

## AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM



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## EGMP NATIONAL REPORTING

### STATUS AND PROCESS

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#### **Summary**

In order to improve the reporting process under the EGMP the EGM IWG6 in June 2021 agreed on a two-year reporting cycle, on a trial basis until EGM IWG8 in 2023 and a modified national reporting template. It was agreed that the Secretariat and the Data Centre, with the collaboration of the Task Forces will prepare and present a new format and workflow for the national reporting at the EGM IWG7 in 2022.

This document provides an overview on the template to be used for the EGMP National Reporting as well as a proposed workflow for submission of EGMP National Reports in 2023 at EGM IWG8 and in future cycles, should the EGM IWG adopt this process.

#### **Action requested from the EGM IWG**

The EGM IWG is requested to:

Agree on the proposed template and workflow for submission of EGMP National Reports in 2023 at EGM IWG8.

## Introduction

As outlined in Rule 32 of the Modus Operandi of the European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG) adopted at the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the International Working Group (EGM IWG1) in December 2016, reports on the implementation of the AEWA International Single Species Action and Management Plans within the remit of the European Goose Management Platform (EGMP) shall be prepared by each Range State, according to a format agreed by the EGM IWG, and be submitted to each face-to-face meeting of the EGM IWG. These National Reports are also expected to provide the basis for the reporting obligations of the EGM IWG to the AEWA bodies (Modus Operandi Rule 33).

The scope of the National Reports is on activities agreed in the relevant Action and Management Plans as well as the implementation of Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes (AFMPs). In addition, reporting on other implementation tasks agreed by the EGM IWG is included as required.

The draft format for the EGMP National Reports for the period 2017-2018 was compiled by the AEWA Secretariat and circulated for comments to the EGM IWG. Following the consultation period and the incorporation of feedback provided by the EGM IWG, the Chair of the EGM IWG approved the final format for use in the first reporting cycle under the EGMP.

Since then, EGMP National Reports were compiled and submitted through the CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS) on an annual basis and their summaries presented and discussed at each meeting of the EGM IWG. The analysis of the EGMP National Reports was undertaken by the Secretariat.

At the last EGM IWG meeting in June 2021, it was noted that the format for EGMP National Reports did not consider the newly added ISSMPs for the Barnacle Goose and the Greylag Goose. Moreover, the EGMP Task Forces as well as members of the EGM IWG had requested the Secretariat to produce a simplified format, tailored to reduce the reporting burden on Range States and maximise the output of the information submitted. In addition, a proposal was put forward by the EGMP Task Forces, to use the Adaptive Flyway Management Programme (AFMP) workplans (currently an online Google sheets format) as a template for national reporting against each activity.

In order to improve the reporting process under the EGMP the EGM IWG6 in June 2021 agreed to use an online shared table as a template for national reporting. In terms of periodicity, the Range States agreed on a two-year reporting cycle, on a trial basis until EGM IWG8 in 2023.

It was agreed that the Secretariat and the Data Centre, with the collaboration of the Task Forces will prepare and present a new format and workflow for the national reporting at the EGM IWG7 in 2022. There will be no official submission of EGMP National Reports in 2022 – the new format (based on the workplans) will be filled out by the Task Forces. At EGM IWG8 in 2023, the first submission of EGMP National Reports in the revised format and workflow will take place, with the EGM IWG making the final decision on reporting periodicity.

It was also noted that independently of the EGMP National Reports, specific data requests related to the iterative phases described in the Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes are taken care of during a separate data collation by the EGMP Data Centre.

## Template used for EGMP National Reporting:

As agreed at EGM IWG6 in June 2021, the Secretariat proposed to use a shared online table (on Sharepoint in a common MS Teams folder) to report against the activities of the workplans developed for the species-specific action and management plans. For example, the workplans that have been developed by the Task Forces for

the Greylag and Barnacle Goose AFMPs shall be used as a template. Additional questions shall be added to the tables, as necessary.

The same structure shall be used to develop workplans for the Taiga Bean Goose and for the Pink-footed Goose.

An updated table will be extracted periodically by the Secretariat and presented to the EGM IWG. The progress of activities will be closely monitored by the respective Task Forces, as well as the Secretariat and the Data Centre.

