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

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Summary:

This document provides an overview of the E Greenland (br) Barnacle Goose population Adaptive Flyway Management Programme (GBG 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 outstanding 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. Continued discussion on use and way forward for damage impact models (see recommendations from the impact report, document AEWA/EGMIWG/Inf.8.15).

Introduction

The Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the E Greenland (br) population of Barnacle Goose (GBG 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 Greenland/Svalbard Barnacle Goose Task Force (GBG TF). These activities are reported separately in document AEWA/EGMIWG/11.15. The population status and assessment report of the E Greenland (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 E Greenland (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 of monitoring of the total population size;
4. 1-year cycles of monitoring in Scotland and Iceland, assessing whether the actual size of the population is below the 200% threshold and approaching the Favourable Reference Population (FRP) as well as update of work plan.

Table 1 provides an overview of the AFMP elements, including deliverables, status of the work and documents related to 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 the need for re-evaluation. If an evaluation shall take place, the necessary financial and staff resources must be available, unless otherwise is stated under the individual element in the table.

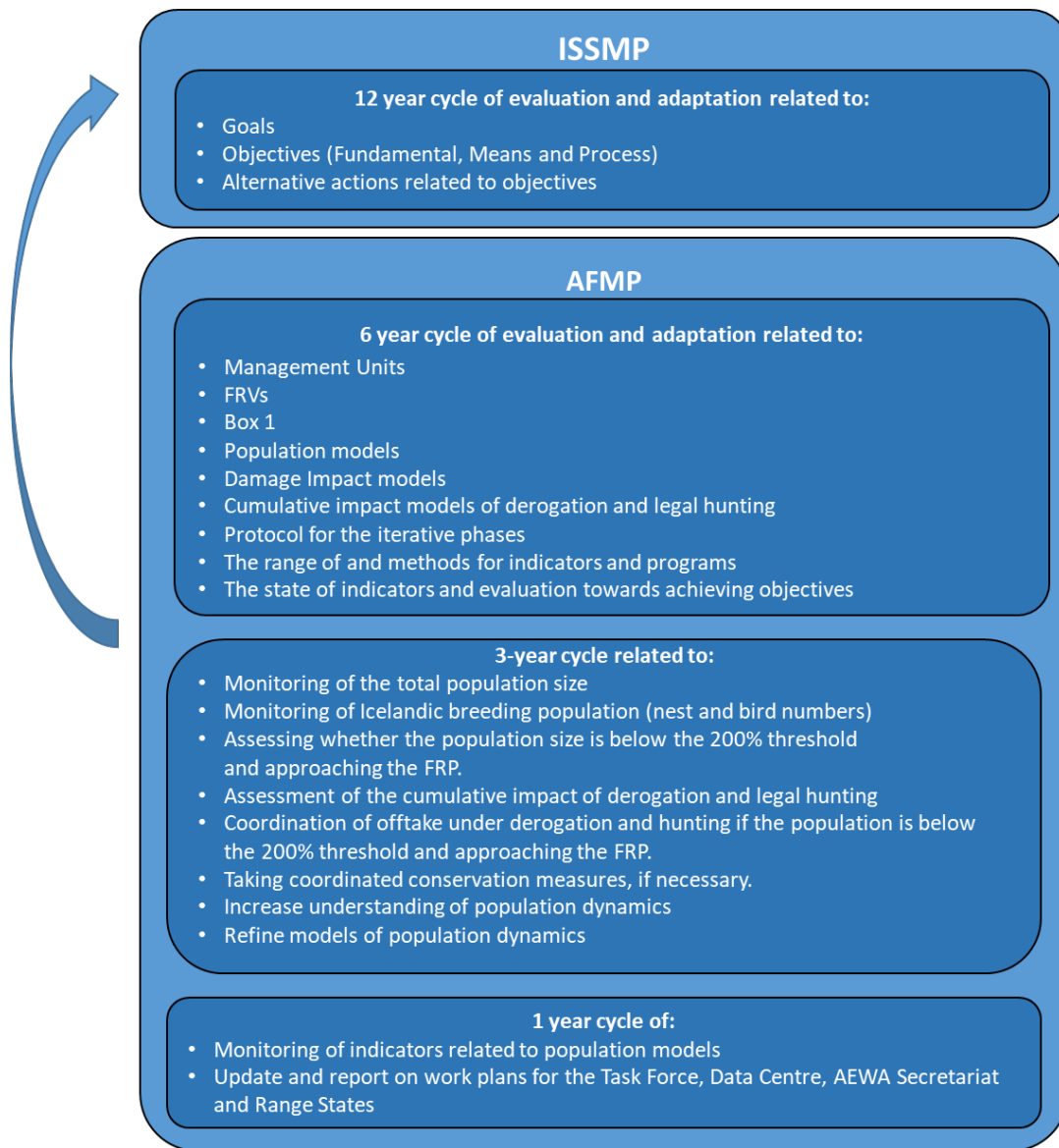


Figure 1. Flow chart of the management evaluation and adaptation of the E Greenland (br) population of the Barnacle Goose taken from the GBG AFMP adopted at EGM IWG6 on 23 June 2021.

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 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, unless otherwise is stated under the individual element in the table.

