

## AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM



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## PROPOSAL FOR REVISED PROCESS AND FORMAT FOR EGMP NATIONAL REPORTS

### 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 harvest management programmes. 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 reports was undertaken by the Secretariat.

The current format for EGMP National Reports does 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 have 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.

Hence, in order to improve the reporting process under the EGMP and address the concerns and suggestions pointed out by members of the EGM IWG, the Secretariat, working with the EGMP Data Centre and the EGMP Task Forces, have compiled the following ideas to improve the process and format for EGMP National Reports.

## Proposed process

### 1. Template used for reporting:

**Option 1A:** Use the template as used in the online reporting tool so far and update with new questions.

**Option 1B:** Use a shared online table (i.e. Google sheets/excel table) to report against each activity. For example, the workplans that have been developed by the Task Forces for the AFMPs could be used as a template. Additional questions could be added to the tables, as necessary. An updated table will be extracted periodically 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. Thus, this option would significantly reduce the reporting burden for Range States since the workplans are constantly kept up to date by the Task Force members and actions that are ongoing or have been implemented, are reflected in the workplans (e.g. of the AFMPs) against each action of the ISSAPs and ISSMPs.

### 2. Periodicity of each reporting cycle:

**Option 2A:** Every year a reporting cycle is launched, reports are analysed and presented for discussion at the EGM IWG meetings – status quo.

**Option 2B:** Every 2 years a reporting cycle is launched, reports are analysed and presented for discussion at the EGM IWG meetings.

**Option 2C:** Every 3 years a reporting cycle is launched, reports are analysed and presented for discussion at the EGM IWG meetings.

**Option 2D:** Alternate the reporting. In Year 1: reporting on PFG and TBG; in Year 2: Reporting on BG and GG.

The advantage of Option C could be to align the reporting of the EGMP National Reports with the newly developed Adaptive Flyway Management Programmes for the Barnacle Goose and the Greylag Goose. On the other hand, a 1 or 2-year cycle could be beneficial to monitor progress more closely and reduce the reporting burden, since Range States won't have to compile data for various years at once. Option 2D on the other hand would ensure a shorter period of reporting, focussing only on two species. This approach could alleviate the reporting burden for some Range States but create an uneven reporting effort for others.

It should also be noted that any changes to the periodicity of the reporting cycle will also require an amendment to the EGMP Modus Operandi. If this is the case, the amendments could be proposed and adopted at EGM IWG7, together with the new template.

### 3. Process:

Following EGM IWG6, the EGMP Task Forces, the Secretariat and the Data Centre are given the task to develop the templates during the intersessional period. The final templates will be adopted by the EGM IWG before (by correspondence) or at EGM IWG7 (depending on the option chosen).

Once the template has been developed and the periodicity of reporting cycles agreed, a workflow on how to compile and submit the national reports shall be developed by the Task Forces, the Secretariat and the Data Centre and agreed by the EGM IWG before (by correspondence) or at EGM IWG7. It is

proposed that the EGMP Task Forces maintain the reporting of actions as a rolling process and support the National Government Representatives with the submission of the national report. This workflow shall simplify and harmonise the reporting process within the EGMP.

It should be 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

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

The EGM IWG is requested to review, discuss and agree on the type of format, the periodicity of reporting cycles and the process for the further development of templates and a workflow for EGMP National Reporting.