



Greylag Goose Session Report and recommendations from the GG TF

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Membership and meetings

- 21 members
- 7 range states represented – Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Netherlands, Norway & Sweden
- 5 NGOs represented – FACE, Nordic Hunters' Alliance, OMPO, Wetlands International & CIC
- Five online meetings since October 2020
 - One joint meeting with the BG Russia TF
- One joint meeting with all TFs

Key activities 2020/21

- Establishing the TF
- Identifying actions for the TF
- Supporting ongoing work and commenting on updates from DC and FGGI
- Drafting the workplan
 - GG TF
 - National workplans

Recommendations of essential priority

- All Range States should aim to improve population counts and provide detailed data on offtake (including derogation) to facilitate the implementation of the ISSMP. More specifically, the GG TF recommends that Range States follow the recommendations brought forward by the Data Centre in the Greylag Goose Population Status Report.
- Relevant Range States should explore ways of funding summer counts and GPS-tagging of breeding Greylag Geese to obtain a better understanding of the population size and movements of the geese within each Management Unit (particularly MU1).

Other recommendations from the GG TF

- The GG TF should continue to exchange general information and experiences with the other species-specific Task Forces and the Agriculture Task Force to strengthen the relations between EGMP Task Forces and benefit from the work already carried out.
- More webinars on topics of general interest should be arranged for all Task Force members and other relevant stakeholders.
- Use of the EGMP workspace should be promoted and all meeting notes and other relevant documents should be published there.

TF Workplan 2021/22

5. Draft Workplan 2021/2022

Table 1. Greylag Goose Task Force Draft Workplan for 2021/2022

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[3]	High	Short / Rolling	Sharing experience / Coordination with other TFs; included in webinars planned for 2021.
3.2 Establish an internationally coordinated programme to assess agricultural damage including monitoring and assessment protocols	High	Short	Exchange information with the Agri TF; partly included in webinars planned for 2021.
3.3 Liaise with farmers affected by goose damages to reduce agricultural conflicts	High	Short / Rolling	Cross-cutting TFs, share information. Farmers' representatives will be invited to webinars in 2021, and pdf-files of the presentations will be distributed widely.
4.1 Establish hierarchical population targets at flyway, management unit and national levels iteratively to ensure national targets are consistent with the flyway targets and with legal requirements at all levels	Essential	Short	Have a discussion, recommendation for EGM IWG6/7
4.2 Establish an internationally coordinated population management programme (including both hunting and, if necessary, killing under derogations) for the transboundary management units encompassing monitoring, assessment and decision-making protocols	Essential	Short	Review reports produced by DC, as appropriate
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 PFG and Agri TF)

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- Participate in and contribute to TF webinars (cross-cutting issues like improving hunting techniques, reducing agricultural conflicts etc.)
- Review reports produced by DC and others
- Communication plan (incl. scientific papers and communication with stakeholders)
- **Improve population counts**
- **Improve data on offtake**
- **Investigate GG crippling rates**
- **Improve data on agricultural damage and risk of airstrikes**

Thanks

