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## Notes for the Meeting of the Agriculture Task Force

<b>Date and Time:</b>	25 November 2021 10:00-11:30 Central European Time
<b>Online meeting convened using:</b>	GoToMeeting
<b>Chair / Task Force Coordinator:</b>	Dr Ingunn Tombre

### Agenda item 1 – Welcome and Agenda

The meeting agenda was adopted in absence of comments from the TF members.

Henning Heldbjerg has moved away to other responsibilities at the Data Centre, but is still involved in Greylag Goose processes. Gitte Høj Jensen has taken over his responsibilities.

### Agenda item 2 - Round Table

*Denmark* – The Data Centre has recently implemented a survey financially supported by the Danish government concerning derogation of Barnacle Goose in Denmark. The article will be published soon. A lot of damage is reported in winter from Barnacle Goose which leads to an increase in derogation permits. However, the derogation permits are helpful at a local scale but there are indications that the way they are issued now doesn't efficiently address the problem. A new more organised system is needed in issuing derogation permits, in terms of making land-owners make a joint effort.

Efforts are made to teach hunters ways of preventing the spread of avian flu.

*Finland* – In spring and summer 2021, GPS tagging of 70 barnacle geese has been conducted with experiments testing different kinds of repelling methods and their success. A lot of data and methods are expected from this effort. GPS tagged geese can be viewed online - <https://satelliitti.laji.fi/>.

### Agenda item 3 – News from the Data Centre and the Secretariat

The Secretariat is busy with finalising document revisions for EGM IWG6, updating the EGMP website, supporting organisation of webinars and Task Force meetings as well as a number of administrative and financial matters.

The Data Centre noted that monitoring and reporting plan has been developed for all species. The funding of monitoring programmes is currently in focus. For PfG, the Data Centre is conducting assessment of different monitoring instruments and their effectiveness. This research can be useful also for other populations.

The [EGMP Database](#) is up and running. Some information is still missing but will soon be completed.

### Agenda item 4 – EGMP Webinars

The second Agriculture TF webinar under the title “How to manage the damage and conflicts?” is scheduled for **9 December 2021, 10 00 – 13 00 CET**.

The webinar organisers presented the preliminary programme which will be distributed together with the webinar registration link in the coming days.

### **Agenda item 5 - Agri TF Workplan – new online reporting format**

It was agreed at EGM IWG6 that the Secretariat, Data Centre and TFs will work together on the new process and format for the national reporting.

#### **Action Point:**

It was agreed that the Secretariat will produce and circulate to the TF for review a draft document outlining the new national reporting process and format.

It is planned to finalise the document on the new reporting process and format and circulate it for review to EGM IWG by the end of January 2022.

### **Agenda item 6 – A possible workshop in 2022?**

Given the circumstances concerning the Covid-19 pandemic and unavailability of funding, the idea of organising a workshop in 2022 remains on hold. Another idea would be reserving an extra day during the meeting of the EGM IWG in 2023 for a workshop.

### **Agenda item 7 – Meeting frequency for the Agriculture Task Force**

It was agreed that two meetings per year is sufficient to maintain activities of the Task Force.

### **Agenda item 8 – Communication**

The Secretariat is working on updating the EGMP website. TF members are welcome to point out sections that could benefit from updates and make any website-related suggestions.

TF meetings notes will also be added to the website.

The Secretariat will also be working on the briefing notes on AFMPs requested at the EGM IWG6 as well as factsheets on EGMP species.

TF members could also lead on or contribute to these documents.