



# European Goose Management Platform - National Report 2018

As outlined in Rule 32 of the Modus Operandi of the European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG) adopted at the 1st Meeting of the Working Group (EGM IWG1) in December 2016, reports on the implementation of the AEWA International Species Action and Management Plans within the remit of the European Goose Management Platform (EGMP) shall be prepared by each Range State, according to a format agreed by the EGM IWG, and be presented at each face-to-face meeting of the EGM IWG.

These National Reports are also expected to provide the basis for the reporting obligations of the EGM IWG to the AEWA bodies (Modus Operandi Rule 33).

As such, countries are invited to report on their implementation progress and provide information and data as available, regarding the International Action and Management Plans to which they are a Principle Range State using the following template.

## Scope of National Reports

The scope of the National Reports is on activities foreseen in the respective Action and Management Plans as well as the implementation of adaptive harvest management programmes. In addition, reporting on other tasks as decided by the EGM IWG in terms of implementation, are included as necessary.

## Data provision to the EGMP Data Center

It should be noted that data required for the adaptive harvest management processes running under the EGMP are **not** be included in the template. As indicated in document AEWA/EGM/ IWG 2.10, presented to the EGM IWG at the 2nd EGM IWG meeting in Copenhagen in June 2017, all metadata and information on the monitoring activities on the population size, demographics, harvest levels and derogation numbers, will be submitted by Range States separately directly to the EGMP Data Centre.

## Reporting structure

The National Report template encompasses five sections.

I. General information

II. General non-species-specific reporting

III. Reporting on the implementation of the International Species Management Plan for the Svalbard population of the Pink-footed Goose, following the structure of the four main objectives of the plan

Reporting of the implementation of the International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Taiga Bean Goose, based on the structure of the biannual implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016.

The Taiga Bean Goose template is divided into two sub-sections according to Management Units:

IV. Sub-section A: Eastern 1 Management Unit

V. Sub-section B: Western and Central Management Units

**Please note that country-specific questions are indicated (see bold text in square brackets under the questions)** and only need to be answered by the respective countries.

## Deadline for submission

The final deadline of submission of the National Reports to the Secretariat is set for **Friday 20 April 2018**, two months before the annual meeting of the EGM IWG.

## **I. General information**

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Please insert information on any other relevant institutions/entities/individual experts that have contributed to this report

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**Additional information and comments (optional)**

Please insert additional information and comments

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## II. General non-species-specific reporting (to be completed by all Range States)

II.1. Are you monitoring the level of agricultural conflict (damage, complaints) with geese in your country on national (centralized for the entire country), regional(sub-national) or local level?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No  
 Not relevant

Please indicate the level:

Possibility for multiple options

- National (centralized for the entire country)  
 Regional (sub-national)  
 Local

### National (centralized for the entire country) monitoring

Please provide details on the national monitoring methods, units, frequency and the coverage  
> The coverage of the monitoring is poor. It is merely based on annual compensations applied and paid to farmers to cover damage done by geese.

Are these national activities species-specific?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No

Please list the species

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### Regional (sub-national) monitoring

Please provide details on the regional monitoring methods, units, frequency and the coverage  
> The coverage of the monitoring is poor. It is merely based on annual compensations applied and paid to farmers to cover damage done by geese.

Are these regional activities species-specific?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No

Please list the species

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### Local monitoring

Please provide details on the local monitoring methods, units, frequency and the coverage  
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Are these local activities species-specific?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No

Please list the species

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Please explain the reasons

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Please explain the reasons

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II.2. What management measures does your country apply to manage agricultural conflicts related to

geese on national (centralized for the entire country), regional (sub-national) or local level?

