



AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group - National Report 2011-2012

Welcome to the online reporting template for the 2011-2012 national report on the implementation of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose Single Species Action Plan under the framework of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group.

Reporting on the implementation of the Lesser White-fronted Goose Single Species Action Plan was established at the first Meeting of the Working Group, which took place on the 30.11.-1.12.2010 in Helsinki, Finland. The meeting also adopted the format reflected in this online template.

Please submit the completed form to the AEWA Secretariat by **Friday the 31st of August 2012 at the latest**, by pressing the **submit button** on the top right of the questionnaire **once you have completed all questions**.

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Single Species Action Plan in English

Single Species Action Plan in Russian

Happy reporting!

1. General Information

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2. Status Update

2.1. Species Status - breeding (pairs)

Does the species breed in your country?

No

2.2. Species Status - passage (individuals)

Does the species occur in your country on passage?

Yes

Latest population estimate

Minimum

> 1

Maximum

> 80

Year

> 2011

Population trend

Please select from the list

Fluctuating

Source(s) of information

Please list any published or unpublished sources of information on passage population size and trend estimates.

> www.piskulka.net

2.3. Species Status - wintering (individuals)

Does the species winter in your country?

No

3. Update on Critical Sites

3.1. Critical sites identified in the SSAP

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 identified in the SSAP:

> 6

Out of the above total, number of protected sites:

> 6

3.3. Identification of new sites

Have any new sites which are currently not mentioned in the SSAP been identified as possible critical sites for the species?

No

4. Update on Pressures/Threats and Responses

4.1. Hunting

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

Please select from the list (for guidance "hover" over the question mark button on the right):

Low

Please indicate the trend of hunting as a threat to the LWfG

Declining

Please describe the hunting situation with respect to LWfG in your country (For example: when and where does hunting occur? Who hunts and why?)

> The LWfG is a strictly protected species in Hungary. The main resting sites of the species are also strictly protected, where hunting is prohibited. Goose hunting is only available outside of protected areas from 1st of December to the 31th of January.

4.1.2. Has hunting been banned at all key sites used by LWfG when LWfG are present?

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

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

Please tick the appropriate box.

No

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

Please tick the appropriate box.

Not applicable

4.1.6. Has an effort been made to redirect hunting from adults to juveniles in areas where LWfG occur outside of the key sites?

Please tick the appropriate box

Yes

4.1.7. Have lure crops been planted (or similar steps been taken) to direct LWfG away from areas where hunting pressure is known to be high?

Please tick the appropriate box

No

4.2. Poisoning

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

Please select from the list (for guidance "hover" over the question mark button on the right):

Low

Please indicate the trend of poisoning as a threat to the LWfG in your country.

Unknown

4.3. Human disturbance

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

Please select from the list (for guidance "hover" over the question mark button on the right):

Low

Please indicate the trend of human disturbance as a threat to LWfG in your country.

Stable

Please describe the situation with regard to the threat from human disturbance and the LWfG in your country.

> In the main feeding and resting sites of the species fisheries and sheperds may disturb it.

4.3.2. 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?

Please tick the appropriate box:

Not applicable

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Not applicable

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Not applicable

4.4. Predation

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

Please select from the list (for guidance "hover" over the question mark button on the right):

Unknown

Please indicate the trend of predation as a threat to the LWfG in your country:

Unknown

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

No

4.5. Habitat loss/degradation

(Such as agricultural intensification, construction of dams etc., wetland drainage, climate change, land abandonment, overgrazing, pollution of wetlands/water bodies etc.)

4.5.1. Rate the magnitude of habitat loss/degradation as a threat to the LWfG in your country.

Select from the list (for guidance "hover" over the question mark button on the right):

Low

Please indicate the trend of habitat loss/degradation as a threat to the LWfG in your country.

Stable

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

Please provide more information on the measures being implemented.

> See LIFE and LIFE+ Projects

5. Update on National Legislation and Activities

5.1. National legal protection

5.1.1. Is the LWfG legally protected in your country?

Please tick the appropriate box.

Yes

Please list the year and title of the legislation concerned as well as the enforcing institution.

