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Agriculture Task Force

Agenda item 9.16

Report and recommendations of the EGMP Agriculture Task Force and draft Workplan for 2024/2025

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No members from the Wadden Sea Forum

Country	Representative	Affiliation
Belgium	<i>(Joost Vanpeteghem)</i>	Agriculture damage expert, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Flemish Government
	Frank Huysentruyt	Institute for Nature and Forest Research Flemish Government
Denmark	Søren Rasmussen	Danish Environment Protection Agency
	Anthony Fox	Aarhus University, Department of Bioscience
	Lene Midtgaard	Danish Hunters Association
Finland	Jukka Forsman	Natural Resource Institute Finland
Germany	Heinz Düttmann	Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Protection of Lower Saxony
Iceland	Bjarni Jónasson	Environment Agency of Iceland
Netherlands	Bart Nolet	Netherlands Institute of Ecology Animal Ecology
	Ida van Ommeren	The Fauna Fund
	Sofia Kolkman	Provincial Fauna Management Unit, Noord-Holland
	Nikkie van Grinsven	Provincial Fauna Management Unit, Noord-Holland
Norway	Ingunn Tombre (Coordinator)	Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, Department of Arctic Ecology
	Ove Martin Gundersen	Norwegian Farmers' Union
Sweden	Johan Månsson	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences /Wildlife Damage Centre
	Lovisa Nilsson	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences /Wildlife Damage Centre
Ukraine	Vasiliy Kostushyn	Institute of Zoology NAS of Ukraine, Department of Monitoring and Conservation of Animals
United Kingdom	Rae McKenzie	NatureScot
BirdLife International	Barbara Herrero	BirdLife Europe/BirdLife International
Copa Cogeca	Klaus Borde	Copa Cogeca
FACE	Cy Griffin	FACE
FACE	David Scallan	FACE (Based in Belgium)
Wetlands International	Szabolcs Nagy	Wetlands International
	Iben Hove Sørensen	Data Centre
	Bruno Pereira Leles	AEWA Secretariat
	Shenay Huseynova	AEWA Secretariat



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Agenda item 3 – Report, Recommendations, Workplan

Presentation of the Report and Recommendations of the Agriculture Task Force for 2023/2024 and Draft Workplan for 2024/2025

Communication, outreach and webinars

Overview goose studies, an update

The Workplan and the Agriculture Task Force's role and activities in EGMP



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A webinar is already launched! 😊

Date	Topic	Coordinators
17 June 2024	Effects of climate change on migratory geese	Secretariat & Data Centre
August 2024	Techniques for minimizing agricultural damage	Dr Ingunn Tombre & Agriculture Task Force

Two presentations on **accommodation and repelling fields**
(GPS-data, Finland and Sweden)

Restoration of grassland farming on salt marshes in Schleswig-Holstein

Farmers' and citizens' opinions about the barnacle goose and its **management methods**
(Finland)



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Overview of activities/projects/reports/papers (all EGMP-related)

Suggestion by Bruno to use a free, open-access reference manager (Zotero)
(experience from the IPBES Secretariat)

*Bruno's suggestion and the offer to assist the establishment of such a **reference overview** was **embraced** by the Agriculture Task Force
(Tromsø 17 June 2024)*



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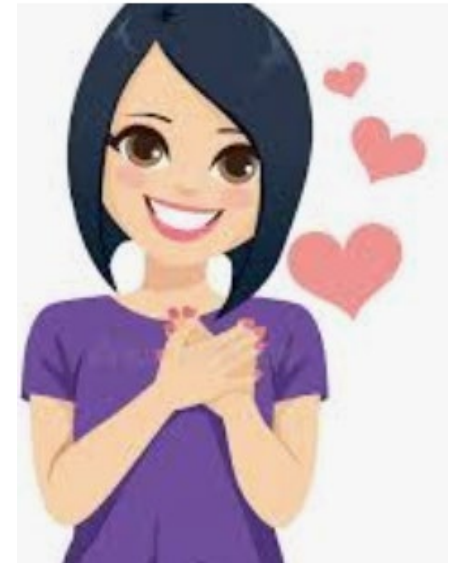
Agenda item 4 – The Agriculture TF and the future

Open Discussion

How to structure our activities in the future?

