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**PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE ADAPTIVE FLYWAY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE
SVALBARD /SOUTH-WEST SCOTLAND POPULATION
OF THE BARNACLE GOOSE**

Background

The International Single Species Management Plan (ISSMP) for the Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*) was developed according to Paragraph 4.3.4 of the AEWA Action Plan, which provides for developing ISSMPs for populations which cause significant damage, in particular, to crops and fisheries. In addition, it responds to AEWA Resolution 6.4, which requested the establishment of a multi-species goose management platform and process to address the sustainable use of goose populations and to provide for the resolution of human-goose conflicts, targeting as a matter of priority Barnacle and Greylag Geese.

The ISSMP for the Barnacle Goose was adopted at the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (MOP7), 4-8 December 2018 in Durban, South Africa, following various stakeholder workshops and extensive consultation with the Range States and relevant stakeholders.

The ISSMP provides a mandate for developing a population-specific Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes (AFMPs), recognising that there are regional differences in migratory behaviour and the human-wildlife conflicts involved within this population. Figure 1 provides an overview how the AFMP is linked to mandates provided by the ISSMP and ultimately by the AEWA Action Plan.

A process for the development of the Barnacle Goose AFMP for the Russia/Germany & Netherlands Population was formally adopted by the European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG) at the EGM IWG4 in June 2019 in Perth, UK (document AEWA/EGMIWG/4.13/Corr.1).

The Range States of the East Greenland/Scotland & Ireland population and the Svalbard/South-West Scotland population attended a Meeting of the Barnacle Goose Adaptive Flyway Management Development Process which took place in Reykjavik, Iceland on 1 October 2019. The decisions and outcomes of this meeting are provided in document AEWA/EGMIWG/Inf.5.13.

This document aims to provide an overview and roadmap for the development of the AFMP for the Svalbard/South-West Scotland population of the Barnacle Goose.

