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Work plan for the implementation of non-AHM related actions of the AEWA Taiga Bean Goose International Single Species Action Plan (2017-2018) – Eastern 1 Management Unit (Range States: Belarus, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Ukraine)

ISSAP actions	Detailed activities	Lead	Time-frame	Budget	Comments
<i>Result 1.1. Legal harvest does not jeopardise an increase of adult survival rates</i>					
1.1.1. Develop and implement international adaptive harvest management framework. Obey the principles of sustainable harvest management and decision-making framework for harvest management as described in the revised AEWA Guidelines for sustainable harvest of migratory waterbirds adopted by MOP6. Obtain accurate estimates of (sub) population size, and robust demographic and harvest data.	1.1.1.1 Prepare and adopt legislative proposals for the closure of hunting of Taiga Bean Geese (including the use of flexible hunting seasons in Belarus and Russia) to allow for Taiga Bean Geese to pass before goose hunting is opened Range States: ALL	Responsible government authorities	2017-2018	none	Discussions amongst responsible national authorities and national experts regarding the closure of hunting should commence as soon as possible, even if it may not be possible to close hunting immediately
	1.1.1.2 Improve knowledge on the occurrence of Taiga Bean Geese in all Eastern Management Unit Range States a) Ensure national monitoring of Taiga Bean Geese at all known key sites (including providing identification training & equipment to people carrying out the monitoring where possible) Range States: ALL	Responsible government authorities (Ministries of the Environment etc.)	2017-2018	unknown	Increased knowledge on the occurrence, distribution, migratory patterns etc. of Taiga Bean Geese is an essential step in order to be able to propose appropriate changes to the hunting legislations in each Range State.

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	<p>b) Carry out satellite/GPS-tagging of Taiga Bean Geese in the wintering/staging areas to further identify and map potential key sites as well as migratory patterns (potentially tag birds in Eastern Germany, Lithuania, Belarus or in Ukraine)</p> <p>Range States: best location for implementation to be decided</p>	TBG Task Force (<i>to be established</i>)	2017-2018	unknown	In this context, it will be useful to develop a joint project for the Eastern Management Unit with the aim of implementing the activities identified under this action (for example EU LIFE)
	<p>c) Increase efforts to engage Poland and Russia (especially Kaliningrad)</p>	Lithuania Finland? Norway?	2017	none	
Result 1.2. Illegal harvest is reduced to non-significant levels					
1.2.2. Raise identification skills and awareness of the status of different goose species amongst hunters	<p>1.2.2.1 Prepare and implement an awareness-raising campaign for hunters to complement suggested legislation changes, including guidance on the identification of grey geese.</p> <p>Range States: Belarus, Ukraine</p>	National NGOs and research institutes in cooperation with the TBG Task Force	2018	unknown	
	<p>1.2.2.2 Produce and disseminate special publication on the occurrence of Taiga Bean Geese</p> <p>Range States: Ukraine</p>	National NGOs and research institutes	2017	unknown	Collation of available information

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<i>Result 1.2. Illegal harvest is reduced to non-significant levels</i>					
Action 1.2.2. Raise identification skills and awareness of the status of different goose species amongst hunters	1.2.2.1 Investigate TBG shooting NE Jutland & Zealand Range States: Denmark	SVANA	2017	None	
<i>Result 1.3. Impact of huntable native predators in breeding and moulting areas is reduced</i>					
Action 1.3.1. Maintain and strengthen predator control measures in breeding and moulting areas	1.3.1.1 Undertake annual campaign amongst hunters in the breeding areas to strengthen fox management Range States: Finland	Finnish Wildlife Agency + hunting association	2017 + 2018	none	
	1.3.1.2 Communicate to the Forestry & Parks Service the importance of continuing and strengthening fox management in the northernmost Finland Range States: Finland	Finnish Wildlife Agency	2017	none	
<i>Result 1.4. Impact of alien predators in breeding and moulting areas is reduced</i>					
Action 1.4.1. Maintain and strengthen alien predator control and eradication measures in breeding and moulting areas	1.4.1.1 Carry on the eradication of raccoon dog in Lapland & Sweden Range States: Finland, Sweden	Finnish Wildlife Agency / Swedish Hunters' Association	Ongoing	FI: Secured (150,000 EUR) SE: secured (800,000 EUR)	

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<i>Result 2.2. Interspecific competition in spring staging areas is reduced</i>					
Action 2.2.1. Maintain the unharvested-fields-for-birds programme (within the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the European Union, if applicable)	2.2.1.1 Continue implementing the fields for geese programme Range States: Sweden	County Administrative Boards	Ongoing	secured	
	2.2.1.2 Ministry of Agriculture to maintain this programme in the national CAP starting form 2020 Range States: Finland	Ministry of Agriculture	2017 + 2018	none	
	2.2.1.3 Demonstrate the benefits of the programme to the Agriculture Department of the Ministry of Agriculture Range States: Finland	Finnish Wildlife Agency	2017 + 2018	none	
<i>Result 3.1. Impact of forestry works is reduced</i>					
Action 3.1.1. Continue the adaptation of forestry operations to take into account wildlife, in particular Taiga Bean Goose	3.1.1.1 Working models for Wildlife Friendly Forests management and forestry related habitat restorations are developed in co-operation with forestry sector and promoted at large to forest owners and corporations to reach implementation in practice. Actions implement the national management plans for the grouse species and the Bean Goose. Range States: Finland	Finnish Wildlife Agency	Ongoing	none	

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Action 3.1.2. Continue restoring mires used by Taiga Bean Geese that have been affected by past drainage	3.1.2.1 Implement annual goals for mire restoration by Parks & Wildlife Finland set by the Ministry of Environment Range States: Finland	Parks & Wildlife Finland	Ongoing	Dependent on available resources	
	3.1.2.2 Develop and submit LIFE application to the EC Range States: Finland	Parks & Wildlife Finland	2017 + 2018	none	
<i>Result 3.3. Breeding, staging and wintering habitats are not further lost due to oil and gas or renewable energy developments</i>					
Action 3.3.1. Take account of Taiga Bean Goose breeding, staging and wintering habitats in the planning of new oil and gas and renewable energy developments	3.3.1.1 Continued monitoring of collision risk posed to Taiga Bean close to the Special Protection Areas identified as their important wintering sites Range States: Denmark	SVANA / Aarhus University/ Windfarming company	Ongoing	Secured	
<i>Result 3.4. Impact of agriculture on natural Taiga Bean Goose habitats is minimised</i>					
Action 3.4.1. Restore wet grassland habitats in staging and wintering areas	3.4.1.1 Increase the area of managed coastal grassland under CAP Range States: Finland	Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment	2017-2018	secured	

