognised new populations, assessed emerging threats and identified knowledge gaps, providing the input needed to maintain strong momentum towards finalising the revised plan.



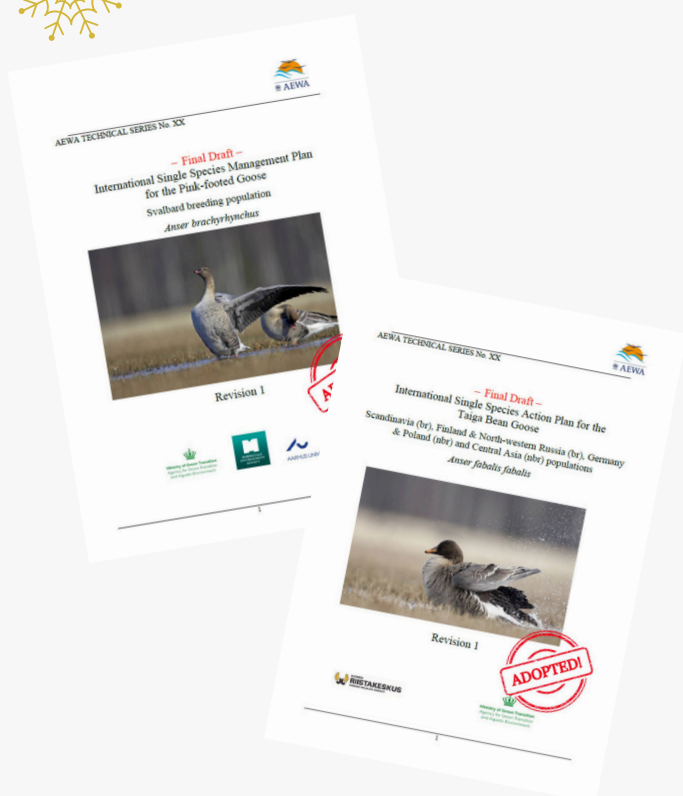
## 9th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (AEWA MOP9)

### Adopted of the revised TBG ISSMP and PFG ISSMP

Among the many decisions shaping AEWA's work for the coming triennium, Resolution 9.3 adopted the revised International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Taiga Bean Goose and the revised International Single Species Management Plan for the Svalbard breeding population of Pink-footed Goose.

The evaluation and revision of these two plans once again highlighted the power of joint effort – bringing together expertise, analysis, time and resources from a wide community of specialists and decision-makers, as well as the Secretariat and Data Centre.

Our sincere thanks go to everyone involved for devoting their time and expertise under tight deadlines to deliver these critical documents.







## EGMP Side Event

### “10 years of the European Goose Management Platform: Lessons Learned and Future Directions”

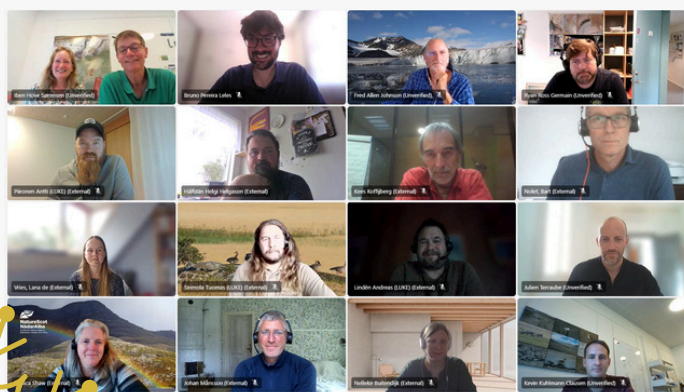
At MOP9, the EGMP Team hosted a side event looking back at ten years of EGMP achievements. The session shed light on the value of the platform for the conservation and management of migratory geese in Europe, highlighting its coordinated, flyway-scale approach to monitoring and decision-making and its robust, state-of-the-art scientific basis. The side event underlined the importance of inclusive stakeholder engagement and an adaptive framework that can integrate new science and respond to emerging needs, while spanning a wide range of issues – from agricultural and air safety conflicts to climate change and monitoring challenges. Furthermore, EGMP continues to drive scientific collaboration, enabling coordinated research and monitoring and supporting sustainable harvest and wise use through adaptive management.

