

**1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT  
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP**  
*14 – 16 December 2016, Kristianstad, Sweden*

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**



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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

Date: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
Venue: Quality Hotel Grand, V. Storgatan 15, 29121 Kristianstad, Sweden  
Host: Swedish Environmental Protection Agency  
Chair: To be elected

### Main Objectives:

- Adopt AEWAs EGM IWG Modus Operandi
- Elect a Chair country for the AEWAs EGM IWG
- Discuss the modalities of the EGMP operational budget for 2016-2017
- Receive updates on the status of the PfG population and the implementation of the PfG ISMP:
  - Progress of Adaptive Harvest Management and further modelling development
  - Organising goose hunting and management through voluntary agreements
  - National reports from the Range States
  - Actions to minimize crippling
  - Monitoring and minimising agricultural conflicts and monitoring tundra degradation
- Receive the final report on the cost-benefit analysis of the PfG management process
- Decide on the involvement of new Range States in the management of the PfG
- Receive information on the predictive models and possible management alternatives for the TBG
- Discuss and adopt the Adaptive Harvest Management programme for the TBG
- Discuss and agree on action to reduce crippling in TBG and increase identification skills and awareness amongst hunters
- Discuss and agree on the feasibility and next steps of developing an international framework for resolving agricultural conflicts that involves the TBG
- Develop a work plan for other non-AHM actions for the TBG
- Receive information on a research and modelling project on the Barnacle Goose (Russia-breeding population)

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

**Excursion:** Field trip to Vattenrike Biosphere Reserve during the morning of Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

### Abbreviations:

<b>AEWA</b> = African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement	<b>ISSAP</b> = International Single Species Action Plan	<b>PfG</b> = Pink-footed Goose
<b>AHM</b> = Adaptive Harvest Management	<b>ISMP</b> = International Species Management Plan	<b>SEPA</b> = Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
<b>Doc.</b> = meeting document	<b>IWG</b> = International Working Group	<b>TBG</b> = Taiga Bean Goose
<b>EGMP</b> = European Goose Management Platform	<b>MU</b> = Management Unit	

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December - Arrival day				
Time	Item	Doc.	Remarks	Lead
<i>tbc</i>	Registration for the meeting	--	At the Quality Hotel Grand V. Storgatan 15 29121 Kristianstad , Sweden Tel: +46 44 28 48 00	Secretariat

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December				
Time	Item	Doc.	Remarks	Lead
<b>General Session</b>				
8:00-8:10	Opening of the meeting and introductions	--	Welcome by SEPA; brief introductions	Secretariat
8:10-8:15	Election of meeting chair	--	Election of a chair country	Secretariat
8:15-8:25	Adoption of the agenda	EGM IWG 1.2 Rev. 1	Presentation of the provisional agenda and adoption	Chair
8:25-8:30	Admission of observers	--	Confirmation of observers to the meeting	Chair
8:30-9:00	Introduction to the EGMP	--	Presentation of the EGMP concept and process to date; progress of management planning for further species; discussion	Secretariat
9:00-9:45	Adoption of the EGM IWG Modus Operandi	EGM IWG 1.3	Presentation of the draft EGM IWG Modus Operandi and adoption	Secretariat
9:45-10:15	EGMP budget 2016-2017	--	Presentation and discussion on the EGMP operational budget for 2016 and 2017	Secretariat
10:15-10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>			
<b>Pink-footed Goose Session</b>				
10:30-10:45	Update from the PFG ISMP Coordination Unit	--	Update on the activities of the Coordination Unit for the Pink-footed Goose International Species Management Plan in 2016	Jesper Madsen
10:45-11:15	Population status update	EGM IWG 1.4	Presentation of Population Status Report 2015-2016	Jesper Madsen
11:15-12:00	Adaptive Harvest Management update	EGM IWG 1.5	Presentation of AHM 2016 Progress Report	Fred Johnson
12:00-13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>			
13:00-14:00	Range State updates: Belgium The Netherlands Denmark Norway	--	Presentations updating on status of national delegations / national working groups, overview of ISMP related activities	Country reps

