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**STATUS REPORT OF THE ADAPTIVE FLYWAY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (AFMP)
FOR THE RUSSIA (BR) POPULATION OF BARNACLE GOOSE**

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Summary:

This document provides an overview of the Russia (br) Barnacle Goose population Adaptive Flyway Management Programme (RBG AFMP) elements and related deliverables, status of the work and documents for the current 6-year cycle from 2020-2026. It includes an overview of the activities that are conducted on an annual and triannual basis, as well as the progress on activities that need to be completed by the end of the 6-year cycle.

The purpose of this document is to keep an overview of the AFMP implementation status and ensure that progress as well as any issues are tracked and identified. This overview shall be a dynamic document that is updated periodically and submitted to each EGM IWG meeting within the 6-year cycle.

Action requested from the EGM IWG:

The EGM IWG is requested to take note of the AFMP status report and provide further guidance to the Secretariat and the Data Centre.

Moreover, the EGM IWG is requested to acknowledge the proposed timeline for the activities in Table 1 and agree on the following points:

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 *EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026* for a full overview of data availability).

Introduction

The Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the Russia (br) population of Barnacle Goose (RBG AFMP) was first adopted for implementation by the European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG) at EGM IWG5 in June 2020 and submitted for final adoption, including the pending sections, at EGM IWG6 in June 2021.

Implementation of the activities outlined in the AFMP started in 2020. Several activities, including the annual workplan, have been discussed and implemented by the Russia Barnacle Goose Task Force. These activities are reported separately in document AEWA/EGMIWG/11.16. The population status and assessment report on the Russia (br) population of Barnacle Goose is provided in document AEWA/EGMIWG/11.12.

As described in the AFMP, the management evaluation and adaptation of the Russia (br) population of Barnacle Goose follows four iterative phases running in parallel (Figure 1):

1. a 12-year cycle of the International Single Species Management Plan for Russia (br) population of the Barnacle Goose (BG ISSMP);
2. two 6-year cycles of the AFMP, and within the AFMP;
3. two 3-year cycles assessing whether the actual size of the population and its MUs are below the 200% threshold and approaching the Favourable Reference Population (FRP) (currently done annually as part of the EGMP population status and assessment report).
4. 1-year cycles of monitoring and updates of work plan.

Table 1 presents an overview of the AFMP elements, including deliverables, status of the work and documents for the current cycle 2020-2026. In the next cycle of the AFMP, elements related to the 6-year cycle (with the exception of collection and evaluation of indicators and the annual workplans) are only evaluated and adapted if the Range States see a compelling reason for doing so and/or new scientific knowledge suggests a re-evaluation is needed, unless otherwise is stated under the individual element in the table. If an evaluation shall take place, financial and staff resources must be available.