Possibility for multiple options

- No agricultural conflict related to geese has been recorded in my country
- No management measures are applied to manage agricultural conflicts related to geese
- Compensation schemes (payments to farmers for losses e.g. crop damage)
- Subsidy schemes (payments to support farmers to provide for/tolerate geese on their land, replacing agricultural use)
- Scaring schemes or other preventive measures designed to actively keep geese away from farmland
- Designation of goose foraging areas (accommodation areas)
- Derogation shooting to keep geese away from sensitive crops and to reduce population size
- Any other management measures to alleviate agricultural conflict

### **No management measures are applied**

Please explain the reasons

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### **Compensation schemes (payments to farmers for losses e.g. crop damage)**

Please indicate the level at which the schemes are applied

Possibility for multiple options

- National (centralized for the entire country)
- Regional (sub-national)
- Local

Please explain how the damage (yield loss) is determined

> The loss and its monetary value is estimated by agricultural authorities.

Are these schemes species-specific?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No

Please provide details on the species-specific measures

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Please provide any other details (e.g. results), if available

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Please explain the reasons

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Is the effectiveness of this scheme evaluated?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No

Please provide details on the evaluation of effectiveness

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Please provide any other details (e.g. results), if available

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Please explain the reasons

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### **Subsidy schemes (payments to support farmers to provide for/tolerate geese on their land, replacing agricultural use)**

Please indicate the level at which subsidy schemes are provided

Possibility for multiple options

- National (centralized for the entire country)
- Regional (sub-national)
- Local

Please provide details on the subsidy schemes

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Are these schemes species-specific?

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide details on the species-specific measures

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Please provide any other details (e.g. results) if available

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Please explain the reasons

>

Is the effectiveness of this scheme evaluated?

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide details on the evaluation of effectiveness

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Please provide any other details (e.g. results) if available

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Please explain the reasons

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## **Scaring schemes or other preventive measures designed to actively keep geese away from farmland**

Please indicate the level of the schemes

Possibility for multiple options

National (centralized for the entire country)

Regional (sub-national)

Local

Please provide details on the scaring schemes or other preventive measures

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Is the effectiveness of this scheme evaluated?

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide details on the evaluation of effectiveness

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Please provide any other details (e.g. results) if available

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Please explain the reasons

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## **Designation of goose foraging areas (accommodation areas)**

Please provide details on the foraging areas (accommodation areas)

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Please indicate at which level the foraging areas are designated

Possibility for multiple options

National (centralized for the entire country)

- Regional (sub-national)
- Local

Is the effectiveness of accommodation areas evaluated?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No

Please provide details on the evaluation of effectiveness

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Please provide any other details (e.g. results), if available

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Please explain the reasons

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## **Derogation shooting to keep geese away from sensitive crops and to reduce population size**

Please provide details on the derogation shooting

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Please indicate the application level of the derogation shooting

Possibility for multiple options

- National (centralized for the entire country)
- Regional (sub-national)
- Local

Is the effectiveness of derogation shooting evaluated?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No

Please provide details on the evaluation of effectiveness

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Please provide any other details (e.g. results), if available

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Please explain the reasons

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## **Any other management measures taken to alleviate agricultural conflicts**

Please provide details on the management measures that are taken

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Please indicate the level of the measures

Possibility for multiple options

- National (centralized for the entire country)
- Regional (sub-national)
- Local

Are these measures species-specific?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No

Please give details on the species-specific measures

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Please provide brief details (attach file or provide weblink)

>

Please explain the reasons

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Is the effectiveness of these measures evaluated?

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide details on the evaluation of effectiveness

>

Please provide any other details (e.g. results), if available

>

Please explain the reasons

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### III. Pink-footed Goose International Species Management Plan (PFG ISMP)

Participating Range States: Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands and Norway

#### General Implementation

III.1. Does your country have a national (centralized for the entire country), regional (sub-national) or local management plan for the Pink-footed Goose?

