



*AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS*

**AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group
- NATIONAL REPORT -**

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LWfG Single Species Action Plan online in ENGLISH:

http://www.unep-aewa.org/activities/working_groups/lwfg/lwfg_ssap_130109.pdf

LWfG Single Species Action Plan online in RUSSIAN:

http://www.unep-aewa.org/activities/working_groups/lwfg/lwfg_ssap_russ.pdf

- Please use the grey fields for answers and comments. -

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNTRY Norway

Contracting Party to AEWA:

Yes No

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GENERAL INFORMATION – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional):

2. STATUS UPDATE

2.1. SPECIES STATUS -BREEDING (pairs)

Latest population estimate:	Year	2012
	Minimum	15
	Maximum	18

Population trend: stable

Source(s) of information:
piskulka.net, dirnat.no, pers. comm, unpublished reports

Not applicable No information

2.2. SPECIES STATUS - PASSING (individuals)

Latest population estimate:	Year	
	Minimum	
	Maximum	

Population trend: select from list

Source(s) of information:

Not applicable No information

2.3. SPECIES STATUS – WINTERING (individuals)

Latest population estimate:	Year	
	Minimum	
	Maximum	

Population trend: select from list

Source(s) of information:

Not applicable No information

2.4. SPECIES STATUS – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)**3. UPDATE ON CRITICAL SITES**

NOTE: the list of critical sites can be found in Annexes 3a and 3b of the SSAP (see links above).

Which sites that have been identified in the LWfG SSAP as important for the species in your country have been designated as protected areas under the national legislation and have management plans that are being implemented?

Total number of sites
3-4

Out of the above total, number of protected sites
1

Number of protected sites with management plans that are being implemented
1

Please point at major gaps in the protection and management of critical sites which will need to be addressed as a matter of priority.

As in last report all LWfG sites are under a special protection of the Norwegian Nature Diversity Act and any possible actions that might disturb or destroy LWfG will be illegal. Because of this any of these 3-4 sites (or other future localities) is protected that might cause directly negative effect upon individuals.

Have any new sites currently not mentioned in the SSAP, either through monitoring or satellite tracking, been identified as possible critical sites for the species?

Yes No

If yes, please list these sites:

Sirbma, Tana municipality, Finnmark county. Observations on the spring migration

Are any of these sites protected and/or managed?

yes, see above

CRITICAL SITES - FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)**4. UPDATE ON PRESSURES/THREATS AND RESPONSES****4.1. HUNTING**

Please rate the magnitude of hunting as a threat to the LWfG in your country:

Severe High Medium Low No threat

Trend: stable

Description of the situation:

The hunting legislations forbids any goose hunting at the staging/roosting sites for LWfG in Norway. General goosehunting (greytag) is now illegal at sites were LWfG is likely to visit/use during its autumn roosting in Norway.

Source(s) of information:

The Directorate for Nature Management

No information

Has hunting been banned at all key sites used by the Lesser White-fronted Geese during the period when Lesser White-fronted Geese are present?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

Precautions has been taken so that goosehunting is forbidden at historical and potential sites were LWfG might be seen at autumn. Spring hunting is generally forbidden in Norway but legal through ILO-convention for a small number of hunters as a traditional springhunt of ducks for the local saami people.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Have efforts been made to assess the hunting pressure at key sites?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

If no, please explain why:

Illegal hunting is not assessed, but NOF and their surveillance program holds an 24 hour mapping and supervision at the important staging site at Valdak/Porsanger.

If not applicable, please explain why:

Has obligatory training of hunters as outlined by the Hunting Charter of the Bern Convention for hunters been implemented?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

If no, please explain why:

Norwegian hunting exam fulfills the criteria in the Charter. Hunting exam is obligatory/required in Norway.

If not applicable, please explain why:

Has the level of protection from illegal hunting been increased within existing protected areas through training and improved enforcement?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

If no, please explain why:

Not necessary due to low risk.

If not applicable, please explain why:

Has an effort been made to redirect hunting from adults to juveniles in areas where Lesser White-fronted Geese occur outside of the key sites?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

If no, please explain why:

There is a general prohibition of LWfG.

If not applicable, please explain why:

Have lure crops been planted (or similar steps been taken) to direct Lesser White-fronted Geese away from areas where hunting pressure is known to be high?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Uses natural grasslands/wetlands.

