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EGMP FINANCE REPORT 2022/2023

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Summary

According to Rule 31 of the Modus Operandi of the AEWA European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG) the annual running costs for the European Goose Management Platform (EGMP), including servicing the EGM IWG, is provided by the Range States to the Platform as decided by the EGM IWG.

In the present document, a detailed overview of the status of contributions, expenditures and cash balance for the year 2022 and the first quarter of 2023, both at the EGMP Secretariat and the Data Center, is provided.

The current funding gap against the agreed budget for 2023 is **EUR 337,278** (**EUR 233,721** for the Secretariat and **EUR 103,557** for the Data Centre).

Action requested from the EGM IWG

The EGM IWG is requested to take note of this document and provide comments and advice, as necessary, to the Secretariat and the Data Centre.

Introduction

According to Rule 31 of the Modus Operandi of the AEWA European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG), the annual running costs for the European Goose Management Platform (EGMP), including servicing the EGM IWG, is provided by the Range States to the Platform as decided by the EGM IWG.

At the 7th meeting of the EGM IWG in June 2022, which took place in Helsinki, Finland (EGM IWG7), the Range States adopted the EGMP budget for 2023.

The present report provides an overview of the funding pledges made and contributions received until 31 March 2023, as well as expenditure and cash balance for the year 2022 and up to 31 March 2023 as well as projected expenditures until the end of 2023. It should be noted that the budget allocated to the EGMP Secretariat is managed by the AEWA Secretariat following the applicable UN rules and regulations, while the budget allocated to the Data Centre is managed separately under the auspices and responsibility of Aarhus University.

1. Status of contributions of EGMP Funds for 2022 as at 31 December 2022

Voluntary contributions from Range States to the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre received in 2022 are shown in Table 1.

The contributions of Range States in 2022 to the EGMP Secretariat amount to **EUR 196,034** out of the agreed budget of **EUR 282,000**, whilst the contributions towards the Data Centre in 2022 amount to **EUR 240,298** compared to the agreed budget for the year of **EUR 184,000**.

All contributions from the Range States as stated in Table 1 have supported the overall implementation of the activities of the EGMP in the Secretariat and the Data Centre, including staff salaries. For 2022 a costed breakdown of the activities is available in the budget and the costed Programme of Work (cPOW) agreed by the EGM IWG.

Table 1 also provides the indicative level of voluntary contributions per Range State for 2022 (highlighted in blue).

Contributions paid by eleven Range States in 2022 reached in total **EUR 436,332** (94% of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2022). To reach the full EGMP budget of **EUR 466,000**, a funding gap of **EUR 29,668** remained.

2. Status of contributions of EGMP Funds for 2023 as at 31 March 2023

Voluntary contributions from Range States to the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre pledged and received in 2023 (as at 31 March 2023) are shown in Table 2.

As at 31 March 2023, the EGMP Secretariat has received **EUR 37,279** contributions from only one Range State (Norway) and an additional **EUR 11,000** were pledged by one Range State (Netherlands). The contributions received by the Data Centre amount to **EUR 80,443** from four Range States (Germany, Netherlands, Norway and UK).

Table 2 also provides the indicative level of voluntary contributions per Range State for the year 2023 (highlighted in blue).

Contributions paid or pledged by the Range States in 2023 to date reach in total **EUR 128,722** (28% of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2023). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of **EUR 337,278** remains.

Table 1. Status of contributions of EGMP funds for 2022 as at 31 December 2022

EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre
Status of contributions for the year 2022 as at 31 December 2022 (all figures in Euro)

Range State	Indicative Scale (****)	Secretariat	Data Centre
(Belarus)**			
Belgium	57,104 €		35,000 €
Denmark*****	55,787 €	55,000 €	
(Estonia)**			
(EU)**			
Finland	51,417 €	10,000 €	41,647 €
France	43,912 €	40,000 €	
Germany***			20,000 €
Iceland	9,747 €		
(Ireland)*			10,000 €
Latvia**			
(Lithuania)*			
Netherlands	61,835 €	11,000 €	22,000 €
Norway	64,836 €	39,236 €	25,601 €
(Poland)*			
(Russia)*			
(Spain)*			
Sweden	68,490 €	40,798 €	26,450 €
UK	52,873 €		59,600 €
(Ukraine)**			
Total	466,000 €	196,034 €	240,298 €

