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Subject: **Invitation to the 3rd Meeting of the Committee for Captive Breeding, Reintroduction and Supplementation of Lesser White-fronted Geese in Fennoscandia**
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Dear RECAP Committee Members,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the third meeting of the Committee for Captive Breeding, Reintroduction and Supplementation of Lesser White-fronted Geese in Fennoscandia, to be held on 7 - 8 October 2010 here at the UN Campus in Bonn, Germany.

Please find attached the preliminary annotated agenda for the meeting as well as the registration form. The meeting documents will be sent to you by e-mail and will also be uploaded on the AEWA website as they become available.

The main issues of this meeting are:

Independent Scientific Review on Lesser White-fronted Goose Genetics

The Secretariat has commissioned a genetics expert to complete an independent scientific review on LWfG genetics in accordance with the Terms of Reference agreed upon by the Committee. The review is being funded by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. The review will be completed in time for the Committee meeting and the expert in question will hopefully be able to join us and present the review to the Committee in person.

WWT feasibility study for a reintroduction/supplementation programme for the LWfG in Norway

Following the presentation of the preliminary results of the WWT study at the last RECAP meeting, the Secretariat suggests that the final recommendations and conclusions of the study be presented to the Committee.

Country Updates

We would like to encourage you to give a short update on recent or ongoing activities in your country, followed by a short discussion.

Terms of Reference for an Independent Scientific Review on Lesser White-fronted Goose Flyways

The Committee is requested to review and adopt the Terms of Reference for the independent scientific review. This will allow the Secretariat to proceed with the commissioning of the review. The draft ToR will be sent to you for comments in advance.

Funding possibilities in the Nordic countries

The Secretariat will prepare an overview of funding possibilities in the Nordic countries for discussion.

Implementation of the International Single Species Action Plan for the Lesser White-fronted Goose and the up-coming Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group

The Secretariat will submit a short report on the implementation of the SSAP to the Committee and briefly introduce its plans for the international coordination of the implementation efforts in the range states. The Committee is also invited to discuss the up-coming Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group.

Project proposal from Aktion Zwerggans for the release of Lesser White-fronted Geese

The project proposal from the German NGO Aktion Zwerggans for the release of Lesser White-fronted Geese with the help of ultra light aircraft will be submitted to the Committee members for review with the aim of reaching a decision on the project at the RECAP meeting.

Please send any comments on and/or additions to the preliminary agenda to Ms. Mikander (nmikander@unep.de) by the 10th of September at the latest.

Following your preliminary confirmation of dates for the meeting, the AEWA Secretariat would appreciate to receive notice of the size and composition of your delegation as soon as possible. Due to security regulations at the UN Campus all participants must be registered in order to gain entrance to the premises. Please send the completed registration forms for all members of your delegation to Ms. Mikander by the 20th of September. Please remember to bring your passport or identity card with you for the security check.

Please make your own hotel and travel arrangements for the meeting. Rooms have been reserved until the 10th of September at the Hotel Aigner in the center of Bonn. The price for a single room with breakfast buffet is 75€ per night. You are free to confirm this reservation (under the reservation name RECAP) or make alternative hotel arrangements according to your preferences. Please also note that the Secretariat cannot cover any costs of travel, hotel accommodation or subsistence associated with the meeting.

In case you encounter any problems or for any feedback, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Mikander.

We look forward to meeting you and your colleagues here in Bonn and would like to thank you in advance for your contributions and cooperation!

Yours sincerely,



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