14:00-14:20	Organising goose hunting and management through voluntary agreements	--	Presentation of an experimental approach in Norway and Denmark	Ingunn Tombre; Jesper Madsen
14:20-14:40	PfG crippling update	--	Presentation of latest monitoring results and awareness raising work	Jesper Madsen; Iben Hove Sørensen
14:40-15:10	Update on monitoring and minimising agricultural conflicts and tundra degradation monitoring	--	1. Review of subsidy/compensation schemes and levels of goose-agriculture conflicts in range states 2. Presentation of Norwegian subsidy review 3. Presentation of ongoing tundra degradation monitoring work on Svalbard	Ingunn Tombre; Ove Martin Gundersen
15:10-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>			
15:30-16:15	Cost-benefit analysis for the PfG management process	EGM IWG 1.6	Presentation of the finalised cost-benefit analysis	James Williams; Jesper Madsen
16:15-16:35	Involvement of Sweden and Finland in the implementation of the PfG ISMP	--	Discussion	Chair
16:35-17:00	Summary of day 1 and announcements for day 2	--		Chair; Secretariat

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Time	Item	Doc.	Remarks	Lead
<b>Taiga Bean Goose Session</b>				
8:30-8:40	Introduction to day 2	--		Chair; Secretariat
8:40-9:00	Summary of the Taiga Bean Goose ISSAP	EGM IWG 1.7	Presentation of the key points of the TBG ISSAP, incl. action framework	Secretariat
9:00-9:20	Outline of the proposed Adaptive Harvest Management programme for the TBG	EGM IWG 1.7	Presentation and discussion	Mikko Alhainen
9:20-9:50	Sustainable Harvest Assessment	EGM IWG 1.8	Presentation of the predictive models and possible management alternatives	Fred Johnson
9:50-10:30	Setting up the Adaptive Harvest Management programme	EGM IWG 1.9	Presentation and discussion on proposed options (such as annual AHM cycle, harvest quota division, management alternatives, risk attitude, and monitoring programme); <b>Adoption of preferred options</b>	Chair; Secretariat; Mikko Alhainen; Tony Fox; Fred Johnson
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>			

11:00-11:45	Setting up the Adaptive Harvest Management programme (cont.)	EGM IWG 1.9	Presentation and discussion on proposed options (such as annual AHM cycle, harvest quota division, management alternatives, risk attitude, and monitoring programme); <b>Adoption of preferred options</b>	Chair; Secretariat; Mikko Alhainen; Tony Fox; Fred Johnson
11:45-12:05	Reducing TBG crippling	--	Discussion and decision on actions (following the ongoing PfG work)	Jesper Madsen; Mikko Alhainen
12:05-13:15	<i>Lunch break</i>			
13:15-13:45	Raising identification skills and awareness amongst hunters	--	Discussion and decision on actions	Mikko Alhainen
13:45-14:45	Developing an international framework for resolving agricultural conflicts which includes the TBG	--	Discussion and decision on actions	Tony Fox
14:45-15:00	Introduction to break-out session	--	Short description of the objectives, the set-up and the process	Secretariat
15:00-16:00 (60 min. incl. coffee break)	Break-out session – development of work plan for other non-AHM actions	--	Work in two break-out groups (following the ISSAP action framework) – Western + Central MUs (group 1) and Eastern MUs 1 & 2 (group 2)	Facilitators
16:00-16:20	Reports from the break-out groups	--	Brief summaries	Break-out group rapporteurs
<b>General Session</b>				
16:20-16:50	Barnacle Goose (Russia-breeding population)– research and modelling	--	Project outline presentation and discussion	Kees Koffijberg
16:50-17:10	Involvement and retainment of volunteer goose counters	--	Discussion and decision on possible action	Jesper Madsen
17:10-17:20	Next AEWG EGM IWG meeting	--	Discuss and agree timing for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> AEWG EGM IWG meeting (possibly 12-16 June 2017); expression of interest for hosting will be welcome	Secretariat
17:20-17:30	Election of Chair for the AEWG EGM IWG	--	Election of chair country as per the adopted <i>Modus operandi</i>	Secretariat
17:30-17:45	Summary of the meeting, next steps and closure of the meeting	--		Chair; Secretariat
<b>Evening Post-meeting Programme</b>				
18:00-18:45	Presentation on goose management in Sweden as well as on the Vattenrike Biosphere Reserve (field trip venue)	--	Presentation	SEPA
20:00	<i>Joint dinner hosted by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency</i>			

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Lead</b>
9:00	Field trip to Vattenrike Biosphere Reserve	SEPA
12:00	Lunch at the hotel	SEPA
13:00 onwards	Departure of participants	