



1st Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group

30. November – 1. December 2010, Helsinki, Finland

- Funding of Working Group Activities – Budget overview -

INTRODUCTION

The overall coordination of the implementation of the International Single Species Action Plan for the LWfG has been placed within the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat and is being facilitated in particular by the Coordinator for the Lesser White-fronted Goose. The Coordinator will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Working Group as defined in the draft Terms of Reference.

The post of the Coordinator as well as all other expenses linked to the activities of the Working Group have so far been funded solely through voluntary contributions, in particular from the Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management, but also through contributions from the Finnish Ministry of the Environment and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety. The monthly office expenses are covered by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat. The Terms of Reference foresee that the Working Group meets every 3 years, although there might be a need for the group to meet more frequently. Future meetings of the Working Group will also require substantial funding, as can be seen in the table below.

DISCUSSION

The Working Group is invited to discuss if there is a need/wish to establish a budget for the running costs of facilitating the work of the Group or if the costs arising should be covered on an ad hoc basis with funding from voluntary contributions made by the range states as has been the case so far. It should be noted, that the Secretariat has no funds to maintain the Coordinator post or any other activities should the voluntary contributions cease.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

| Coordinator for the Lesser White-fronted Goose (Working Group Secretary) | |
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| Item | Fee/per month |
| Coordinator salary | 3200€ |
| Office (telephone, fax, stationary, mailings etc.) | 200€ |
| Total: | 3400€/month |
| Working Group Meeting | |
| Item | Fee |
| Travel, accommodation, DSA, visa costs etc. of meeting participants | 38.000€ |
| Translation and technical support | 5000€ |
| Venue, field trip, office expenses, miscellaneous | 7000€ |
| Total: | 50.000€ |

| One-off expenses, already covered | |
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| Item | Fee |
| Development of Working Group website/intranet | 1000€ |
| Working Group logo | 1200€ |
| Travel expenses coordinator (2009/2010) | 8000€ |
| Laptop coordinator | 900€ |
| PR video | 1900€ |
| Total: | 13.000€ |
| Upcoming expenses | |
| Item | Fee |
| LWfG stickers | <i>poss. contribution from Luxembourg</i> |
| LWfG posters | |
| Costs of updating SSAP (printing, translation into Russian etc.) | |
| Future Working Group Meetings | |
| Travel expenses coordinator | |