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CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS (AEWA)
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REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR PUBLICATION ON LONG-TAILED DUCK AND ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON KING EIDER

INTRODUCTION

The Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*) is one of the 235 species listed in Annex 2 to the Agreement. In accordance with the Action Plan 2003-2007 the two populations are occurring in the Agreement Area: Iceland & Greenland and Western Siberia/ North Europe. Both populations are listed in Column C category I. The latter means *II Populations numbering more than around 100,000 individuals which could significantly benefit from international cooperation and which do not fu/fill the conditions in respect of either column A or column B "*.

The Secretariat received recently a request for funding from researchers of the Research Institute of Ecology of Plants and Animals of the Russian Academy of Science. Since 1980 they have been working on the Yamal peninsula and in the basin of the Low Ob (Northern part of Western Siberia). According to the information received from one of these researchers Mr. Michael G. Golovatin they gathered a lot of information during the last two decades on different species of birds including ducks. Their wish is to process this material and to publish it. A grant is requested for the publication on long-tailed duck. This group of researchers would also like to prepare a number of articles on reproduction success, density, on population status, on distribution and different biological features of Long-tails Duck on Yamal and in the Low Ob. The total grant requested to publish all this material in English before end of this year is EURO 2000.

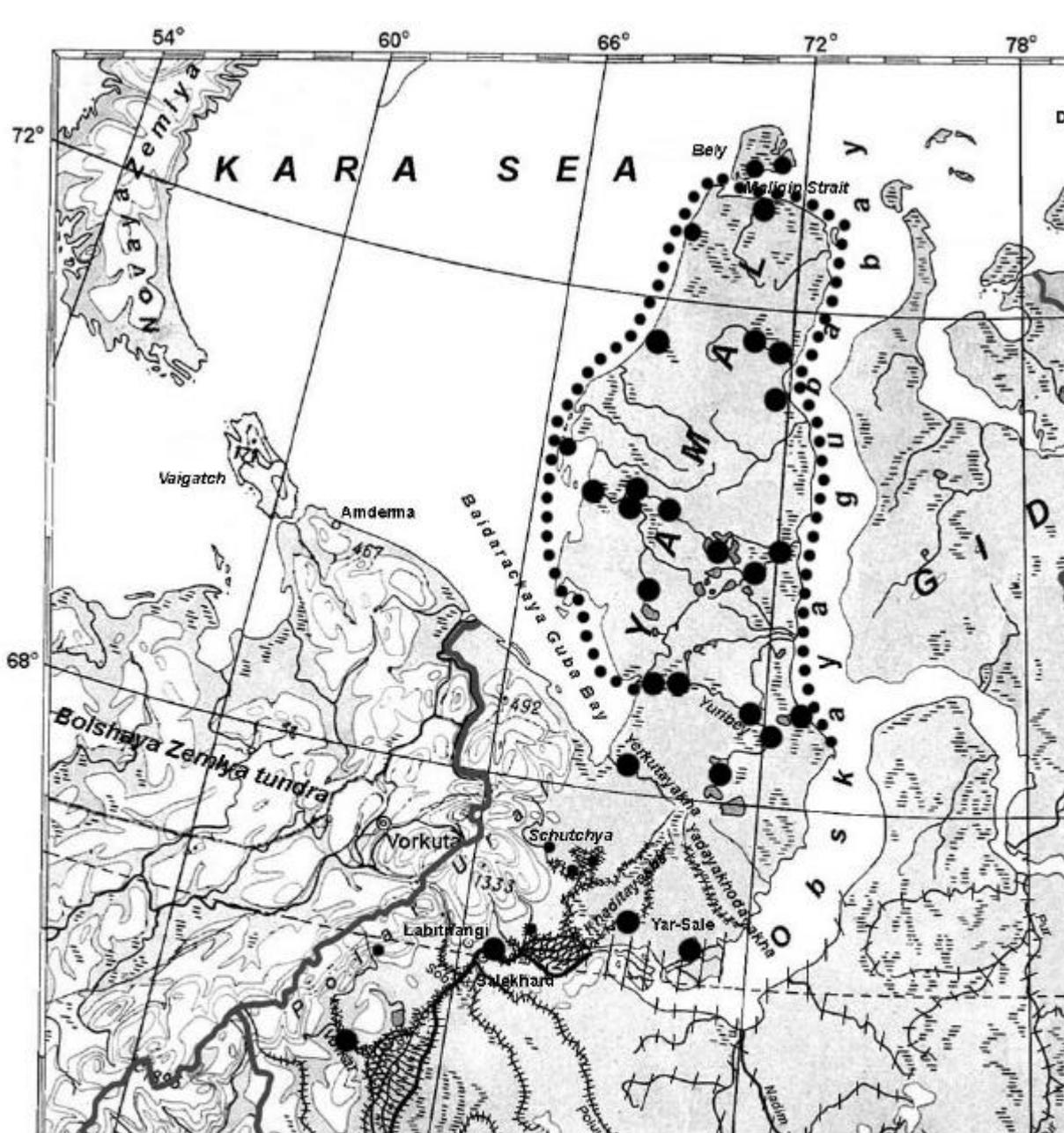
The second point raised in the same E-mail is a request for funding of additional research on the reproduction of the King-Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*). Although some work on this seems to have taken place already some information is still missing. It is proposed to carry such a research on Yamal peninsula. The total costs for field research are estimated to be EURO 2500 for one year. If a second year would be needed this amount should be doubled. To collate the data and to publish the results another 2500 EURO would be needed.

The King- Eider is also one of the 235 AEWA species included in Annex 2 to the Agreement. One population is occurring in the Agreement area: East Greenland, NE Europe & Western Siberia. This population is listed in Column C category 1.

PROPOSAL OF THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat requests the Technical Committee to give some guidance on the project proposals mentioned-above. Unfortunately no concrete project proposal has been received so far besides some ideas laid down in E- mail exchange between Mr Golovatin and the Secretariat.

As stated in the introduction neither the Long-tailed Duck nor the King-Eider are priority species in accordance with the AEWa Action Plan. The main question is on how useful would be to publish existing data on the Long-tailed Duck and if there is a real need for additional research on reproduction success of King-Eider on the Yamal peninsula.



- field station with long-term investigation (above 3 years)
- field station with 1-2 year attendance
- route of travelling around Yamal by motor boat (twice)

**Map of long-tailed durk investigations
in the Yamal and Lower Ob**