



AEWA LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP



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4th Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group

11-13 November 2019 – Bucharest, Romania

ANNOTATED AGENDA

- Dates:** 11.-13. November 2019
- Host:** Romanian Ministry of the Environment
- Co-organizers:** Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds (BSPB/BirdLife Bulgaria)
UNEP/AEWA Secretariat
- Venue:** Ministry of the Environment
12 Libertății Avenue, 5 District, Bucharest
- Chair country:** Estonia, new Chair to be elected.
- Main Objectives:**
- Updates provided on the current status of the species in the Western and Eastern Palearctic;
 - Reports provided on the implementation and revision of the AEWA LWfG International Action Plan as well as the implementation of the 2016-2019 workplan;
 - Reports provided on recent and ongoing satellite-tracking efforts, monitoring expeditions and conservation projects, including recommendations for next steps;
 - Initial information on the climate resilience of LWfG sites presented and a revised list of critical sites for action adopted;
 - New capacity-building possibilities presented and LWfG communication measures agreed;
 - New workplan (2020-2023) developed and adopted including agreement on fundraising for prioritized activities.
- Meeting languages:** Meeting documents will be provided in English. The meeting language will be English.
- Excursion:** A joint excursion with the AEWA Red-breasted Goose International Working Group will take place on Wednesday the 13th of November to Balta Alba Lake which is a Natura 2000 site, located approximately 180 km North-East from Bucharest.



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The 4th Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group is being hosted by the Romanian Ministry of the Environment and organized in cooperation with the Red-breasted Goose EU LIFE Project "LIFE for Safe Flight" coordinated by the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds (BSPB), with additional funding provided by the Governments of Norway and Finland.



DAY 1 – Monday 11th of November 2019				
Time	Agenda item	Document	Lead	Expected outcome
8:00	<i>Registration</i>			
9:00	Opening and welcome – Introduction to Day 1	-	Host, Chair, AEWAs Secretariat	-
9:10	Adoption of the agenda	LWfG IWG 4.1	Chair	Adoption of the agenda. Requests for any other business noted.
9:20	Admission of observers	LWfG IWG Inf. 4.2	Chair	Possible observers admitted to the meeting.
9:25	Update on the running of the Working Group	-	AEWA Secretariat	Report provided on the current status of IWG membership, coordination, budget etc.
9:35	Revision of the AEWAs Lesser White-fronted Goose International Action Plan – update	LWfG IWG 4.2, LWfG IWG Inf. 4.6	AEWA Secretariat	Update provided on current status of revision process following AEWAs MOP7.
<i>Update on status of the Fennoscandian and Western main populations</i>				
9:45	Current status of the LWfG within the Western Palearctic	-	WWF Finland	Range states updated on current status within the Western Palearctic and provided with updated basic PPT for national use.
<i>Implementation progress of AEWAs LWfG International Single Species Action Plan & 2016-2019 workplan</i>				
10:00	Report on the implementation of the AEWAs International Single Species Action Plan as well as the 2016-2019 workplan	LWfG IWG Inf. 4.5	AEWA Secretariat	Update provided on implementation progress made. Main conclusions presented.
<i>Implemented international projects, expeditions and activities 2016-2019</i>				
10:30	EU LIFE project 2011-2017 and prospects for a new LIFE project in 2020	LWfG IWG Inf. 4.9	HOS	Key outcomes and recommendations for future action presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan.
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>			
11:30	Kazakhstan monitoring expedition 2016 to assess the status of the Western main population	LWfG IWG Inf. 4.10	NOF, BSPB	Key outcomes and recommendations for future action presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan.
11:50	Assessing motivations for the illegal killing of LWfG in Kazakhstan	LWfG IWG Inf. 4.11	AEWA Secretariat	Key outcomes and recommendations for future action presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan.
12:10	LWfG projects and expeditions implemented in 2016-2019 to assess the occurrence of and threats to the species in Russia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran and Poland	LWfG IWG Inf. 12 - Inf. 4.17	BirdLife Finland, NOF, Russia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Poland	Key outcomes and recommendations for future action presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan.
13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>			
14:00	LWfG projects and expeditions implemented in 2016-2019 to assess the occurrence of and threats to the species in Russia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran and Poland <i>cont.</i>	LWfG IWG Inf. 12 - Inf. 4.17	BirdLife Finland, NOF, Russia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Poland	Key outcomes and recommendations for future action presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan.