4.2. POISONING

Please rate the magnitude of poisoning as a threat to the LWfG in your country:

Severe High Medium Low No threat

Trend: select from list

Description of the situation:

Not a tradition, also a national ban.

Source(s) of information:

DN

No information

4.3. HUMAN DISTURBANCE

Please rate the magnitude of human disturbance as a threat to the LWfG in your country:

Severe High Medium Low No threat

Trend: stable

Description of the situation:

Sparsely populated area, protected site with restrictions on access or ban of access.

Source(s) of information:
DN

No information

Are you taking measures to avoid infrastructure development and other sources of human disturbance, including recreation/tourism liable to have an adverse impact on the known core breeding areas?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

New nature protection act (2009) strengthens legal protection and restrictions on any new infrastructure being in conflict with sites.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Are you taking measures to avoid infrastructure development and other sources of human disturbance, including recreation/tourism liable to have an impact on the known key sites?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

County Governor and State Rangers (SNO) instructed to follow national action plan.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Are you taking measures to avoid overgrazing and nest trampling if/where this is known to be a problem?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

Restriction of access, but there is significant amount of reindeers using same areas in the breeding season. Unknown problem at this time.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

4.4. PREDATION

Please rate the magnitude of predation as a threat to the LWfG in your country:

Severe High Medium Low No threat

Trend: stable

Description of the situation:

At the breeding site red fox, great black-backed gull and raven is the most common predators. Their appearance as secondary predators may cause an dramatic negatively effect upon LWfG. Especially red fox is though to depradate upon both eggs and chicks and can disturb the breeding pairs so that they leave their nest.

Source(s) of information:

DN

No information

Are you taking measures to minimize predation, where this has been shown to be a significant limiting factor (particularly in the breeding grounds)?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

Since 2007 a the SNO has been given a project from the authorities concerning culling of red fox. This culling has been done from february- may month. By snowmobiles both single ind. and breeding red fox with puppies has been shot. There is also given a permit to dig out dens. Anually there has been shot 10-70 individuals in the period of 2007-2011. Because of a year of high densities og lemmings in 2011, an increase of red fox were expected and in the spring 2012 the state rangers (SNO) trapped down as many as 360 red fox in the breeding areas.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

4.5. HABITAT LOSS/DEGRADATION (Agricultural intensification, construction of dams etc., wetland drainage, climate change, land abandonment, overgrazing, pollution of wetlands/water bodies)

Please rate the magnitude of habitat loss/degradation as a threat to the LWfG in your country:

Severe High Medium Low No threat

Trend: stable

Description of the situation:

Hardly any changes.

Source(s) of information:

DN

No information

Are you monitoring the habitat quality at key sites in order to identify any anthropogenic pressures as early as possible?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

Annual monitoring at key staging site.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Are you taking measures to restore and/or rehabilitate Lesser White-fronted Goose roosting and feeding habitat in the staging or wintering areas?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:
No threat or detectable changes.

THREATS & RESPONSES - FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5. UPDATE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND ACTIVITIES

5.1. NATIONAL LEGAL PROTECTION

Is the Lesser White-fronted Goose legally protected in your country?

Yes No

If yes, please list the year and title of the legislation concerned as well as the enforcing institution:
1981 Wildlife Act and 2009 Nature Biodiversity Act. Directorate for Nature Management.

If no, please explain why:

Does the national hunting legislation, in principle, provide adequate protection of the Lesser White-fronted Goose?

Yes No

If yes, please provide further information:
In addition to legal ban, a ban on hunting geese (all species) in key staging areas has been enforced.

If no, please explain why:

Are sufficient human and financial resources being allocated to the enforcement of hunting legislation in order to control hunting effectively?

Yes No

If yes, please provide further information:
See NSSAP.

If no, please explain why:

NATIONAL LEGAL PROTECTION – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5.2. NATIONAL SINGLE SPECIES ACTION PLAN

Has your country drafted a National Single Species Action Plan for the Lesser White-fronted Goose?

