

Agriculture Task Force

Notes for the Meeting of the Agriculture Task Force

Date and Time:	17 March 2023 10:00 -11:30 Central European Time
Online meeting convened using:	Zoom Meeting
Chair / Task Force Coordinator:	Dr Ingunn Tombre

Agenda item 1 – Welcome and Agenda

The agenda was adopted without any further comments from the participants.

Agenda item 2 - Round Table

A webinar was held in early January 2023 by Wadden Sea Forum presenting remote sensing implemented by Schleswig Holstein to investigate damage on goose (<https://www.waddensea-forum.org/en/topics/core-issues/goose-management?highlight=WyJ3ZWJpbmFyIiwid2ViaW5hcnMiXQ==>). A presentation was made also about handing and compensation of damage.

In February 2023, another webinar was held by the Wadden Sea Forum introducing EGMP with presentations made by Ingunn Tombre, Eva Meyers and Jesper Madsen.

Ove Martin from Norway is working on the guide/handbook on how to manage geese for farmers explaining how to reduce crop damage.

Norwegian government recently decided that the responsibility for huntable species in Norway should be transferred from the Environment Agency to the agriculture authorities. At present, the situation is relatively unclear regarding future priorities. Ingunn Tombre and Ove Martin Gundersen from Norway have attended several local seminars and presented EGMP. Experience that there is a lot of interest to the geese and goose management.

The Data Centre is working on data collection.

Establishment of a new EGMP Task Force dedicated to geese and flight safety is planned and will be presented at the EGM IWG8 in June.

DC working on data collection. Flight Safety Task Force in the making. TC meeting in Bonn.

Agenda item 3 – EGMP Webinars

One of the possible topics for another Agriculture TF webinar is stakeholder involvement.

Heinz Düttman suggested that goose scaring techniques would be another interesting webinar topic. Scaring has side effects which seem to be more apparent in spring. For instance, scaring affects also the waders. There are different methods to estimate this side effects and damage. A webinar on this topic would help to find out the practices used in other countries.

There is an opportunity to host a webinar during the Joint Task Force Meeting which will take place on 19 June 2023 in Bonn. The webinar would be in hybrid format allowing people to join it online. The Agriculture TF webinar committee will meet and discuss this idea.

Agenda item 4 - Agri TF Report and workplan

The Agri TF workplan is now available on the joint TF Teams folder.

Task Force members are asked to test whether they may open the folder.

The deadline for the Agriculture TF report and recommendations is the **1st week of May**.

Agenda item 5 – The database with metadata

The metadata overview is available on Google Docs: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10VRUPxA9UIFo6FhxZi_EQTRDckDteyZh8XXalehVvao/edit#gid=655288406

The aim is to keep such an overview relatively updated. Members may add new projects, and also notify the task force coordinator.

Agenda item 6 – EGM IWG8

EGM IWG8 will take place in Bonn from 20-22 June 2023. The Joint Meeting of the EGMP Task Forces will take place one day before the EGM IWG8, on 19 June 2023 at the same location.

The Secretariat recommended to book the hotels in Bonn as soon as possible as there are a lot of international meetings in June and hotels tend to get booked out. More relevant information on logistics is available in the information sheet for participants:

https://egmp.aewa.info/sites/default/files/meeting_files/other_docs/Info%20sheet_EGM%20IWG8_final.pdf

Agenda item 8 – Communication

The ad-hoc communications group established at the EGM IWG7 has been working on the EGMP communications strategy, including the messages to be delivered, the main communications channels and topics.

The EGMP **website** is going through an update. The update will include changes in the structure and the general layout and design of the website.

The Secretariat and Data Centre have prepared the Population Status and Management Recommendations 2022 briefing note:

https://egmp.aewa.info/sites/default/files/download/population_status_reports/EGMP_population_status_briefing_note_2022.pdf

Action Point:

The Task Force will work on the briefing note about Agriculture Task Force which is planned to be finalised in autumn 2023.

Agenda item 7 – Next meeting & AoB

The TF Coordinator, Ms Tombre will circulate a Doodle poll whenever a need arises for another meeting of the TF.