

Greylag Goose Task Force

Notes for the Meeting of the Greylag Goose Task Force

Date and Time:	30 September 2021 14:00-15:30 Central European Time
Online meeting convened using:	GoToMeeting
Chair / Task Force Coordinator:	Ms Iben Hove Sørensen
Attendees:	Floris Verhaeghe, Mikko Alhainen, Ingunn Tombre, Kees Koffijberg, Wilmar Remmelts, Nick Warmelink, Matthieu Guillemain, Leo Bacon, Koen Davos, Søren Egelund, Cy Griffin, Szablocs Nagy, Olav Greivstadt, Thibaut Powolny, Gitte Høj Jensen, Fred Allen Johnson, Eva Meyers, Shenay Huseynova

Agenda item 1 – Welcome and Agenda

The meeting agenda was adopted with no comments from the TF members.

The TF has two new members – Nick Warmelink representing the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality and Olav Greivstadt representing the Nordic Hunters' Alliance.

Agenda item 2 – Round table

Henning Heldbjerg from the Data Centre has moved on to other tasks at the Aarhus University. Gitte has taken over his EGMP-related responsibilities.

The Secretariat is busy with the EGM IWG6 follow up.

Agenda item 3 – Data Centre Update

Info gap analysis agreed on as a temporary method until proper monitoring of GG is set up by Range States ends in 2023. The Secretariat and Modelling Consortium have circulated a proposal on establishment of a dynamic model-based assessment.

The Fennoscandian Greylag Goose Initiative is continuing coordination of monitoring projects. A two-year monitoring project is to be conducted in Norway financed by the Environment Agency. Locations with different percentage of farmland have been selected for serial counts. Extrapolations will be made based on the collected data. In Finland, the counts were held in the areas with tagged birds. In Denmark, it has been established that it is sufficient to focus the counts on wetland areas, particularly in summer. However, there is no funding yet for monitoring in Denmark. Some tagging has been done with hope to receive the financing in near future.

Information on crippling ratio is only available from the Netherlands. It was reported that goose catches in Germany and Sweden will be accompanied by x-raying; thus some data can be expected from these countries.

Agenda item 4 – Upcoming TF Tasks

Some work on the activities of the TF and national [workplans](#) is underway, such as organisation of webinars.

Action Point:

TF members to look through the workplans and make sure that the information is up to date.

The TF members were also asked to indicate that they have updated the workplan if they introduce some changes to it.

A possibility of arranging a workshop has been discussed in the past. TF members were invited to form a subgroup on planning workshops/webinars.

New format for national reporting

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. The TF members should get a mandate from the government representatives to keep the questionnaires up to date. Another possibility could be for TF members to fill out the workplans and NGRs to review them and indicate which activities they agree with.

Action point:

The Secretariat to produce and circulate to the TF for review a draft document outlining the new national reporting process and format.

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.

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. Iben, Cy and Mikko volunteered to support this work.

Agenda item 5 – Modelling Project Proposal

The proposal has been shared with the TF for their feedback and ideas on sources for funding. The TF agreed on endorsing the proposal.

The Data Centre is also in touch with the Danish Hunters Association for funding. However, chances are slim since there is a big competition among applications for funding.

Agenda item 6 – EGMP TF Webinars

Jesper Madsen together with Kevin K. Clausen, Ove Martin Gundersen and Sander Moonen is organising a webinar on crippling. The webinar will take place on **11 November from 10-12 CET**. The webinar is open to public. The Secretariat will circulate an invitation with the access link to the webinar in the coming weeks.

Agriculture TF is also organising a webinar on agricultural damage and conflict. The webinar will be held on 9 December 2021 from 10 – 13 CET. Heinz Düttman, Frank Ahlhorn, Lovisa Nielsson and Johan Mansson are taking the lead in organisation of the webinar.

Goose monitoring could be a topic for a webinar to be organised by the GG TF.

Agenda item 7– Next meeting & AoB

Action Point:

The Secretariat will circulate a doodle poll for the next meeting of the TF to be held in November/December 2021.