* non-participating range states

** non-paying range states

*** Germany has a reservation on the proposed budget and the scale of contribution and will decide on its contributions on the basis of a cPOW

**** According to the scale of contributions agreed at EGM IWG5

***** Denmark contribution was received in 2023 but pledged in 2022

3. Voluntary contributions for specific EGMP Projects and in-kind contributions outside of the agreed EGMP budget

Denmark has made the following voluntary contribution for a specific EGMP projects outside of the agreed EGMP budget in 2022:

- Flyway model for Greylag Goose a total of 263,100 DKK or 35,326 EUR from ”Jægernes Naturfond”

The AEWa Secretariat sent out a letter to the EGMP Range States regarding the reporting of in-kind contributions that have been provided by the Range States towards the EGMP process.

Information on the in-kind contributions has been reported by Netherlands, Norway and UK. Details can be found in Annex 1 to this document.

Table 2. Status of contributions of EGMP funds for 2023 as at 31 March 2023

EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre
Status of contributions for the year 2023 as at 31 March 2023 (all figures in Euro)

Range State	Indicative Scale (****)	Secretariat (received)	Secretariat (pledges)	Data Centre (received)	Data Centre (pledges)
(Belarus)**					
Belgium	53,644 €				
Denmark	53,056 €				
(Estonia)**					
(EU)**					
Finland	48,497 €				
France	43,580 €				
Germany***				10,000 €	
Iceland	9,836 €				
Ireland	23,345 €				
Latvia**					
(Lithuania)*					
Netherlands	60,839 €		11,000 €	22,000 €	
Norway	57,279 €	37,279 €		20,000 €	
(Poland)*					
(Russia)*					
(Spain)*					
Sweden	63,715 €				
UK	52,209 €			28,443 €	
(Ukraine)**					
Total	466,000 €	37,279 €	11,000 €	80,443 €	0 €

* non-participating range states

** non-paying range states

*** Germany has a reservation on the proposed budget and the scale of contribution and will decide on its contributions on the basis of a cPOW

**** according to scale of contributions agreed at EGM IWG5

4. Budget implementation status 2022 as at 31 December 2022

The agreed annual EGMP budget for 2022 was EUR 466,000. The budget breaks down to EUR 282,000 for the EGMP Secretariat and EUR 184,000 for the EGMP Data Centre.

The 2022 agreed budget, expenditures incurred, and balances are outlined below for the EGMP Secretariat (Table 3) and the EGMP Data Centre (Table 4).

It is to be noted that the remaining balance shown in the tables is not the actual cash balance available to the EGMP, but rather the difference between the agreed budget for the period and actual expenditures incurred.

In the Secretariat all funds are held in USD and all expenditures are incurred in USD throughout the year. Therefore, expenditures in EUR figures are calculated on the basis of the average exchange rate of the year 2022 (0.948).

Table 3 outlines the actual expenditures (in EUR) for the Secretariat for 2022, showing the agreed budget for 2022, the expenditures incurred and the remaining balance against the agreed budget.

Expenditures in the year 2022 at the EGMP Secretariat have been kept to a minimum within operational limits amounting to a total of **EUR 162,935** which is **EUR 119,065** less than the agreed annual budget.

The EGMP Secretariat receives administrative and financial support services from the Common Administrative and Finance Management Unit, which serves the entire CMS Family. The Common Administrative and Finance Management Unit is fully funded by the 13% Programme Support Costs levy, which is applicable to all Trust Funds of the CMS Family, including EGMP Secretariat funds, in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 35/217 of 17 December 1980.