Linkages with other task forces, joint meetings

Individual involvement



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New initiatives suggested by task force members at the meeting in Tromsø 17 June 2024.

- (I) The coming online meetings in the task force will (as an earlier meeting) include extended presentations by task force members (round the table). This will give the opportunities to present new activities, projects and share other relevant information. Such exchange is especially useful as the task force consists of a combination of scientists, managers and stakeholders from many Range States. Extended notes after the meeting will provide information also for members not able to attend the meetings.



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- (II) We will arrange the webinar as planned in August with presentations about various relevant themes for the task force. We will announce this later this summer.

- (III) An Agriculture Task Force Fact Sheet will be developed, also including some relevant information (short) from the various Range States. Task force members from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences/Wildlife Damage Centre will make a draft and thereafter receive input from task force members.



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- (IV) Although the task force has members representing farmers' interest (Copa Cogeca, Norwegian Farmers' Union) it was pointed out that we need to involve their perspectives more in the task force. As the Wadden Sea Forum do not exist any longer, it was also discussed how a former member could be included in the task force. Two suggestions were identified for a better involvement of agriculture perspectives:
- a. Explore the possibilities to include more task force members representing farmers' interest.
 - b. Arrange a webinar during the winter 2024/2025 with research projects demonstrating where farmers have been actively involved, either as project partners and/or initiators. The format will be popular, and presentations are aimed for a wide audience.



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Table 1. Draft Workplan for 2024/2025 of the Agriculture Task Force

Type of action	Actions from the ISSMP	Priority	Timescale	Activities carried out by Agri TF
National and Cross-cutting	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[3]	High	Short / Rolling	Some of these elements have been, and will be, presented at the AGRI TF's webinars.
x	3.2 Establish an internationally coordinated programme to assess agricultural damage including monitoring and assessment protocols	High	Short	1) Support the DC and MC as consultants in the process, both during the development of the impact models as well as afterwards. 2) Discuss and share experience in webinars.
	3.3 Liaise with farmers affected by goose damages to reduce agricultural conflicts	High	Short / Rolling	Members in the TF represent farmers' unions being ambassadors and linkage to the TF for the various information discussed and shared.
x	A.3 Maintain a spatially explicit database on goose damage to agriculture, other flora and fauna and risk to air safety	Essential	Medium / Rolling	Overview of metadata about ongoing projects/activities regarding geese and agriculture is created. At present there is a list of ca. 90 papers/reports/activities, including not so accessible "grey" literature.
	A.4 Collect demographic (mortality, reproduction, differential migration and connectivity) data from an agreed representative sampling framework across the range	High	Short / Rolling	Some of this information may be extracted from the metadata overview described above.
x	B.1 Produce best practice guide on establishing refuge areas (size, management, subsidies)	Medium	Short	Some of these elements have been, and will be, presented at the AGRI TF's webinars.
x	B.2 Provide guidance on conflict resolution and how to make this consistent with the European legal framework, including the Common Agricultural Policy	High	Short	Some of these elements have been, and will be, presented at the AGRI TF's webinars.
x	B.3 Create a toolbox for decisions in relation to determining significant damage (including metrics, benchmarking, verification, monitoring, various management techniques to prevent damage, compensation)	High	Short	Some of these elements have been, and will be, presented at the AGRI TF's webinars.
x	B.5 Share experience concerning methods to prevent damage to agriculture and risks to human health, air safety as well as to other flora and fauna	Medium	Medium	Some of these elements have been, and will be, presented at the AGRI TF's webinars.
x	C.1 Develop and implement a communication strategy and plan	Medium	Short / Rolling	Webinar arrangements.

Webinars

Task Force with
"ambassadors" ...!

Overview of
activities



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Action requested from the EGM IWG

Take note of the Task Force Report and Recommendations and adopt the Annual Workplan.