



AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF  
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS



**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group**

*30 November – 1 December 2010, Helsinki, Finland*

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**RECOMMENDATION 1.1**

*Recognising* that the Lesser White-fronted Goose (LWfG) is globally threatened, and listed by IUCN as Vulnerable, on Annex 1 of European Council Birds Directive, in Column A of AEWA, and in Annex II of the Bern Convention;

*Recalling* that paragraph 2.2.1 of the Action Plan of AEWA states that the Parties shall cooperate with a view to developing and implementing international single species action plans;

*Further recalling* Objective 1, Target 1.4 of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009 – 2017, to develop and implement Single Species Action Plans for the most threatened species listed under AEWA;

*Recognising* the positive progress made through several initiatives, for example, the EU Life-Nature project ‘Conservation of the Lesser White-fronted Goose on the European Migration route’, and the establishment of the Committee for Captive-breeding, Reintroduction and Supplementation of LWfG in Fennoscandia;

The meeting of the International Working Group recommends that the governments of the range states:

*Afford* full importance to the species within relevant existing national plans and legislation;

*Establish* and *implement* a National Action Plan for the species;

*Ensure* coordination and communication between relevant stakeholders, including relevant authorities, nationally;

*Cooperate* with other range states to develop joint activities for implementation;

*Encourage* governments to support initiatives and project proposals that help this species, and particularly to provide funding, or help access funding, to implement these activities;

*Ensure* positive progress with implementation of the International Single Species Action Plan by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the International Working Group, and in particular:

*Identify* key staging and wintering sites in each country;

*Significantly reduce* the effect of hunting on LWfG;

*Actively promote* awareness of the LWfG among relevant stakeholders and agencies; and  
*Make significant progress* implementing the key activities as identified for each country at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting within the Priority Implementation Plan for 2011-2012.

The meeting of the International Working Group *further encourages* non-contracting range states to consider ratifying the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds Agreement.