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**STATUS REPORT OF  
THE ADAPTIVE FLYWAY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (AFMP)  
FOR THE RUSSIA/GERMANY & THE NETHERLANDS POPULATION OF  
BARNACLE GOOSE**

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**Summary:**

This document provides an overview of the Russia/Germany and the Netherlands 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 issues are tracked and identified. This overview shall be a dynamic document that is updated periodically and submitted to each EGMIWG meeting within the 6-year cycle.

**Action requested from the EGM IWG:**

The EGMIWG is requested to take note of the AFMP status report and provide further guidance to the Secretariat and the Data Centre.

Moreover, the EGMIWG is requested to acknowledge the proposed timeline for the activities in Table 1 and agree on the following points:

1. Outstanding from 2023/2024: Discussion on use and way forward for impact models (see recommendations from the Impact report, document AEWA/EGMIWG/Inf.8.15);
2. Outstanding from 2022/2023: Reporting from the Netherlands and Germany about the agreement reached on how to “coordinate” offtake when needed;
3. Outstanding from 2022/2023: Systematic monitoring in place by EGM IWG8 in 2023. It is important to note that some monitoring activities are still missing from some Range States (see the EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report for a full overview of data availability).
4. Annual model estimates have been provided by the Dutch Modelling consortium until 2024. An assessor must be found for 2025 and onwards.

## **Introduction**

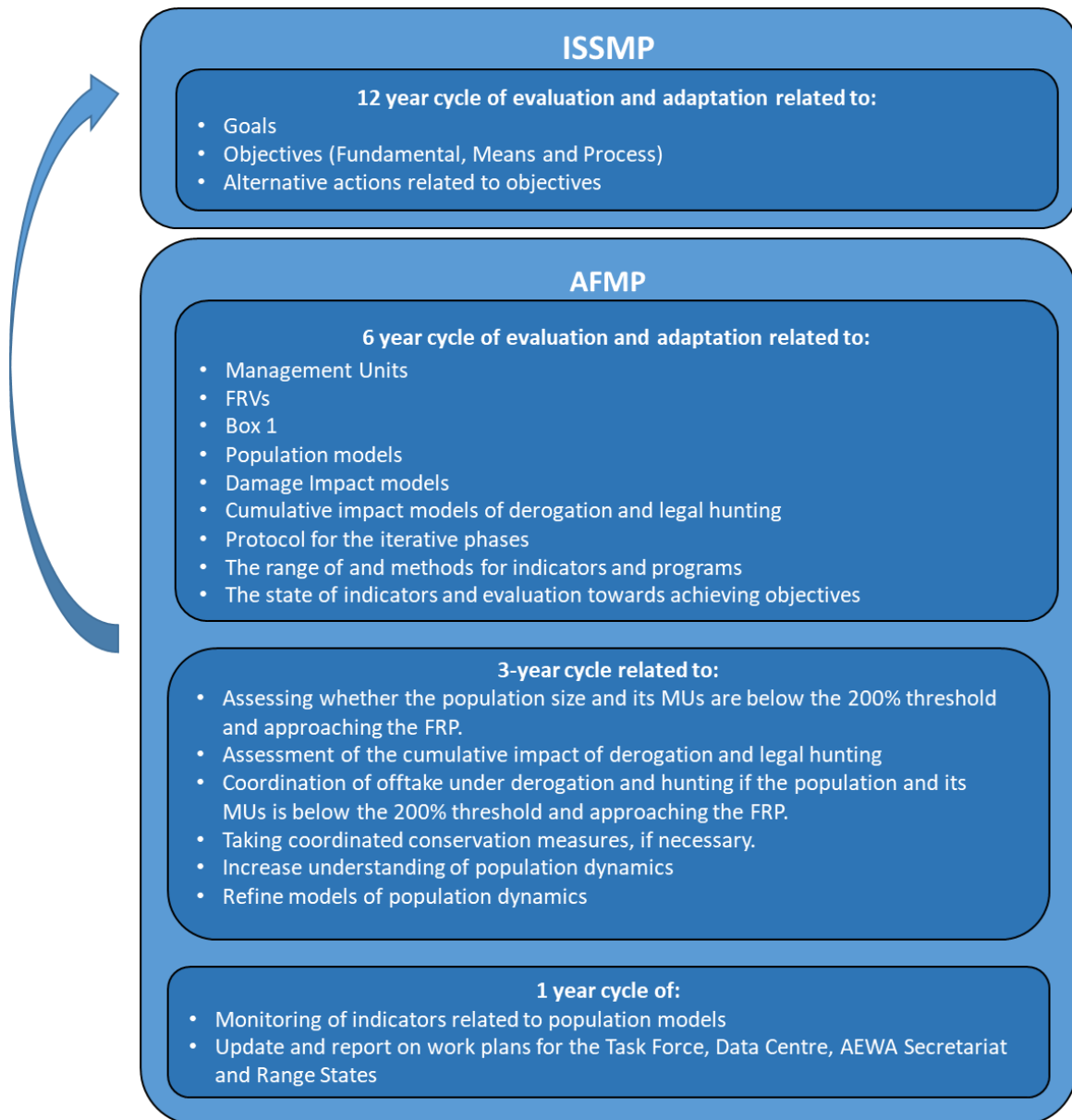
The Adaptive Flyway Management Programme for the Russia/Germany and Netherlands population of Barnacle Goose (RBG AFMP) was first adopted for implementation by the European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG) at EGM IWG5 in June 2020 and submitted for final adoption, including the 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 Barnacle Goose Task Force. These activities are reported separately in document AEWA/EGMIWG/9.14. The population status and assessment report on the Russia/Germany and the Netherlands population of Barnacle Goose is provided in document AEWA/EGMIWG/9.8.

