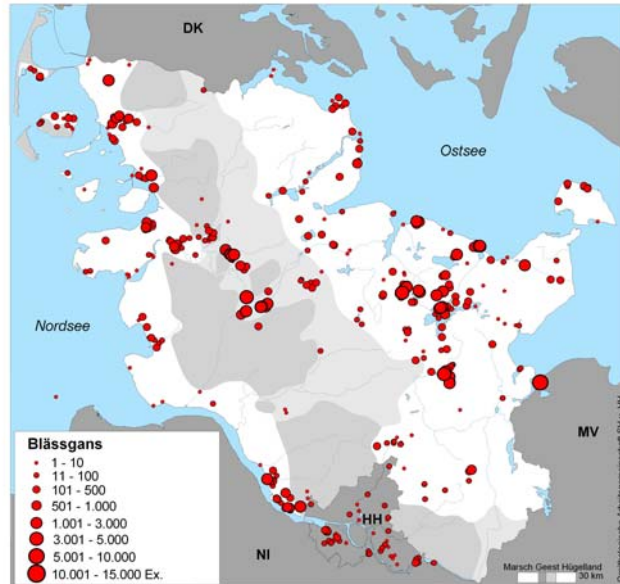


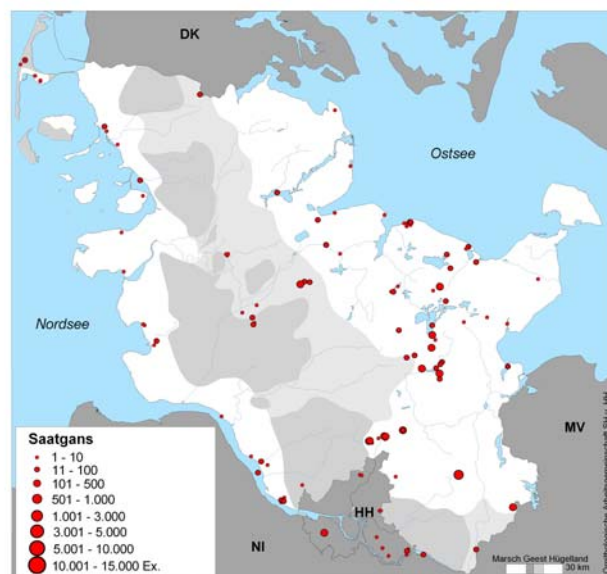
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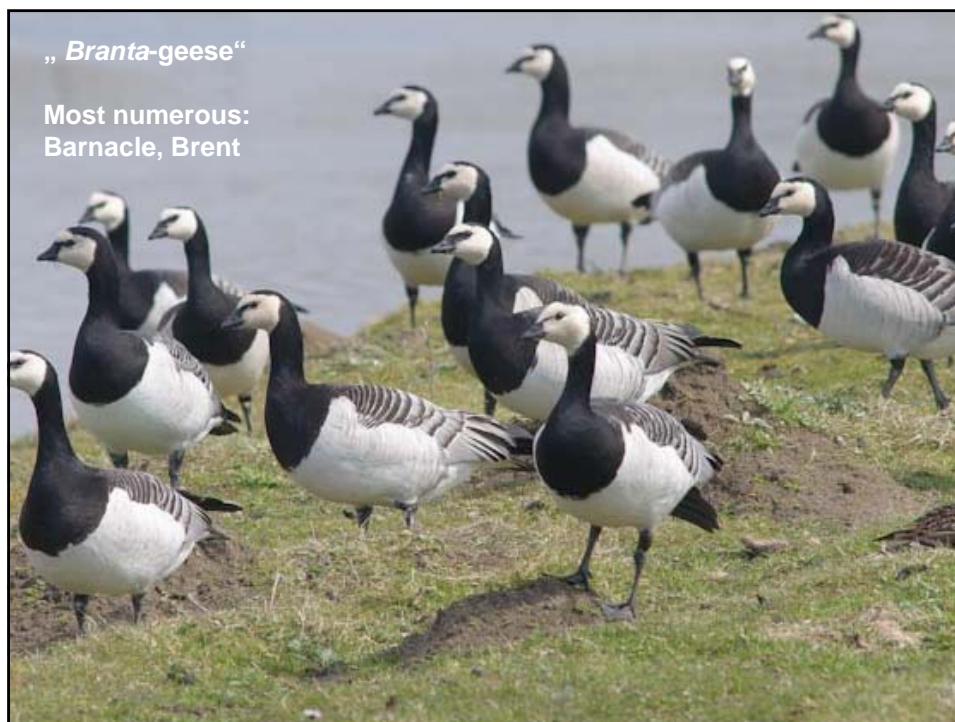
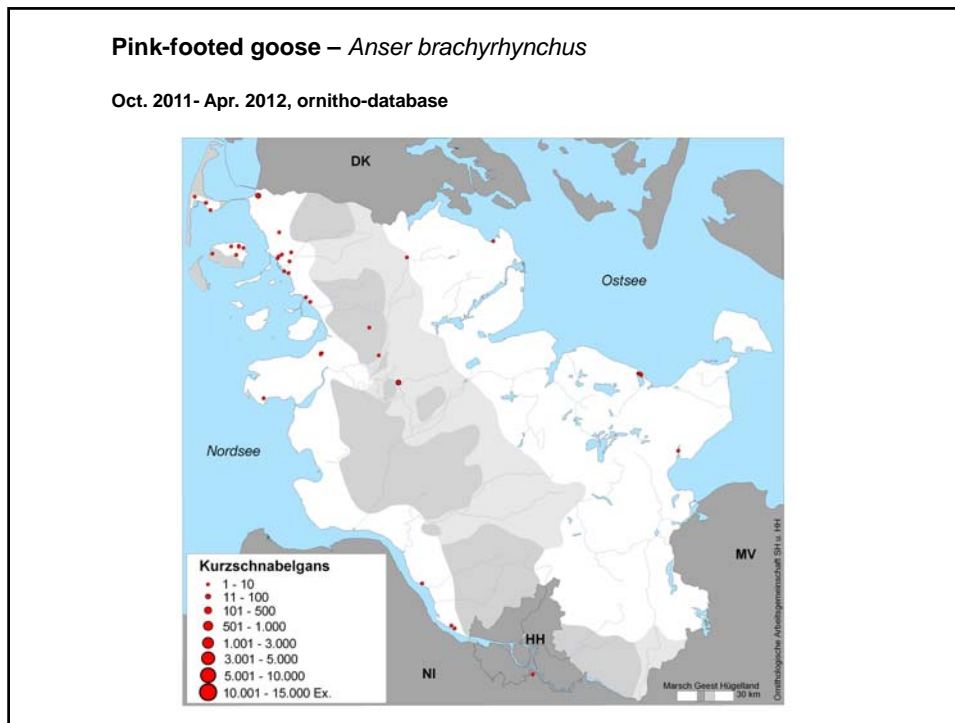
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Tundra bean goose – *Anser fabalis rossicus*