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 one MU as of EGM IWG4 in Perth 2019	Finalised.	AFMP	n/a
2. Definitions of Favourable Reference Values (FRVs)	Agreement of FRVs as of EGM IWG4 in Perth 2019	Finalised.	AFMP	n/a
3. Cumulative impact of derogation and legal hunting	Population model	Finalised.	AFMP	n/a
4a. Monitoring indicators and programmes (1. collection of data and 2. evaluation)	1. Collection of data for indicators: Every 3 years by 1 April for indicator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I.1¹ By 31. Dec. 2025	The assessment of indicators has been prepared and is presented in document AEWA/EGMIWG/11.7	EGMP Database AEWA/EGMIWG/11.7	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, III.3⁶, IV.1⁷, V.1⁸, VI.1⁹. <p>2. Evaluation of the state of these and towards achieving objectives is done every 6-years, thus by 2026.</p>			
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 phases	<p>Protocols for:</p> <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"> Assessment of the indicators agreed at EGM IWG10 in 2025. Protocol for collection and use of indicators related to population models is available. 	<p>AFMP</p> <p>EGMP Database</p> <p>Assessment of indicators AEWA/EGMIWG/11.7</p> <p>GBG TF report AEWA/EGMIWG/11.15</p>	Resources needed will be identified by GBG TF.

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

³ Relative change in damage payments.

⁴ Risk of zoonotic influenza transmission to the general public.

⁵ Number of bird strikes with aircrafts caused by Barnacle Goose.

⁶ Number of Barnacle Geese passing over commercial airports.

⁷ Area of natural habitat or habitat of threatened species negatively affected by Barnacle Goose.

⁸ Number of people enjoying watching geese.

⁹ Relative change in cost of goose management.

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		<p>3. A protocol for offtake assessment is in place (i.e., IPM). A protocol for taking action to prevent the population from falling below the FRP needs to be further developed. The AEWa Secretariat will initiate a process to develop guidance on compliance with the obligation to maintain or restore populations to a favourable conservation status in relation to the risk of falling below the Favourable Reference Population for submission to the 10th session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWa.</p> <p>4. Protocol for the damage impact assessment are awaiting agreements on use.</p> <p>5. Revision: The GBG TF recommended for EGM IWG11 to extend the lifespan of the AFMP until EGM IWG12 and request the Task Force to prepare any proposed revisions for</p>		

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		submission to EGM IWG12. See document AEWA/EGMIWG/11.15 for an outline of the process.		
Annex 1: Annual workplans	Annual workplans	Workplans reviewed and updated by the Task Forces annually and reported to the EGM IWG. Every second year, reporting on the workplans will be conducted via the EGMP National Reports.	TF report and recommendations Summary of EGMP National Reports: AEWA/EGMIWG/10.5	Financial and personnel resources are in place.
Annex 2. Box 1 of the ISSMP for the Barnacle Goose	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 damage impact models. Compilation of the report and evaluation of use before EGM IWG8 2023.	Model and report finalised. Discussion on use and way forward took place at EGM IWG8, but no final decision has been taken.	AFMP + EGMP Impact report (submitted for EGM IWG8 in June 2023)	Financial and personnel resources are in place. Depending on the discussions at (and following) EGM IWG8.
Annex 5. Indicator factsheet	See point 4	See point 4	See point 4	See point 4

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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				
The state of population size and Icelandic breeding population	<p>Triannual updates of raw data on the EGMP Database.</p> <p>Update on model estimates at Gitlab EGMP.</p> <p>A compilation is presented in the EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report.</p>	<p>Triannual update of population census done in 2025/2026.</p> <p>Annual updates of model estimates and compilation in the EGMP population status and assessment report.</p> <p>Information has been received from all Range States and model estimates are provided to the EGM IWG.</p>	<p>Raw data: EGMP Database</p> <p>Model estimates: EGMP Gitlab</p> <p><i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i>, document AEW/EGMIWG/11.12</p>	<p>Financial and personnel resources are in place to collect and compile monitoring information.</p> <p>The EGMP Data Centre provides annual model estimates in years between assessment.</p>
Assessment of 200% threshold of the FRP	Annual update of the EGMP population status and assessment report	Information has been received from all Range States, and the assessment has been done.	<i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i> , document AEW/EGMIWG/11.12	Financial and personnel resources are in place. The assessment is done by the EGMP Data Centre.
Assessment of the cumulative impact of offtake	Annual update of the EGMP population status and assessment report	Information has been received from all Range States, and the assessment has been done.	<i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i> , document AEW/EGMIWG/11.12	Financial and personnel resources are in place. The assessment is done by the EGMP Data Centre.

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Coordination of offtake if the population is below 200%	To be decided by the EGM IWG	Estimated population size is currently below the population threshold of 200% of the FRP.	<i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i> , document AEW/EGMIWG/11.12 Report on the coordination of offtake AEW/EGMIWG/11.22	Depends on what is decided by the EGM IWG11.
Taking coordinated conservation measures, if necessary	To be decided by the EGM IWG	Coordination of offtake is recommended.	<i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i> , document AEW/EGMIWG/11.12 Assessment of indicators AEW/EGMIWG/11.7 Report on the coordination of offtake AEW/EGMIWG/11.22	Funded by National initiatives
1-year cycle within the AFMP				
Monitoring of indicators related to population models	Annual update of raw data on the EGMP Database . Update of model estimates at Gitlab EGMP .	Information has been received from all Range States, and model estimates have been provided.	Raw data: EGMP Database Model estimates: EGMP Gitlab <i>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2026</i>	Financial and personnel resources are in place to collect and compile monitoring information.

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	A compilation is presented in the EGMP population status and assessment report			
Update and report on work plans for the GBG TF, Data Centre, AEWA Secretariat and Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 1 in AFMP for GBG TF workplan • AEWA Secretariat and DC Report 	Review annually by GBG TF, Data Centre, AEWA Secretariat and Range States.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 1 in AFMP • AEWA Secretariat and DC Report 	Financial and personnel resources are in place.