Table 1 below provides an example of the Greylag Goose workplan showing in each column the activities that the various bodies (e.g. national governments, Data Centre, Task Force, etc.) implement against each action.

The columns include the following information:

A: Type of action (e.g. national, Task Force or cross-cutting)

B: Action from the ISSMP or AFMP

C: Priority

D: Timescale

E: Actions implemented by the Data Centre and Modelling Consortium

F: Actions to be implemented by the Agriculture Task Force (actions are provided in a separate column since they are cross-cutting actions that cover multiple species).

G: Cross-cutting actions to be implemented by an Ad hoc group

H: Greylag Goose Task Force workplan

I-K: National workplans (Country specific activities. Under these columns each country reports on the activities that have been implemented or are currently under implementation. This will also serve as national reports).

Table 1. Greylag Goose workplan

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Type of action	Actions from the ISSMP	Priority	Timescale	Activities carried out by Data Centre & Modelling Consortium	Agri TF	Ad hoc cross cutting TF	Greylag Goose Task Force	Belgium	Denmark	Finland
National	1.1 Provide adequate protection and management to key sites of international importance under Article 4(2) of the Birds Directive in the EU and other relevant instruments in other Range States throughout the range of the population and maintain them in good ecological status	Essential	Short / Rolling	Maintain and update Box 1 reporting from Range States				Sites with international importance identified and protected. Formal conservation for these sites have been agreed.	Key sites protected as SPAs.	Key sites protected in Management foreses covered by HELMI prt
x	1.2 Promote goose-based eco-tourism at selected key sites	Medium	Medium	Collate information on people enjoying watching BG (Indicator V.1)		Collate projects and initiatives		In BE goose-based eco-tourism is rather based on pinkfoot and whitefronted geese.	No need to promote further - existing ecotourism sites attract visitors anyway. For example the Wadden Sea National Park.	
National	2.1 Take key sites for geese into account in land use planning and growing of sensitive crops[1]	High	mediate / Rolling					Crop damage is mostly due to the breeding population in the vicinity of nature reserves (limited cases per year). The problem is limited and can be addressed by derogation (scaring by shooting, resulting in very few birds shot). The wintering	Greylag not a critical problem - although local problems exist. Hunting (derogation) alleviates most problems.	

**Proposed workflow for submission of EGMP National Reports in 2023 at EGM IWG8 and in future cycles, should the EGM IWG adopt this process:**

Table 2. Proposed workflow for submission of the EGMP National Reports. Clarifications: Task Force workplans refer to the workplans that each Task Force has developed based on the activities from the species action and management plans and/or the AFMPs. National workplans refer to country specific activities that have been identified based on the activities from the species action and management plans and/or the AFMPs.

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Autumn 2022	Annual workplans from the Barnacle Goose and Greylag Goose Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes (AFMPs) (currently as Google sheets) are moved to SharePoint and added to a shared MS Teams Folder.	Secretariat
Autumn-Winter 2022	Adaptation of Pink-footed Goose and Taiga Bean Goose workplans to follow the same structure as the AFMP workplans. Workplans added to the SharePoint folder in MS Teams.	TBG and PfG Task Force Coordinators Secretariat
Autumn 2022 - Spring 2023	TF members update and maintain national workplans with current information about their countries.	Task Force members
Autumn 2022 - Spring 2023	TF Coordinators update and maintain TF workplans with current information about progress on activities.	Task Force Coordinators
Winter 2022	Secretariat develops additional short questionnaire on overarching issues to be used for the biannual EGMP National Reporting (i.e. general info from countries not species-specific).	Secretariat + Consultant (tbc)
March 2023	TF members update national workplans with current information about their countries, in consultation with the NGRs.	Task Force members
March 2023	TF Coordinators update TF workplans with current information about progress on activities.	Task Force Coordinators
April 2023	TF members submit table with national activities to their respective National Government Representatives (NGRs) for review and official approval.	TF members NGRs
April 2023	Task Force Coordinators submit full tables, approved by NGRs with report from the TF activities and the national activities.	Task Force Coordinators
May 2023	Analysis is compiled by Secretariat (to be outsourced to a consultant) and submitted to EGM IWG8 30 days before the meeting.	Secretariat + Consultant (tbc)
June 2023	EGM IWG8: EGMP National Reports presented to the EGM IWG.	EGM IWG