As described in the AFMP, the management evaluation and adaptation of the Russia/Germany and Netherlands population of Barnacle Goose follows four iterative phases running in parallel (Figure 1).

1. A 10/12-year cycle of the ISSMP (possible evaluation in 2028);
2. Two 6-year cycles of the AFMP, and within the AFMP (possible evaluation in 2026):
3. Two 3-year cycles assessing whether the actual size of the population and its MUs are below the 200% threshold and approaching the FRP (next in 2025);
4. 1-year cycles of monitoring and updates of work plan.

Table 1 presents an overview of the AFMP elements, including 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 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 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.



**Figure 1.** Flow chart of the management evaluation and adaptation of the Russia/Germany & Netherlands population of the Barnacle Goose, taken from the RBG AFMP adopted on 23 June 2021, at EGM IWG6.

**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, unless otherwise is stated under the individual element in the table. If an evaluation shall take place, financial and staff resources must be available.  
Cells highlighted in blue require additional decisions and/or funding and resources.

Process/Element	Deliverable	Status	Document	Funding
<b>6-year cycle of the AFMP</b>				
1. Definition of MUs	Agreement of MUs as of EGM IWG4 in Perth 2019	Finalised	<a href="#">Doc. AEW/EGMIWG/4.15</a>	n/a
2. Definitions of Favourable Reference Values (FRVs)	Gap-filling of FRVs before EGM IWG 2026.	Work done by the EGMP Data Centre in the period up to the EGM IWG meeting in 2026.	<a href="#">AFMP + Doc. AEW/EGMIWG/Inf.6.11</a>	Financial and personnel resources are in place.
3. Cumulative impact of derogation and legal hunting	Population model at MU level	Finalised, however, awaits the final report on the IPM model (to be submitted before EGM IWG 2024).	<a href="#">AFMP</a> + Population model report (still under development)	Financial and personnel resources are in place.
4a. Monitoring indicators and programmes (1. collection of data and 2. evaluation)	1 Collection of data for indicators:  Annual by 1 April for indicator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I.1<sup>1</sup></li> </ul> By 31. Dec. 2025	For indicator I.1 “Population size” information is missing from some range states. See the EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report for a full overview of data availability.  For indicator IV.1 “Habitat negatively affected” Range States will need to collect information from the organisations responsible for managing conservation areas	EGMP Database + EGMP Indicator report (submitted to EGM IWG in June 2026)	Financial and personnel resources are in place.

<sup>1</sup> Population size compared to the Favourable Reference Population (FRP)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I.2<sup>2</sup>, II.1<sup>3</sup>, III.1<sup>4</sup>, III.2<sup>5</sup>, IV.1<sup>6</sup>, V.1<sup>7</sup>, VI.1<sup>8</sup>:</li> </ul> <p>2. Evaluation of the state of these and towards achieving objectives is done every 6-years, thus by 2026.</p>	<p>on the damage caused by Barnacle Goose two times during the lifetime of this AFMP.</p> <p>Evaluation of the state of these and towards achieving objectives are done by the EGMP Data Centre in the period up to the EGM IWG meeting in 2026.</p>		
4b. Monitoring indicators and programmes	Development and evaluation of the range and methods for indicators and programmes	Finalised	<a href="#">AFMP</a>	n/a
5. Protocols for the iterative phase	<p>Protocols for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicators related to objectives</li> <li>Indicators related to population model</li> <li>Offtake assessment</li> <li>Damage impact assessment</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protocol for collection and use of indicator related to objectives is available under factsheets in the AFMP, however the assessment of the indicators needs to be agreed latest at EGM IWG in 2025.</li> <li>Protocol for collection and use of indicators related to population models is under development by Sovon and the EGMP Data Centre</li> </ol>	<p><a href="#">AFMP</a></p> <p><a href="#">EGMP Database</a></p>	<p>Financial and personnel resources are in place.</p> <p>Depending on the discussions at EGM IWG8</p>

<sup>2</sup> Range extent compared to Favourable Reference Range (FRR)

<sup>3</sup> Relative change in damage payments

<sup>4</sup> Number of bird strikes with aircrafts caused by Barnacle Goose

<sup>5</sup> Number of Barnacle Geese passing over commercial airports

<sup>6</sup> Area of natural habitat or habitat of threatened species negatively affected by Barnacle Goose