The EGMP Secretariat, as part of UNEP/AEWA, is also profiting of services of operational nature falling in the sectors of IT maintenance, Communications (Joint AEWA/CMS Information Management, Communication and Awareness Unit) and staff time from the Head of Science, Implementation and Compliance Unit, which are covered by the AEWA core budget. This advantage is a direct cost saving to the EGMP core budget.

Table 3. Implementation of the EGMP Secretariat budget for 2022 as at 31 December 2022

EGMP Secretariat				
Budget implementation report for the year 2022 as at 31 Dec 2022 (all figures in Euro, unless otherwise specified)				
Budget item	Budget	Expenditure		Balance
		USD	EUR	
Staff costs		USD	EUR	
EGMP Coordinator (100%; P2)	125,664	101,717	96,428	29,236
Programme Management Assistant (100%; G5)	70,796	36,375	34,483	36,313
Sub-total	196,460	138,092	130,911	65,549
Operating Costs				
Communication	4,425	474	450	3,975
Miscellaneous (e.g., office supplies and equipment, training)	4,425	4,811	4,561	(136)
Sub-total	8,850	5,286	5,011	3,839
Implementing Partner Direct Costs				
SSFAs	13,274	-	-	13,274
Sub-total	13,274	-	-	13,274
Travel				
Travel (staff, experts, and funded delegates)	26,549	8,722	8,268	18,280
Sub-total	26,549	8,722	8,268	18,280
Contractual Services (Meetings)				
EGM IWG meeting (catering, venue if hosted in Bonn)	4,425	-	-	4,425
Sub-total	4,425	-	-	4,425
Total	249,558	152,099	144,190	105,367

Programme support costs (13%)	32,442	19,773	18,745	13,698
Grand Total	282,000	171,872	162,935	119,065

The budget of the EGMP Data Centre is managed separately under the auspices and responsibility of Aarhus University. Reporting on the full year 2022, the Data Centre has incurred expenses of **EUR 184,733** in 2022 (Table 4), which is slightly over (EUR 733) the agreed annual budget. This was mainly caused by the extra time required to serve the EGMP Task Forces, the coordination of work and communication.

Table 4. Implementation of the EGMP Data Centre budget for 2022 as at 31 December 2022

Budget implementation of EGMP Data Centre for 2022 as at 31 December 2022 (all figures in EUR)			
Budget Item	Budget	Expenditure	Balance
Staff costs			
Goose Monitoring Coordinator (100%)	96,000	76,467	19,533
Population Modelling Expert (50%)	48,000	65,297	17,297
Lead Compiler (22.5 %)	30,000	41,120	11,120
Sub-total	174,000	182,884	8,884
Operations			
Travel, meetings, miscellaneous	10,000	1,849	8,151
Sub-total	10,000	1,849	8,151
Grand Total	184,000	184,733	733

5. Budget implementation status 2023 as at 31 March 2023

The agreed annual EGMP budget for 2023 is EUR 466,000. The budget breaks down to EUR 282,000 for the EGMP Secretariat and EUR 184,000 for the EGMP Data Centre.

The agreed budget, expenditures incurred, and balances for the first quarter of 2023 and the projected expenditure for the rest of the year are outlined below for the EGMP Secretariat (Table 5) and the EGMP Data Centre (Table 6).

In the Secretariat all funds are held in USD and all expenditures are incurred in USD throughout the year. Therefore, expenditures in EUR figures are calculated on the basis of the average exchange rate of the first three months of 2023 (0.931).

Table 5 outlines the actual expenditures (in EUR) for the Secretariat as at 31 March 2023, showing the agreed budget for 2023, the expenditures incurred from 01 January - 31 March 2023, the projected expenditures for 1 April - 31 December 2023, the total estimated expenditure for 2023 and the estimated remaining balance against the agreed budget.

Considering the actual expenditures of the 1st quarter and the projected expenditures for the rest of the year 2023, the total estimated expenditure for the EGMP Secretariat totals approximately **EUR 232,684** for 2023, which is **EUR 49,316** less than the agreed annual budget (**EUR 282,000**).

The budget of the EGMP Data Centre is managed and reported separately under the auspices and responsibility of Aarhus University.

