



AEWA LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP



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3rd Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group

12-14 April - Trondheim, Norway

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Dates: Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th of April 2016

Venue: Norwegian Environment Agency (NEA)
Brattørkaia 15, 7010 Trondheim, Norway

Chair country: Estonia

Main Objectives:

- Review of the current global status of the species (Fennoscandian, Western and Eastern main populations);
- Update on recent satellite-tracking, monitoring and conservation projects;
- Update on the establishment of a common monitoring scheme and network of critical sites as well as decision on next steps;
- Update on the current status of implementation of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Action Plan and decision on next steps regarding the revision of the Action Plan;
- Development and adoption of a work plan for international conservation activities as well as fundraising priorities for the next inter-sessional period (2016-2019);
- (Re-)election of a Chair country for the next inter-sessional period.

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

Excursion: Field trip to Tautra Island in the Trondheimsfjord on Thursday 14th of April



The 3rd Meeting of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Working Group is being hosted by the Norwegian Environment Agency with additional funding provided by the EU LIFE+ project "Safeguarding the Lesser White-fronted Goose along its European Flyway" [LIFE10 NAT/GR/000638].

DAY 1 - Tuesday 12th April 2016

Time	Agenda item	Document	Lead	Expected outcome
8:00	<i>Registration</i>			
9:00	Opening and welcome – Introduction to Day 1	-	Chair, NEA, AEWA	-
9:15	Adoption of the agenda	LWfG IWG 3.1	Chair	Adoption of the agenda. Requests for any other business noted.
9:25	Admission of observers	-	Chair	Possible observers admitted to the meeting
<i>Update on global status of the Fennoscandian, Western main and Eastern main populations</i>				
9:30	Current status of the LWfG within the Western Palearctic	-	Ingar Øien	Range states updated on current status within the Western Palearctic and provided with basic PPT for national use
10:00	Additional update on recent population developments within the Fennoscandian population	-	Tomas Aarvak	Range states updated on current developments within the Fennoscandian population
10:20	Current status, main threats and knowledge gaps for the Eastern main LWfG population – including actions proposed for inclusion in the revised ISSAP	-	Vladimir Morozov, Cao Lei, Masayuki Kurechi	Range states updated on current status of the Eastern main population, with a view to include the population in the revised Action Plan
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>			
11:30	Current status, main threats and knowledge gaps for the Eastern main LWfG population <i>cont.</i>	-	Vladimir Morozov, Cao Lei, Masayuki Kurechi	Range states updated on current status of the Eastern main population, with a view to include the population in the revised Action Plan
<i>Implementation progress and revision of AEWA LWfG International Single Species Action Plan</i>				
11:50	Report on the implementation of the AEWA International Single Species Action Plan	LWfG IWG 3.2	AEWA	Update provided on implementation progress made. Main conclusions presented.
12:10	Report on the AEWA LWfG IWG budget	LWfG IWG 3.3	AEWA	Update provided on the IWG budget. Possible proposals noted for addition to the workplan.
12:30	Revision of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Action Plan – status quo and possible next steps	LWfG IWG 3.4	Chair	Decision taken on next steps regarding the revision of the Action Plan
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>			
14:00	Revision of the AEWA Lesser White-fronted Goose International Action Plan <i>cont.</i>	LWfG IWG 3.4	Chair	Decision taken on next steps regarding the revision of the Action Plan
14:30	Adjustment of the national reporting format following the revision of the AEWA LWfG ISSAP	-	AEWA	Decision taken to adjust the national reporting format to reflect the revised ISSAP once adopted. Final format to be approved later by IWG.
14:45	Possible listing of the LWfG under CITES	-	AEWA	Discussion and decision on whether a listing of the LWfG under CITES should be pursued during next intersessional period

<i>Network of critical sites and common monitoring scheme</i>				
15:00	Report on critical sites – presentation of satellite-tracking data and suggestion for sites to be targeted for conservation action during next inter-sessional period	LWfG IWG 3.5	Tomas Aarvak, Vladimir Morozov	Discussion and decision on which sites to target in particular for conservation action during next inter-sessional period. Output: list of the sites and what actions exactly are required fed into the workplan.
15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>			
16:15	Report on the LWfG Common Monitoring Scheme (current status of the monitoring network including training of teams, further development of online database, distribution of equipment etc.)	-	Petteri Tolvanen, Tomas Aarvak	Discussion on how to further strengthen, synchronize and promote monitoring in countries where gaps still remain including the possible need for equipment. Output: list of actions required fed into the workplan.
17:00	National LWfG monitoring and identification tool	-	Petteri Tolvanen	Demonstration of tool developed for national training. Range states provided with tool for national use.
17:30	Conclusions from day 1 and announcements for day 2	-	Chair	-
18:00	<i>Meeting closure and dinner (exact time and venue to be confirmed)</i>			

DAY 2 - Wednesday 13th April 2016				
Time	Agenda item	Document	Lead	Expected outcome
9:00	Opening – overview of Day 2	-	Chair	-
<i>Conservation action: ongoing and new activities and projects, fundraising etc.</i>				
9:10	Presentation of the EU LIFE+ project “Safeguarding LWfG along their European flyways” as well as of the possibilities for a new LIFE project	-	Manolia Vougioukalou, David Bogyo (<i>tbc</i>), AEWA	Main activities and outcomes of the current project are presented as well as possible recommendations for future work and new LIFE project. Discussion and suggestions made for further activities.
10:00	Locating the wintering sites of the Western main LWfG population in Azerbaijan and Iran	-	Elchin Sultanov (<i>tbc</i>), Hamid Amini, Petri Lampila	Presentation of recent projects and recommendations for future actions
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>			
11:30	Estimating the population size of the Western main LWfG population – proposal for a large-scale autumn field expedition	-	WWT	Presentation of proposal, discussion
12:00	Additional international initiatives (AMBI, CMS Family Champions Programme, Caspian Sea Region project etc.)	-	AEWA	Overview provided of additional international initiatives (ongoing or in development) from which LWfG work could profit.
12:30	Draft workplan and fundraising strategy for the LWfG IWG 2016-2019	3.6	AEWA	Presentation of suggested four-year workplan and fundraising priorities etc. short discussion. Instructions

				provided for the break-out group session.
13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>			
14:00	Brainstorming session in break-out groups with more detailed planning of future projects and fundraising needs/opportunities	3.6	All	Participants divided into groups to work out project activities, needs, timelines etc. in more detail according to template provided.
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>			
16:00	Brainstorming session in break-out groups cont.	3.6	All	Participants divided into groups to work out project activities, needs, timelines etc. in more detail according to template provided.
16:30	Summary of break-out group work	-	AEWA	Agreement on the main priority activities to be implemented during next inter-session period as discussed and outlined in the break-out groups. Final workplan and fundraising strategy will be submitted to members for final comments and approval after the meeting.
17:00	Election of Chair country	-	AEWA	Election of Chair country for next inter-session period
17:15	Next Meeting of the Working Group	-	Chair, AEWA	Decision taken on approximate timing and possible venue of the next Working Group meeting.
17:25	Any other business	-	Chair	Discussion of possible points raised at beginning of meeting
17:35	Summary and closing remarks	-	Chair, AEWA	-
18:00	<i>Meeting closure, announcements for the excursion and dinner (exact time and venue to be confirmed)</i>			

DAY 3 - Thursday 14th April 2016

08:00	Departure for excursion to Tautra Island in the Trondheimsfjord by bus (<i>lunch will be provided</i>)
ca. 14:30	End of excursion, transport to airport for participants departing on the 14 th of April.