



FOURTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE
CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS (AEWA)
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5th DRAFT OF THE DARK-BELLIED BRENT GOOSE ACTION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

At its second session the Meeting of Parties reviewed the 5th Draft of the Action Plan for the Dark-bellied Brent Goose (*Branta bernicla bernicla*) and adopted Recommendation 2.1. In accordance with this Recommendation the Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Encourages* the Working Group to prepare the final draft of the action plan to be sent to the Range States for consultation and endorsement, taking account of the additional comments provided by the participants at the second Meeting of the Parties;
2. *Calls upon* the Contracting Parties and Range States to endorse the final draft of the action plan;
3. *Invites* the Contracting Parties and Range States to implement the action plan as appropriate;
4. *Requests* the Contracting Parties, Range States and organizations concerned to provide financial assistance to develop a population model for *Branta bernicla bernicla* as appropriate;
5. *Authorizes* the Standing Committee, in close cooperation and consultation with the Technical Committee, to adopt the Action Plan on an interim basis so as to allow the Dark-bellied Brent Goose Working Group to continue its activities;
6. *Requests* that the final plan should be brought to the third Meeting of the Parties for formal adoption.

As follow up of MOP2 the Secretariat recently sent out the 5th Draft of the Action Plan for the Dark-bellied Brent Goose to the Range States of the species and International NGO's involved. Operational paragraph 5 of Recommendation 2.1. indicates that the MOP authorizes the Standing Committee, in close cooperation with the Technical Committee to adopt the plan on an interim basis.

PROPOSAL OF THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat will inform the Technical Committee of comments received on the Action Plan since MOP2. Taking these comments into consideration the Technical Committee will be requested to review the Action Plan (as attached hereto). In addition the Technical Committee is requested to draft a recommendation for the decision to be taken by the Standing Committee on adoption of the Action Plan.