



AEWA RED-BREASTED GOOSE  
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the AEWA Red-breasted Goose International Working Group**

13-15 November 2019 – Bucharest, Romania

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**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

- Dates:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Venue:** Ministry of the Environment  
12 Libertății Avenue, 5 District, Bucharest
- Hosts:** Romanian Ministry of the Environment
- Co-organizers:** Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds (BSPB/BirdLife Bulgaria)  
UNEP/AEWA Secretariat
- Chair:** Ukraine
- Facilitator:** BSPB/BirdLife Bulgaria

**Main Objectives:**

- Reports provided on the implementation of the AEWA International Action Plan as well as the links with the ongoing EU Life funded project “LIFE for Safe Flight”;
- Reports provided on recent and ongoing satellite-tracking efforts, monitoring expeditions, including recommendations for next steps;
- Discussion and adoption of a flyway monitoring protocol to be implemented in range states.
- Workplan (2020-2022) developed and adopted including agreement on fundraising for prioritized activities.

**Meeting languages:** Meeting documents will be provided in English.  
The meeting language will be English.

**Excursion:** The meeting will be preceded on 13<sup>th</sup> November by a joint excursion with the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose IWG to Balta Alba Lake.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the AEWA Red-breasted Goose International Working Group is being hosted by the Romanian Ministry of the Environment with the support of the Romanian Ornithological Society and is organized with funding and logistic support by the Red-breasted Goose EU LIFE Project “LIFE for Safe Flight” coordinated by the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds (BSPB), and co-funded by the EU LIFE Program and Whitley Fund for Nature

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

<i>tbc</i>	Joint excursion with members of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group to Balta Alba Lake. Information regarding pick-up times etc. will be provided closer to the date.
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**THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Expected outcome</b>
09:00	Arrival and registration	-	BSPB	
09:30	Opening and welcome – Introduction to Day 1		Host, Chair, AEWA Secretariat	
10:00	Adoption of the agenda	RbG IWG 2.1		Adoption of the agenda. Requests for any other business noted.
10:15	Appointment of Chair Country for the Working Group	-	Secretariat	Selection of a new Chair country or confirmation of current Chair country
10:30	Confirmation of observers	-	Chair	Possible observers admitted to the meeting
10:40	Update on the running of the IWG	Presentation, discussion	Coordinator/ Secretariat	Report provided on the current status of IWG membership, coordination, budget etc.
11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
11:30	National reporting update and update on decisions of the 1 <sup>st</sup> IWG Meeting	Oral presentations	National representatives/ Coordinator	Brief updates provided on implementation progress made with regard to ISSAP.
12:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>			
13:30	EU LIFE Flyway Project and its contribution to implementation of the AEWA International SSAP – including next steps until 2022	Presentation, discussion	BSPB	Update provided on implementation progress made. Main activities presented
14:00	Kazakhstan monitoring expedition 2016 to assess the status of the Western main population	Presentation, discussion	Secretariat/ BSPB	Key outcomes and recommendations for future action presented. Relevant activities noted
14:15	Current coordinated counts between BG, RO and UA	Presentation, discussion	BSPB	Key outcomes and recommendations for

				future action presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan.
14:30	Monitoring work at key staging area at Manych Gudilo, Kalmykia	Presentation, discussion	SD/Russia	Key outcomes and recommendations for future action presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan.
14:45	Aerial surveys in the breeding grounds	Presentation, discussion	SR/Russia	Key outcomes and recommendations for future action presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan
15:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
15:30	Update on current satellite tracking and colour ringing schemes	Presentation, discussion	Coordinator	Update provided on implementation progress made. Main activities presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan
15:50	Hunting pressure survey and acoustic survey of hunting activities at key sites	Presentation, discussions	LIFE Project	Update provided on implementation progress made. Main activities presented
16:10	Key areas maps as a tool for monitoring and decision making – BG, RO, KZ 2	Presentation, discussion	SOR/ACBK/BSPB	Update provided on implementation progress made. Main activities presented
16:30	Successes and failures on closing spring hunting in Russia and Kazakhstan.	Presentation, discussion	Russia/Kazakhstan	Update provided on implementation progress made. Main activities presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan
17:00	Good practice – the Sustainable Waterbird Harvesting training workshops based on AEWA Guidelines and national trainings for hunters and wardens	Presentation, discussion	Wetlands International LIFE Project	Update provided on implementation of activities. Main activities presented. Relevant activities noted for workplan
17:30	End of Day 1			
19:00	<i>Official dinner at the hotel restaurant sponsored by the LIFE project for all participants</i>			

FRIDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER				
Time	Agenda item	Document	Lead	Expected outcome
09:00	Introduction to Day Two	--		Chair
09:10	Climate resilience of sites – predicted impacts of changes in climatic space and hydrology - relevance to the Red-breasted Goose and how the LIFE Project could contribute	Presentation, discussion	Wetlands International	Initial results of IKI project relevant for RbG presented including recommendations for involvement and possible actions in the workplan.
09:30	Flyway monitoring protocol review and adoption	Doc RbG Inf.2.4	Coordinator, discussion	Framework document discussion, aimed to further strengthen, synchronize and promote monitoring in the range countries, based on standardized protocol. Output: adopted document to be implemented from 2020 onwards.
10:00	Possibilities for online data gathering during field goose monitoring	Presentation, discussion	Coordinator	Based on the discussion during 1 <sup>st</sup> RbG IWG meeting Coordinator was encouraged to seek ways to explore options for creation of centralised data gathering tool. Proposed online app provides this option including offline version.
10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
11:00	Discussion on workplan 2020-2022 including possible projects and funding opportunities for urgent conservation activities.	Discussion	Coordinator/ IWG members and observers	Agreement on the main priority activities that need funding and how these could be formed into project applications to fit for the after-LIFE period
12:15	Next Meeting of the Group and Closure of the Meeting		Chair, AEWA Secretariat	Agreement on the place to hold the next meeting envisaged as part of the LIFE Project
12:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>			
13:30–17:00	<i>Internal LIFE16/NAT/BG000847 Project “LIFE for Safe Flight” meeting Steering Group meeting - closed meeting for SG members only</i>			