> It has been protected since 1982. Ministry order n.o. 13/2001 dealing with the protected species in Hungary. Enforcing institution Ministry of Rural Development.

5.1.2. Does the national hunting legislation, in principle, provide adequate protection of the LWfG?

Please tick the appropriate box:

No

Please explain why the current hunting legislation does not provide adequate protection of the species.

> National hunting legislation referring to the 13/2001 Ministry order. All the species listed there are banned to hunt.

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

5.2. National Single Species Action Plan

5.2.1. Has your country drafted a National Single Species Action Plan for the LWfG?

Please select from the list:

NSSAP in development

Please describe when the process was started and when the Action Plan is estimated to be completed.

> In the LIFE+ Nature Project "Safeguarding the Lesser White-fronted Goose Fennoscandian population in key wintering and staging sites within the European flyway" (LIFE10 NAT/GR/000638) is coordinated by the Hellenic Ornithological Society, from 2011 to 2016, in collaboration with the Forest Research Institute of the National Agricultural Research Foundation - Greece, the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change - Greece, the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds (BSPB), the Hortobágy National Park Directorate - Hungary, UNEP/ African - Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement Secretariat (AEWA), WWF Finland and the Natural Heritage Services of Metsähallitus - Finland, with the financial support of the European Commission and the co-financing of the Directorate of Nature management (Norway).

5.2.2. 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?

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

Please specify what kind of assistance would be needed.

> In progress.

5.3. National Working Group

5.3.1. Does your country have a National Working Group for the LWfG?

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

Please provide more information about Working Group members, function etc.

> In the LIFE+ Nature Project "Safeguarding the Lesser White-fronted Goose Fennoscandian population in key wintering and staging sites within the European flyway" (LIFE10 NAT/GR/000638) we formed a National

Working Group with more than 15 experts (National Parks, NGO's, Ministry of Rural Development) to discuss the NSSAP.

5.4. Monitoring

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

During the breeding season?

Not applicable

During passage/migration period?

Yes

During the wintering season?

No

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

During breeding season?

Not applicable

During passage/migration?

Yes

Please provide more information on how the monitoring is being done and by whom.

> Local birdwatchers/ornithologists on his own way during the goose migration season.

During wintering/non-breeding season?

Yes

Please provide more information on how the monitoring is being done and by whom.

> Local birdwatchers/ornithologists on his own way during the goose wintering season.

5.5. LWfG conservation/research projects

Provide links to any national and/or international LWfG conservation or research projects being conducted in your country by using the buttons on the right hand side. Please list the project title, goals and objectives, period of implementation, implementing organisation, contact details and short description.

> <http://wwf.fi/en/our-earth/lwfg/>

5.6. Awareness Raising

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

Please select from the list:

Yes, being implemented

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

> During the LIFE-Nature project „Conservation of Lesser White-fronted Goose (Anser erythropus) on the European migration route ” LIFE05 NAT/FIN/000105

5.6.2. Has your country developed/produced LWfG information materials to this end (i.e. posters, leaflets etc.)?

Please select from the list:

Yes

Please provide further information and upload any files using the button on the right hand side.

> During the LIFE-Nature project „Conservation of Lesser White-fronted Goose (Anser erythropus) on the European migration route ” LIFE05 NAT/FIN/000105 and in process during the LIFE+ Nature Project “Safeguarding the Lesser White-fronted Goose Fennoscandian population in key wintering and staging sites within the European flyway” (LIFE10 NAT/GR/000638)

6. Funding

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

6.2. 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?

Please tick the appropriate box:

No

7. Update on Key Knowledge

7.1. Are satellite tracking and/or field surveys being used in your country to locate the breeding, staging and/or wintering sites of the Western main population?

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

7.3. 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.)?

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

Please provide further information on such further knowledge gaps.

> Mainly covered by the LIFE+ Nature Project "Safeguarding the Lesser White-fronted Goose Fennoscandian population in key wintering and staging sites within the European flyway" (LIFE10 NAT/GR/000638)

9. Submission

Please insert the date of when the previous national report was submitted:

> 29.10.2010

Please insert the date of submission for this report:

> 09.10.2012