



Introduction to the evaluation and revision of AEWA Species Action and Management Plans

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Mandate and procedures

- Species action and management plans are mandated by AEWAs Annex 3:
 - Action plans – paragraph 2.2.1
 - Management plans – paragraph 4.3.4
- The Technical Committee prioritises species/populations for action & management planning
- The Technical Committee submits to MOP two pertinent reports:
 - (*International review*) Stage of preparation and implementation of single species action plans (every 2nd MOP; mandated by Annex 3 para 7.4)
 - Current status of action and management plan production and coordination with recommendations for retirement, extension, update or revision (each MOP when the other report is not submitted)

Lifespan and evaluation

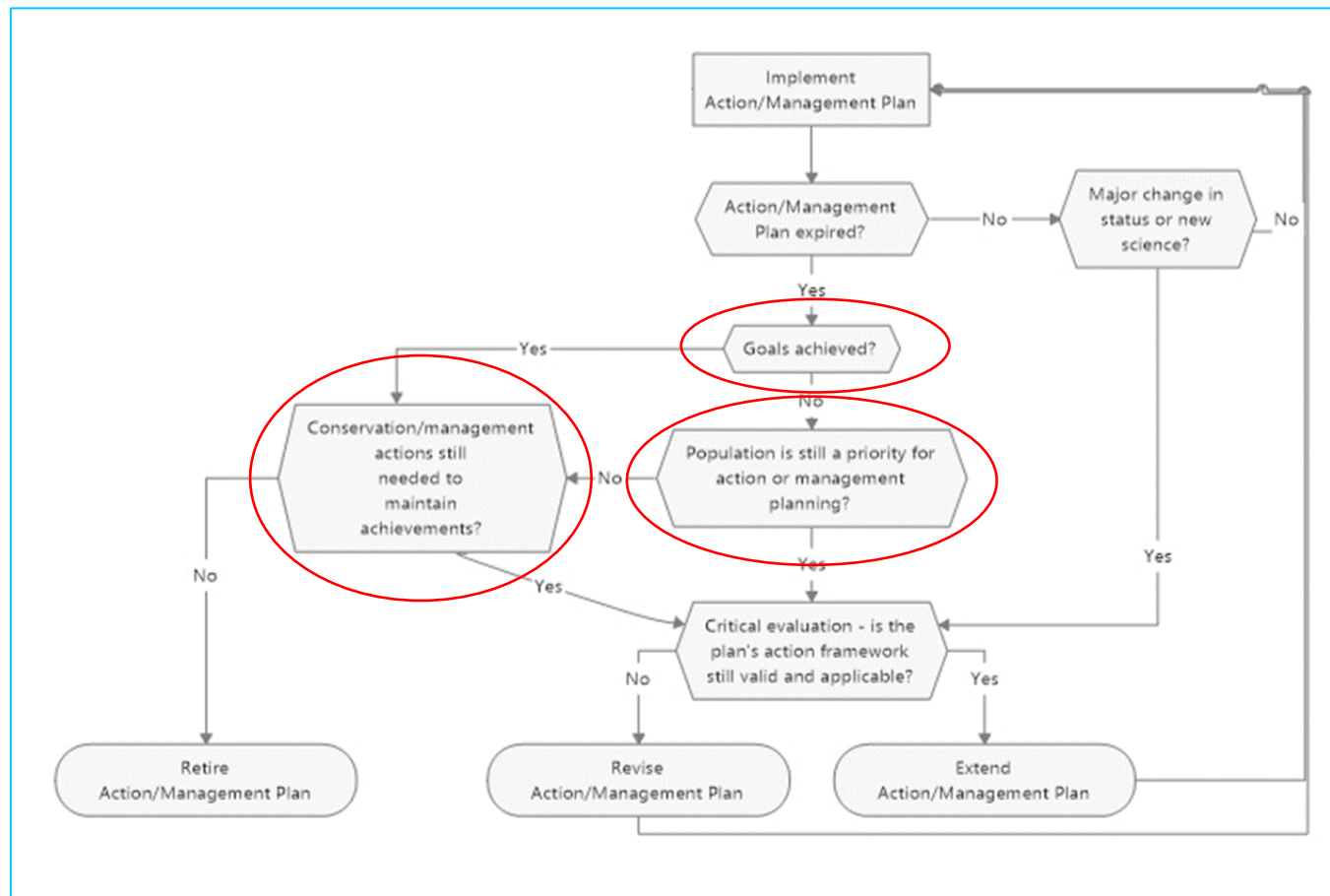
- AEWAs species plans have the following lifespan:
 - Action plans – 10 years
 - Management plans – 12 years (since MOP8, previously 10 years)
- The Technical Committee recommends how to treat a plan after the end of its lifespan:
 - **Retire**, **Extend**, **Update**, **Revise**
- Recommendation ideally based on comprehensive evaluation
 - International review to MOP **or** a stand-alone evaluation report
 - Several ISSAPs & ISSMPs scheduled for pioneering stand-alone evaluation in 2023-2025 (to be submitted to the Technical and Standing Committees) – including for **Pink-footed Goose** and **Taiga Bean Goose**

