

IUCN SSC Goose Specialist Group

2018 Report



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Number of members

412

Social networks

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Mission statement

The Goose Specialist Group (GSG) seeks to strengthen contacts between all researchers of migratory goose populations in the Northern Hemisphere by organising regular scientific conferences, and stimulating research on the dynamics of geese populations.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

By the end of 2020, we will make a revision of current IUCN Red List status of goose species of concern in Europe. Addressing the conservation and management of declining, as well as growing, goose populations in Europe calls for a coordinated flyway approach amongst all range states concerned. To facilitate and implement such an approach, a European Goose Management Platform was established under the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), as called for by the AEWA Parties through Resolution 6.14. By the end of 2020, we expect acceptance of the Platform in most AEWA countries.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Assess

Research activities: to estimate the abundance, status and distribution of natural wild geese populations in the Northern Hemisphere.

Communicate

Scientific meetings: to organise the 18th Conference of the Goose Specialist Group.

Activities and results 2018

Assess

Research activities

i. The review of the abundance, status and distribution of 68 natural wild geese populations in the Northern Hemisphere was published and can be downloaded here: <https://www.caff.is/assessment-series/all-assessment-documents/458-a-global-audit-of-the-status-and-trends-of-arctic-and-northern-hemisphere-geese>. (KSR #12)

Communicate

Scientific meetings

i. The 18th conference of the Goose Specialist Group was held in March 2018 in Lithuania, where the main results of population assessments were reported. (KSR #28)

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Flock of Greater White-fronted geese
Photo: Petr Glazov



Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 2/5

Assess **1** |

Communicate **1** |

Main KSRs addressed: 12, 28

KSR: Key Species Result

Ringling of Barnacle geese on Kolguev Island
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Neckbanded Greater White-fronted geese
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