



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?

No

2.3. Species Status - wintering (individuals)

Does the species winter in your country?

Yes

Latest population estimate

Minimum

> 1

Maximum

> 3

Year

> 2006

No information

Tick only if no information is available.

Population trend

Please select from the list

Unknown

Source(s) of information

Please list any published or unpublished sources of information on wintering population size and trend estimates.

> International Single Action plan for the conservation of the LWfG.
www.kusbank.org

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:

> 0

Out of the above total, number of protected sites:

> 5

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

> 2

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.

> LWfG wintering in northern Greece, especially the Greek side of the Evros Delta, also use the Turkish side of the delta and possibly other wetlands as Goksu and Güllük delta in westernmost Turkey.

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?

No

3.4. Additional information (optional)

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

> The distribution and the population of this species is unclear in Turkey. Probably a population which wintering in Greece part of Evros sometimes visiting Turkish sides but the data is not efficient. Kocabas river, Bafa lake, Saros bay, Seyfe lake, Büyükçekmece, Haçlı lake are other sites that the species were seen only once and the numbers were quite low.

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):

Unknown

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

Unknown

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

> there is not any information about hunting of LWfG

Please list any published or unpublished sources on hunting pressure on LWfG in your country.

> data deficient

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.)

> The species is legally protected in Turkey.under legislation of 4915.

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

Please tick the appropriate box:

No

Please provide more information on why efforts have not yet been made to assess the hunting pressure at key sites.

> this species is a vagrant in Turkey and records are so few

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.

> before hunting season hunters have to get small coverage courses about hunting birds.

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.

Not applicable

Please explain why this activity is not applicable in your country.

> data deficient

4.1.6. Has an effort been made to redirect hunting from adults to juveniles in areas where LWfG occur outside of the key sites?

Please tick the appropriate box

Not applicable

Please explain why this activity is not applicable in your country.

> data deficient

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

Not applicable

Please explain why this activity is not applicable in your country.

> data deficient

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.

> data deficient

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

> data deficient

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):

Unknown

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

Unknown

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

> The Meriç Delta comprises a complex of freshwater lakes, extensive reedbeds (Phragmites), lagoons and 3,400 ha of former flood-plain that has largely been converted to farmland. The lakes and marshes are surrounded by irrigated rice-fields. Sheep- and cattle-grazing is widespread.

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

> Management considerations A large-scale DSI irrigation and flood-control initiative (the Lower Ipsala Project) includes provisions to prevent pollution and further loss of wetland habitats in the area. The Meriç river is heavily polluted by industrial waste, untreated sewage and agricultural run-off. Lake water is used for irrigation during periods of drought, leading to drops in water-levels, seawater incursion and mass fish-kills. In recent years the fishing industry in the lakes and lagoons has collapsed, with pollution, over-fishing, changes in water regime, and silting-up of the river mouth quoted as the main causal factors.

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 activity is not applicable to your country.

> it is not a breeding bird in Turkey

4.3.3. Are you taking measures to avoid infrastructure 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:

Not applicable

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:

Not applicable

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.

> data deficient

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

> data deficient

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:

Not applicable

Please explain why the activity is not applicable in your country.

> not a breeding species in Turkey

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):

Unknown

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

Unknown

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

> degradation of habitats through drainage and development has left few habitats for wintering species.

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

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

4.6. Additional information (optional)

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

> the closing of the hunting season should be promoted at the end of January.

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.

> The species is legally protected in Turkey under legislation of 4915.

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.

> data is insufficient about hunting of this species

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.

> sometimes yes sometimes no because in different sites human and resources effort have been separated differently.

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:

No NSSAP

Please explain why your country does not yet have a NSSAP and is not in the process of producing one.

> Turkey only part of international action plan because the records about this species is so few. Lwfg spends winter in evros delta in Greece part and probably they frequently visit Turkish side of Evros delta

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:

Yes

Please specify what kind of assistance would be needed.

> planning a field work to determine the population in evros delta or in other places that this species has seen before.

to organize a meeting with the Turkish working group

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.

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5.4. Monitoring

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

During the breeding season?

No

During passage/migration period?

No

During the wintering season?

No

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

Please fill in the text box:

> Bird watcher numbers are quite low in Turkey and this species is not known very well that the number of records are only 9 in Turkey.

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?

Partial

Please provide more information on how the monitoring is being done any be whom.

> evros delta is quite closer to İstanbul and there is a birdwatching club in İstanbul. with a good time table the group members can join the monitoring project regularly.

During wintering/non-breeding season?

Partial

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

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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:

No

Please explain why no measures are being undertaken.

> this species is quite unknown species. the priority is given to other species .

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

Please select from the list:

No

Please explain why no information materials have been produced.

> any project has carried out about this species yet.

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.

> birdlife may support

Osme Conservation and research fund

AEWA Turkey is not a part of AEWA but can join a project with the other member countries

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:

No

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.

> The species occurs only occasionally. the projects or fundings priorities are given to other important species.

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:

Not applicable

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:

Not applicable

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:

No

7.5. Additional information (optional)

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

> between 30 Nov-3 Dec 2006 a russian bird with a radio tracking visited eastern border of Turkey.

8. Additional Comments

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

> NGOs should be encouraged to raise the public awareness of the importance of the LWfG surroundings of Evros delta and a national or international co-ordinated education programme aimed at hunters and landowners should be developed to make them aware of the vulnerability of the species

9. Submission

Please insert the date of submission for this report:

> 07.10.2012