

LIFE Project Conservation of the Red-breasted Goose along the Global Flyway



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Background of the project

- Identified work on flyway level as important for further work on the species
- Data analysis by WWT experts on the survival of satellite tagged and colour/metal ringed Redbreasts identified extremely high possible mortality – up to 40% during migration through Russia and Kazakhstan due to poaching during hunting season (spring & autumn)
- Gap in knowledge of distribution and numbers in Ukraine
- Need to support the main activities and further the implementation of the SSAP



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The main objectives of the Project are :

1. Improve knowledge on the importance of specific threats and the migration ecology and current distribution of the Red-breasted Goose
2. Engage stakeholders and implement set of conservation measures to reduce direct and indirect mortality from hunting and disturbance at the project sites and along the global flyway.
3. Engage stakeholders to develop management practices for Red-breasted Goose conservation at key sites and enhance conditions for the species.
4. Ensure engagement of communities and stakeholders to enhance community pride in and support for the conservation of Red-breasted Geese, and the Natura 2000 and other key sites that they depend on.
5. The species' status and the effect of action plan implementation, assessed by comprehensive monitoring system in all range countries along the flyway













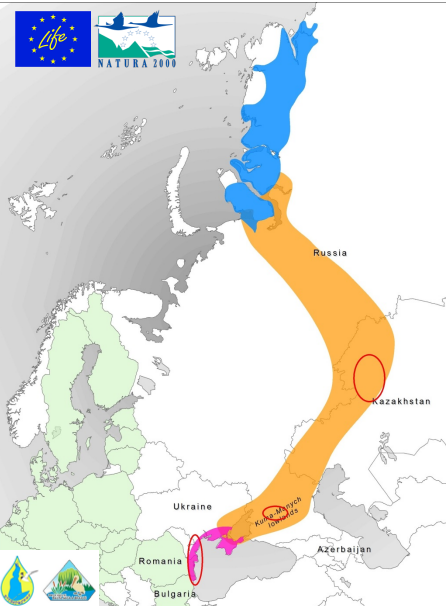

















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The LIFE project covers all key countries for the Red-breasted Goose listed in the AEWA SSAP - Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Romania and Bulgaria



The Project is linked towards achieving 4 of the SSAP Results:

- **Result 1:** Sufficient feeding opportunity available in staging and wintering areas
- **Result 5:** Direct and indirect mortality from hunting significantly reduced
- **Result 6:** A site network of protected areas functioning effectively
- **Result 7:** The species' status, and the effect of action plan implementation, assessed by monitoring numbers and demography




























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Key Preparatory actions to be implemented

- **Investigate threats and the survival of migrating Red-breasted Geese along the flyway** - with the help of satellite telemetry and ground observations – tagging in Bulgaria/possibly Kazakhstan and ground observations in all countries
- **Assess the hunting and poaching pressure** at key sites – all countries
- **Identify current key wintering sites** for the Red-breasted Goose to allow adequate conservation measures – mostly in Ukraine, but monitoring efforts in the rest of range countries as well
- **Create key areas map** – Romania and Kazakhstan
- **Develop monitoring scheme for the flyway**
- **Develop national action plan for the species** – Romania and Kazakhstan. In KZ to cover also LWFG (two species AP)
- **Assessment of collision risk at key sites** - Bulgaria



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Key Conservation actions to be implemented

- **Create safe feeding areas** to reduce impact of hunting disturbance and poaching – Russia and Kazakhstan in Manych Gudilo, Kulykol, Taldykol, and Zharkol
- **Reduce disturbance and poaching** through pilot schemes for improved control of hunting – Russia, Kazakhstan, Romania, Ukraine and Bulgaria
- **Improve hunting regulations to reduce mortality** – temporal, zoning or seasonal ban on hunting at key stop over sites, introducing zonation with non-hunting areas - Southern Russia (Stavropol, Kalmykia & Rostov area) and Northern Kazakhstan
- **Reduce collision risk with powerlines** at key sites in Bulgaria


























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Monitoring the impact and dissemination actions

- **Deploy international monitoring scheme** to cover the flyway and produce population wide data on status and trends
- **Organize specialized training** for hunters and control officers with support of the Wetlands International Waterbird Harvest Specialist Group
- **Improving the legal background of key stakeholder groups** to reduce poaching
- **Promote Red-breasted Goose and its conservation** at the Tulip Festival in Kalmykia
- **Held two face to face meetings of the AEWA RbG IWG**





















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How can we help?

- Awareness for RBGO conservation
- Donate
- Grants
- Possibility to host zoo staff in the future




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Partners within the Project

- Bulgaria – BSPB/BirdLife Bulgaria
- Ukraine – NGO Vozrozhdenie, Tuzlovski Lymani NP
- Russia – Biosphere State Reserve Chernjie Zemli & Geese and Swans Study Group of North Eurasia
- Kazakhstan - ACBK/BirdLife Kazakhstan, "Aydam 2012!" Ltd – private company managing Kulikol lake system, supported by the Republican Association of public union of hunters and hunting areas
- Romania - SOR/BirdLife Romania, Ministry of Environment of Romania, Hunters Association in Romania, Nature Park of Braila administration,



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Thank you for your
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