(PFG ISMP, p. 29)

*Please select only one option*

- Yes, adopted and being implemented
- Yes, adopted but not being implemented
- A plan(s) is/are being developed
- No

Please indicate the level of the plan

Possibility for multiple options

- National (centralized for the entire country)
- Regional (sub-national)
- Local

#### National management plan

Please indicate the date of adoption

**National** Management Plan

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Please indicate by whom the plan was adopted

**National** Management Plan

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Please provide details about the implementing agency

**National** Management Plan

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Please provide a reference to the plan

**National** Management Plan

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Please provide a main contact

**National** Management Plan

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Does the management plan/s promote recreational uses such as tourism and hunting?

(PFG ISMP, p. 33)

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No

Please provide more details on the activities

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Please indicate the economic, cultural and other value of the recreational activities at national level

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Please explain the reasons

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#### Regional management plan

In case of various management plans, please upload a document or table listing all the management plans, including the details required in the sections below

>

Please indicate the region the plan encompasses

**Regional** Management Plan

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Please indicate the date of adoption

**Regional** Management Plan

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Please indicate by whom the plan was adopted

**Regional** Management Plan

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Please provide details about the implementing agency

**Regional** Management Plan

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Please provide a reference to the plan

**Regional** Management Plan

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Please provide a main contact

**Regional** Management Plan

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(PFG ISMP, p. 33)

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide more details on the activities

>

Please indicate the economic, cultural and other value of the recreational activities at regional level

>

Please explain the reasons

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## **Local management plan**

In case of various management plans, please upload a document or table listing all the management plans, including the details required in the sections below

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Please indicate the area the plan encompasses

**Local** Management Plan

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Please indicate the date of adoption

**Local** Management Plan

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Please indicate by whom the plan was adopted

**Local** Management Plan

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Please provide details about the implementing agency

**Local** Management Plan

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Please provide a reference to the plan

**Local** Management Plan

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Please provide a main contact

**Local** Management Plan

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Does the management plan promote recreational uses such as tourism and hunting?

(PFG ISMP, p. 33)

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide more details on the activities

>

Please indicate the economic, cultural and other value of the recreational activities at local level

>

Please explain the reasons

>

Please indicate the level of the plan

National (centralized for the entire country)

Regional (sub-national)

Local

## **National management plan**

Please indicate the date of adoption

National management plan

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Please indicate by whom the plan was adopted

National management plan

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Please provide details about the implementing agency

National management plan

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Please provide a reference to the plan

National management plan

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Please provide a main contact

National management plan

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## **Regional management plan**

Please indicate the region the plan encompasses

Regional management plan

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Please indicate the date of adoption

Regional management plan

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Please indicate by whom the plan was adopted

Regional management plan

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Please provide details about the implementing agency

Regional management plan

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Please provide a reference to the plan

Regional management plan

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Please provide a main contact

Regional management plan

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Please indicate the area the plan encompasses

Local management plan

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Please indicate the date of adoption

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Please indicate by whom the plan was adopted

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Local management plan

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Please provide a reference to the plan

Local management plan

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Please provide a main contact

Local management plan

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In case of various management plans, please upload a document or table listing all the management plans, including the details required in the sections above

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Are the management plan/s promoting recreational uses such as tourism and hunting?

(PFG ISMP, p. 33)

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide more details on the planned activities

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Please explain the reasons

>

Please indicate why the plan is not being implemented

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Please indicate the timeline for the finalization of the plan

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Please indicate when it is expected to be adopted

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Please indicate the level of the plan(s) (National, regional, local)

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Please explain the reasons

> Pink-footed Goose is considered as a migrant species, that has stopover sites in Finland but it does not breed in Finland. The species is protected in Finland and it is not a huntable species. The most important roosting sites are located in protected areas. In a flyway scale the significance of the staging population in Finland has increased just in the last ten years, before that the staging numbers were quite low in a flyway scale. No threats or management needs towards the staging population were not identified.

Field for additional information on management plan/s (optional)

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III.2. Has your country established a working group to support the implementation of the PfG ISMP?

