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## Pink-footed Goose Session

*Report and Recommendations of the PfG TF*

*The Pink-footed Goose Task Force, presented by Jesper Madsen*

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Norway



The 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> TF meetings were held on

3 October 2023

8 March 2024

7 June 2024

17 June 2024

# Key activities and outcomes 2023-2024

<u>Task</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>By whom?</u>	<u>Deliverables</u>
<u>Dissemination platform along the PFG flyway</u>	August 2023 – June 2024	Aarhus University + Nisum Fjord Naturpark + TF + relevant and interested museums and visitor centres	Project description, identification of potential partners, plan for funding
Input to the ISSMP revision in 2025: Step 1: Evaluation of existing ISSMP goals and objectives (report due for IWG June 2024)	September 2023 – May 2024: 1. Impact model for agricultural damage in range states (funded) 2. Svalbard tundra degradation assessment (funded) 3. Population range, ecological integrity, habitat management, crippling 4. Adaptive harvest management and population target feasibility and justification	DC + TF DC + TF + COAT (Norway) DC + TF DC + TF	Analysis of relationship between abundance of PFG and damage Analysis of relationship between abundance of PFG and tundra impact Questionnaire to range states and desk study  Desk study, based on IPM outputs and outcomes of 1. and 2.(above)
Input to the ISSMP revision in 2025: Step 2: Setting up revision process; drafting revised ISSMP	<u>February – May 2024:</u> Agreement on <u>protocol for revision process</u>  June 2024 – February 2025: 1. Revision of ISSMP  2. Development of an Adaptive Flyway Management Program (AFMP)	TF + DC + EGMP Sec  TF + DC + EGMP Sec + Range States + interested stakeholders (at workshop)  TF + DC + EGMP Sec	Protocol for revision of ISSMP  Range state workshop Drafting of revised ISSMP  Draft AFMP
<u>Internal review of annual reports</u>	<u>Early June 2024</u>	TF	<u>Review back to DC early June 2024</u>

# Draft workplan 2024-2025

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Input to the ISSMP revision in 2025: Step 2: drafting revised ISSMP	September 2024: Technical input to revision report: Favourable Reference Values, outline of revised ISSMP  7-10 October 2024 (Arrival 7th, Departure 10th Oct): Revision workshop (Levanger, Norway)  December 2024: Draft ISSMP  February 2025: Draft ISSMP Development of an Adaptive Flyway Management Program (AFMP) and submission to Range States	TF + DC + EGMP Sec  TF + DC + EGMP Sec + Range States + interested stakeholders (at workshop)  TF + DC + EGMP Sec  TF + DC + EGMP Sec	Outline of ISSMP with draft chapters on FRVs etc.  Range state workshop  Draft ISSMP for commenting by Range States  ISSMP submitted to AEWA TC  AFMP draft submitted to Range States
Internal review of annual reports	Early June 2025	TF	Review back to DC early June 2025

# Recommendations

## Evaluation and revision of the ISSMP

The most important task will be to provide input to the revision of the existing ISSMP, expiring in 2025. Since it is highly likely that the current ISSMP will be adopted for revision, it is recommended that the EGMP range states of the PfG, including Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden and Finland, engage in the revision work, including participating in a dedicated workshop to negotiate the revision of the ISSMP, to be held in Norway, 7-10 October in 2024.

If agreement will be reached, a draft revised ISSMP can be ready for commenting by the PfG range states in the December 2024, and a draft Adaptive Flyway Management Program by February 2025.

# Recommendations

## Population assessment

- In the PfG Status and Assessment Report for 2024 it has been shown that the use of GPS-tags is highly valuable to estimate biases in the population counts. It is also a useful tool for monitoring the exchange between the traditional and the new migratory route and breeding grounds. If this tool shall be used in future assessments, it requires maintaining a sufficient pool of GPS-tagged individuals. The PfG TF recommends that a GPS-tagging programme is continued, with a multiple purpose objective, serving the population assessment, the development of the flyway distribution and connectivity, avian flu monitoring (via the catches of geese), flight safety warning system (see the Flight Safety TF workplan) and climate change effects on distribution during breeding and outside the breeding season. The TF will prepare a project description with an outline of purposes and funding opportunities.
- The PfG TF agrees with the Data Centre's proposal for the harvest strategy and quotas for the coming hunting season.



# Recommendations

## Dissemination

- The PfG TF would like to engage in further initiatives to promote the EGMP flyway approach and uptake by national stakeholders, e.g. related to agricultural conflict resolution, reduction of crippling due to shotgun shooting etc. The plan for developing the platform will be discussed between the involved Danish municipalities, Nature Park Nissum Fjord and Aarhus University in August 2024. The outcomes and proposals will be shared with the PfG TF for further considerations.
- The PfG TF will contribute to enhance communication to inform the network of volunteer counters etc about the wider objectives and activities of the EGMP.

Action requested from the EGM IWG:

- Take note of the task force report and recommendations and adopt the annual workplan.

Action requested from the Svalbard Pink-footed Goose population range states under EGMP (Norway, Denmark, The Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Finland):

- Agree whether the ISSMP for the Svalbard population of the Pink-footed Goose shall be revised or not.



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for the Svalbard Population of the  
Pink-footed Goose

*Anser brachyrhynchus*



# ISS MP

- Initial workshop 2010
- Adopted by Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (MOP5) 2012
- Implementation workshop 2012
- Adaptive harvest management implemented 2013
- Evaluation 2024
- Planned revision 2025

The first European flyway-based adaptive management plan  
for a migratory waterbird population