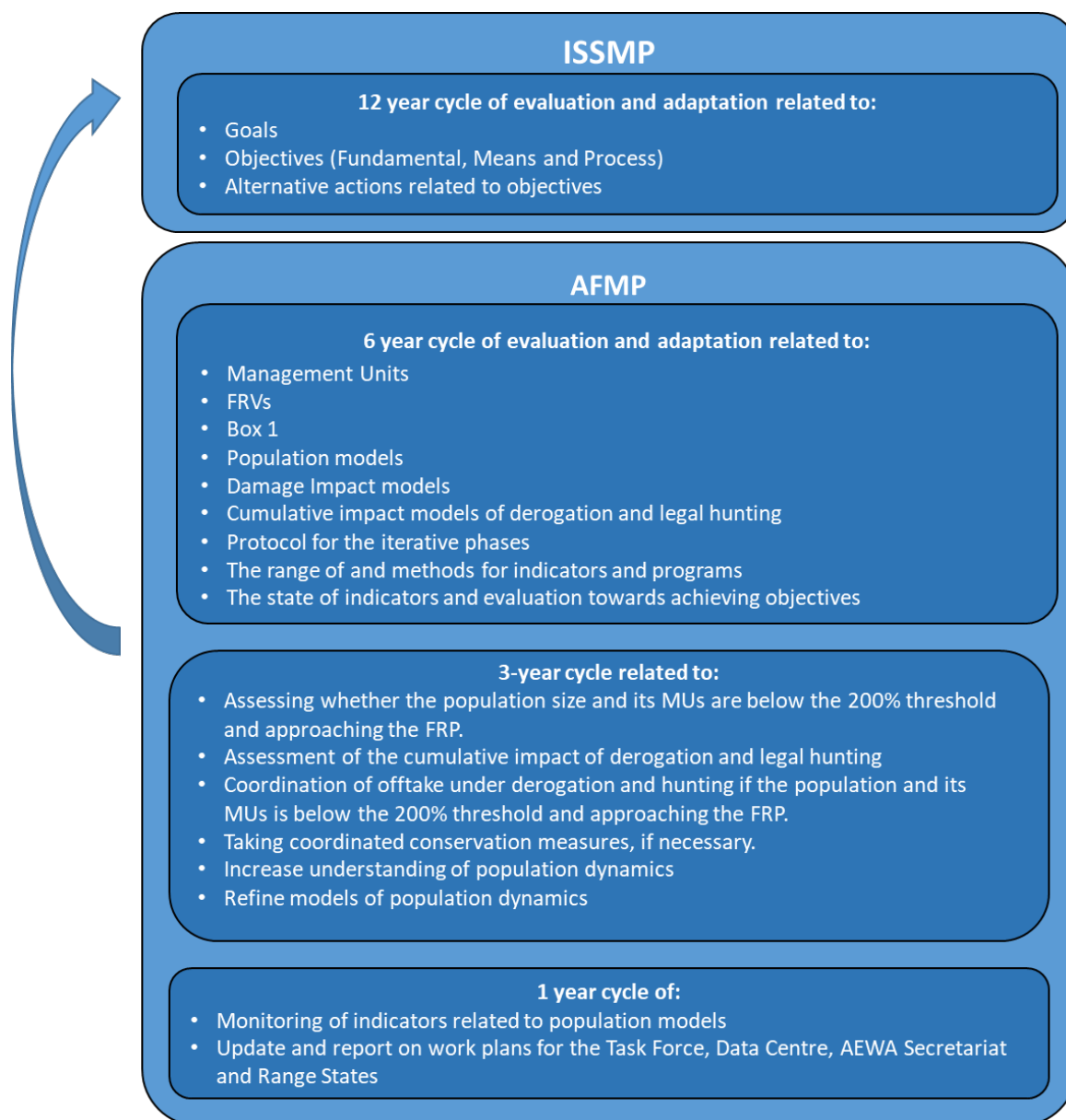


Figure 1. Flow chart of the management evaluation and adaptation of the Russia (br) population of the Barnacle Goose, taken from the RBG AFMP adopted on 23 June 2021, at EGM IWG6.

Table 1. Overview of AFMP elements and related deliverables, status of the work and documents for the current cycle 2020-2026. In the next cycle of the AFMP elements related to the 6-year cycle (with the exception of collection and evaluation of indicators point 4a as well as Annex 1: Annual workplans) are only evaluated and adapted, if the Range States see a compelling reason for doing so and/or new scientific knowledge suggests a re-evaluation, unless otherwise is stated under the individual element in the table. If an evaluation shall take place, financial and staff resources must be available.

Cells highlighted in blue require additional decisions and/or funding and resources.

Process/Element	Deliverable	Status	Document	Funding
6-year cycle of the AFMP				
1. Definition of Management Units (MUs)	Agreement of MUs as of EGM IWG4 in Perth 2019	Finalised.	Doc. AEW/EGMIWG/4.15	n/a
2. Definitions of Favourable Reference Values (FRVs)	Gap-filling of FRVs before EGM IWG 2026.	Work done by the EGMP Data Centre in the period up to the EGM IWG meeting in 2026.	AFMP + Doc. AEW/EGMIWG/Inf.6.11	Financial and personnel resources are in place.
3. Cumulative impact of derogation and legal hunting	Population model at MU level	Finalised.	AFMP + Population model report (still under development)	Financial and personnel resources are in place.
4a. Monitoring indicators and programmes (1. collection of data and 2. evaluation)	1 Collection of data for indicators: Annual by 1 April for indicator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I.1¹ By 31. Dec. 2025	For indicator I.1 “Population size” information is missing from some range states. See the <i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i> for a full overview of data availability.	EGMP Database AEW/EGMIWG/11.6 AEW/EGMIWG/11.16	Financial and personnel resources are in place.

¹ Population size compared to the Favourable Reference Population (FRP)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I.2², II.1³, III.1⁴, III.2⁵, IV.1⁶, V.1⁷, VI.1⁸: <p>2. Evaluation of the state of these and towards achieving objectives is done every 6-years, thus by 2026.</p>	The assessment of indicators has been prepared and is presented in document AEW/EGMIWG/11.6.		
4b. Monitoring indicators and programmes	Development and evaluation of the range and methods for indicators and programmes	Finalised.	AFMP	n/a
5. Protocols for the iterative phase	Protocols for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Indicators related to objectives Indicators related to population model Offtake assessment Damage impact assessment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Protocol for assessment of the indicators agreed at EGM IWG10 in 2025. Protocol for collection and use of indicators related to population models concluded and operational by Sovon and the EGMP Data Centre. 	AFMP EGMP Database Assessment of indicators AEW/EGMIWG/11.6 Task Force report AEW/EGMIWG/11.16	Financial and personnel resources are in place.

² Range extent compared to Favourable Reference Range (FRR).

³ Relative change in damage payments.

⁴ Number of bird strikes with aircrafts caused by Barnacle Goose.