<sup>7</sup> Number of people enjoying watching geese

<sup>8</sup> Relative change in cost of goose management

		<p>3. Protocol for offtake assessment (scenarios and coordination) have been agreed</p> <p>4. Protocol for the damage impact assessment are awaiting agreements on use.</p>		
Annex 1: Annual workplans	Annual workplans	<p>Workplans reviewed and updated by the Task Forces annually and reported to the EGM IWG.</p> <p>Every second year, reporting on the workplans will be conducted via the EGMP National Reports.</p>	<p>TF report and recommendations</p> <p>Next EGMP National Reports to be submitted to EGM IWG10 in June 2025</p>	Financial and personnel resources are in place.
Annex 2. Box 1 of the ISSMP for the Barnacle Goose	Box 1 report	Finalised	<a href="#">AFMP</a>	n/a
Annex 3. Population models	See point 3	See point 3	See point 3	See point 3
Annex 4. Impact models	<p>Development of impact models.</p> <p>Compilation of the report and evaluation of use before EGM IWG8 2023.</p>	<p>Models and report finalised.</p> <p>Discussion on use and way forward at EGM IWG8.</p> <p>The Task Force continue to consider the impacts of HPAI on populations using the impact model. ,.</p>	<a href="#">AFMP</a> + EGMP Impact model report presented at EGM IWG8.	<p>Financial and personnel resources are in place.</p> <p>Depending on the discussions at EGM IWG8</p>
Annex 5. Indicator factsheet	See point 4	See point 4	See point 4	See point 4

Annex 6. Protocol for the iterative phase	See point 5	See point 5	See point 5	See point 5
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<b>3-year cycle within the AFMP</b>				
<b>Process</b>	<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Assessment of the cumulative impact at MU level	Triannual update of the EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report	Finalised for 2022, next in 2025	<a href="#">EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2022</a>	Assessment done by the Dutch Modelling consortium until 2024.
Assessment of 200% threshold of the FRP	Triannual update of the EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report	Finalised for 2022, next in 2025	<a href="#">EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2022</a>	Assessment done by the Dutch Modelling consortium until 2024.
Coordination of offtake if the population or MU are below 200%	Should a population or MU drop below this threshold, the role of the EGMP will be to facilitate dialogue, as appropriate and necessary, among the Range States. For MU3 it was decided that a trilateral discussion on how to coordinate offtake will take place between the Netherlands and German Federal States of Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein. The outcomes will be communicated to the EGM IWG.	Russian MU1 and Baltic MU2 are beyond the 200% threshold level set above the FRP, and for the North Sea MU3 numbers are below the 200% threshold and approaching the FRP.  The Netherlands and Germany presented a report on the coordination of offtake of MU3 at EGM IWG8.	<a href="#">EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2022</a>  <a href="#">Meeting report of the 7<sup>th</sup> EGMP IWG</a>  <a href="#">Meeting report of the 8<sup>th</sup> EGM IWG.</a>  See task force recommendations AEWA/EGMIWG/9.14	Funded by National initiatives
Taking coordinated conservation measures, if necessary.	See point “Coordination of offtake if population or MU are below 200%”	Coordination of offtake is recommended. See point “Coordination of offtake if population or MU are below 200%”	<a href="#">EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2022</a>  <a href="#">Meeting report of the 7<sup>th</sup> EGMP IWG</a>	Funded by National initiatives

			Meeting report of EGM IWG8.	
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1-year cycle within the AFMP				
Process	Deliverable	Status	Document	Funding
Monitoring of indicators related to population models	<p>Annual update of raw data on the <a href="#">EGMP Database</a>.</p> <p>Annual update of model estimates at <a href="#">Gitlab EGMP</a>.</p> <p>A compilation is presented in the EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report</p>	<p>Annual update of raw data.</p> <p>Annual update of model estimates.</p> <p>Annual compilation in the EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report.</p>	<p>Raw data: <a href="#">EGMP Database</a></p> <p>Model estimates: <a href="#">EGMP Gitlab</a></p> <p>EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2024</p>	<p>Financial and personnel resources are in place to collect and compile monitoring information.</p> <p>Annual model estimates are provided by the Dutch Modelling consortium until 2024.</p> <p>An assessor must be found for 2025 and onwards, and the task force still lacks a coordinator</p> <p>National funding may be needed for some of the monitoring activities itself.</p>
Update and report on work plans for the Task Force, Data Centre, AEWA Secretariat and Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex 1 in AFMP for Task Force workplan</li> <li>AEWA Secretariat and DC Report</li> </ul>	Review annually by Task Force, Data Centre, AEWA Secretariat and Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex 1 in AFMP</li> <li>AEWA Secretariat and DC Report</li> <li>Task Force report: AEWA/EGMIWG/9.14</li> </ul>	Financial and personnel resources are in place.