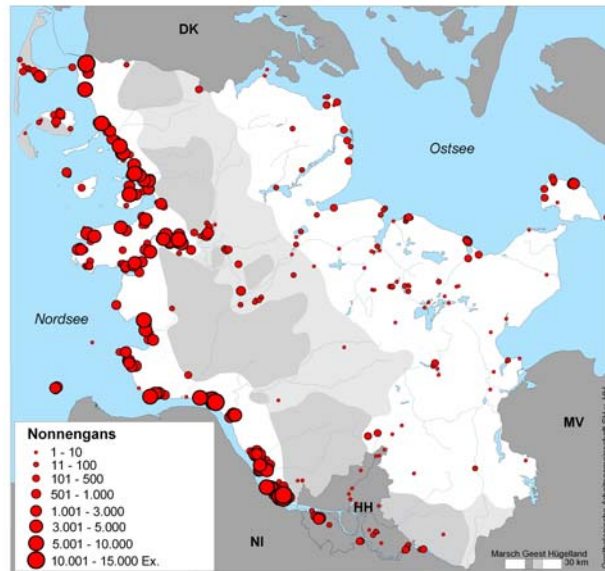
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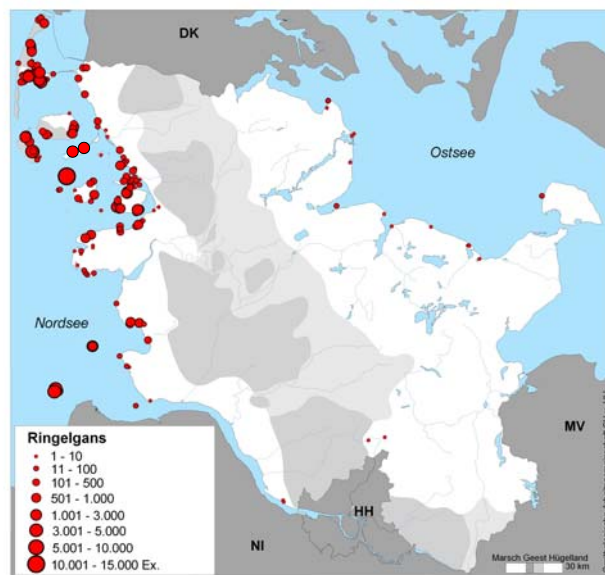
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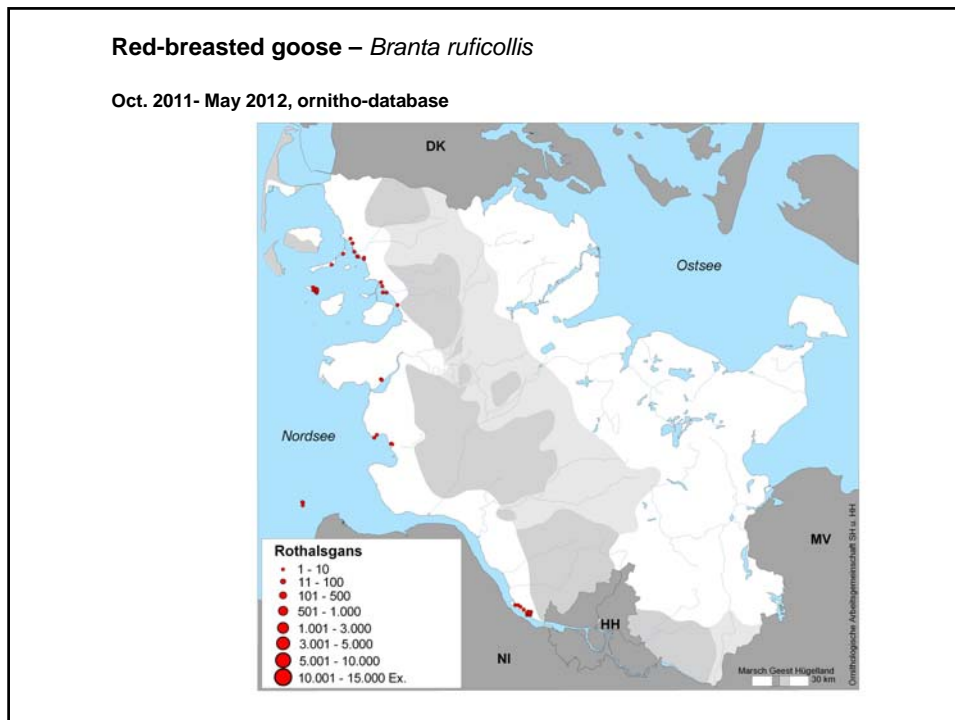
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Dark bellied Brent goose – *Branta b. bernicla*