(PfG ISMP, p. 29)

*Please select only one option*

- Yes, a working group has been established
- The establishment of a working group is under consideration
- No

Please indicate the type of working group that has been established

Possibility for multiple options

- National (centralized for the entire country)
- Regional (sub-national)
- Local

### **National working group**

Please indicate the date of establishment

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Please list the working group members and coordinator

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Please provide details about the functions of the working group

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Please provide a main contact

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### **Regional working group**

In case of multiple regional working groups, please upload a document or table listing all the working groups, including the details required in the sections below

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Please indicate the region the working group services

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Please indicate the date of establishment

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Please list the working group members and coordinator

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Please provide details about the functions of the working group

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Please provide a main contact

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## Local working group

In case of multiple local working groups, please upload a document or table listing all the working groups, including the details require in the sections above

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Please indicate the area the working group services

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Please indicate the date of establishment

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Please list the working group members and coordinator

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Please provide details about the functions of the working group

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Please provide a main contact

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Please indicate by when a decision on the establishment will be taken

>

Please indicate which existing structure or capacity is responsible for the implementation of the PfG ISMP instead

> Ministry of the Environment is a responsible body for the implementation of the PfG ISMP in Finland together with regional governmental organisations (Centers for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment).

Field for additional information on working group (optional)

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## Objective I. Maintain a sustainable and stable Pink-footed Goose population and its range

III.3. Have key sites for the Pink-footed Goose been identified in your country?

(PfG ISMP, p. 32)

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please upload an Excel table and include specific information for each site on the following items

- 1 Country
- 2 Site
- 3 Size (ha)
- 4 Location (decimal geographic coordinates; and separately upload a map indicating roost and main foraging areas if possible)
- 5 Main habitat types
- 6 Has this site been afforded appropriate designation status at international levels (e.g. Ramsar site, SPA, etc.)?
  - 6a Designation status
  - 6b Date of designation
  - 6c Any other relevant information
- 7 Has this site been afforded appropriate protected area status at national levels?
  - 7a Designation status
  - 7b Date of designation
  - 7c Any other relevant information
- 8 Does a management plan exist that address the conservation requirements of pink-footed geese?
  - 8a Provide brief details e.g. about the hunting regulations and other management regimes

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You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[Feeding and roosting areas of PfG in Oulu region wetlands Finland.jpg](#)

Please explain the reasons

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III.4. Are measures being taken to restore and/or rehabilitate Pink-footed Geese roosting and/or feeding habitats?

(PfG ISMP, p.33)

Possibility for multiple options

- In staging areas
- In the wintering areas
- Not relevant

### **In the staging areas**

Please provide brief details, listing sites and measures

> Habitat restoration and recurring management measures (removing of the Reed, grazing and mowing of coastal meadows) were carried out as an ongoing activity in following sites:

- Liminganlahti (the most important roosting area for the PfG in Finland, the geese are feeding on coastal meadows regularly)
- Säärenperä (the second most important roosting area for the PfG in Finland)

### **In the wintering areas**

Please provide brief details, listing sites and measures

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Please explain the reasons

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III.5. Has a programme for prevention of Pink-footed Goose breeding on mainland been developed and implemented in your country?

(PfG ISMP, p. 31)

### **[only for Norway]**

*Please select only one option*

- Yes, the programme is being implemented
- Yes, but the programme is not being implemented to date
- No, but a programme is under development
- No

Please provide information on measures taken to date

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Please provide results, if available

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Please provide brief details on the measures and timeline of the programme

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Please explain why it has not been implemented

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Please provide brief details and expected date of enacting it

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Please provide details on any other relevant activities undertaken, if any

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### **Keep agricultural conflicts to an acceptable level**

III.6. Are agricultural conflicts related to Pink-footed Geese (e.g. crop damage) currently at an acceptable level within your country?

