



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

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

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

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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

**COUNTRY** Ukraine

Contracting Party to AEWA:

Yes  No

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**GENERAL INFORMATION – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** (optional):

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## 2. STATUS UPDATE

### 2.1. SPECIES STATUS -BREEDING (pairs)

Latest population estimate: Year  
 Minimum  
 Maximum

Population trend: select from list

Source(s) of information:

Not applicable  No information

### 2.2. SPECIES STATUS - PASSING (individuals)

Latest population estimate: Year  
 Minimum  
 Maximum

Population trend: select from list

Source(s) of information:

Not applicable  No information

### 2.3. SPECIES STATUS – WINTERING (individuals)

Latest population estimate: Year 2009  
 Minimum 0  
 Maximum 1000

Population trend: increasing

Source(s) of information:

1) Red Data Book of Ukraine. Animals .- Kiev, 2009.- 624 pp. ( in Ukrainian)

- 2)V.Lysenko National action plan for conservation of Anser erythropus in Ukraine // National Action plans for conservation of globally threatened bird species.- Kiev,2000.- p.57-66 (in Ukrainian)  
 3) Wetlands International IWC data base

Not applicable  No information

#### 2.4. SPECIES STATUS – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

In Ukraine there is no general monitoring system for migratory waterbirds. There are occasional registartions of migratory Anser erythropus in different parts of the country, mainly in the Azov-Black Sea region. Migratory groups of individuals of the species used to include 3-7 birds, rarely - 20-30. There were no attempts to evaluate a total amount of Anser erythropus passing through Ukraine. Main source of information on wintering waterbirds is International Waterbirds Count (IWC) in the Azov-Black Sea region of Ukraine. This information is available also in the IWC database of Wetlands International and partly published in ROM Bulletin of the Azov-Black Sea Ornithological Station, and supported by the Wetlands International Black Sea programme. IWC has been conducted on the regular basis starting from 1984. A number of sites (wetlands) covered by IWC is different from year to year, but in total this monitoing programme covers all large wetlands (and adjacent fields) along the Azov-Black Sea coast of Ukraine. During this period about 1500 Anser erythropus were counted. Last count was counducted in winter 2008/2009. The biggest flock registred in database comprised of 1000 birds, found in Dniestrovskiy Liman, 17.01.2001., another big flock - 760 birds, 01.1999, Molochnyi liman (according to the data from National Action Plans)

### 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

There is no list of sites in National Action plans

Out of the above total, number of protected sites

Number of protected sites with management plans that are being implemented

**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:

- 1) Sivash
- 2) Molochnyi liman
- 3) Dniestrovskiy Liman

Are any of these sites protected and/or managed?  
 all of them partly protected

#### CRITICAL SITES - FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

In the National Action Plan (V.Lysenko. National action plan for conservation of *Anser erythropus* in Ukraine // National Action plans for conservation of globally threatened bird species.- Kiev,2000.- p.57-66) there is no list of important sites, but some information is present in the text of the document. Based on this and also information from the IWC database, it is possible to propose as preliminary a list of the following important sites: Sivash, Molochnyi liman and Dniestrovskiy liman.

#### 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: select from list

Description of the situation:

In Ukraine there control on hunting is not sufficient. From one hand there is a big amonut of poachers, from another hand, even "legal" hunters shoot many rare birds included in the Red Data book of Ukraine, international Red lists etc. There is no any strong investigation of this issue in the country, but many facts from local conservationists, ornithologists and hunters allow to evaluate hunting pressure on rare species of waterbirds as High

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:

no detail information, but all wetlands at the south of Ukraine are under strong hunting pressure.

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:

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:

If no, please explain why:

Low level of hunting culture in Ukraine, high level of corruption in hunting management system

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:

no trainings because of lack funding and interest from the hunters side.

If not applicable, please explain why:

**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:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

species is quite rare in Ukraine and majority of hunters don't separate this species from Anser albifrons, which is numerous.

**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:

If no, please explain why:

If not applicable, please explain why:

not enough information about key sites for this species in the country, no fundings and no responsible organizations

#### 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: increasing

Description of the situation:

more and more well equipped hunters from Ukraine and abroad

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:

species is not breed in the country

**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:

not enough information on key sites, no funding and not sufficient level of biodiversity conservation in the country (mainly on paper)

If not applicable, please explain why:

**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:

If not applicable, please explain why:

A number of individuals is low to be threatened from overgrazing

#### 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:

**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: select from list

Description of the situation:

one of the potential threats for toady is intesification of agriculture. In 90<sup>th</sup> XX, due to agriculture depression, many lands were abandoned and crops (winter wheat etc) was reduced, but now, especially last several years, due to intensification of agriculture, all lands are used and using of fertilisers and pesticides is increased.

Source(s) of information:

experts opinion

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:

If not applicable, please explain why:  
no funding and no responsible organizations

**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:  
no funding and no responsible organizations

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:  
Red Data Book of Ukraine. Animals .- Kiev, 2009.- 624 pp. ( in Ukrainian)

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:

Legislation is not well developed and enforcement is not efficient

**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:

Nature conservation is not became a high priority for Ukrainian top politicians

**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:

NSSAP is quite general and it is necessary to seriously change the agriculture and hunting sectors to fully implement the plan

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

It is difficult to evaluate

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

**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:

- joint projects with European partners to improve an iformational basis for NSSAP (additional field work, satellite tracking etc) , consultations, good examples from other countries etc.

**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:

An issue is not considered because of low occurrence of the species

**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:  
occasional information from local ornithologists and hunters

Wintering season:

Yes  Partial  No  Not applicable Please provide more information on the monitoring activities during the non-breeding/wintering season:  
IWC in Azov-Black Sea region**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:**

There are no special projects related to this species. IWC is conducted on on a voluntary basis or partly supported from different Wetlands International projects in the 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:

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:  
No special funding

**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)**

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**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:

In general there is a possibility to have support from National Environmental Fund, but in reality is difficult since biodiversity conservation is not a high priority top level politics and decision makers don't want to allocate some funding for this

**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)**

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**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:

No funds and no experience

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:  
see above

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:  
The species is not bred in the country

**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:

**KEY KNOWLEDGE – FIELD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** (optional)

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS** (optional)

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THANK YOU!