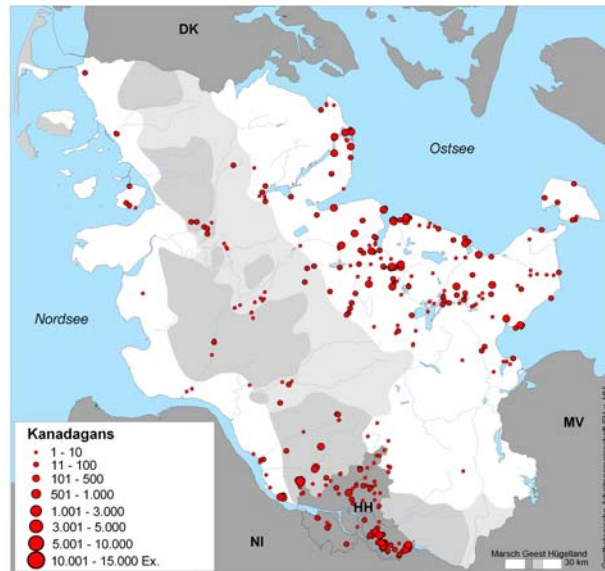
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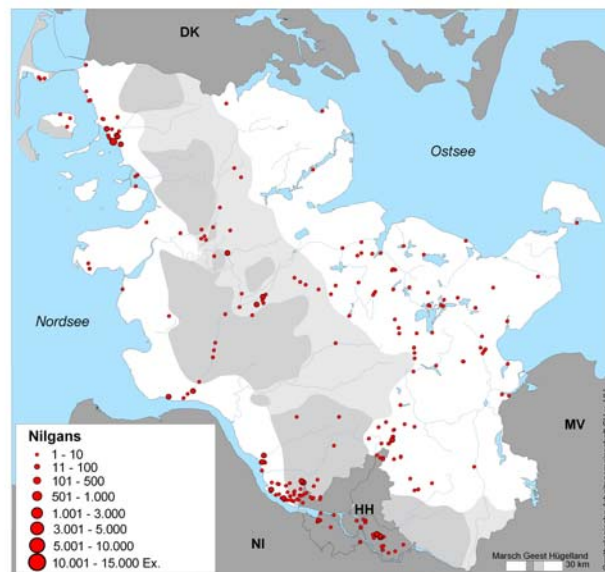
Canada goose – *Branta canadensis*