(PfG ISMP, p. 33)

*Please select only one option*

- Yes

No

Please indicate how these conflicts are being addressed

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Please indicate how these conflicts are being addressed

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Please provide further details, as necessary

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### **Objective III. Avoid increase in tundra vegetation degradation on the breeding range**

III.7. Is the extent of arctic tundra degradation on Svalbard caused by the Pink-footed Goose monitored?

(PFG ISMP, p. 33-34)

**(Only for Norway)**

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide details on the type of monitoring activities (who is conducting them and how they are conducted)

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Is there an increase in the level of degradation of the arctic tundra?

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide any results or evidence

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Please provide any results or evidence

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Please explain the reasons

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### **Objective IV. Allow for recreational use that does not jeopardize the population**

III.8. Does your country promote and/or implement (in the past three years) any national or regional (sub-national) hunting-related campaigns, training programmes and/or management activities ?

(PFG ISMP, p. 31)

**[only Norway and Denmark]**

Possibility for multiple options

Wise use hunting practices

Best practices to reduce crippling rates

Self-organization and coordination of local hunting

No campaigns, programmes or activities have been implemented

#### **Wise use hunting practices**

Please provide brief details (attach files or provide web links, if available)

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#### **Best practices to reduce crippling rates**

Please provide brief details (attach files or provide web links, if available)

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#### **Self-organization and coordination of local hunting**

Please provide brief details (attach files or provide web links, if available)

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Please explain the reasons

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**Optionally, please provide any other information related to the implementation of the PfG ISMP**

Please provide further information here

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## **IV. Sub-section A: Taiga Bean Goose International Single Species Action Plan (TBG ISSAP) - Eastern 1 Management Unit**

**Participating Range States: Belarus, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Ukraine**

### **Objective 1. Increase survival rate of adults**

#### **Result 1.1 Legal harvest does not jeopardize an increase of adult survival rates**

IV.1. Has your country developed and adopted legislation for the closure of hunting of TBG to allow for TBG to pass before goose hunting is opened?

(activity 1.1.1.1 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

*Please select only one option*

- Yes, developed and adopted
- Yes, developed but not adopted
- No

Please describe what legislation has been developed

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Please indicate when it was adopted

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Please indicate how the legislation is enforced

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Please describe what legislation has been developed

>

Please indicate the timeframe when the legislation is expected to be adopted

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Please explain the reasons

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#### **IV.2. Please indicate how you are improving the knowledge of the occurrence of TBG on sub-species level in your country**

(activity 1.1.1.2 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

IV.2.1. Ensuring national monitoring at all known key sites

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No

Please describe the activities undertaken

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Please list the key sites where monitoring activities are being undertaken

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Please provide relevant documents or weblinks

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Please explain the reasons

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IV.2.2. Providing identification training to people carrying out the monitoring activities

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No

Please describe the activities undertaken

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Please provide relevant identification materials or weblinks, if available

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Please explain the reasons

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IV.2.3. Providing equipment to people carrying out the monitoring activities

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please describe the activities undertaken

>

Please provide relevant documents or weblinks

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Please explain the reasons

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IV.2.4. Carrying out a satellite/GPS tagging project on TBG in the wintering/staging areas

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please describe the activities undertaken

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Please provide relevant documents or weblinks

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Please explain the reasons

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IV.2.5. Any other relevant activities

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please describe the activities undertaken

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Please provide relevant documents or weblinks

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## **Result 1.2 Illegal harvest is reduced to non-significant levels**

IV.3. Does your country implement an awareness-raising campaign for hunters to complement necessary legislation changes?

(activity 1.2.2.1 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

### **[Only for Belarus and Ukraine]**

*Please select only one option*

Yes, an awareness-raising campaign is being implemented

No, but an awareness-raising campaign is under development

No

Please indicate who is involved in the implementation (e.g. national NGOs, research institutes, etc.)