Evaluation process

- Technical Committee is developing an evaluation workflow and report template
- Evaluation workflow includes 2 steps:
 - Step 1 – define whether plan shall be **retired** or continued for implementation
 - Step 2 – define whether the plan shall be **extended**, **updated** or **revised**
- Evaluation Step 1:
 - Have the goal and purpose been achieved?
 - Is the population / species still a priority for action/management planning?
 - Are conservation or management actions still needed to maintain achievements?

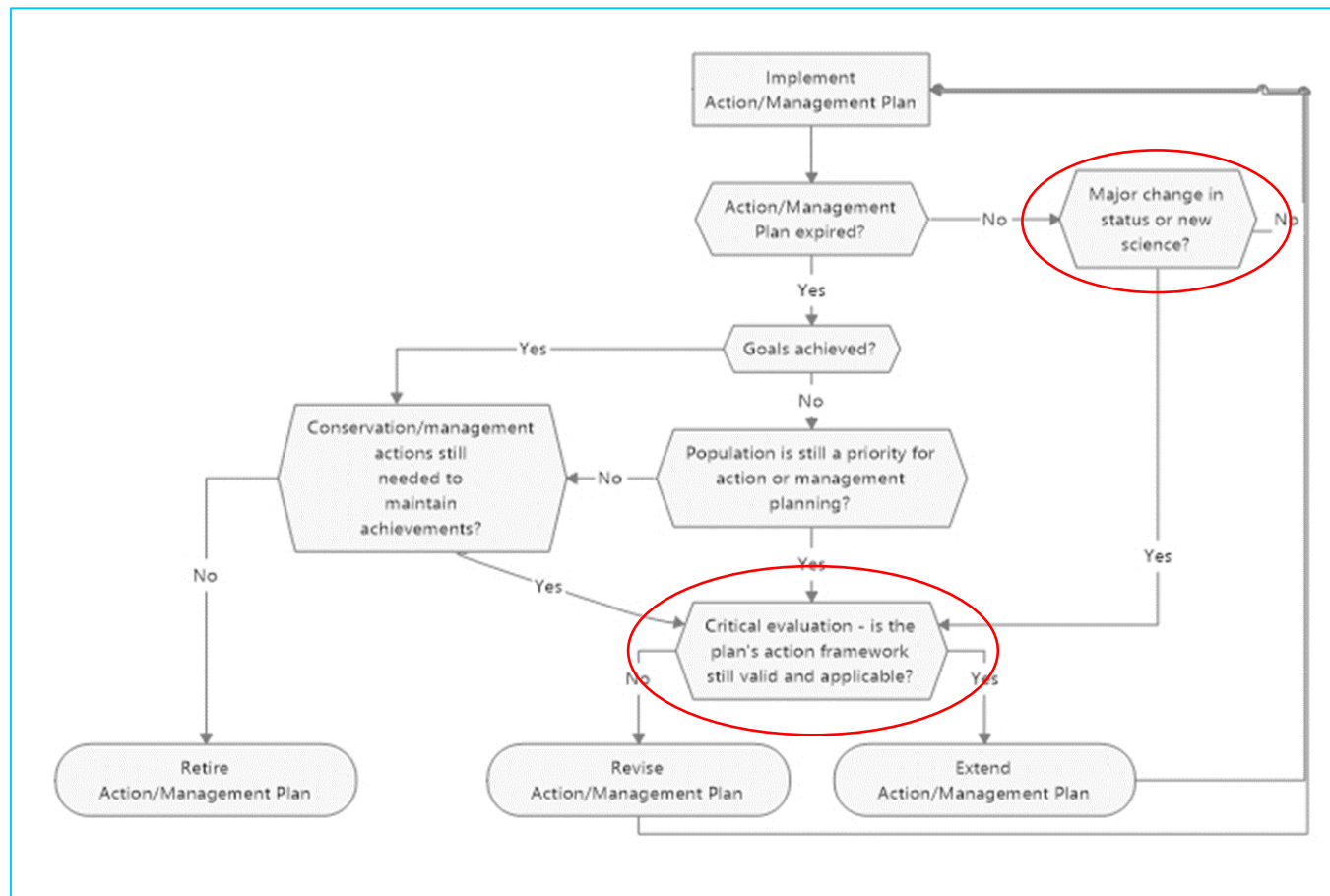
Evaluation process (2)

