



*AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS*

**AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group
- NATIONAL REPORT -**

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LWfG Single Species Action Plan online in *ENGLISH*:

http://www.unep-aewa.org/activities/working_groups/lwfg/lwfg_ssap_130109.pdf

LWfG Single Species Action Plan online in *RUSSIAN*:

http://www.unep-aewa.org/activities/working_groups/lwfg/lwfg_ssap_russ.pdf

NOTE: THIS DRAFT REPORTING FORMAT WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE LWfG RANGE STATES AT THE 1ST WORKING GROUP MEETING IN HELSINKI ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER - 1ST DECEMBER 2010.

- Please use the grey fields for answers and comments. -

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNTRY Hungary

Contracting Party to AEWA:

Yes No

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GENERAL INFORMATION – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional):

2. STATUS UPDATE

2.1. SPECIES STATUS -BREEDING (pairs)

Latest population estimate:	Year	0
	Minimum	0
	Maximum	0

Population trend: select from list

Source(s) of information:

Not applicable No information

2.2. SPECIES STATUS - PASSING (individuals)

Latest population estimate:	Year	2009
	Minimum	
	Maximum	38 ???

Population trend: select from list

Source(s) of information:
field survey

Not applicable No information

2.3. SPECIES STATUS – WINTERING (individuals)

Latest population estimate:	Year	0
	Minimum	0
	Maximum	0

Population trend: select from list

Source(s) of information:
field survey

Not applicable No information

2.4. SPECIES STATUS – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)**3. UPDATE ON CRITICAL SITES**

NOTE: the list of critical sites can be found in Annexes 3a and 3b of the SSAP (see links above).

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

6

Out of the above total, number of protected sites

6

Number of protected sites with management plans that are being implemented

0

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

Have any new sites currently not mentioned in the SSAP, either through monitoring or satellite tracking, been identified as possible critical sites for the species?

Yes No

If yes, please list these sites:

Are any of these sites protected and/or managed?

CRITICAL SITES - FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)**4. UPDATE ON PRESSURES/THREATS AND RESPONSES****4.1. HUNTING**

Please rate the magnitude of hunting as a threat to the LWfG in your country:

Severe High Medium Low No threat

Trend: stable

Description of the situation:

The LWfG is a strictly protected species in Hungary. The main resting sites of the species are also strictly protected, where hunting is prohibited.

Source(s) of information:

No information

Has hunting been banned at all key sites used by the Lesser White-fronted Geese during the period when Lesser White-fronted Geese are present?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

Hunting are forbidden in the key resting sites, but outside these areas (e.g. in the feeding areas) some hunting can be happen. Hunters can also make mistakes during bird identification.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

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

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

If no, please explain why:

There were no person who can do it.

If not applicable, please explain why:

Has obligatory training of hunters as outlined by the Hunting Charter of the Bern Convention for hunters been implemented?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

During the LWfG Life project hunters were trained to improve their identification knowledge.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Has the level of protection from illegal hunting been increased within existing protected areas through training and improved enforcement?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

We have lack of data summing these problem.

Has an effort been made to redirect hunting from adults to juveniles in areas where Lesser White-fronted Geese occur outside of the key sites?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

The species is strictly protected, it means hunting prohibited everywhere. Periodic restriction were used to happened.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Have lure crops been planted (or similar steps been taken) to direct Lesser White-fronted Geese away from areas where hunting pressure is known to be high?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

During the LWfG LIFE project corn were planted.

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

4.2. POISONING

Please rate the magnitude of poisoning as a threat to the LWfG in your country:

Severe High Medium Low No threat

Trend: select from list

Description of the situation:

Source(s) of information:

No information

4.3. HUMAN DISTURBANCE

Please rate the magnitude of human disturbance as a threat to the LWfG in your country:

Severe High Medium Low No threat

Trend: stable

Description of the situation:

In the main feeding and resting sites of the species fisheries and sheperds may disturb it.

Source(s) of information:

No information

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?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

The problem were not taken as a serious problem, so that information were not collected in that matter.

Are you taking measures to avoid infrastructure development and other sources of human disturbance, including recreation/tourism liable to have an impact on the known key sites?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

The problem were not taken as a serious problem, so that information were not collected in that matter.

Are you taking measures to avoid overgrazing and nest trampling if/where this is known to be a problem?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

LWfG use overgrazed fields in the Hortobágy so the maintain of these kind of habitats is essential.

If not applicable, please explain why:

4.4. PREDATION

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

Severe High Medium Low No threat

Trend: select from list

Description of the situation:

Source(s) of information:

No information

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

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

The problem were not taken as a serious problem, so that information were not collected in that matter.

4.5. HABITAT LOSS/DEGRADATION (Agricultural intensification, construction of dams etc., wetland drainage, climate change, land abandonment, overgrazing, pollution of wetlands/water bodies)

Please rate the magnitude of habitat loss/degradation as a threat to the LWfG in your country:

Severe High Medium Low No threat

Trend: increasing

Description of the situation:

The main habitats of LWfG are strictly protected. The conservation were managed by Hortobágy National Park. Both of them are guaranteed the suitable habitat management.