14:30	Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative (AMBI)	LWfG IWG Inf. 4.18, Inf. 4.19	AEWA Secretariat	The AMBI 2019-2023 workplan and implementation strategy presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan.
<i>Network of critical sites and common monitoring scheme</i>				
14:40	Satellite-tracking results 2016-2019 – the migrations of Mr. Blue and Ms. Tough etc.	-	NOF, Russia	Satellite-tracking results for Western main and Fennoscandian populations presented including recommendations for next steps.
15:00	Climate resilience of sites – predicted impacts of changes in climatic space and hydrology	-	Wetlands International	Initial results of IKI project relevant for LWfG presented including recommendations for next steps.
15:20	<i>Coffee break</i>			
15:40	Update on list of critical sites prioritized for action during 2016-2019	LWfG IWG 4.3	NOF, AEWA Secretariat	Discussion and decision on which sites to target in particular for conservation action during next intersessional period. Output: list of the sites and what actions exactly are required fed into the workplan.
16:10	Update on the LWfG Common Monitoring Scheme (current status of the monitoring network including training of teams, further development of online database, distribution of equipment, revision of the monitoring guidelines etc.)	-	WWF Finland	Discussion on how to further strengthen, synchronize and promote monitoring in countries where gaps still remain including the possible need for equipment. Output: list of actions required fed into the workplan.
<i>Capacity-building, education and communication</i>				
16:30	Capacity building – “Bird Camps” as an opportunity for LWfG?	-	BirdLife Sweden/OSME	Presentation of capacity building efforts by OSME in Azerbaijan, Lebanon etc. and discussion on opportunities for collaboration linked to LWfG conservation action. Relevant activities noted for workplan.
17:15	LWfG education materials	LWfG IWG 4.4	HOS	Education materials and their use presented. Relevant activities and requests noted for workplan and communication plan.
17:30	Communication plan	LWfG IWG 4.5	AEWA Secretariat	Presentation, discussion and agreement on next steps.
17:50	Conclusions from day 1 and announcements for day 2	-	Chair, AEWA Secretariat	-
18:00	<i>Meeting closure</i>			
<i>tbc</i>	<i>Iranian documentary presentation - tbc</i>			

DAY 2 – Tuesday 12th of November 2019

Time	Agenda item	Document	Lead	Expected outcome
9:00	Opening – overview of Day 2	-	Chair	-
<i>Update on status of the Eastern main population</i>				

9:10	Current status of the LWfG within the Eastern Palearctic - China	-	China	Range states updated on current status within the Eastern Palearctic.
9:40	Current status of the LWfG within the Eastern Palearctic - Japan	-	Japan	Range states updated on current status within the Eastern Palearctic.
<i>Workplan 2020-2023 (ongoing and new activities and projects, fundraising etc.)</i>				
10:10	Draft workplan and fundraising strategy for the LWfG IWG 2020-2023	LWfG IWG 4.6	AEWA Secretariat	Presentation of suggested four-year workplan and fundraising priorities etc. short discussion. Instructions provided for the break-out group session.
10:30	Brainstorming session in break-out groups with more detailed planning of future projects and fundraising needs/opportunities	LWfG IWG 4.6	All	Participants divided into groups to work out project activities, needs, timelines etc. in more detail according to template provided.
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>			
11:30	Brainstorming session in break-out groups <i>cont.</i>	LWfG IWG 4.6	All	Participants divided into groups to work out project activities, needs, timelines etc. in more detail according to template provided.
13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>			
14:00	Brainstorming session in break-out groups <i>cont.</i>	LWfG IWG 4.6	All	Participants divided into groups to work out project activities, needs, timelines etc. in more detail according to template provided.
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>			
16:00	Summary of break-out group work	-	AEWA Secretariat	Agreement on the main priority activities to be implemented during next intersessional period as discussed and outlined in the break-out groups.
<i>Working Group house-keeping etc.</i>				
17:00	Election of Chair country	-	AEWA Secretariat	Election of Chair country for next inter-sessional period
17:15	Next Meeting of the Working Group	-	Chair, AEWA Secretariat	Decision taken on approximate timing and possible venue of the next Working Group meeting.
17:25	Any other business	-	Chair	Discussion of possible points raised at beginning of meeting
17:35	Summary and closing remarks	-	Chair, AEWA Secretariat	-
18:00	<i>Meeting closure, announcements for the excursion and dinner</i>			
19:00	<i>Joint dinner (exact time and venue to be confirmed)</i>			

DAY 3 – Wednesday 13th of November 2019

<i>tbc</i>	Joint excursion with members of the AEWA Red-breasted Goose International Working Group to Balta Alba Lake			
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