



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**.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Nina Mikander, Coordinator for the Lesser White-fronted Goose:

Email: nina.mikander@lesserwhitefrontedgoose.aewa.info

Tel: +49 (0)228 815 2452

Single Species Action Plan in English

Single Species Action Plan in Russian

Happy reporting!

1. General Information

Name of reporting Range State

› Russian Federation

Contracting Party to AEWA

Please select only one option

Yes

No

National Focal Point

Name

› Alexei Romanov

Functional title

› Dr. of Science

Organisation

› Vice-Director of Putorana Nature Reserve, Ministry of Nature Resources

Address

>

E-mail

> putorana05@mail.ru

Phone

>

Fax

>

National Expert

Name

> Vladimir Morozov

Functional title

> Senior Scientist

Organisation

> Russian Research Institute for Nature Protection

Address

> Znamenskoye-Sadki, Moscow 117628, Russia

E-mail

> piskulka@rambler.ru

Phone

> +7 916 426 84 03

Fax

>

2. Status Update

2.1. Species Status - breeding (pairs)

Does the species breed in your country?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Latest population estimate

Minimum

> 9000 totally, main western population - 3 000

Maximum

> 10 000, totally, main western population - 6 000

Year

> 2011

No information

Please select only one option

- Tick only if no information is available.

Population trend

Please select from the list

Please select only one option

- Increasing
 Stable
 Declining
 Fluctuating
 Unknown

Source(s) of information

Please list any published or unpublished sources of information on breeding population size and trend estimates.

>

2.2. Species Status - passage (individuals)

Does the species occur in your country on passage?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Latest population estimate

Minimum

> 30 000 in total, main western population - 15 000

Maximum

> 35 000, in total, main western population - 20 000

Year

> 2011

No information

Please select only one option

- Tick only if no information is available

Population trend

Please select from the list

Please select only one option

- Increasing

- Stable
 Declining
 Fluctuating
 Unknown

Source(s) of information

Please list any published or unpublished sources of information on passage population size and trend estimates.

>Rozenfeld S. 2011. The number of Red-Breasted Geese (*Branta ruficollis*) and Lesser White-fronted Geese (*Anser erythropus*) on the migration routes in 2010// Goose Bull., 12: 8-14.

2.3. Species Status - wintering (individuals)

Does the species winter in your country?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Latest population estimate

Minimum

> 0

Maximum

> 100

Year

> 2010

No information

Please select only one option

- Tick only if no information is available.

Population trend

Please select from the list

Please select only one option

- Increasing
 Stable
 Declining
 Fluctuating
 Unknown

Source(s) of information

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

> Rozenfeld S. Survey of wintering geese at Manych-Gudilo Lake, Russia // Portal to the Lesser White-fronted Goose, www.pisklka.net

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:

> 2

Out of the above total, number of protected sites:

> 4

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

>

3.2. Gaps in protection

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

> Point 8 in Resolution of the International Conference on the Waterfowl of Northern Eurasia "Waterfowl of Northern Eurasia: Geography, Dynamics and Population Management" (Elista, 2011).

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?

Please select only one option

Yes

No

Please list these sites

> Neman Delta, Ob Delta, Vinogradovo floodplain (protected), Manych-Gudilo Lake (protected), Dadynskoye Lake, Rostov Nature Reserve (protected)

Of those listed above, please specify which ones are protected and/or managed.

> Vinogradovo floodplain(protected), Manych-Gudilo Lake (protected and managed), Rostov Nature Reserve (protected)LWfG is

3.4. Additional information (optional)

Please add any additional information concerning critical sites not covered by the previous questions.

>

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):

Please select only one option

- Severe
 High
 Medium
 Low
 No threat
 Unknown

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

Please select only one option

- Increasing
 Stable
 Declining
 Unknown

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

> LWfG is strictly protected species in Russia, it is listed in the Red Data book of Russian Federation. However, LWfG are shot during spring and autumn hunting in many regions of Russia because hunters do not distinguish LWfG from GWfG. There is poaching as well.

Please list any published or unpublished sources on hunting pressure on LWfG in your country.

> Rozenfeld S. 2011. Regulation of Spring and Autumn Hunting on Waterbirds in the Kumo-Manych Depression, Russian Federation, March 2010 - February 2011. AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose Intern. Working Group REport Series No. 2. Bonn, Germany, 34 p.

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information (when is hunting banned, at which sites etc.)

> Manych-Gudilo Lake, Vinogradovo floodplains, Rostov Nature Reserve

Please explain why hunting has not yet been banned at key sites.

> Because corresponding rules and measures recommended in resolution of the International Conference on the Waterfowl of Northern Eurasia is still not accepted by Ministry of Natural Resources and Government of Russian Federation

Please explain why the banning of hunting at all key LWfG sites is not applicable in your country.

>

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information.

