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Greylag Goose Session

*Report and Recommendations of the GG TF
Coordinator of the GG TF, Malin Åhl*

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Membership and meetings

- 26 members
 - Nine range states represented including one observer range state (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, France and Spain)
 - Four observer organisations (FACE, Nordic Hunters' Alliance, OMPO and Wetlands International)
 - EGMP Data Centre and AEWA Secretariat

- Two online meetings since EGMP IWG8 (Dec 2023 and May 2024)

- Two joint meetings of the EGMP Task forces (Sept 2023 and March 2024)

- One hybrid meeting (June 2024)

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News and key activities

- New TF coordinator, Malin Åhl (Sweden)
- Meetings
- Supporting ongoing work by:
 - Providing feedback to report presented by Fred Johnson (Estimating the Approximate Number of Breeding Pairs of Greylag Geese from “Summer” Censuses)
 - Providing feedback to report presented by Iben Hove Sorensen (Estimating Greylag Goose Breeding Population Size and Productivity)

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News and key activities

- Updating workplan
- Contributing to the review of documents
 - EGMP Population status and Offtake Assessment Report 2024
 - TF Report and Recommendations 2023/2024

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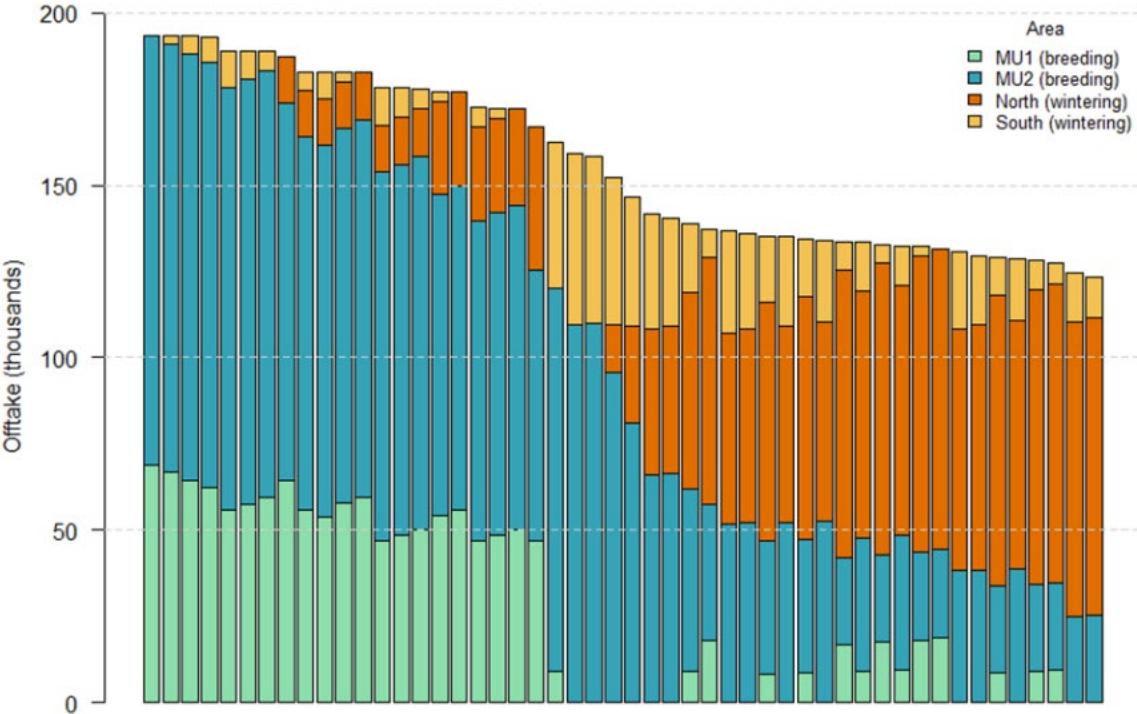
The Greylag Goose TF recommends

- All Range States strive to provide the necessary data and a description of methods as brought forward in the EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report. More specifically:
 - Reliable seasonal offtake estimates by country and by biannual period for the most recent five calendar years, clearly separating recreational hunting and derogation killing
 - Summer or early autumn abundance by country for those conducting such surveys; all years in which they are available
 - Post-breeding age ratios for all years and countries where available (should include counts of young and total sample size)
 - Winter counts for all years and countries where available

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- All Range States are asked to focus on offtake strategies minimising the need for breeding-season derogation (those with high winter offtake).

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- Discuss practical considerations and constraints in mitigating socio-economic conflicts and in managing recreational hunting so that trade-offs and limitations associated with efforts to coordinate offtake can be better understood by the EGMP IWG.
- Continue to exchange general information and experiences with the other species-specific Task Forces but also with the Agriculture Task Force and Flight Safety Task Force.
- Actively promote material such as recorded EGMP webinars and briefing notes.
- Keep updating the online workplan between meetings.