- Step 1 addresses three elements of the flowchart already agreed and used by the TC



Evaluation process (3)

- Step 2 addresses two other elements of the flowchart already agreed and used by the TC



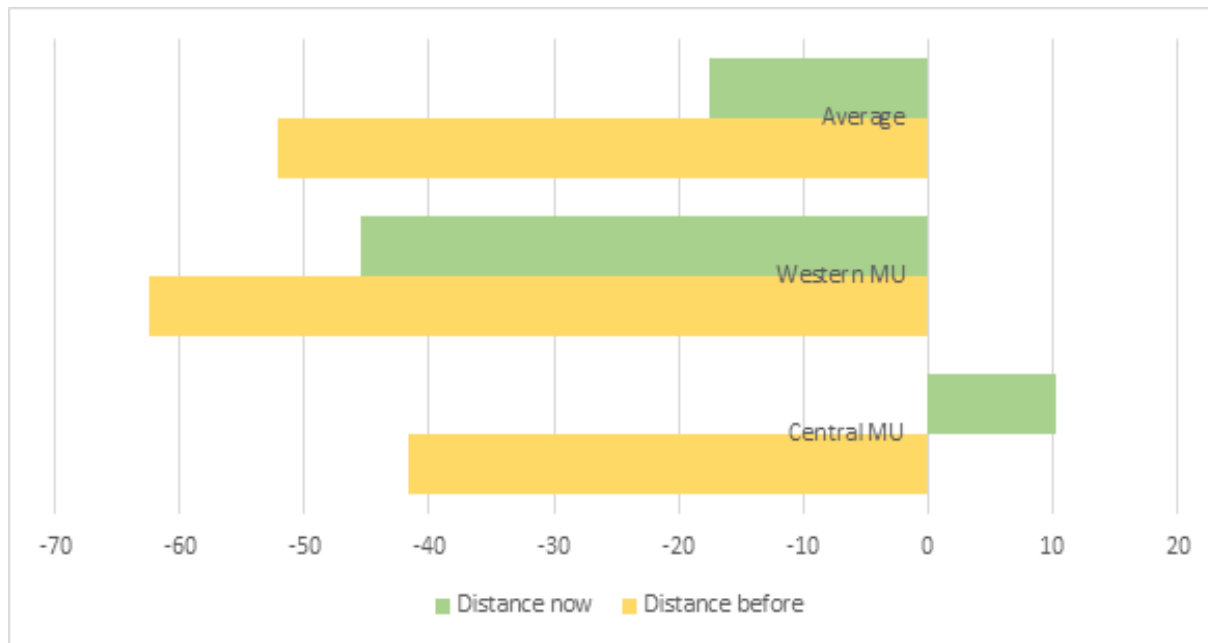
Evaluation process (4)

- Evaluation Step 2:
 - Are there new insights, biological or other background information, emerging issues or threats?
 - Does any of these necessitate changing the approach in the plan's action framework?
 - Is the intervention logic of the Plan working?
 - To what extent have actions been implemented (implementation performance)?
 - To what extent have results and objectives been achieved?
 - What were the main obstacles hindering implementation and achieving defined results and objectives?