> Analysis of reports on hunting licences and violation records are carried out in Kalmykia Republik, Khanty-Mansi and Yamalo-Nenets autonomous districts of Russian Federation

Please provide more information on why efforts have not yet been made to assess the hunting pressure at key sites.

>

Please explain why this activity is not applicable for your country.

>

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.

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information on the implementation of training for hunters.

>

Please provide more information on why training for hunters has not yet been provided.

> Russian Federation did not attend at Bern Convention

Please explain why the training of hunters is not applicable in your country.

>

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.

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information.

> Due to new hunting legislation and activation of patrolling key sites by hunting inspections

Please provide more information on why training and improved enforcement have not been implemented in order to increase the level of protection from illegal hunting.

>

Please explain why this activity is not applicable in your country.

>

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

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information on measures taken.

>

Please provide more information on why no measures have been taken.

>

Please explain why this activity is not applicable in your country.

> Because corresponding recommendations published in Resolution of the Intern. Conference on the Waterfowl of Northern Eurasia (Elista, 2011) is still not accepted.

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

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information on the measures undertaken.

>

Please provide more information on why such measures have not been undertaken.

>

Please explain why this activity is not applicable in your country.

>

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):

Please select only one option

- Severe
- High
- Medium
- Low
- No threat
- Unknown

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

Please select only one option

- Increasing
- Stable
- Decreasing
- Unknown

Please describe the situation with regard to the threat from poisoning to the LWfG in your country.

>

Please list any published or unpublished sources on poisoning of LWfG or waterbirds in general in your country.

> Rozenfeld S. Massive death of geese in Kalmykya // Internet portal to the Lesser White-fronted Goose, local TV news in Rostov & Stavropol Regions in 2010

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):

Please select only one option

- Severe
- High
- Medium
- Low
- No threat
- Unknown

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

Please select only one option

- Increasing
- Stable
- Declining
- Unknown

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

>

Please list any published or unpublished sources on human disturbance and LWfG in your country.

>

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No

Not applicable

Please provide more information on measures being undertaken.

>

Please provide further information on why no measures are being undertaken.

>

Please explain why this activity is not applicable to your country.

> no sence

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information on the measures being undertaken.

>

Please provide more information on why measures are not being undertaken.

>

Please explain why this activity is not applicable in your country.

> It is not a problem for known key sites for the LWfG

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide further information on the measures being undertaken.

>

Please provide further information on why measures are not being undertaken.

>

Please explain why this activity is not applicable to your country.

>

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):

Please select only one option

- Severe
 High
 Medium
 Low
 No threat
 Unknown

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

Please select only one option

- Increasing
 Stable
 Decreasing

Unknown

Please describe the threat from predation to the LWfG in your country.

> Predation is a natural factor its rate of magnitude is fluctuated depend on numbers of foxes and skuas in concrete seasons

Please list any published or unpublished sources concerning predation of LWfG in your country.

>

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information on the measures being undertaken.

>

Please provide information on why measures are not being undertaken to limit the threat from predation?

>

Please explain why the activity is not applicable in your country.

>

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):

Please select only one option

- Severe
 High
 Medium
 Low
 No threat
 Unknown

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

Please select only one option

- Increasing
 Stable
 Declining
 Unknown

Please describe the situation with regard to habitat loss/degradation as a threat to the LWfG in your country (particular areas effected etc.?).

> Floodplain meadows in taiga zone of European part of Russia and in forest-steppe of Western Siberia growing up with high grasses and became unsuitable as feeding habitats for geese

Please list any published or unpublished sources on habitat loss/degradation and the LWfG in your country.

>

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information on the measures being implemented.

>Rosenfeld S. 2009. Agriculture habitat management for conservation of globally threatened species geese in Kalmykya with involment of local communities // Final report. KNIP 08-012, 25 p.

Please provide more information on why the habitat quality at key sites in not being monitored.

>

Please explain why this activity is not applicable to your country.

>

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:

Please select only one option

Yes

No

Not applicable

Please provide more information on the measures being implemented.

> Rosenfeld S. 2009. Agriculture habitat management for conservation of globally threatened species geese in Kalmykya with involment of local communities // Final report. KNIP 08-012, 25 p.

Please provide more information on why such measures are not beng implemented in your country.

>

Please explain why the activity is not applicable in your country.

>

4.6. Additional information (optional)

Please add any additional information concerning pressures/threats and reponses thereto which was not covered by the questions above.

>

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.

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

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

> Red Data book of Russian Federation, 2001

Please explain why the LWfG is not yet legally protected in your country.

>

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please provide further information.

> LWfG ban for hunting, new hunting rules made tougher

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

>

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please provide further information.

> Some regions give additional funding and human resources for protection of the species and its key sites

Please explain why.

>

5.1.4. Additional information (optional)

Please add any additional information concerning national legal protection of the species not covered in the questions above.

>

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:

Please select only one option

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

Please add a weblink or a file by using the buttons on the right.