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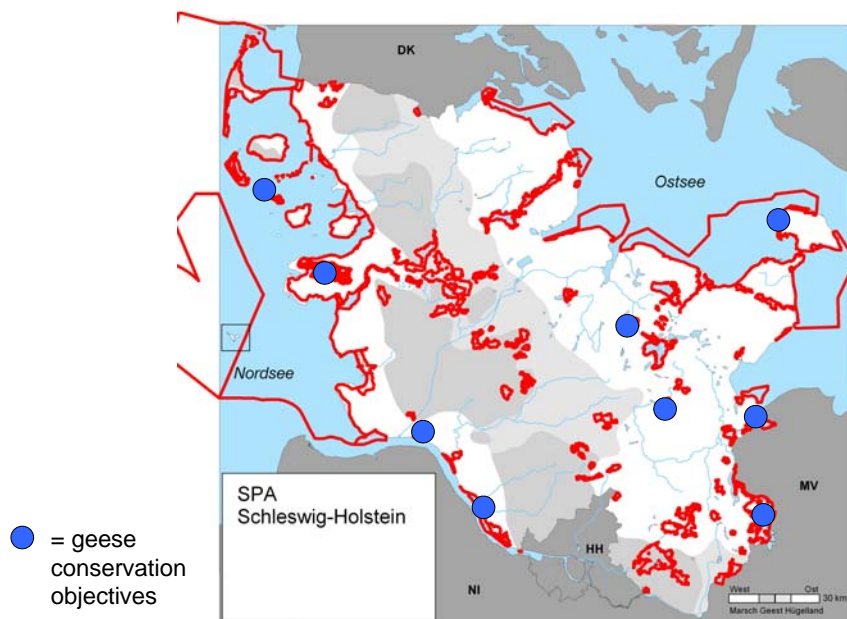
Egyptian goose – *Alopochen aegyptiaca*

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**Basic guidelines of the geese policy
in Schleswig-Holstein:**

- Protection measures: Main focus on endangered species for which Schleswig-Holstein has a high responsibility (mainly Brent goose);
- SPAs: focus on the species listed in the conservation objectives



**Basic guidelines of the geese policy
in Schleswig-Holstein:**

- SPA: go areas without scaring;
- agro-environmental schemes which include toleration of feeding geese (see below for details);
- problems are solved by local measures adapted to the local situation
– no general solutions (see below for details);
- other conservation objectives (e.g. breeding meadow birds) are considered

**2. Communication and awareness
2.1 Farmers**

Round table “Geese and agriculture”

(invited by the Ministry of Energiewende, agriculture, environment and rural landscapes Schleswig-Holstein)

farmers organisation, hunters association, nature conservation organisations, authorities

2. Communication and awareness
2.2 general public

“Brent Goose days”

- annually in April/May since 1988 in the “Biosphäre Halligen”
- organised by local authorities, national park administration and nature conservation organisations;
- guided excursions, lectures, variety of events around the Halligen (theatre, dinner, music,...)

www.ringelganstage.de

“Barnacle Goose days”

- 22.-31.October 2010
- events in Rickelsbüller Koog, Husum, Katinger Watt and Eiderstedt (Westerhever)
- organised by local authorities, national park administration and nature conservation organisations;
- guided excursions, lectures, variety of events

“Geese in the river Elbe estuary”

- NABU Haseldorf (NGO) Elbmarschenhaus
- guided excursions and lectures with information about wintering geese

www.elbmarschenhaus.de

“Geese and swans in Schleswig-Holstein”

