

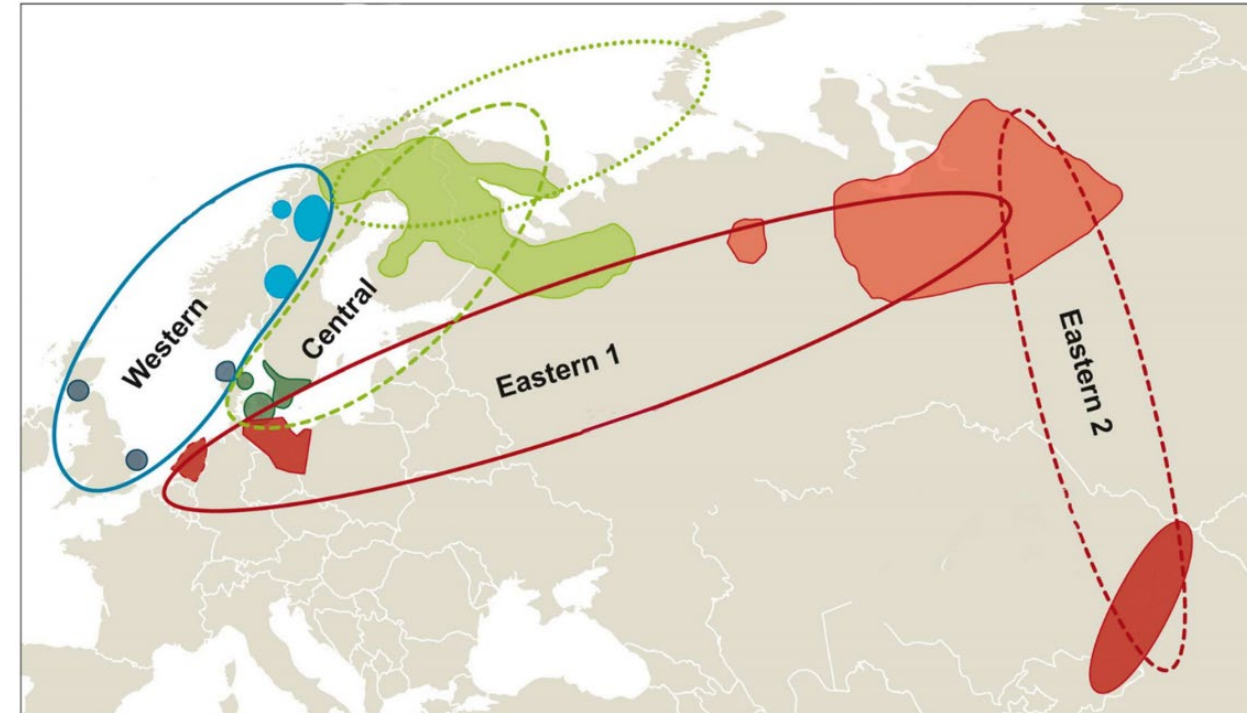
Taiga Bean Goose Session

TBG TF Coordinator

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Introduction

- Overview of the work since the EGM IWG5
- Summary, non-AHM Workplan for 2020-2022.
- Recommendations of the TBG TF



Status in terms of AHM

- Western MU – moratorium
- Central MU – AHM
- Eastern 1&2 - moratorium

Summary of non-AHM workplan for the Range States

- Establish coordinated Taiga Bean Goose counts in Eastern 1 Management Unit, especially in Poland
- Increase the number of GPS-tagged and neck-collared Taiga Bean Geese
- Strengthen the harvest bag recording;
- Organize a campaign to raise skills and awareness of the goose hunters;
- Establish a national working group, if relevant, and develop a national prioritized 5-year work plan for coordinated implementation of actions relevant for the Range State.

What happened 2020-2021

- TBG TF: 5 online meetings
- Key outcomes and new information
 - Monitoring developing in Ukraine, Germany and Poland! Data from key wintering area of Eastern 1 MU foreseen 2022
 - Challenges in the agreed monitoring activities due to... you know
 - The Integrated Population Model Final report is ready for adoption. Model excludes the rossicus subspecies, which is major step forward under the prevailing uncertainties .
 - Review of IWG reports by the Data Centre

TF Recommendations non-AHM

- Strengthen January counts to delineate MU's
- Continue October & March counts in CMU (+FI & DK)
- Implement the non-AHM workplan
 - Good progress in many countries
 - *Annex 3. Biannual non-AHM Workplan for 2020-2022 for the implementation of the Taiga Bean Goose ISSAP*
- Consider nomination of members to cover all range states - *reporting*
 - EMU coordinator – a long standing request but input from Eastern range would push the implementation
 - *Annex 2. Description of the tasks of the EMU coordinator*