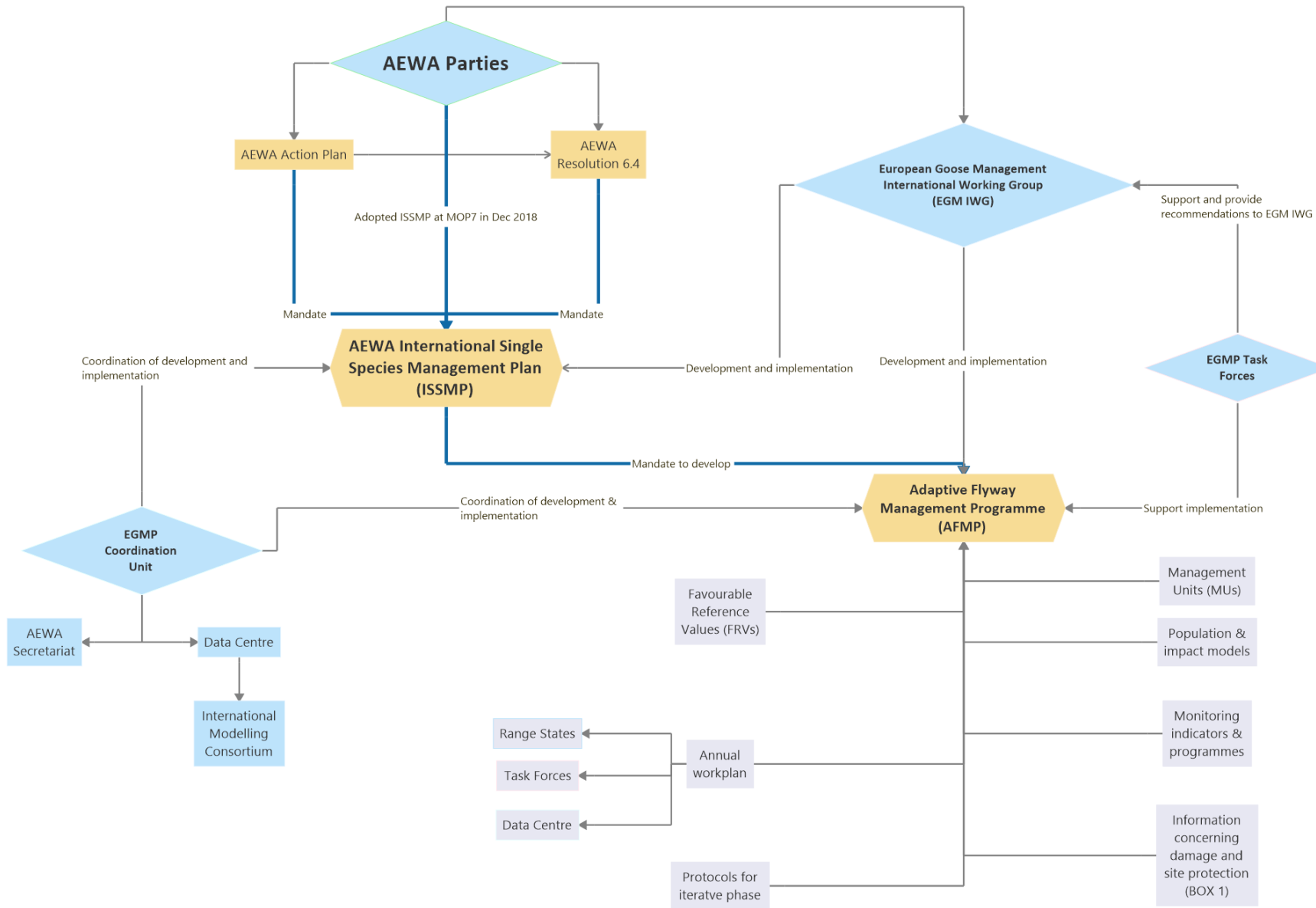


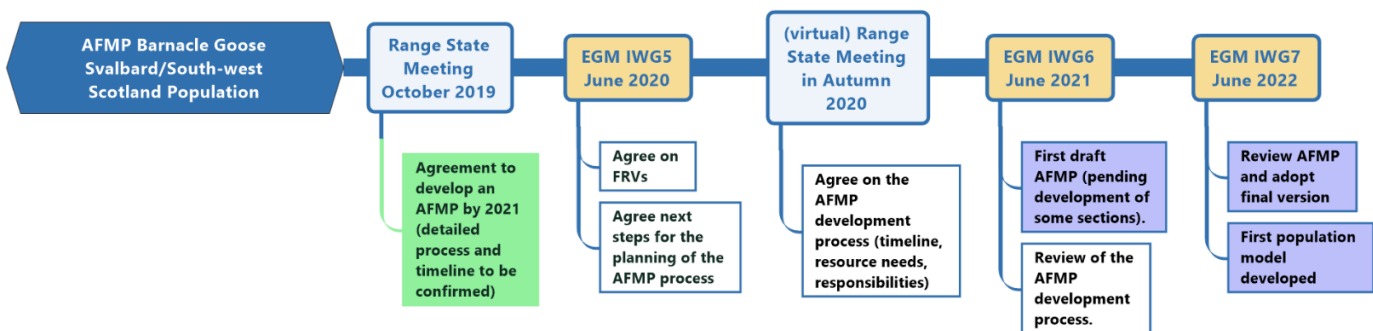
Figure 1. Link between Adaptive Flyway Management Programme (AFMP) and mandates by the AEWA International Single Species Management Plan (ISSMP) and the AEWA Action Plan

Next Steps and Timeline

At the Range State Meeting of the Barnacle Goose Adaptive Flyway Management Development Process which took place in Reykjavik, Iceland on 1 October 2019, it was decided to develop a first draft AFMP for the Svalbard/South-West Scotland population of the Barnacle Goose by June 2021, i.e. EGM IWG6.

It is envisaged that the development of the AFMP will follow a similar process as decided for the AFMP for the East Greenland/Scotland & Ireland population of Barnacle Goose (document AEWA/EGMIWG/5.20). This will require a number of steps that are highly dependent on the timely availability of funding and human resources, to provide for a transparent management process informed by robust science.

The timeline shown below indicates an approximate proposed timeframe in which various elements of the AFMP can realistically be developed and delivered subject to the availability of resources. It is proposed to convene a Range State meeting in Autumn 2020 (possibly a virtual meeting), to discuss the process, timeline and resource needs in order to develop the AFMP. A first draft could be ready for discussion and possibly adoption at EGM IWG 6 in June 2021 and a final draft in June 2022 for EGM IWG7.



Action requested from the EGM IWG

- Agree on the next steps for the planning of the development of the AFMP.