



Goose Management Group

GMG 3rd Meeting

Hamburg, 21 June 2012

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: GMG 2012-3 Draft Agenda

The chair, Mr Hilbrand Sinnema, welcomed the participants and opened the meeting on 21 June at 11:00 hours. 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 meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the GMG-2 meeting, Hamburg, of 25 April 2012. The final draft minutes of GMG-2 have been distributed by e-mail of 10 May 2012. The final draft minutes are also available on the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org.

3. Announcements

Manfred Vollmer recalled the agreements of the WSF-20 meeting with regard to goose management:

- The work of the re-established goose management group should continue according to the draft Terms of Reference (TOR), which would be amended by the development of a pilot project (see further below);
- A document with the most important findings of the 2010 report, including recommended activities in the regions, will be elaborated and translated into the three national languages. The document will be forwarded to the regional governments for discussion and adoption by the regional parliaments;
- The GMG will develop a pilot project for long term management to be co-financed by European funds.

John Frikke underlined that Denmark would support elaborating trilateral solutions with regard to goose management.

Meinte Engelhoer referred to the agreements of the WSF-20 meeting regarding goose management and stated that the pilot project should focus mainly on Brent and Barnacle geese in the WSR and not on flyway management, which was agreed.

4. Terms of Reference

Document: GMG 2012-3-4.1 Revised Draft Terms of Reference GMG

The meeting agreed on the revised TOR, which were amended by statements made at the last meeting. The list of group members will be updated according to new representatives of Schleswig-Holstein and Lower Saxony.

5. Inventory of information

Kees Koffijberg gave an excellent presentation about developments of geese species and relevant management issues in the Netherlands as an introduction.

The presentation will be made available as pdf file.

Following, the representatives of the four regions introduced current measures and compensations schemes. The situation was recognized as quite divers with regard to compensation, contracts with farmers, use of Nature 2000 areas for goose management, monitoring and hunting.

The meeting **agreed to deliver** all details about measures and management schemes, including size of management areas and new initiative by end of July. The secretariat will compile the data and elaborate a scheme with all information. The first draft will be distributed for comments and amendments in September in order to have a sound scheme available at the next meeting.

6. Breeding geese/meadow birds

The meeting **agreed** not to include management issues of meadow birds in the current work plan. The envisaged report of the GMG will entail information about breeding geese in the Wadden Sea Region as well as about impacts of goose management schemes on meadow birds.

7. Draft work plan

At the last meeting, a proposed work plan was structured into the 4 packages:

- Policies development
- Communication and awareness
- Measures
- Knowledge

The meeting discussed the issues in more detail:

Policies development:

Sub-issues will be defined on the basis of the deliveries about management schemes of the four regions.

Communication and awareness:

Communication with farmers, general public, local politicians; awareness;

Measures:

Focus species, size of areas, number of farmers involved, time period of contracts, period of year, payments, conditions for payments, scaring methods including in Natura 2000 sites, hunting;

Knowledge:

Species, flyway trends, productivity, trends in numbers, counting efforts, conflicts with other species;

A draft of a more detailed work plan will be elaborated by the secretariat and distributed for comments and amendments in the second half of August. The GMG will assist in elaboration. A draft work plan will be available at the next meeting.

Meinte Engelmoer will work on conflicts of goose management with other species.

8. Any other business

The meeting **agreed** to start with the compilation of recommendations.

At the next meeting, a first debate about advice and recommendations will be on the agenda. Also the designation of go- and no-go areas will be discussed on the basis of the information available.

The meeting further **agreed** to translate some informative documents into the national languages. The secretariat was requested to provide the GMG with information to be translated.

9. Next meeting

The meeting agreed to hold the next GMG meeting on **20 September 2012** in Hamburg.

10. Closing

The chair thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting at 15:00 on 21 June 2012.

ANNEX 2

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