Booklet about numbers, distribution, protection, observation sites of geese and swans in Schleswig-Holstein (will be published end of 2012)

Agro-environmental schemes

“Feeding areas for geese and swans - grassland”
(Nahrungsgebiete für Gänse und Schwäne)

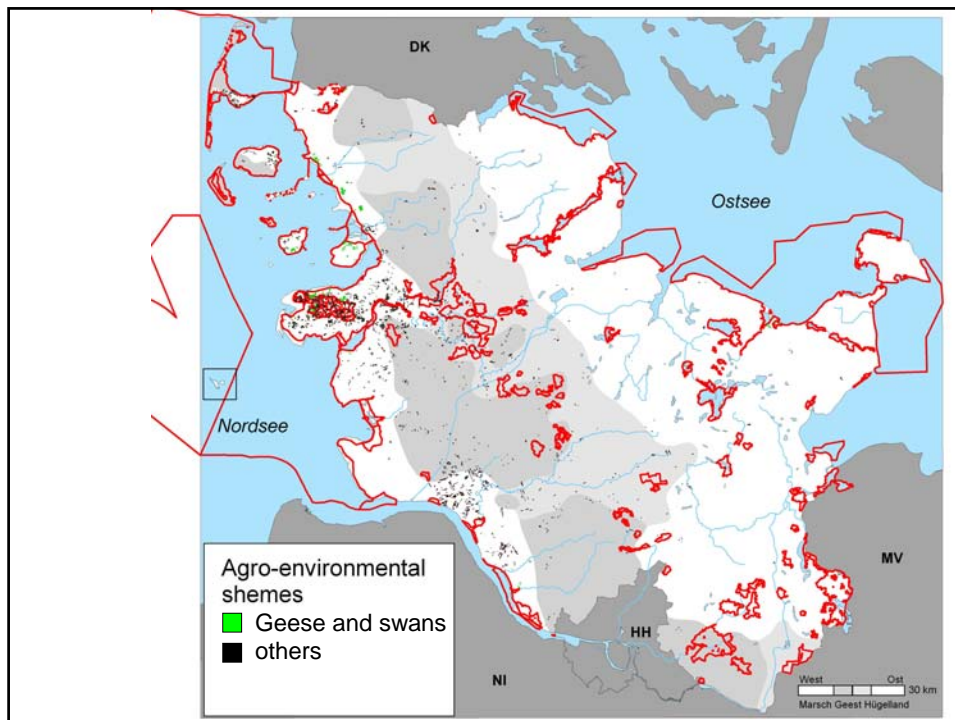
“Resting areas for migratory bird species – arable fields”
(Rastplätze wandernde Vogelarten)

“Pasture management on lowland grassland” („Weide-Wirtschaft Marsch“)

“Pasture-landscape lowland grassland” („Weide-Landschaft Marsch“)

“Permanent pasture” (“Dauerweide”)

“Halligprogramm”



Goose field-pool (“Gänseflächenpool”)

12 shepherds, 84 ha (Dithmarschen)
12 farmers, 105 ha (Westerhever Eiderstedt)

depending on intensity of geese damage, shepherds can use improved areas in the hinterland free of charge for grazing or hay making

Reduction of lease payment (“Pachtnachlass”)

10 shepherds (2010) Dithmarschen

Hunting seasons SH (x = only hunting to score)

	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M
Barnacle goose					1. X	X	X	15. X				
Brent goose	Schonzeit											
Canada goose			1. X	X	X			15.				
Greylag goose			1.	X	X			15.				
Tundra bean goose						1.		15.				
White-fronted goose						1.		15.				
Egyptian goose			1.					15.				
Mute swan						1.			20.			

Shooting to score

Outside the regular hunting season
 01.09.-31.10. (Greylag),
 01.08.-31.10. (Canada goose)

01.10-15.01. (Barnacle goose) outside of SPA;
 only to prevent damages from susceptible arable fields or grassland;
 the necessity of shooting to prevent substantial damages on grassland
 has to be proven by an authorised expert

Shooting according to § 27 federal hunting law
 (outside the hunting season)

Greylag Goose, to a lesser amount also White
 fronted goose, Bean goose and Brent goose

Outside of national park but inside SPA (only if no
 disturbance of meadows with breeding birds
 occurs)

Shooting only by permission of the local county
 hunting authority