



Safeguard the Lesser White-fronted Goose



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The Lesser White-fronted Goose LIFE Project

The LIFE project “*Safeguarding the Lesser White-fronted Goose Fennoscandian population in key wintering and staging sites within the European flyway*” is an international EU LIFE+ Nature project that aims to halt the decline of the critically endangered Fennoscandian Lesser White-fronted Goose (LWfG) population by implementing concrete conservation actions. The project started in September 2011 and continues until June 2016.

The main focus of the project is in wintering and staging grounds of the population in south-eastern Europe. The project is implementing the recommendations of the International Single Species Action Plan for the species, and it is a direct follow-up project of the previous LIFE project “*Conservation of the LWfG on the European migration route*” in 2005-2009.



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The main objectives of the project are:

- to reduce mortality rates which relate to hunting along the European flyway, considered to date as the most significant threat for the species
- to provide suitable foraging and roosting habitats for the species in wintering and staging grounds
- to increase knowledge and awareness of the species in wintering and staging grounds
- to maximize international co-operation and networking in countries hosting key wintering/staging grounds along the European flyway of the species

In order to succeed in the conservation of the LWfG, efforts require a flyway approach. Thus, the project involves eight partner organisations from four European countries along the flyway. The multi-national and multi-institutional partnership plays a key role in the project. The project will undertake concrete actions in seven NATURA 2000 sites in Greece, Bulgaria and Hungary.

For more information:

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