



Report and Recommendations of the Greylag Goose Task Force & Draft Workplan for 2022/2023

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Membership and meetings

- 23 members
- 7 range states represented – Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Netherlands, Norway & Sweden
- 5 NGOs represented – FACE, Nordic Hunters' Alliance, OMPO, Wetlands International & CIC
- Data Centre & AEWA Secretariat

- Two online meetings since EGM IWG6 (June 2021)
- One joint meeting with all TFs (June 2022)

Key activities of the GG TF 2021/22

- Meetings
- Supporting ongoing work by:
 - Commenting on updates from Data Centre, Modelling Consortium & Fennoscandian Greylag Goose Initiative
 - Stressing the need for national counts and other monitoring programmes
 - Supporting a modelling proposal from the Data Centre (project led by Fred Johnson)
 - Participating in the EGMP webinars
 - Helping the AEWA Secretariat to produce the Greylag Goose AFMP briefing note

Key activities of the GG TF 2021/22

- Updating workplans
 - GG TF
 - National workplans
- Contributing to the review of the following documents submitted to EGM IWG7:
 - Draft EGMP Population Status and Assessment Report 2022
 - Briefing note on the Adaptive Harvest Management Programme (AFMP) for Greylag Goose
 - The TF Report and Recommendations (incl. Annex)

The Greylag Goose TF recommends that

- All Range States strive to provide the necessary data to switch from the current info-gap analysis to a dynamic model-based assessment in 2023, including
 - Submitting data to IWC before March 1 (the following year)
 - Collecting and submitting hunting data at MU-level to the EGMP Data Centre
 - Providing derogation data to the EU or the EGMP Data Centre (also at MU-level)
 - Submitting annual summer counts and Common Breeding Bird Index to the EGMP Data Centre
- The EGM IWG strives to define utility (stakeholder satisfaction) as a function of population size

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 (crippling, crop damage).
- The GG TF should actively promote material such as the recorded EGMP webinars and briefing notes.
- Use of the EGMP workspace should be promoted.

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Table 1. Greylag Goose Task Force Draft Workplan for 2022/2023

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; included in webinars planned for 2022.
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 2022. Collaborate with the Modelling Consortium.
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 2022, and pdf-files of the presentations will be distributed widely. Upcoming webinars, with open access for all, will also include topics of relevance to farmers.
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)
4.4 Promote best practices of goose hunting including timing to minimize damage and significant disturbance to other species	Medium	Medium / Rolling	Follow up on the information and experience shared during webinar on crippling and promote available material (e.g. recording of webinar). Collate and summarise results (possibly workshop, if time and resources

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- Encourage all Range States to improve and provide the necessary data
- Assist Range States in defining utility (i.e., stakeholder satisfaction) as a function of population size in both Management Units
- Seek to collaborate on reducing crippling rates of goose species.
- Investigate GG crippling rates
- Keep the online workplan active and updated between meetings.
- Participate in and contribute to TF webinars (cross-cutting issues like improving hunting techniques, reducing agricultural conflicts etc.)
- Improve data on agricultural damage and risk of airstrikes

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 IWG6 in June 2021.
- Provides an overview of the actions recommended by the Greylag Goose Task Force
- Presents a proposal for the TF Workplan for 2022/2023.

Action requested from the EGM IWG:

- **Take note of the Task Force report and recommendations and adopt the proposed workplan**