



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

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

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

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

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Single Species Action Plan in English

Single Species Action Plan in Russian

Happy reporting!

1. General Information

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2. Status Update

2.1. Species Status - breeding (pairs)

Does the species breed in your country?

No

2.2. Species Status - passage (individuals)

Does the species occur in your country on passage?

Yes

Latest population estimate

Minimum

> 30

Maximum

> 3000

Year

> 2012

Population trend

Please select from the list

Unknown

Source(s) of information

Please list any published or unpublished sources of information on passage population size and trend estimates.

> Information from Arzu Mammadov, ornithologist of Nakhchivan branch of National Academy of Sciences

2.3. Species Status - wintering (individuals)

Does the species winter in your country?

Yes

Latest population estimate

Minimum

> 2500

Maximum

> 5600

Year

> 2008, 2012

Population trend

Please select from the list

Fluctuating

Source(s) of information

Please list any published or unpublished sources of information on wintering population size and trend estimates.

> Results of regular winter counts of waterbirds by Azerbaijan Ornithological Society and supported by Wetlands International, also joint expeditions of Azerbaijan and Norevegian (2008) and Finnish(2012) ornithologists.

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:

> 3

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

> 0

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.

> Araz Water reservoir in Nakhchivan Autonomic Republic

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?

Yes

Please list these sites

> Araz Water reservoir in Nakhchivan Autonomic Republic

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

> Araz Water reservoir in Nakhchivan Autonomic Republic

3.4. Additional information (optional)

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

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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):

High

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

Stable

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

> Especially intensive hunting in Gyzylagach State nature reserve (intensity of shots is one shot every 3 second!!!),high level in Samukh sanctuary, low level in Aggol NP and Araz water reservoir.

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

> Only personal watching during winter counts

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

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

> This species in Red data book of Azerbaijan. Hunting forbidden everywhere

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

Please provide more information.

> It is necessary special research for identification of influence of hunting pressure on LWFG

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.

Yes

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

> It is necessary organize on all areas where intensive hunting occur

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.

Yes

Please provide more information.

> No precedents befor

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

Yes

Please provide more information on the measures undertaken.

> It can be implemented in Gyzylagach State Nature reserve Aggol NP etc.

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):

Unknown

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

Unknown

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

> no information

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

> Absence

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):

High

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

Stable

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

> Grazing on winter pastures used by LWFG is quit intensive, also scaring of birds from winter weat fields

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

> No literature data concern just LWFG

4.3.2. Are you taking measures to avoid infrastructure development and other sources of human disturbance, including recreation/tourism, liable to have an adverse impact on the known core breeding areas?

Please tick the appropriate box:

Not applicable

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

> All these areas is protected so no infrastructure development

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:

Yes

Please provide more information on the measures being undertaken.

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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:

No

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

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4.4. Predation

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

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

Unknown

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

Unknown

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

> predation by jackal and fox is existing but level of predation is unknown

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

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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:

No

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

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4.5. Habitat loss/degradation

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

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

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

Low

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

Stable

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

> Increase of level of Caspian sea gave some lose of habitats in Gyzylagach SNR, creation of Yenikend w,r, decrease habitats around Samukh Sanctuary

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

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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:

No

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

> No monitoring

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:

No

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

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4.6. Additional information (optional)

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

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5. Update on National Legislation and Activities

5.1. National legal protection

5.1.1. Is the LWfG legally protected in your country?

Please tick the appropriate box.

Yes

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

> It is included in Red Data book of Azerbaijan (1989)

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

No

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

> Unfortunately people does not follow it and illegal hunting and disturbance occur

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:

No

Please explain why.

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5.1.4. Additional information (optional)

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

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5.2. National Single Species Action Plan

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

Please select from the list:

NSSAP in place, but not being implemented

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

> problems with focal point for LWFG (she left her post in Ministry)

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:

No

5.2.3. Additional information (optional)

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

> it was conducted special workshop for developing of NSAP

5.3. National Working Group

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

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

- > Working Group include: 1) focal point from Ministry of Ecology
- 2) national expert
- 3-7) Directors or deputy directors of Shirvan NP, Absheron NP, Gyzylagach NSR, Aggol NP, Samukh Sanctuary

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.

- > Unfortunately working group was created but does not work (no meetings, no coordination of work)

5.4. Monitoring

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

During the breeding season?

- Partial

Please provide more information on monitoring activities during breeding season.

- > No special monitoring for LWfG but regular winter count on majority of key sites occur and any information concern LWfG is registered, besides some special expeditions were conducted in 2008 and 2012

During passage/migration period?

- Yes

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

- > only on Nakhchivan w.r. in 2011 and 2012

During the wintering season?

- Yes

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

- > Only in 2008 (Aggol NP, Gyzylagach NP), in 2012 (Samukh Sanctuary Aggol NP, Gyzylagach NP, Bolgarchay w.r. (2009). as rule time of winter counts is not appreciable for LWfG monitoring and received data is occasional

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

Please fill in the text box:

- > Action Plan still is not implemented

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?

- No

During passage/migration?

- Partial

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

- > Sometimes in Nakhchivan W.r. conducted by forces of Azerbaijan Ornithological Society

During wintering/non-breeding season?

- Partial

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

- > In limits of regular winter counts conducted by Azerbaijan Ornithological Society

5.4.3. Additional information (optional)

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

- > Occasional; finding during migration during birdwatching excursions etc.

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.
> Some activities in limits EU Life project concern conservation of Fennoscandian population of LWfG

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.

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

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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:

Being developed

Please describe when these methods will be ready for implementation.

> Some poster and leaflets in Azeri language are in preparation

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

Please select from the list:

Being developed

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

> Some poster and leaflets in Azerbaijani language are in preparation

5.6.3. Additional information (optional)

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

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6. Funding

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

Please list the relevant funding programmes and relevant authorities.

> Quit restricted small grants for NGOs from Azerbaijan Government (necessary apply for competition), internal possibilities of ministry of Ecology and Natural resources of Azerbaijan

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:

Yes

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.

> No other possibilities inside country

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:

No

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

> No funding for this

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:

No

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

> No funding

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:

Not applicable

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

Yes

Please provide further information on such further knowledge gaps.

> Necessary detailed reseraches in all key sites for identification of real n umber of wintering and passing birds in Azerbaijan

7.5. Additional information (optional)

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

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8. Additional Comments

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

> it is necessary much more attention to this question from the site of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan and international funding for conducting fundamental researches and regular monitoring of LWFG population in Azerbaijan as key country for conservation of western and Fennoscandian populations of this species, because Fennoscandian population can not exist without support from Western population of LWFG (big part of birds regularly use its migratory ways and mixing of both population occurs regularly (taking in account creation of pairs of wintering and passing sites where both populations occur together as minimum partly)