⁵ Number of Barnacle Geese passing over commercial airports.

⁶ Area of natural habitat or habitat of threatened species negatively affected by Barnacle Goose.

⁷ Number of people enjoying watching geese.

⁸ Relative change in cost of goose management.

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		<p>3. Protocol for offtake assessment (scenarios and coordination) have been agreed.</p> <p>4. Protocol for the damage impact assessment are awaiting agreements on use.</p> <p>5. Revision: The Task Force recommended EGM IWG 11 to extend the lifespan of the AFMP until EGM IWG12 and request the Task Force to prepare any proposed revisions for submission to EGM IWG12. See document AEW/EGMIWG/11.15 for an outline of the process.</p>		
Annex 1: Annual workplans	Annual workplans	<p>Workplans reviewed and updated by the Task Forces annually and reported to the EGM IWG.</p> <p>Every second year, reporting on the workplans will be</p>	<p>TF report and recommendations AEW/EGMIWG/11.16</p> <p>Summary of EGMP National Reports AEW/EGMIWG/10.5</p>	Financial and personnel resources are in place.

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		conducted via the EGMP National Reports.		
Annex 2. Box 1 of the BG ISSMP	Box 1 report	Finalised.	AFMP	n/a
Annex 3. Population models	See point 3	See point 3	See point 3	See point 3
Annex 4. Impact models	Development of impact models. Compilation of the report and evaluation of use before EGM IWG8 2023.	Models and report finalised. Discussion on use and way forward at EGM IWG8. The Task Force continue to consider the impacts of HPAI on populations.	AFMP + EGMP Impact model report presented at EGM IWG8.	Financial and personnel resources are in place. Depending on further discussions.
Annex 5. Indicator factsheet	See point 4	See point 4	See point 4	See point 4
Annex 6. Protocol for the iterative phase	See point 5	See point 5	See point 5	See point 5
3-year cycle within the AFMP				
Assessment of the cumulative impact at MU level	Annual update of the EGMP population status and assessment report.	Available in the <i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i>	<i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i>	Assessment done by the Dutch Modelling consortium until 2028.

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Assessment of 200% threshold of the FRP	Annual update of the EGMP population status and assessment report.	Available in the <i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i>	<i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i>	Assessment done by the Dutch Modelling consortium until 2028.
Coordination of offtake if the population or MU are below 200%	Should a population or MU drop below this threshold, the role of the EGMP will be to facilitate dialogue, as appropriate and necessary, among the Range States. For MU3 it was decided that a trilateral discussion on how to coordinate offtake will take place between the Netherlands and German Federal States of Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein. The outcomes will be communicated to the EGM IWG.	<p>Russian MU1 is above the 200% threshold level set above the FRP. Baltic MU2 and North Sea MU3 numbers are below the 200% threshold.</p> <p>The Netherlands and Germany will present a report on the coordination of offtake of MU3 at EGM IWG11.</p> <p>The TF recommended EGM IWG11 to establish an offtake coordination mechanism among Denmark, Sweden and Finland, including the provision of data on the temporal and spatial distribution of derogations, in order to evaluate their impact on MU2.</p>	<p><i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i></p> <p>AEWA/EGMIWG/11.12</p> <p>See Task Force recommendations AEWA/EGMIWG/11.16</p>	Funded by National initiatives.
Taking coordinated conservation measures, if necessary.	See point “Coordination of offtake if population or MU are below 200%”.	Coordination of offtake has been implemented in MU3 since 2023.	<i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i>	Funded by National initiatives.

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		Coordination of offtake of MU2 is recommended to start in 2026.	AEWA/EGMIWG/11.12 AEWA/EGMIWG/11.16	
1-year cycle within the AFMP				
Monitoring of indicators related to population models	<p>Annual update of raw data on the EGMP Database.</p> <p>Annual update of model estimates at Gitlab EGMP.</p> <p>A compilation is presented in the EGMP population status and assessment report.</p>	<p>Annual update of raw data.</p> <p>Annual update of model estimates.</p> <p>Annual compilation in the EGMP population status and assessment report.</p>	<p>Raw data: EGMP Database</p> <p>Model estimates: EGMP Gitlab</p> <p><i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i></p>	<p>Financial and personnel resources are in place to collect and compile monitoring information.</p> <p>Annual model estimates are provided by the Dutch Modelling consortium until 2028.</p> <p>National funding may be needed for some of the monitoring activities itself.</p>
Update and report on work plans for the Task Force, Data Centre, AEWA Secretariat and Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annex 1 in AFMP for Task Force workplan AEWA Secretariat and DC Report 	Review annually by Task Force, Data Centre, AEWA Secretariat and Range States.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annex 1 in AFMP AEWA Secretariat and DC Report <p>Task Force report: AEWA/EGMIWG/11.16</p>	Financial and personnel resources are in place.