



1st Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group

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

- FACT SHEET -

MEETING DATES

Tuesday the 30th of November and Wednesday the 1st of December 2010

The meeting will commence at 9:00 o'clock on Tuesday the 30th of November. Registration will be open from 8:00 o'clock onwards.

HOST

The Finnish Ministry of the Environment

FACILITATOR

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat

MEETING VENUE

Finnish Ministry of the Environment
Kasarmikatu 25 / 00130 Helsinki, FINLAND

Website: www.environment.fi

Entrance to the Ministry is through the main door at Kasarmikatu 25. You will be asked to sign your name by security and will then receive your meeting badge which should be worn at all times within the Ministry building.

The workshop will take place in the meeting room Kuukkeli, which is located in the basement.

How to reach the organizers by phone:

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INVITED PARTICIPANTS

Appointed representatives from the 22 range states (Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Sweden, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan) and the European Commission. The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT), BirdLife International, Wetlands International, the Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU (FACE) and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) have been invited to the meeting as observers.

MEETING REGISTRATION

Last minute registrations will still be accepted up until Friday the 12th of November! Please send your completed registration form to Ms. Nina Mikander (nmikander@unep.de). The registration forms for funded and non-funded delegates can be found on the AEWA website.

MEETING DOCUMENTS

All meeting documents will be made available for download from the AEWA website (http://www.unep-aewa.org/meetings/en/lwfg_iwg/meeting1/lwfg_iwg_1.htm) as they are ready. Delegates are kindly asked to bring meeting documentation with them.

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms for meeting participants have been reserved at a reduced rate at the Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä in downtown Helsinki. The hotel is close to the train station (and the airport shuttle bus) and it takes 10-15 minutes to walk from the hotel to the meeting venue at the Finnish Ministry of the Environment.

Address: Scandic Simonkenttä
Simonkatu 9
00100 Helsinki, Finland

Website: www.scandichotels.com/en/Hotels/Countries/Finland/Helsinki/Hotels/Scandic-Simonkentta/

Funded delegates:

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat will make your hotel booking as soon as your flights have been confirmed. Breakfast is included. Please note that the Secretariat will not cover any additional costs related to your stay at the hotel (mini-bar, telephone, laundry etc.).

Non-funded delegates:

Please make your own hotel and travel arrangements for the meeting.

Rooms have been reserved at the hotel mentioned above until the **Friday the 12th of November**. The rate is 95€/single room/night including breakfast. The rate for a double room is 105€/night including breakfast. You are free to confirm this reservation for the number of nights that you require depending on your travel schedule (under the reservation code **UNE291110**) or make alternative hotel arrangements according to your preferences.

For bookings please contact the Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä directly:

Email: simonkentta@scandichotels.com / phone: +358 9 683 80 / fax: +358 9 6838 111

VISA

Information about the entry requirements to Finland for all nationalities as well as a list of Finnish diplomatic missions abroad is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

www.formin.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=15131&contentlan=2&culture=en-US

The official invitation for the meeting which was sent to you by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat should be sufficient for the visa application. However, if needed, the Secretariat will provide verbal notes for participants applying for a visa. In addition the Finnish Ministry of the Environment can issue a letter confirming that the meeting is taking place. Please contact Nina Mikander for assistance with your visa applications (nmikander@unep.de).

ARRIVAL AT HELSINKI-VANTAA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The easiest way to get into the city from Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport is to take the **Finnair bus** which leaves directly outside of the Terminal 2 arrivals hall on ground level. The bus leaves every 20 minutes and costs approximately 6€ per person one way. The drive into Helsinki takes 35 minutes and the bus stops at the central train station right in the middle of town. From there you will be able to reach most inner city hotels by foot or with the tram. For the exact timetable of the Finnair bus please see: www.finnair.com. **Taxis** to the city center cost 35-45€ depending on your destination.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Nina Mikander (nmikander@unep.de / Tel.: +49 (0)228 815 24 52).