Source(s) of information:

No information

Are you monitoring the habitat quality at key sites in order to identify any anthropogenic pressures as early as possible?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

The problem were not taken as a serious problem, so that information were not collected in that matter.

If not applicable, please explain why:

Are you taking measures to restore and/or rehabilitate Lesser White-fronted Goose roosting and feeding habitat in the staging or wintering areas?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide more information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

THREATS & RESPONSES - FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5. UPDATE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND ACTIVITIES

5.1. NATIONAL LEGAL PROTECTION

Is the Lesser White-fronted Goose legally protected in your country?

Yes No

If yes, please list the year and title of the legislation concerned as well as the enforcing institution:
It has been protected since 1982. Ministry order n.o. 13/2001 dealing with the protected species in Hungary.
Enforcing institution Ministry of Rural Development.

If no, please explain why:

Does the national hunting legislation, in principle, provide adequate protection of the Lesser White-fronted Goose?

Yes No

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:
National hunting legislation referring to the 13/2001 Ministry order. All the species listed there are banned to hunt.

Are sufficient human and financial resources being allocated to the enforcement of hunting legislation in order to control hunting effectively?

Yes No

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

NATIONAL LEGAL PROTECTION – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5.2. NATIONAL SINGLE SPECIES ACTION PLAN

Has your country drafted a National Single Species Action Plan for the Lesser White-fronted Goose?

NSSAP in place and being implemented

NSSAP in place, but not being implemented

NSSAP in development

No NSSAP



If you already have a NSSAP, please add a reference/link to the plan below:

If a NSSAP has been developed but is not being implemented, please explain why:

If your NSSAP is still being developed, please describe when the process was started and when the Action Plan is estimated to be completed:

If your country does not have a NSSAP, please explain the reasons why not:

We have not national action plan, but we plan to do it under a new LIFE+ project.

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?

Yes



No



If yes, please specify what kind of assistance you would require:
information and experience required

NSSAP – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5.3. NATIONAL WORKING GROUP

Does your country have a National Working Group for the Lesser White-fronted Goose?

Yes



No



If yes, please provide more information about Working Group members, function etc.:

If no, please explain the reasons:

LWfG protection is effectively coordinated by the staff of Hortobágy National Park.

NATIONAL WORKING GROUP – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5.4. MONITORING

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

Breeding season:

Yes



Partial



No



Not applicable



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

Passage/migration period:

Yes



Partial



No



Not applicable



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

During the resting period continuous counting were make.

Wintering season:

Yes Partial No Not applicable

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

If there is no monitoring scheme on a national level, is LWfG monitoring conducted on a regular basis by other means?

Breeding season:

Yes Partial No Not applicable

If yes OR partial, please provide further information on how the monitoring is being done and by whom:

Passage/migration period:

Yes Partial No Not applicable

If yes OR partial, please provide further information on how the monitoring is being done and by whom:

Wintering season:

Yes Partial No

If yes OR partial, please provide further information on how the monitoring is being done and by whom:

MONITORING – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5.5. LWfG CONSERVATION/RESEARCH PROJECTS

List (or provide links to) any national and/or international LWfG conservation or research projects being conducted in your country - including the project title, goals and objectives, period of implementation, implementing organization, contact details and a short description:

LIFE05/NAT/FIN/000105 „Conservation of Lesser White-fronted Goose (*Anser erythropus*) on the European migration route ”

The aim of the Hungarian part of the project is to provide a safe (hunting-free) staging site for Lesser White-fronted Geese and to increase the number of LWfG that use safe areas and/or the time that LWfG spend in safe areas in the Hortobágy region.

List (or 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 - including the project title, goals and objectives, period of implementation, implementing organization, contact details and a short description:

LWfG CONSERVATION/RESEARCH PROJECTS – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

5.6. AWARENESSRAISING

Has your country developed and implemented methods for raising awareness and understanding on LWfG and LWfG conservation, in particular with relation to hunters?Yes, being implemented Please provide further information on methods and how they are being implemented:
The staff of National Park holding courses in a local level.Yes, but not being implemented

If methods are available but not yet implemented, please provide further information on the methods and explain why they are not being implemented at present:

Being developed

If being developed, please describe when these methods will be ready for implementation:

No

If no, please explain why:

If yes or being developed, has your country developed/produced LWfG information materials to this end (i.e. posters, leaflets etc.)?Yes Being developed No

If yes OR being developed, please provide further information:

AWARENESSRAISING – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

6. FUNDING**Are there any national funding possibilities for LWfG conservation measures in your country?**Yes No

If yes, please list the funding programs and relevant authorities:

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?Yes No **FUNDING – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)**

7. UPDATE ON KEY KNOWLEDGE

Are satellite tracking and/or field surveys being used in your country to locate the key breeding grounds for the Western Main population?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Are satellite tracking and/or field surveys being used in your country to locate the key staging and wintering sites for the Western Main population?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

Are satellite tracking and/or field surveys being used in your country to locate the key breeding, staging and wintering sites for the Fennoscandian population?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

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.)?

Yes No Not applicable

If yes, please provide further information:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

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

Yes No

If yes, please provide further information:

We have lack of information about the feeding habit of the LWfG. Diet analysis of the LWfG would provide useful information for conservation purposes.

KEY KNOWLEDGE – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (optional)

THANK YOU!