

**International Single Species Action Plan for the Western Palearctic Population of
the LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE, *Anser erythropus***

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Annex 2

Lithuania

Vernacular name: Mažoji žąsis

There is a lack of information on the species' status, but it can be assumed that birds of the Fennoscandian population pass through Lithuania regularly during both spring and autumn migration. Flocks of up to 800 birds were recorded from the Nemunas Delta and Kurshiu Lagoon prior to the 1960s. Subsequently, only very small numbers were recorded, until 1995, when up to 230 staging birds were observed in the Nemunas Delta and small flocks were also recorded at coastal sites in the autumns of 1996 and 1997 (Stoncius and Markkola 2000).

In July 2000, Lesser White-fronted Goose was included in category 4 of the Lithuanian Red Data Book. Lack of information concerning the species' occurrence in Lithuania precluded its inclusion in a higher category. In 2005 July was deleted from the list of Red Data Book. According to a 1998 Government Decision, a fine of approximately EUR86 (applying April 2005 exchange rates) is applied if a category 4 Red Data Book species is killed. There were no records in 2000. (Stoncius, 2004).

Annex 5

Protection of Lesser White-fronted Goose under national legislation, by Range State.

Range State	Status in National Red Data Book1	Legal Protection from Killing	Year of Protection Status	Penalties for Illegal Killing or Nest Destruction	Opening/ Closing Dates of Hunting Season	Annual Bag Size	Highest Responsible National Authority
Lithuania	None	Not listed as a quarry species	----	-----	No hunting season	None	Ministry of Environment

Table 5. Summary of mechanisms and institutional arrangements for conservation of Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus*.

Country	National Action Plan for Lesser Whitefronted Goose?	National Working Group for Lesser Whitefronted Goose?	National Monitoring Programme for Lesser Whitefronted Goose?	Monitoring Programme in Protected Areas?	Routines for Informing the Responsible Authorities Regarding Nesting Areas and Nest Sites?
Lithuania	NO	NO	NO	NO	N/A