



Goose Management Group

GMG 3rd Meeting

Bremen, 28-29 September 2009

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: GMG 3-1 Draft Agenda

The chairman welcomed the participants at WSA in Bremen and opened the meeting at 12:30 hours on 28 September. He emphasised that the meetings focus would be on agenda item 4, the elaboration on the draft recommendation and guidance document. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The agenda was **adopted** without amendments and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Adoption of the minutes GMG-2

Document: GMG-2 Final Draft Minutes

The final draft minutes of the GMG-2 meeting, Heide, 3 June 2009, were **adopted** without amendments.

3. Announcements

Bart Ebbinge informed about a goose meeting on 9-14 October 2009 in Lund, Sweden. The colleagues Bart Ebbinge and Jesper Madsen would participate in the meeting and would inform the GMG about the outcome at the GMG-4 meeting.

He further referred to the conference "EURING2009", an analytical meeting on 14-20 September in Pescara, Italy and highlighted a presentation by Jim Nichols about adaptive management in North America.

Jesper Madsen briefly reported about a fly-way management plan for pink-footed geese. Norway would be going to approve the plan and to financially support the management for the next three years.

Niels Kanstrup requested a promotion of the Goose Management Group at the goose meeting in Lund (see above).

4. Elaboration recommendation and guidance document

Document: GMG 3-4.1, Introduction (Manfred Vollmer)

Document: GMG 3-4.2, Visions, aims and objectives (Jesper Madsen)

Document: GMG 3-4.3, Rationale (Meinte Engelmoer)

Document: GMG 3-4.4, The Basics: Definitions and Inventory of the current situation (secretariat compilation, input chapter volunteers)

Document: GMG 3-4.5, The Basics: Inventory of the current situation (Jesper Madsen, Bart Ebbinge, Helmut Kruckenberg, Jan Steinbrink, John Frikke)

Document: GMG 3-4.6, A common management (Hans-Ulrich Rösner, Helmut Kruckenberg, Niels Kanstrup)

Document: GMG 3-4.7, Management recommendations (Hans-Ulrich Rösner, Helmut Kruckenberg, Niels Kanstrup)

Niels Kanstrup and Manfred Vollmer gave an introduction and a draft time schedule for the elaboration of this document. The document should provide some strategic and political recommendations to be forwarded to the Trilateral Governmental Conference in March 2010. The recommendations would be aimed at wise management and further cooperation with the TWSC after March 2010. For this, a first draft had to be delivered to the TWG meeting on 18 November 2009.

In the following, the meeting discussed the very preliminary draft chapters. The discussion is not reproduced in these minutes, as this will be taken by the responsible authors to be included in the improved versions. The meeting agreed to clearly distinguish between a vision, aims and objectives and to explain in the rationale the need for a common approach and policies, and furthermore to keep the guidelines as simple and understandable as possible.

Further issues, which were agreed by the meeting and which will be included in the respective chapters are:

- linkage of the regions
- importance of the flyway
- population development and its importance for the future
- go-areas designed for geese purposes, good feeding conditions

For the elaboration of the chapters, available data will be used and the trilateral migratory bird group will be involved (i.e. there should be a concrete request to this group soon) to receive data and knowledge.

5. Goose Management Schemes

Up to now, no further information about the goose management schemes was made available. The secretary requested the group members, particularly from the administrative level, to deliver further information of the schemes. Also Denmark should provide relevant information about agri-environmental schemes, even if these are not related to goose management.

The sector representatives were asked to deliver comments how the schemes are used and where implementation is lacking.

This information will be brought together to examine commonalities and differences, also in the usage of the schemes.

6. Future Tasks

The meeting agreed on the following tasks to elaborate the recommendation and guidance document and to forward it to the TWSC for further decisions:

- Chapter 1, Introduction: drafted by Manfred Vollmer
- Chapter 2, Vision and rationale: drafted by Manfred Vollmer
- Chapter 3.1, Definitions: compiled by Manfred Vollmer on deliveries by the group
- Chapter 3.2, Inventory: drafted by Jesper Madsen (+ Bart Ebbinge, Helmut Kruckenberg)
- Chapter 4, Future Management and Recommendations (includes proposal for go-areas and tourism use, and proposal for the TWC): drafted by Niels Kanstrup (+ Hans-Ulrich Rösner, Helmut Kruckenberg)

The drafts have to be ready by 1 December 2009. Comments have to be delivered before Xmas in order to elaborate the final draft in January. Fine tuning and latest improvements will be done at the meeting in January 2010.

To the TWG meeting on 18-19 November 2009, a summary with the draft recommendations has to be delivered. The chair and the secretary will elaborate a draft summary by 23 October. The draft will be forwarded to the group members and the WSF Steering Committee for comments to be made until 4 November. The final draft summary will be submitted to the TWG by 10 November.

7. Any other business

There was no other business discussed.

8. Next meeting

The meeting agreed on 19-20 January 2010 as the next meeting date. If possible, the meeting should be a one-day meeting. It was proposed to hold the meeting in Bremen again.

9. Closing

The chairman thanked all participants for the fruitful meeting and closed the session at 13:00 hours on 29 September.

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