Table 6 outlines the 2023 budget for the EGMP Data Centre (in EUR), the actual expenditures until 30 April 2023 and the total estimated expenditures for the full year of 2023 as well as the estimated remaining balance

against the budget. The total estimated expenditure for the EGMP Data Centre totals **EUR 184,000** for 2023, i.e. the full amount of the agreed budget.

Table 5. Status of implementation of the EGMP Secretariat budget for 2023 as at 31 March 2023 with projection until 31 December 2023

EGMP Secretariat						
Budget implementation status for the year 2023 as at 31 March 2023 with projections until 31 December 2023 (all figures in Euro)						
Budget item	Budget	Expenditure			Total estimated expenditure	Estimated balance
		Actual expenditure 1 Jan - 31 Mar 2023		Projected expenditure 01 Apr - 31 Dec 2023		
		USD	EUR			
Staff costs						
EGMP Coordinator (100% ; P2)	125,664	27,341	25,455	79,440	104,895	20,769
Programme Management Assistant (100%; G5)	70,796	15,304	14,248	43,675	57,923	12,874
Sub-total	196,460	42,645	39,703	123,115	162,817	33,643
Operating Costs						
Communication	4,425	479	446	3,979	4,425	0
Miscellaneous (e.g. office supplies and equipment, training)	4,425	33	30	4,394	4,425	0
Sub-total	8,850	511	476	8,373	8,850	0
Implementing Partner Direct Costs and Consultancies						
SSFAs	8,850	0	0	8,850	8,850	0
National Reporting analysis	4,425	0	0	4,425	4,425	0
Communication - website and social media services	4,425	0	0	4,425	4,425	0
Sub-total	17,699	0	0	17,699	17,699	0
Travel						-
Travel (staff, experts, and funded delegates)	22,124	0	0	12,124	12,124	10,000
Sub-total	22,124	0	0	12,124	12,124	10,000
Contractual Services (Meetings)						
EGM IWG meeting (catering, venue if hosted in Bonn)	4,425	0	0	4,425	4,425	0
Sub-total	4,425	0	0	4,425	4,425	0
Total	249,558	43,157	40,179	165,736	205,915	43,643

Programme support costs (13%)	32,442	5,610	5,223	21,546	26,769	5,674
Grand Total	282,000	48,767	45,402	187,282	232,684	49,316

Table 6. Status of implementation of the EGMP Data Centre budget for 2023 as at 31 March 2023 with projection until 31 December 2023

Budget implementation status of EGMP Data Centre for 2023 as at 31 March 2023 with projection until 31 December 2023 (figures are in Euro)				
Budget item	Budget	Actual expenditures Jan-Apr	Total estimated expenditure for 2023	Estimated remaining balance
Staff costs				
Goose Monitoring Coordinator (75%)	72,000	18,000	72,000	0
Population Modelling Expert (50%)	65,300	16,325	65,300	0
Lead Compiler (30 %)	36,700	9,175	36,700	0
Sub-total	174,000	43,500	174,000	0
Operations				
Travel, meetings, miscellaneous	10,000	0	10,000	0
Sub-total	10,000	0	10,000	0
Grand Total	184,000	43,500	184,000	0

6. Overall Cash Balance including reserve

Overall Status of the EGMP Budget for the Secretariat and the Data Centre

Tables 7 and 8 below, respectively for the EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre, show cumulatively (1) the overall contributions received in 2022, (2) contributions received in the period until 31 March 2023, (3) the expenditures for 2022, (4) the expenditures until 31 March 2023 for the Secretariat and the Data Centre, as well as (5) the projected expenditures for the rest of the year 2023, including the projected status of the reserve in the end of 2023.

Reserve fund

An EGMP “reserve fund” has been set up for the Secretariat and the Data Centre, as agreed by the EGM IWG, to ensure continuity of operations of the EGMP in any annual cycle before annual contributions for the actual year have arrived from the Range States. For the uninterrupted and smooth operational running of the EGMP, the reserve fund has to contain sufficient funds at the end of the year, allowing operation for the first six months of the following year.