The presentations were followed by an engaging Q&A session, offering insights into the experiences of EGMP Range States and observers and underscoring the platform’s impact on the ground.

### Flight Safety Task Force – Building an Aircraft–Goose Strike Database

The EGMP Flight Safety Task Force launched a call to Range States for goose strike data, aiming to establish a comprehensive database of aircraft–goose collisions, one of the key priorities in the Task Force workplan.

Once developed, this database will guide Range States in assessing associated risks and identifying effective management options to improve aviation safety while safeguarding goose populations.



### Modeling Consortium Meeting

The EGMP Modelling Consortium reconvened this year to review progress on population models, share new insights and discuss the next steps.

The meeting blended rigorous technical review with lively debate, sparking fresh ideas and potential collaborations that will help refine the models underpinning EGMP’s scientific backbone.



## AFMP Indicator Assessment

The Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes (AFMPs) for Greylag and Barnacle Goose will be evaluated in 2026, including the first assessment of indicators for measuring the progress towards achieving the fundamental objectives of the respective management plans. Population-specific questionnaires have been distributed to all Range States, and responses are due by the end of 2025. The analysis will be prepared during the spring of 2026 and presented for discussion at EGM IWG11.



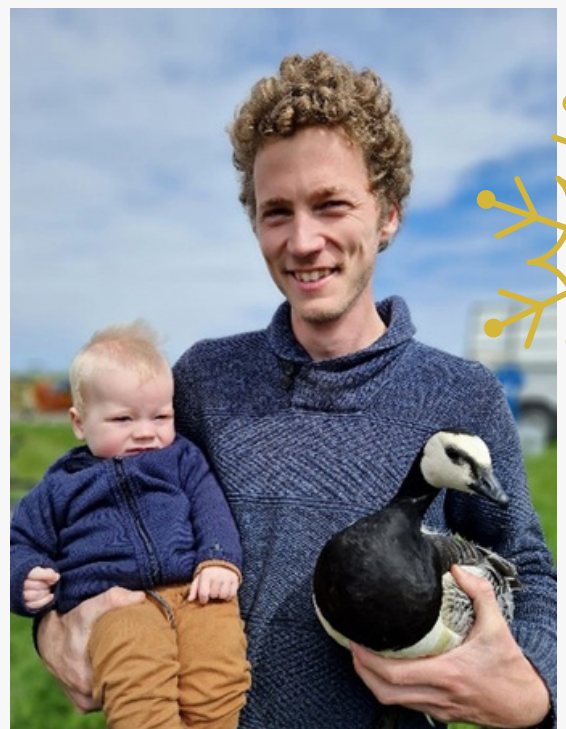
## Honoring Contributions of Dr Fred Johnson

Our colleague Dr Fred Johnson, who has served as the leading population modelling expert at the EGMP Data Centre and, before that, the initial AEWA plan for the Pink-footed Goose since 2010, will step down from this role by the end of 2025. Fred has played a pivotal role in the development of the EGMP, championing the introduction of adaptive harvest management of waterbirds in Europe and shaping much of the science and framework behind our work. His contributions, both within and beyond the EGMP, are widely recognised – recently marked by receiving the Caesar Kleberg Award of The Wildlife Society (2025) for his achievements in wildlife conservation.

We are extremely grateful for his skilful engagement and good company. While sad to see him leave this position after 16 years, we are delighted that he will continue his work on other projects at Aarhus University and remain an active member of our broader community.

## New Coordinator for the Russia Barnacle Goose Task Force

This year, we were pleased to welcome Sander Moonen as the new Coordinator of the Russia Barnacle Goose Task Force for Russia, Netherlands and Germany population. As an ecologist specialising in geese, Sander brings extensive field experience as well as active involvement in international research networks. We warmly thank the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality for supporting this coordinator position and Sander for stepping into this important role. With his leadership, we are excited to see the Task Force continue its work across a wide range of activities, helping to drive forward the implementation of the Barnacle Goose International Single Species Management Plan and its Adaptive Flyway Management Programme.





