



AEWA LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP



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2nd Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group
9. - 11. November 2012, Lake Kerkini, Greece

FACT SHEET

MEETING DATES

Friday the 9th and Saturday the 10th of November 2012 – a field trip to Lake Kerkini will take place on Sunday the 11th of November.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 o'clock on Friday the 9th of November. Registration will be open from 8:00 o'clock onwards.

HOST

Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of the Hellenic Republic

FACILITATOR

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat

MEETING VENUE

Hotel Villa Belles
Akritochori – Serres
62043 GREECE

Website: www.villabelles.gr

The meeting will take place in the hotel conference room.

How to reach the organizers by phone:

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INVITED PARTICIPANTS

Appointed representatives from the 22 range states (Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Sweden, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan) and the European Commission. The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT), BirdLife International, Wetlands International, the Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU (FACE) and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) have been invited to the meeting as observers.



The 2nd Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group is being convened within the framework of the EU LIFE+ project "Safeguarding the Lesser White-fronted Goose along its European Flyway" [LIFE10NAT/GR/638].

MEETING REGISTRATION

Please register for the meeting by Monday the 1st of October at the latest. Funded delegates are requested to register as soon as possible in order to ensure the timely issuance of visas for Greece. Please registration online at www.unep-aewa.com. The online registration system is still quite new, so if you experience any difficulties in registering, please contact the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat (nina.mikander@lesserwhitefrontedgoose.aewa.info).

MEETING DOCUMENTS

All meeting documents will be made available for download from the AEWA website (http://www.unep-aewa.org/meetings/en/lwfg_iwg/meeting2/lwfg_iwg_2.htm) as they are ready. Delegates are kindly asked to bring meeting documentation with them.

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms for meeting participants have been reserved at both the Villa Belles Hotel as well as at the nearby Hotel Melina at Lake Kerkini. The Hotel Melina is approximately 10-15 minutes walking distance from the Villa Belles Hotel.

Websites: <http://www.villabelles.gr/>
http://www.hotelmelina.gr/melina_eng.html

Funded delegates:

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat will make your hotel booking at the Villa Belles Hotel as soon as your flights have been confirmed. Please note that the Secretariat will not cover any additional costs related to your stay at the hotel (mini-bar, telephone, laundry etc.).

Non-funded delegates:

Please make your own travel arrangements to the meeting. For all participants arriving and departing from Thessaloniki airport the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat will arrange for transportation to and from Lake Kerkini. Please communicate your travel details (flight times and flight numbers) to the Secretariat so that we can arrange for your transportation to Lake Kerkini.

Rooms have been reserved at the hotels mentioned above until the **Friday the 19th of October**. The rate at the Hotel Melina is 40€/night/room (for both single and double occupancy).

For bookings at the Hotel Melina, please contact the hotel directly:

Email: info@hotelmelina.gr /phone: +30 23230 71212

For bookings at the Villa Belles Hotel (50€/night/room single occupancy and 60€/night/room double occupancy), please contact the Secretariat.

You are free to confirm these reservations for the number of nights that you require depending on your travel schedule or make alternative hotel arrangements according to your preferences.

VISA FOR TRAVEL TO GREECE

Information about the entry requirements to Greece for all nationalities as well as a list of Greek diplomatic missions abroad is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

www.mfa.gr/en/visas/visas-for-foreigners-traveling-to-greece/

Those participants requiring a visa will receive an additional letter of invitation from the Greek Ministry of the Environment as well as a verbal note from the UNEP/CMS Secretariat. Please include these, as well as the

meeting invitation from the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat to your visa application. Please contact the Secretariat for assistance with your visa applications (nina.mikander@lesserwhitefrontedgoose.aewa.info).

ARRIVAL AT THESSALONIKI AIRPORT

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Nina Mikander (nina.mikander@lesserwhitefrontedgoose.aewa.info / Tel.: +49 (0)228 815 24 52).