>

Please explain why your developed NSSAP is currently not being implemented.

> It is revised

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

> Process was started in 2010, Action Plan (Strategy) is estimate to complete in 2013

Please explain why your country does not yet have a NSSAP and is not in the process of producing one.

>

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please specify what kind of assistance would be needed.

>

5.2.3. Additional information (optional)

Please add any additional information concerning NSSAPs not covered in the questions above.

>

5.3. National Working Group

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

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

> It is informal group in the frame of RGG

Please explain why no National Working Group has yet been established.

>

5.3.2. Additional information (optional)

Please add any additional information concerning the National Working Group for the LWfG not covered by the previous question.

>

5.4. Monitoring

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

During the breeding season?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 Partial
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information on the monitoring activities during breeding season.

>

Please provide more information on monitoring activities during breeding season.

>

During passage/migration period?

Please select only one option

- Yes

- Partial
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information on monitoring activities during passage/migration season.

> Monitoring is carried out in northern Kazakhstan during 10 years by international teams, in Manych Depression from 2006 and in Lower Ob' River from 2011

Please provide more information on the monitoring activities during the passage/migration season.

>

During the wintering season?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 Partial
 No
 Not applicable

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

> Monitoring at Manych-Gudilo Lake is carried out from 2007.

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

>

If your country does not have a monitoring scheme in place for the LWfG please explain why.

Please fill in the text box:

>

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?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 Partial
 No
 Not applicable

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

> Monitoring of local populations of LWfG in European Russia is carried out by V.V. Morozov

Please provide more information on how the monitoring is being done any be whom.

>

During passage/migration?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 Partial
 No
 Not applicable

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

>

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

>

During wintering/non-breeding season?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 Partial
 No
 Not applicable

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

>

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

>

5.4.3. Additional information (optional)

Please provide any additional information concerning LWfG monitoring not covered by the questions above.

>

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.

>

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 by using the buttons on the right hand side. Please also list the project title, goals and objectives, period of implementation, implementing organisation, contact details and a short description.

>

Please provide any additional information concerning LWfG conservation/research projects in your country not covered by the previous questions (optional).

>

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes, being implemented
- Yes, but not being implemented
- Being developed
- No

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

> Field guide on waterfowls for hunters was published in 2011, special banners were produced and distributed in Kalmykia Republik, agreement between Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of Education of Kalmykia Republik was signed. On the base that document manual "Rare birds of Kalmykia" for course of zoology for schools was published in 2012.

Please provide further information on the methods available and please explain why they are not being implemented at present.

>

Please describe when these methods will be ready for implementation.

>

Please explain why no measures are being undertaken.

>

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

Please select from the list:

Please select only one option

- Yes
- Being developed
- No

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

> Leaflet on LWfG was published and distributed inn 2011, field guide on waterfowl for hunters was published as well. (files are attached)

Please provide further information on materials currently in development, including when they are expected to be ready for distribution.

>

Please explain why no information materials have been produced.

>

5.6.3. Additional information (optional)

Please provide any additional information concerning awareness raising activities not covered by the questions above.

>

6. Funding

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Please select only one option

Yes

No

Please list the relevant funding programmes and relevant authorities.

> Authority of Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District decided to give funds for monitoring rare and threatened bird species in Lower Ob in 2012

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:

Please select only one option

Yes

No

6.3. Additional information (optional)

Please add any additional information concerning the funding of LWfG conservation measures in your country not covered by the questions above.

>

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information.

> Several expeditions were conducted by National Expert in tundras of European Russia in 2007-2012

Please explain why no satellite tracking or field survey are currently being undertaken.

>

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide further information on the measures being undertaken.

> Checking dates obtained as results of satellite tracking of the birds of Fennoscandian population

Please explain why no satellite tracking or field surveys are currently being undertaken.

>

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Please provide more information on measures being undertaken.

>

Please explain why no further field studies are currently being undertaken.

> There are not enough financial and human resources to carry out such surveys

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:

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please provide further information on such further knowledge gaps.

>

7.5. Additional information (optional)

Please provide any further information on key knowledge not covered by the questions above.

>

8. Additional Comments

Please provide any additional comments or information not covered by the previous sections of the national report.

› Russian Federation needs financial support for existing project on regulation of hunting in Kumo-Manych Depression and for initiation same projects on the main staging areas of LWfG in Russia (Orenburg Region and Lower Ob River valley). Russian experts would like to continue satellite tagging and field surveys in breeding grounds of Western main population and Fennoscandian population of LWfG

9. Submission

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

> 2007

Please insert the date of submission for this report:

> 31.08.2012

In order to submit, please click on the "submit questionnaire" button. After submission the report will no longer be accessible. If you wish to modify the report after submission, please request by e-mail the AEWA Secretariat to revert the submission (nina.mikander@lesserwhitefrontedgoose.aewa.info).