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Please provide brief details about the activities that are being implemented

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Please provide a weblink or upload more information on the campaign

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Does the campaign include guidance on identification of grey geese?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No

Please upload identification guides and provide weblinks

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Please provide further information, if available

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Please explain the reasons

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Please indicate who is in charge of developing the campaigns

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Please provide information on when the development is expected to be finalized

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Please indicate when the implementation of the campaign is envisaged to start

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Please provide reasons why an awareness-raising campaign is not in place

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IV.4. Has special publication on the occurrence of the Taiga Bean Goose been produced and disseminated?

(activity 1.2.2.2 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

**[Only for Ukraine]**

*Please select only one option*

- Yes produced and disseminated
- Yes, currently being produced
- No

Please provide details on dissemination, upload publication or provide weblink

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Please provide details on the timeframe

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Please indicate who is in charge of producing the publication

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Please provide details on the dissemination plans

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Please explain the reasons

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**Other objectives and results as decided by the EGM IWG**

**Reducing Taiga Bean Goose crippling**

IV.5. Have you undertaken any activities to reduce TBG crippling rates?

(activity agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Please provide details on the activities

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Please explain the reasons

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Please explain the reasons

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### **Raising identification skills and awareness amongst hunters**

IV.6. Have training programmes to develop identification skills amongst hunters been organized by national hunting associations?

(activity agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Please provide more information on the training programmes

>

Have the training programmes been developed in cooperation with BirdLife partners and other conservation NGOs?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes
- No

Please provide a list of cooperating partners

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Please provide more information of detailed activities with partners

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Please upload any relevant materials

>

Please provide weblinks

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Please explain the reasons

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Please explain the reasons

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Please explain the reasons

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### **Optionally, please provide any other information related to the implementation of the TBG ISSAP**

Please provide information here

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## V. Sub-section B: Taiga Bean Goose International Single Species Action Plan (TBG ISSAP) - Western and Central Management Units

Participating Range States: Denmark, Finland, Norway, Russia, UK

### Objective 1 Increase survival rate of adults

#### Result 1.2 Illegal harvest is reduced to non-significant levels

V.1. Is TBG shooting investigated in north-east Jutland and Zealand?

(activity 1.2.2.1 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

##### [Only for Denmark]

Please select only one option

- Yes  
 No

Please indicate what activities have been undertaken

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Please provide results, relevant publications and weblinks

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Please explain the reasons

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#### Result 1.3: Impact of huntable native predators in breeding and moulting areas is reduced

##### [Only for Finland]

V.2. Are annual campaigns undertaken amongst hunters in the breeding areas to strengthen fox management in your country?

(activity 1.3.1.1 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

Please select only one option

- Yes  
 No

Please list the areas where the campaigns are being undertaken

> The breeding areas of TBG cover roughly half of Finland. Fox management is relevant in the whole country. The importance of small predator management has been promoted to hunter's through magazines and social media to strengthen management activities.

In practice there is on-going work under this subject, but it has been carried out at more general level considering ground nesting birds at large, not specifically specified to TBG, while providing largely the same end result.

The recent field observation from South-Western Lapland indicate that fox population is currently declining due to combination of several factors.

However, the importance of fox management for TBG was raised in recent press release focused on Raccoon Dog management in Northern Finland <https://riista.fi/vieraspeto-supikoira-pitaa-pysayttaa-lapissa/>

Please list the hunting associations involved

> Non-applicable

Please provide any other relevant details and weblinks

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Please explain the reasons

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V.3. Has fox management in northernmost Finland been further strengthened by the Finnish Wildlife Agency and the Forestry and Parks Service?

(activity 1.3.1.2 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

Please select only one option

- Yes

No

Please explain what activities have taken place

> The issue was discussed between Finnish Wildlife Agency and Forestry and Parks service and effective fox management by Forestry and Parks service is continued in the northernmost part of country primarily for the conservation of the endangered arctic fox.