The reserve fund for the EGMP Secretariat has been set at EUR 160,000 (slightly above 50% of the annual budget). For the EGMP Data Centre the reserve fund has been set to 50% of the annual budget, i.e. EUR 92,000. The reserve funds of the Secretariat and the Data Centre were maintained at the set amount both at the end of 2021 and the end of 2022.

Table 7. Status of estimated cash balance at the EGMP Secretariat as at 31 December 2023

Status of estimated cash balance at the EGMP Secretariat as at 31 December 2023 (in USD and equivalent Euro)		
	<u>USD</u>	<u>EUR</u>
Opening cash balance as at 01 January 2022*	254,387	65,867
Reserve brought forward from 2021		160,000
Contributions received in 2022 (table 1)	209,015	196,034
Expenditure incurred in 2022 (table 3)	-171,872	-162,935
Opening cash balance as at 01 January 2023	291,529	98,966
Reserve brought forward from 2022		160,000
Contributions received till 31 March 2023 (table 2)	41,011	37,279
Expenditure incurred till 31 March 2023 (table 5)	-48,767	-45,402
Estimated interim cash balance (with reserve included) as at 31 March 2023	283,773	250,843
Provision for exchange rate		13,349
Adjusted estimated interim cash balance (with reserve included) as at 31 March 2023	283,773	264,193
Contributions pledged as at 31 March 2023 (table 2)	11,815	11,000
Projected expenditure (01 April - 31 December 2023 - table 5)	-201,162	-187,282
Estimated cash balance as at 31 December 2023	0	0
Estimated Reserve as at 31 December 2023	94,427	87,911
* The opening cash balance as of 01 January 2022, as previously reported in the EGMP Finance Report 2021/2022, has been updated to reflect the cash balance status due to a pending contribution from one range state.		
<i>Exchange rate applied for the year 2022:</i>	<i>0.948</i>	
<i>Exchange rate applied for the year 2023:</i>	<i>0.931</i>	

Table 8. Status of estimated cash balance at the EGMP Data Centre as at 31 December 2023

Status of estimated cash balance of the EGMP Data Centre as at 31 Dec 2023 (figures are in Euro)	
Opening cash balance as at 1 January 2022	55,460
Reserve brought forward from 2021	92,000
Contributions received in 2022 (table 1)	240,298 €
Expenditure incurred in 2022 (table 4)	184,733
Opening cash balance as at 1 January 2023	111,025
Reserve brought forward from 2022	92,000
Contributions received 31 March 2023 (table 2)	80,443
Expenditure incurred till 31 March 2023 (table 6)	43,500
Estimated interim cash balance (with reserve included) as at 31 March 2023	239,968
Contributions pledged as at 31 March 2023 (table 2)	0
Projected expenditure April-Dec 2023*	160,500
Estimated cash balance as at 31 December 2023	0
Estimated Reserve as at 31 December 2023	79,468

* Includes 20,000 Euro for the Goose Damage Impact Assessment, which amount was agreed by EGM IWG7 in 2022 to be allocated from the accumulated savings

7. Conclusions

Status of Contributions

Contributions paid by eleven Range States in 2022 reach in total **EUR 436,332** (94 % of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2022), which is the highest annual income received to date. To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of **EUR 29,668 remained**.

Contributions paid or pledged by the Range States in 2023 to date reach in total **EUR 128,722** (28% of the agreed annual EGMP budget for 2023). To reach the full EGMP budget of EUR 466,000, a funding gap of **EUR 337,278** remains (**EUR 233,721** for Secretariat and **EUR 103,557** for Data Centre).

Budget implementation

2022

Expenditures in the year 2022 at the EGMP Secretariat have been kept to a minimum within operational limits amounting to a total of **EUR 162,935** which is **EUR 119,065** less than the agreed budget. Most savings have

been generated due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, leading to cost savings in travel and meetings. Savings have also been generated in the budget line of the EGMP Coordinator and the Programme Management Assistant (PMA).