## World Migratory Bird Day 2025 – Greylag Goose in the Spotlight

This year's World Migratory Bird Day, themed "Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities", featured the Greylag Goose as one of the campaign's flagship species. Widely seen from wetlands and farmland to city parks, the Greylag Goose is a familiar presence across Europe and a vivid reminder of how closely our daily lives intersect with nature.

### Communications/Outreach Materials

#### Webinars

EGMP webinars remain a key tool for engaging and activating our network to share knowledge and experiences and raise awareness of ongoing projects across Range States.

In 2025, we hosted two webinars:

- "Geese and Agriculture: Perspectives on Tools to Reduce Crop Damage" – organised jointly by the Agriculture and Greylag Goose Task Forces; and
- "Flight, Friction and Feelings: The Greylag Goose in Research and Society" – hosted by the Greylag Goose Task Force.

Both webinars are available on our [YouTube channel](#), with more to come in 2026.



### Communications/Outreach Materials

[EGM IWG10 – Upcoming Decisions](#)

[EGM IWG10 – Population Status and Management recommendations](#)

[EGM IWG10 – Decision Table](#)

### News Stories about EGMP

[NatureScot Discloses Greenland Barnacle Goose Census Results](#)

[Severe H5N1 Outbreak Causes High Mortality in Barnacle Geese in the Netherlands](#)

[Welcome Our New Coordinator of the Russian Barnacle Goose Task Force](#)

[Experts Gather to Chart New Course to Conserve Taiga Bean Goose](#)

[Call for case studies: EGMP 10th Anniversary Report](#)  
[AEWA MOP9 Daily Coverage for Thursday, 13 November 2025](#) (featuring the EGMP side event)



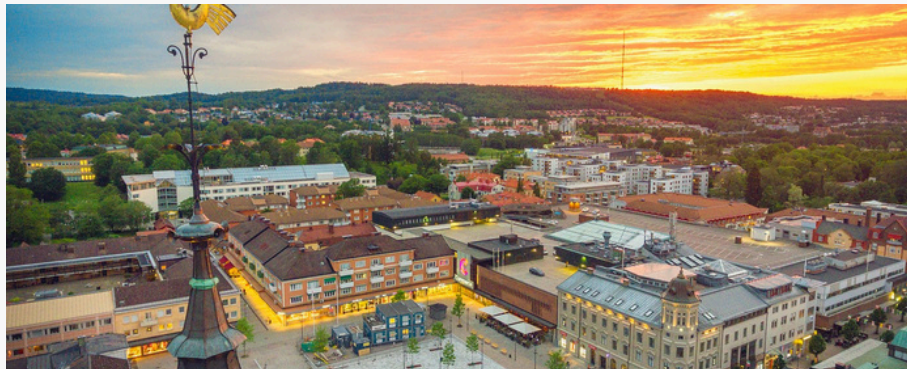
## Looking to the future:

### EGMP 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In 2026, we mark ten years since the establishment of the EGMP – a pioneering model of environmental governance and adaptive management in Europe, built on robust science, cross-border collaboration and joint decision-making.

Planned celebrations include a dedicated 10th Anniversary Report reflecting on a decade of experience and lessons learned, featuring case studies that showcase practical solutions to local and international challenges within the EGMP framework.

A special anniversary logo and updated communication materials, such as a refreshed EGMP brochure/fact sheet, are also in development.



### EGM IWGII

(Skövde, Sweden, 16-18 June 2026)

Our next annual meeting will take us to Skövde, nestled between Sweden's two largest lakes, Vänern and Vättern, at the kind invitation of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency.

As usual, the gathering will be preceded by in-person meetings of the EGMP Task Forces on 15 June 2026. We are already looking forward to welcoming you there for another round of productive discussions and collaborations.

### Call for Case Studies – EGMP 10th Anniversary Report



The EGMP community is warmly invited to contribute case studies to the EGMP 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report, to help share experiences and insights on the implementation of goose management and conservation activities under EGMP. The deadline for submitting your case study is 15 January 2026.

For more information:

<https://egmp.aewa.info/news/detail/call-case-studies-egmp-10th-anniversary-report>