Please provide results, relevant publications and weblinks

> Non applicable

Please explain the reasons

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## **Result 1.4: Impact of alien predators in breeding and moulting areas is reduced [Only for Finland and Sweden]**

V.4. Does your country implement programmes for the eradication of the raccoon dog?

(activity 1.4.1.1 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide details about the eradication programme(s) (scope, implementing entities, etc.)

> On-going project to stop the dispersal of Raccoon Dog to Scandinavia. The objective in Northern Finland is to decrease the population size of Raccoon Dog. Annual funding the project in Finland is around 150 000 euros plus significant amount of volunteer efforts from local hunters.

The RD was listed at the EU list of invasive species and management plan of Raccoon Dog will be prepared.

Please provide details on the effectiveness of the programmes

> Please refer to attached report in terms of Northern Finland.

In southern breeding areas the Raccoon Dog management is at the responsibility of local hunting associations and they are regularly encouraged to effective small predator management. There is locally effective activities, but as a whole the Raccoon Dog population is increasing in the southern half of the country

Please provide an update on the current status of the raccoon dog

> Currently listed as huntable species. Hunting of males and juveniles allowed year round, female with young is protected between May 1st and August 31st

The recent change in EU listing of invasive species will come into force at 2019 which will have effect on the status and more effective management tools are foreseen.

In terms of population status the RD population is steadily increasing despite high levels of harvest. In 2016 Raccoon Dog harvest exceeded 200 000 individuals, and it was the second most numerous game animal harvested in Finland.

Please explain the reasons

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## **Objective 2. Increase reproductive rates**

### **Result 2.2: Intraspecific competition in spring staging areas is reduced**

V.5. Please provide updates on the implementation of the "fields for geese" programme

(activity 2.2.1.1 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

**[Only for Sweden]**

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V.6. Please provide information on the continuation and implementation of the "unharvested-fields-for-birds" programme (within the Common Agricultural Policy)

(activity 2.2.1.2 and 2.2.1.3)

**[Only for Finland]**

> The issue is on hold for the moment and will be discussed when the preparation of the next CAP period is taking place at national level.

### **Objective 3. Stop ongoing loss, fragmentation and degradation of habitats, and restore lost, fragmented and degraded habitats**

#### **Result 3.1: Impact of forestry works is reduced [Only for Finland]**

V.7. Have working models been developed for wildlife-friendly forest management?

(activity 3.1.1.1 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No

Please provide details on the working models developed

> The concept and working models of Wildlife Friendly Forest Management if well developed and established largely based on the national management plan for grouse species.

Please find more information (in Finnish) at <https://riista.fi/riistatalous/riistakannat/hoitosuunnitelmien-toimeenpano/riistametsanhoito/>

The brood habitat of grouse and TBG have significant overlap in forested areas and mire restorations for Willow Grouse can have potential benefits for TBG, depending on site-specific features.

An article in english at Unasylva 249 at page 71 gives a good overview.

<http://www.fao.org/publications/card/en/c/b9ab7023-3045-4d6b-b782-87907ef6b7c7/>

Are these models being implemented?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No

Please provide more information on the progress

> The Wildlife Friendly Forest Management (WFFM) is promoted, educated and informed to forest owners, forestry professionals and corporations via set of projects managed by Finnish Wildlife Agency and Finnish Forest Centre and applied at state lands by Metsähallitus Forestry Ltd.

The results of recent survey shows that the WFFM in in the interest of forst owners and professionals. Out of the reached forest owners 61% were interested in the subject and about 40 % had tried the principles of WFFM. 88% of the answered forestry professionals saw that promoting WFFM is part of their job.

News about the sudy (in finnish)

<https://riista.fi/riistametsanhoito-kiinnostaa-metsanomistajia/>

Have these models been promoted to reach forest owners?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No

Please provide more information

> Media campaign on project basis, like 'Ignite to WFFM!\* national information campaign in 2015

<https://riista.fi/suomen-riistakeskus-luo-kipinaa-riistametsanhoitoon/>

On-going work via channels of Finnish Wildlife Agency, primarily the Metsästäjä-magazine (340 000 receivers) and also to some extent through the magazine of The Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), which is received by almost all farmers and many forest owners.