- NSSAP in place and being implemented
- NSSAP in place, but not being implemented
- NSSAP in development
- No NSSAP

If you already have a NSSAP, please add a reference/link to the plan below:
<http://www.piskulka.net/Action%20plans.htm>

If a NSSAP has been developed but is not being implemented, please explain why:

If your NSSAP is still being developed, please describe when the process was started and when the Action Plan is estimated to be completed:

If your country does not have a NSSAP, please explain the reasons why not:

If your country does not have or is still in the process of developing its LWfG NSSAP, would you be interested in assistance from the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat in this work?

Yes No

If yes, please specify what kind of assistance you would require:

NSSAP – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5.3. NATIONAL WORKING GROUP

Does your country have a National Working Group for the Lesser White-fronted Goose?

Yes No

If yes, please provide more information about Working Group members, function etc.:
 The Directorate for Nature management, including Norwegian Nature Inspectorate and BirdLife partner NOF.

If no, please explain the reasons:

NATIONAL WORKING GROUP – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5.4. MONITORING

Does your country have a monitoring scheme in place for the LWfG?

Breeding season:

Yes Partial No Not applicable

Please provide more information on the monitoring activities during breeding season:
Detailed annual monitoring of population.

Passage/migration period:

Yes Partial No Not applicable

Please provide more information on the monitoring activities during the passage/migration season:
Detailed annual monitoring of population.

Wintering season:

Yes Partial No Not applicable

Please provide more information on the monitoring activities during the non-breeding/wintering season:

If there is no monitoring scheme on a national level, is LWfG monitoring conducted on a regular basis by other means?

Breeding season:

Yes Partial No Not applicable

If yes OR partial, please provide further information on how the monitoring is being done and by whom:

Passage/migration period:

Yes Partial No Not applicable

If yes OR partial, please provide further information on how the monitoring is being done and by whom:

Wintering season:

Yes Partial No

If yes OR partial, please provide further information on how the monitoring is being done and by whom:

MONITORING – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5.5. LWfG CONSERVATION/RESEARCH PROJECTS

List (or provide links to) any national and/or international LWfG conservation or research projects being conducted in your country - including the project title, goals and objectives, period of implementation, implementing organization, contact details and a short description:

See NSSAP

List (or provide links to) any other national and/or international conservation or research projects being conducted in your country that could be useful for LWfG conservation - including the project title, goals and objectives, period of implementation, implementing organization, contact details and a short description:

See NSSAP

LWfG CONSERVATION/RESEARCH PROJECTS – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5.6. AWARENESSRAISING

Has your country developed and implemented methods for raising awareness and understanding on LWfG and LWfG conservation, in particular with relation to hunters?

Yes, being implemented

Please provide further information on methods and how they are being implemented:

Yes, but not being implemented

If methods are available but not yet implemented, please provide further information on the methods and explain why they are not being implemented at present:

Being developed

If being developed, please describe when these methods will be ready for implementation:

No

If no, please explain why:

If yes or being developed, has your country developed/produced LWfG information materials to this end (i.e. posters, leaflets etc.)?

Yes Being developed No

If yes OR being developed, please provide further information:
Visitors center, media releases.

AWARENESSRAISING – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

6. FUNDING

Are there any national funding possibilities for LWfG conservation measures in your country?

Yes No

If yes, please list the funding programs and relevant authorities:
Government.

If your country does not yet have a National Single Species Action Plan, would national funding be available for the drafting and implementation of the NSSAP?

Yes No

FUNDING – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

7. UPDATE ON KEY KNOWLEDGE

Are satellite tracking and/or field surveys being used in your country to locate the key breeding grounds for the Western Main population?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:
See NSSAP

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Are satellite tracking and/or field surveys being used in your country to locate the key staging and wintering sites for the Western Main population?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:
See NSSAP and EU-Life and Life+ programme.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Are satellite tracking and/or field surveys being used in your country to locate the key breeding, staging and wintering sites for the Fennoscandian population?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

They are mostly known but additional information upon new knowledge will ofcourse be used

If not applicable, please explain why:

Are further field studies of suitable breeding habitat and staging areas being undertaken in order to update the estimate for the Fennoscandian population (Kola peninsula etc.)?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:
Done over many years.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Are there any further knowledge gaps not covered by this report critical for LWfG conservation in your country which would require further research?

Yes No

If yes, please provide further information:

Disturbance effects in breeding grounds from both reindeer and humans.

KEY KNOWLEDGE – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (optional)

THANK YOU!