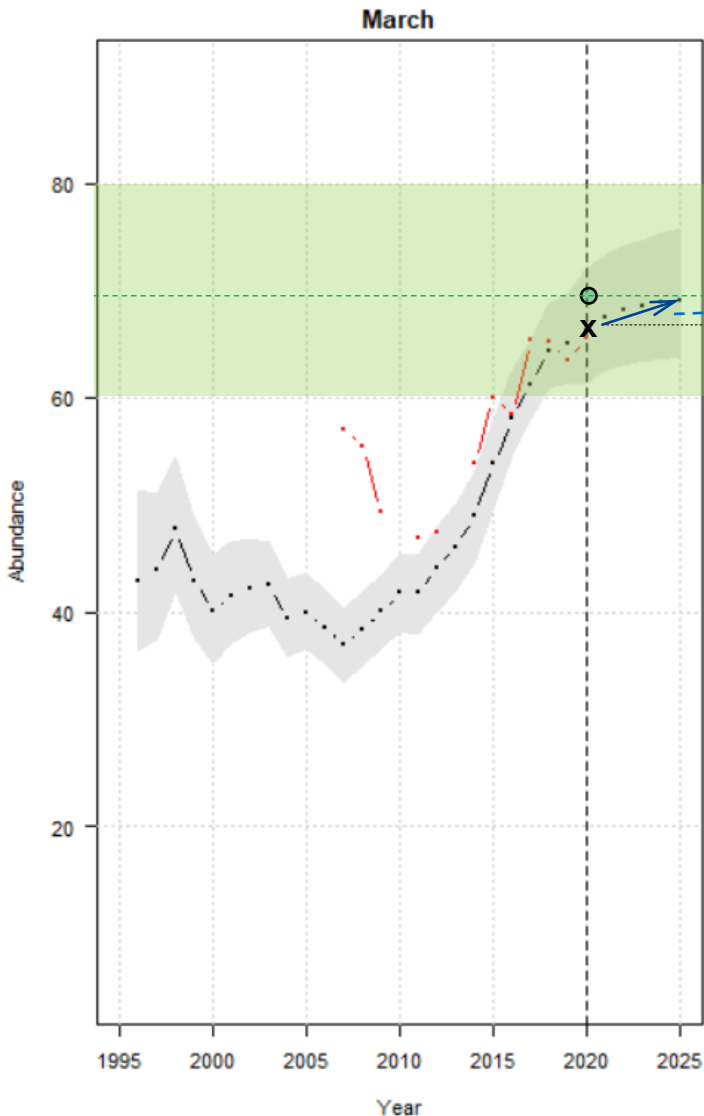


Somewhere in southernmost breeding range, FI
Winter - 950 km - Breeding - 1 650 km – Moults?

TF Recommendations AHM

1. Adoption of the Final Integrated Population Model (IPM) (rossicus excluded)
2. A decision on overall quota *A decision on overall quota needed to reach 70,000 Taiga Bean Goose in March in approximately 5 years (preliminary estimate of 3,000 TBG individuals, prior to May 2021 update of the IPM).*
 - **Population target 60 000 – 80 000**
 - **March 2021 at 66,916 (62,468 – 73,362)**
 - Stabilize at this level? – harvest 5,695 (3,994 – 7,226)
 - When 70 k reached, stabilizing harvest 4,791 (2,684 – 6,578)
 - To reach 70 k by 2025 – harvest 2,000 (1,913 – 2,088)
 - Approaching carrying capacity → harvestable surplus declines while population grows

TF Recommendations AHM



Population target and harvest quota relation	Annual total quota	FI	SE	DK
<i>Stabilize at 70 k</i>	4791	2779	1437	575
Increase from 67 k to 70 k by 2025	2000	1160	600	240
Stabilize at 67 k	5695	3303	1709	683
Allow population growth without set time for reaching 70 k	3000	1740	900	360

- **Recommendation for IWG:**

- We are at the target population size, its important to avoid any population decline while some growth is advisable.
- Any harvest below 5 700 allows the population to grow (very slowly), while harvest of 2 000 forecasts 70 k by 2025.
- **Overall quota of 3000 TBG would recognize that we have reached our goal while allowing population to increase**
 - **balanced compromise**



TBG TF Workplan for 2021/2022

- The Taiga Bean Goose Task Force foresees to continue active working to support the implementation of the
 - ISSAP
 - non-AHM workplan
 - recommended activities.
- 6 meetings is planned for the period between IWG6 and IWG7

AEWA European Goose Management Platform

21-23 June 2021

EGM IWG6

Online Conference Format



TBG TF Members

Thank you!

Annex 1. Members of the Taiga Bean Goose Task Force as of May 2021

Country	Representative	Affiliation
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	Knud Flensted	BirdLife Denmark
	Boris Schönfeldt	BirdLife Denmark
Finland	Mikko Alhainen (TF Coordinator)	Finnish Wildlife Department
	Toni Laaksonen	Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)
Norway	Ingunn Tombre	Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, Department of Arctic Ecology
Sweden	Per Risberg	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
Ukraine	Olesya Petrovych	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine
	Vasyl Kostyshyn	Institute of Zoology NAS of Ukraine, Department of Monitoring and Conservation of Animals
United Kingdom	Morag Milne (rep for Scotland)	Scottish Natural Heritage
	Rebecca Jones (rep for England)	Natural England
Wetlands International	Szabolcs Nagy	Wetlands International
Russian Bird Ringing Center	Sonia Rozenfeld (invited expert)	Russian Bird Ringing Centre
EGMP Data Centre	Henning Heldbjerg	Aarhus University
	Gitte Høj Jensen	Aarhus University
	Fred Johnson	Aarhus University
UNEP/AEWA Secretariat	Eva Meyers	EGMP Coordinator
	Shenay Huseynova	Consultant