Please explain the reasons

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Have these models been promoted to reach forest corporations?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No

Please provide more information

> Close co-operation with major forestry corporations in terms of example sites and information activities. The principles of WFFM largely overlap with requirement of FSC certificate, which is rapidly increasing coverage in Finland.

Please explain the reasons

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Please explain the reasons

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Please explain the reasons

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V.8. Please indicate the implementation progress to reach the annual goals for mire restoration

(activity 3.1.2.1 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

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### **Result 3.3: Breeding, staging and wintering habitats are not further lost due to oil and gas or renewable energy developments**

V.9. Are you monitoring the collision risk posed by renewable energy developments to TBG close to the Special Protection Areas, identified as their important wintering sites?

(activity 3.3.1.1 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

#### **[only for Denmark]**

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please provide information on the relevant actions that have been undertaken

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Please provide any results, if available

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Please explain the reasons

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### **Result 3.4: Impact of agriculture on natural Taiga Bean Goose habitats is minimized**

V.10. Has the area of managed coastal grasslands under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) increased in your country compared to 2017?

(activity 3.4.1.1 Biannual Taiga Bean Goose implementation plan agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

#### **[only for Finland]**

*Please select only one option*

Yes

No

Please indicate the size of the total area

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Please indicate the additional area managed since the beginning of 2017

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Please describe the activities undertaken on grassland management

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Please upload relevant documentation and provide weblinks

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Please explain the reasons

> Compared to 2017 there is no meaningful increase of managed coastal grasslands. We are at the later half of current CAP period and the investment funds for establishment of new managed areas are used. The area can be further increased at meaningful level if/when the new CAP has adequate funding for it.

### **Other objectives and results as decided by the EGM IWG**

### **Review factors possibly contributing to rapid declines in eastern England and implement appropriate management responses**

**[only for UK]**

V.11. Have possible factors causing population declines in eastern England been reviewed?

(activity agreed at the 2nd EGM EWG meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark in June 2017)

**[only for UK]**

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No

Please describe those factors and provide further information as available

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Are appropriate management responses to these factors being implemented?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No

Please provide information on the activities implemented

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Please provide information about the main achievements and results

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Please explain the reasons

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Please explain the reasons

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**Reducing Taiga Bean Goose crippling**

V.12. Have you undertaken any activities in the past three years to reduce TBG crippling rates?

(activity agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No  
 Not applicable

Please provide details on the activities

> The issue on adequate shooting distance to reduce crippling was raised in article in Metsästaja/Jägaren magazine informing the restrictions on the reopened bean goose hunting season, which was restricted in time and space to focus the harvest on tundra bean goose

Please explain the reasons

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Please explain the reasons

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**Raising identification skills and awareness amongst hunters**

V.13. Have training programmes to develop identification skills amongst hunters been organized by national hunting associations?

(activity agreed at the 1st EGM IWG meeting in Kristianstad, Sweden in December 2016)

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No  
 Not applicable

Please provide more information on the training programmes

> The issue on adequate shooting distance to reduce crippling was raised in article in Metsästaja/Jägaren magazine informing the restrictions on the reopened bean goose hunting season, which was restricted in time and space to focus the harvest on tundra bean goose.

The article was published by Finnish Willdife Agency.

However, specific progaremmes by national hunting association is still to be organized.

Have the training programmes been developed in cooperation with BirdLife partners and other conservation NGOs?

*Please select only one option*

- Yes  
 No

Please provide a list of cooperating partners

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Please provide more information of detailed activities with partners

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Please upload any relevant materials

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Please provide weblinks

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Please explain the reasons

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Please explain the reasons

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**Optionally, please provide any other information related to the implementation of the TBG ISSAP**

Please provide information here

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