



Goose Management Group

GMG 8th Meeting

Bremen, 19 September 2013

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

Document: GMG 2013-8.1 Draft Agenda

The chair, Mr Hilbrand Sinnema, welcomed the participants and opened the meeting on 19 September 2013 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-7

Document: GMG-7 Final Draft Minutes

The meeting adopted the final draft minutes of the GMG-7 meeting, Bremen, of 18 June 2013. The final draft minutes of GMG-7 have been distributed by e-mail of 24 June 2013. The final draft minutes are also available on the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org.

3. Announcements

Markus Nipkow briefly informed about the program "Nordic Geese", which would have a follow-up period in 2014. In this respect, also regulations regarding population sizes were in discussion.

Further he informed about agri-environmental schemes, which were extended to some new areas. A division in 4 zones would allocate the amount of financial contributions.

The secretary reported about the elaboration of an ICZM strategy for the Wadden Sea Region, in which the recommendations of the working groups would be included. The report of the GMG would be published as an extra report, but the main recommendations should be part of an overall strategy for the region. The draft ICZM strategy as well as the draft goose report would be forwarded to the Wadden Sea Board in October 2013.

4. Goose report

Document: GMG 2013-8.4.1 Goose report, Introduction

Document: GMG 2013-8.4.2 Goose report, Overview geese

Document: GMG 2013-8.4.4 Goose report, Policy developments

The meeting discussed the introduction of the goose report in detail and took the comments made by Jesper Madsen and Kees Koffijberg into account. The comments were accepted and further comments were made due to contents and structure. The updated and improved introduction is attached to the minutes.

The proposed overview table about goose management in the different regions was accepted, leaving out the example of pink-footed geese. This example will be part of the introduction.

Meinte Engelmoer introduced the document on policy developments and explained the policy cycle with decision making processes in detail. The meeting agreed on the approach, but decided to move the described policy goals to the chapter 5, strategy. The decision making process was divided into 3 steps:

Why: introduced the management plan

What: describes the measures

How: refers to and describes the responsibilities of management

Furthermore, the meeting discussed the chapter about the strategy. The following comments respectively agreements were made.

The overall aim has to be defined. The damage situation of 2005 as baseline should be considered.

The sub-chapters measures and instruments still have to be elaborated. Described instruments can function as tool box.

The defined specific objectives and recommendations in the available draft of Jesper Madsen have to be checked. Some objectives are recommendations and some of the recommendations describe objectives.

Policy goals will be part of the specific recommendations; examples are the establishment of a GMG to oversee the implementation, an annual report about the progress, implementation of concrete go and no-go areas.

In order to proceed, the meeting concluded and agreed on the following report structure and responsibilities for further elaboration. The final drafts of the chapters have to be sent to the secretariat **by 14 October** at the latest. The secretariat will compile the chapters to a first full draft report for comments by **18 October** at the latest. Following, the report will be forwarded to the WSF-23 meeting on **31 October** for adoption. In November, fine tuning and layout will be made by the secretariat. The final report will be published on the internet and forwarded to the Wadden Sea Conference 2014.

Report trilateral goose management scheme

1. Introduction (Final draft available)
2. Overview geese populations and trends (Kees Koffijberg)
 - Summary flyway populations
 - Summary Wadden Sea, TMAP data for Barnacles, White fronted geese data for DK and NL available
3. Policy developments (Jesper Madsen and Meinte Engelmoer)
 - Include overview table inventory (Final draft available)

4. Analysis of problems with geese (Meinte Engelmoer with support from Markus Nipkow, Jan Kieckbusch and John Frikke)
 - a) Wadden Sea Area
 - b) Four regions
5. Strategy (Jesper Madsen, support by Kees Koffijberg and Meinte Engekmoer)
 - a) Aims
 - b) Targets (more specific than overall aims, go-areas, measurable)
 - c) Measures
 - d) Instruments/Communication/Knowledge
 - e) Recommendations, integrate policy goals of chapter policy developments addressees, action plan and time schedule should be considered.
6. Recommendations (GMG group)

On the basis of the specific recommendation of the chapter above, some most important recommendations have to be defined (see agenda item 6).

5. Draft recommendations

With regard to chapter 6 of the goose report, the meeting **agreed** to define up to 5 main strategic recommendations, additionally to the specific recommendations in chapter 5. The main recommendations will also be part of the ICZM strategy and forwarded to the Wadden Sea Board meeting on 9-10 October with the request of being considered in the Ministerial Declaration of the Wadden Sea Conference 2014. Proposals for these recommendations have to be sent to the secretariat by **30 September** at the latest.

6. Any other business

No other business discussed.

7. Next meeting

The meeting agreed to hold, if necessary, a phone conference in October 2013.

8. Closing

The chair thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting at 15:00 on 19 September 2013.

ANNEX 2

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DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

- Agenda item 1. Opening**
- Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Minutes GMG-6**
- Agenda item 3. Announcements**
- Agenda item 4. Goose report**
- Agenda item 5. Draft recommendations**
- Agenda item 6. Any other business**
- Agenda item 7. Next meeting**
- Agenda item 8. Closing**