

AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM



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**DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR THE GREYLAG GOOSE TASK FORCE**

Introduction

As outlined in Rule 29 in the Modus Operandi adopted for the AEWA European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG) at its first meeting in December 2016, the Working Group may establish species and/or thematic Task Forces as necessary to deal with the preparation and coordination of decision papers and background documents for the EGM IWG as well as to deal with other specific tasks as requested by the Working Group. The Modus Operandi further outline, that the EGM IWG shall define the terms of reference and composition of each Task Force.

Moreover, according to the International Single Species Management Plan (ISSMP) for the NW/SW European population of Greylag Goose, the Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes (AFMPs) set out annual workplans for the ISSMP actions relevant for the population/management units. To facilitate the coordination of the actions of Range States, it is proposed to establish a species-specific Task Force for the Greylag Goose.

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat has compiled a draft Terms of Reference for the Greylag Goose Task Force, for consideration and adoption by the EGM IWG at its fifth meeting in June 2020. The draft is largely based on the generic Terms of Reference for the EGMP Task Forces as approved by the EGM IWG at its 2nd Meeting in June 2017.

1. Role

The role of the Greylag Goose EGM IWG Task Force is to:

- 1) Assist the EGM IWG in coordinating and catalysing the implementation of the ISSMP for the NW/SW European population of Greylag Goose and its corresponding AFMP under the EGMP;
- 2) Assist the EGM IWG in stimulating and supporting Range States in the implementation of the ISSMP for the NW/SW European population of Greylag Goose and its corresponding AFMP; and
- 3) Monitor and report on the implementation of these activities to the EGM IWG, as appropriate.

2. Tasks

The Greylag Goose Task Force will:

- support the EGM IWG by suggesting implementation priorities and compiling/revising the annual workplans under the AFMP;

- assist the EGM IWG in coordinating international implementation according to the AFMP and the annual workplans;
- assist with coordination and joint planning of regular and thorough monitoring of the species population in cooperation with the EGMP Data Centre;
- stimulate and support scientific research in the species necessary for conservation and management;
- facilitate internal and external communication and exchange of scientific, technical, legal and other required information;
- lead on assessment of implementation and effectiveness as well as update/revision of the AFMP and the ISSMP, as required;
- develop/revise and implement its own annual work plan under the AFMP;
- liaise and coordinate with the other EGMP Task Forces, as necessary;
- assist in other ways as requested by the EGM IWG.

3. Membership

The Greylag Goose Task Force will be open to (1) designated representatives of governmental bodies of each principal Range States of the NW/SW European Greylag Goose, (2) representatives of national expert and stakeholder organisations as designated by the state authorities from each principal Range States, (3) representatives of observer organisations admitted to the EGM IWG, and (4) other experts as required.

The Coordinator of the Greylag Goose Task Force may invite and admit international expert and stakeholder organisations as well as individual experts to the Task Force via the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat and in consultation with the relevant Range States, as necessary.

To ensure coordination with the activities carried out by the EGMP Data Centre, the Data Centre will be represented by a staff member in the Task Force.

4. Officers

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat will identify a voluntary Coordinator, ideally from one of the major Range States or organizations/institutes with expertise on the subject matter of the Task Force, to oversee the operations of the Task Force in close cooperation with the Secretariat and the EGMP Data Centre.

5. Communication

The Task Force will conduct its work mainly electronically via the EGMP website and workspace as well as via email, GoToMeeting and other online communication platforms, as appropriate.

6. Meetings

No specific funds are allocated under the EGMP for the EGM IWG Task Forces. However, Task Forces are encouraged to have annual face-to-face meetings directly before the meetings of the EGM IWG. In addition, Task Force Coordinators and members are also encouraged to arrange face-to-face meetings if opportunities present themselves, for example in the margins of other international meetings or conferences.

7. Reporting

A brief report on the general progress of the Task Force (convening, membership, activities etc.) will be presented by the Coordinator via the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat to each meeting of the EGM IWG. This will include the presentation of any specific Task Force outputs, as requested by the EGM IWG.

Overall National Reports will be prepared by each EGMP Range State according to a format and reporting schedule agreed by the EGM IWG. Task Force members are requested to contribute to these National Reports regarding the implementation of activities relevant to the Task Force, as appropriate.

8. Financing

No specific funds are allocated under the EGMP for the Task Forces. The operations of the Task Forces, including that of the voluntary Coordinator, are therefore to be financed primarily by its members and observers such as through in-kind support in form of personnel time or separate funding. Neither the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat nor the EGMP Data Centre can commit regular financial support and may only provide such if possible.