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TF Workplan 2024/25

| Actions from the ISSMP | Priority | Timescale | Greylag Goose Task Force |
|--|-----------|-------------------|--|
| 2.3 Apply scaring and land management techniques to reduce the attractiveness of sensitive areas, monitoring the implications of such local displacement for conflicts at wider scale | High | Short / Rolling | Sharing experience / Coordination with other TFs |
| 3.2 Establish an internationally coordinated programme to assess agricultural damage including monitoring and assessment protocols | High | Short | |
| 3.3 Liaise with farmers affected by goose damages to reduce agricultural conflicts | High | Short / Rolling | Cross-cutting TFs, share information |
| 4.3 Improve effectiveness of population control measures through experimenting with different timing and methods and better understanding the relative efficacy of lethal versus non-lethal scaring techniques | High | Medium | Exchange information and experience through webinar. Collate and summarise results (possibly workshop if time and resources allow - cross-cutting with Agri TF) |
| 4.4 Promote best practices of goose hunting including timing to minimize damage and significant disturbance to other species | Medium | Medium / Rolling | Exchange information and experience. Collate, summarise results (possibly workshop, time + resources needed) |
| 4.5 Maintain low crippling rates | High | Medium / Rolling | Exchange information and experience with PfG TF. Investigate GG crippling rates. |
| 4.6 Develop hunting techniques to further reduce crippling | Medium | Long / Rolling | Exchange information and experience. Collate, summarise results (possibly workshop, time and resources needed) |
| A.1 Produce and update periodically spatially explicit population size estimates based on a agreed international monitoring | Essential | Short / Rolling | Consultation |
| A.2 Maintain an annually updated bag statistics database including geese harvested by any means | Essential | Ongoing / Rolling | Consultation |
| A.3 Maintain a spatially explicit database on goose damage to agriculture, other flora and fauna and risk to air safety | Essential | Medium / Rolling | Liaise with Agri TF. Some Range States already have relevant databases or collated information (France and the Netherlands). |
| C.1 Develop and implement a communication strategy and plan | Medium | Short / Rolling | Produce scientific papers - outreach to wider community - then member states can use the info to reach national stakeholders - improve and use the EGMP website news section, publish results, content, scientific results, outputs, not only announce meeting. Continue the outreach activities already taking place in several Range States. |

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Summary

The Greylag Goose TF Report and Recommendations

- Provides an overview of the status and key activities that the Greylag Goose Task Force has undertaken since EGM IWG8 in June 2023.
- Provides an overview of the actions recommended by the Greylag Goose Task Force
- Presents a proposal for the TF Workplan for 2024/2025.

Action requested from the EGM IWG:

- **Take note of the Task Force Report and Recommendations and adopt the proposed TF Workplan for 2024/25**

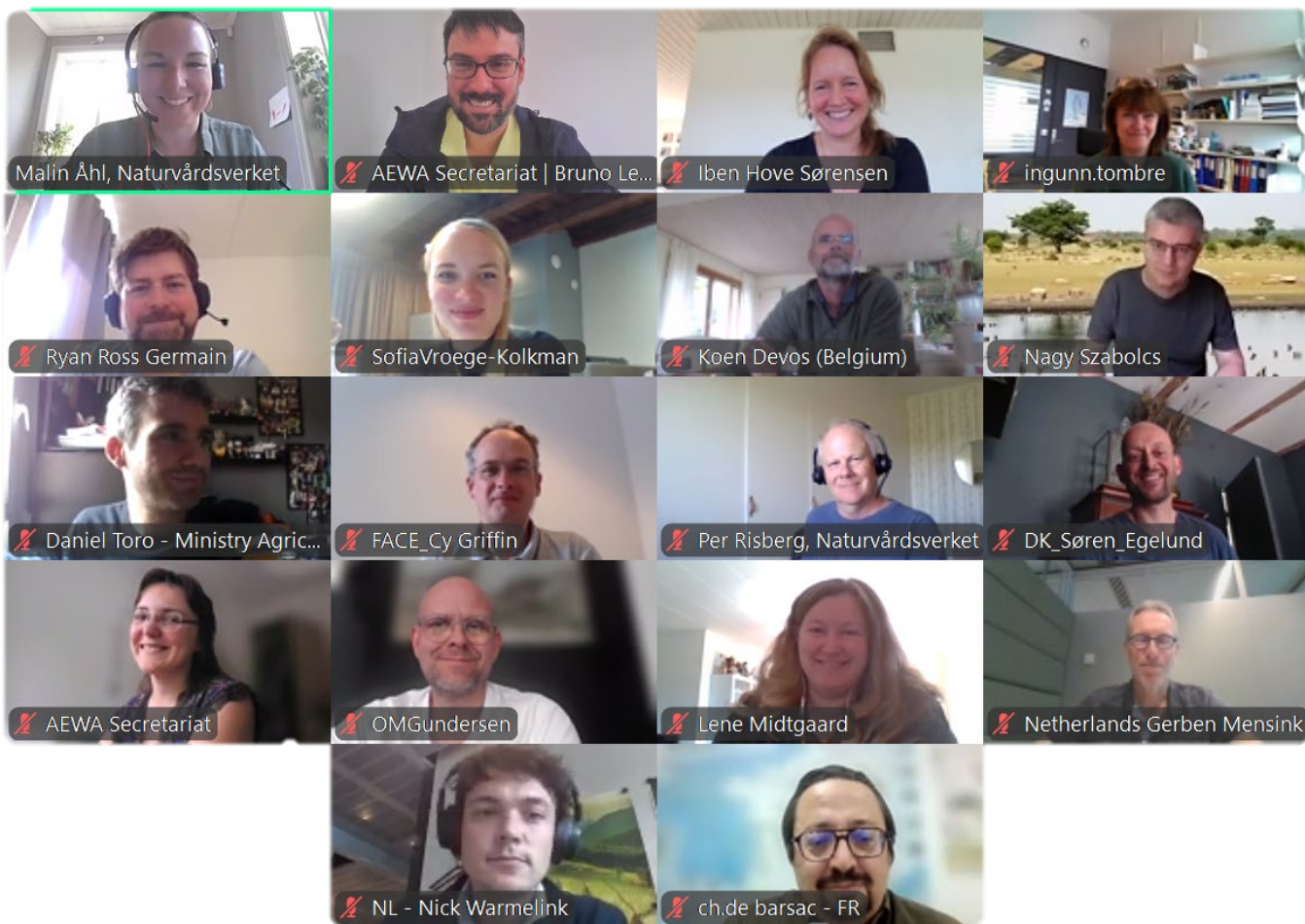
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Thank you!



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