Including, explore **interdependence between objectives**: e.g. in cases where lower population targets for management purposes have been introduced: document whether targets have achieved their desired purpose in support of a given objective (such as reducing agricultural conflicts, risks to air safety or sensitive flora and fauna); does this give rise to considerations of maintaining, changing or abandoning a target?
- Technical Committee will provide a guidance in an annex regarding the highlighted bullet points – the **evaluation of implementation performance** and **result attainment**

Annex: implementation performance and result attainment

- Follows the approach used in the [Report on the progress of implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027](#) (document AEWA/MOP 8.11)
- Evaluates all levels of action framework: **goal, purpose, objectives, results, actions**
- Employs: (1) measuring distance to target and (2) scoring

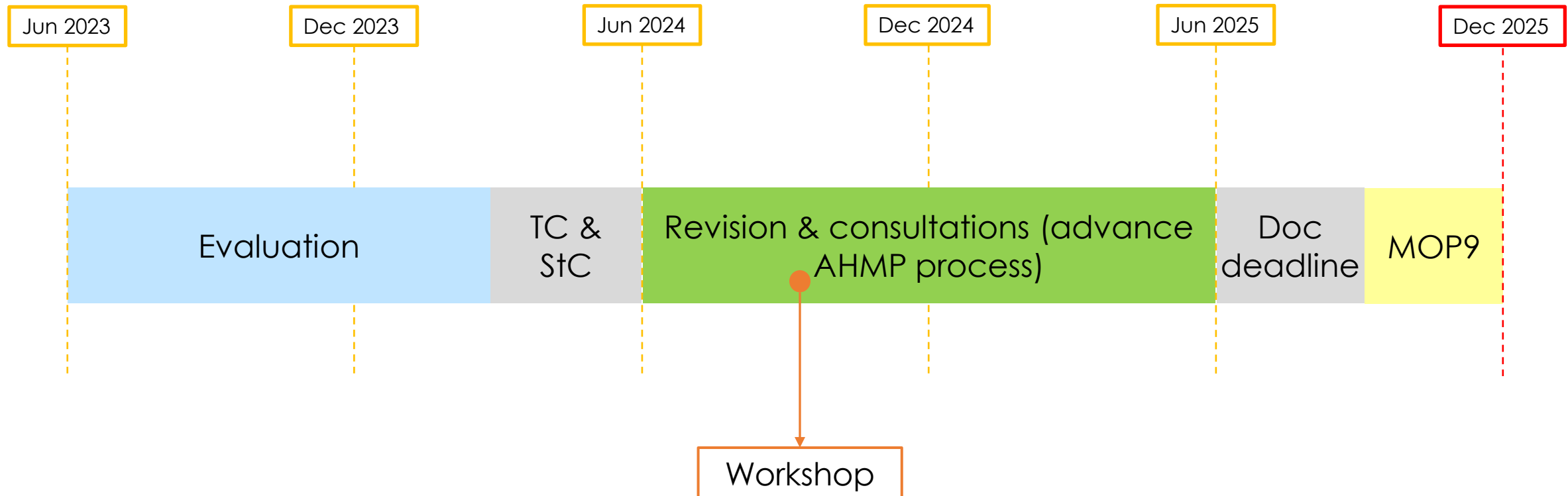


Action score	Not assessed	Not implemented / not achieved / no progress / regress	Limited progress	Good progress	Significant progress	Implemented / achieved	Mean result / objective score
0							0
1							0.1 – 1.0
2							1.1 – 2.9
3							3.0 – 3.9
4							4.0 - 4.9
5							5

Post-evaluation process

- Three options for the plan:
 - **Extend** – **no changes**; decision by MOP for a 10/12-year validity extension
 - **Update** - update the **background** chapters of the plan; submit to MOP (implementation uninterrupted)
 - **Revise** – full revision of **background** and **action framework**; submit to MOP
- The update will require some resources (can be in-kind), but not a specific process
- The revision will require a fully-fledged process, similar to drafting a new plan, and the necessary resourcing
- The findings of the evaluation will inform the revision

PfG & TBG evaluation and revision timelines



Questions?

TECHNICAL SERIES No.48



International Species Management Plan
for the Svalbard Population of the
Pink-footed Goose

Anser brachyrhynchus



TECHNICAL SERIES No. 56



International Single Species Action Plan
for the Conservation of the
Taiga Bean Goose

Anser fabalis fabalis