At the Data Centre the annual expenditures in 2022 amounted to **EUR 184,733**, which is slightly over by **EUR 733** in comparison to the agreed budget.

2023

Considering the actual expenditures until 31 March 2023 and the projected expenditures for the rest of the year, the total estimated expenditure for the EGMP Secretariat totals approximately **EUR 232,684** for 2023, which is **EUR 49,316** less than the agreed annual budget.

At the Data Centre it is expected that the total expenditures in 2023 will reach **EUR 184,000** as per the agreed budget for 2023. In addition, **EUR 20,000** has been allocated to undertake the Goose Damage Impact Assessment (agreed on by EGM IWG7 in 2022), which is taken from the savings in the cash balance for 2022.

Cash Balance

The current funding gap against the agreed budget for 2023 is **EUR 337,278** (**EUR 233,721** for Secretariat and **EUR 103,557** for Data Centre). If no further contributions are received in addition to the ones already cashed and pledged, the Secretariat and the Data Centre will finish the calendar year with no carry-over cash balance to the next year and will also register reduced reserve funds, respectively **EUR 87,911** in the Secretariat (**EUR 72,089** less than the set 160,000 EUR amount) and **EUR 79,468** in the Data Centre (**EUR 12,532** less than the set EUR 92,000 amount).

The EGMP Secretariat and Data Centre will endeavour to make all efforts to generate savings where feasible and realistic. However, voluntary contributions of Range States to the EGMP will need to meet the level of the estimated budget to ensure delivery of the mandated actions as detailed in the cPOW.

ANNEX 1 – In-kind contributions reported by the Range States of the EGM IWG

Country	Amount	Activity	Type of Contribution
Netherlands	EUR 14,008	International geese monitoring (by Sovon): Collation and coordination of all monitoring data for Barnacle Geese, on behalf of the EGMP Data Centre. It concerns data of numbers (January and summer counts), productivity and offtake. Project part of EGMP Data Centre.	Human Resources Monitoring – Research
	EUR 6,592	Yearly status reports geese populations (by Sovon) Contributions to EGMP status report, focus on Barnacle Goose (responsible for writing chapter) but also assistance in Greylag Goose. Project part of EGMP Data Centre.	Human Resources Research
	EUR 12,527	Calculations of survival (Vogeltrekstation and NIOO) Capture-Recapture data (from geese.org) is used to assess survival of different age-classes of Barnacle Geese, separated according to the respective Mus. Project part of International Modelling Consortium.	Human Resources Research
	EUR 38,700	Establishing harvest estimates (Vogeltrekstation and NIOO) Capture-recapture data (geese.org) is used to estimate unknown offtake (mainly in Russia, for which data is not available). Project part of International Modelling Consortium	Human Resources Research
	EUR 67,920	Impact Modelling (NIOO and WENR) Part of larger international framework (with DK, SE, Scotland) to assess relationships between level of damage and goose numbers. Project part of International Modelling Consortium. Impact Modelling (NIOO and WENR)	Human Resources Research
	EUR 30,000	Population modelling Greylag Goose (WENR) Population model for MU2 which is set-up in combination with Population Model for entire population. Project part of International Modelling Consortium.	Human Resources Research
	EUR 45,000	IPM Barnacle Goose (WENR) Establishing an integrated population model for Barnacle Goose. Project part of International Modelling Consortium.	Human Resources Research
Organisations involved. <i>NIOO: Dutch Institute for Ecological Research, WENR: Wageningen Environmental Research Centre, Sovon: Sovon ornithological research Netherlands, and Vogeltrekstation: Dutch Centre for Avian Migration & Demography.</i>			
Total value of the contribution (in EUR): €214,747			

Norway	EUR 72,460	Synthesis to new management plan (Pink-footed Goose) Performing institution: NORWEGIAN POLAR INSTITUTE, Aarhus University and others	Human Resources Research
Total value of the contribution (in EUR): €72,460			
UK	£6,000	Developing population modelling for Greenland Barnacle Goose	Human Resources
Total value of the contribution (in EUR): €7,000			