

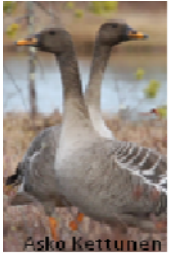
International AEWA Single Species Action-Planning Workshop for the management of Taiga Bean Goose (*Anser f. fabalis*)

Population size, trend , distribution, threats, hunting, management,
conservation status and possible actions in the UK



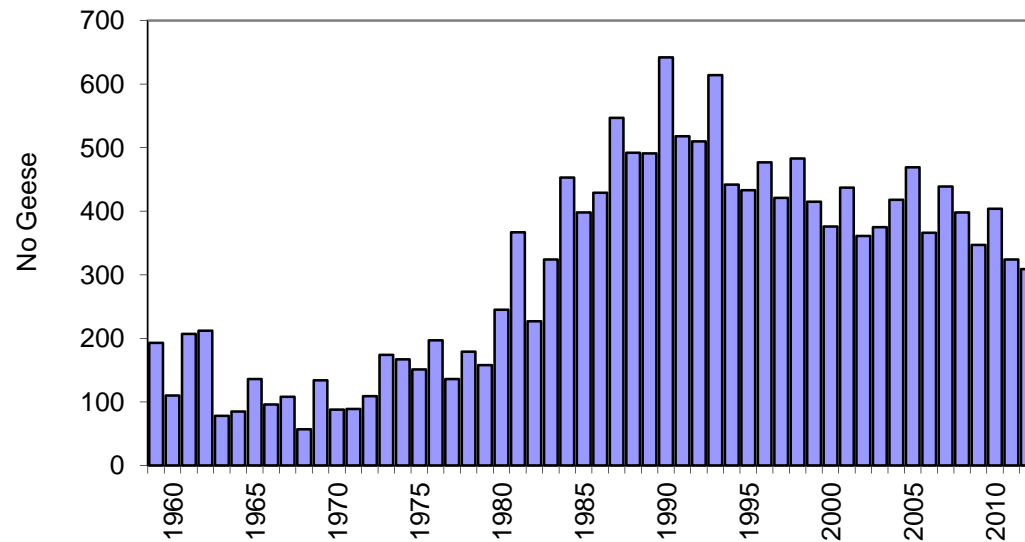
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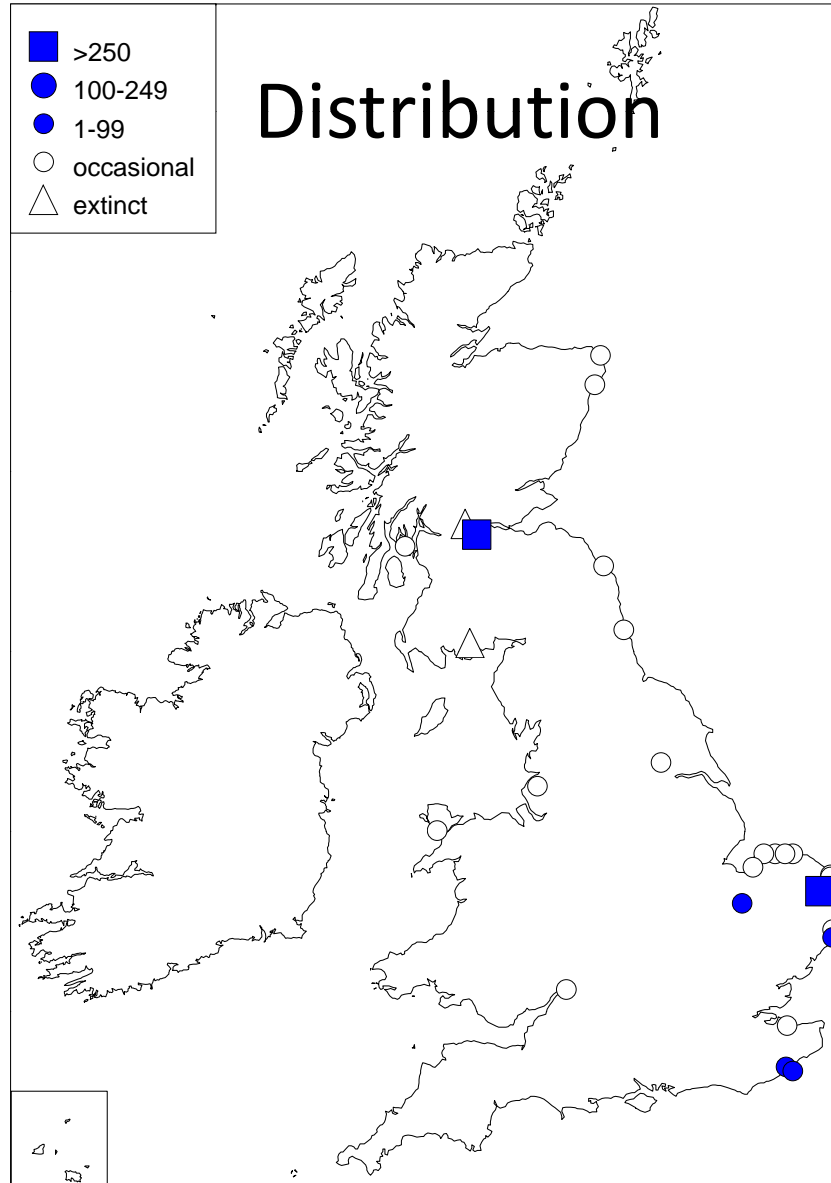
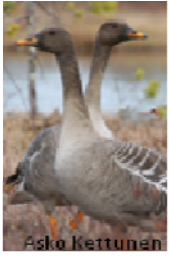
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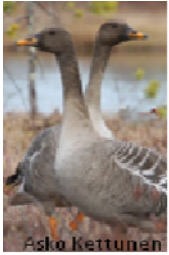


Population

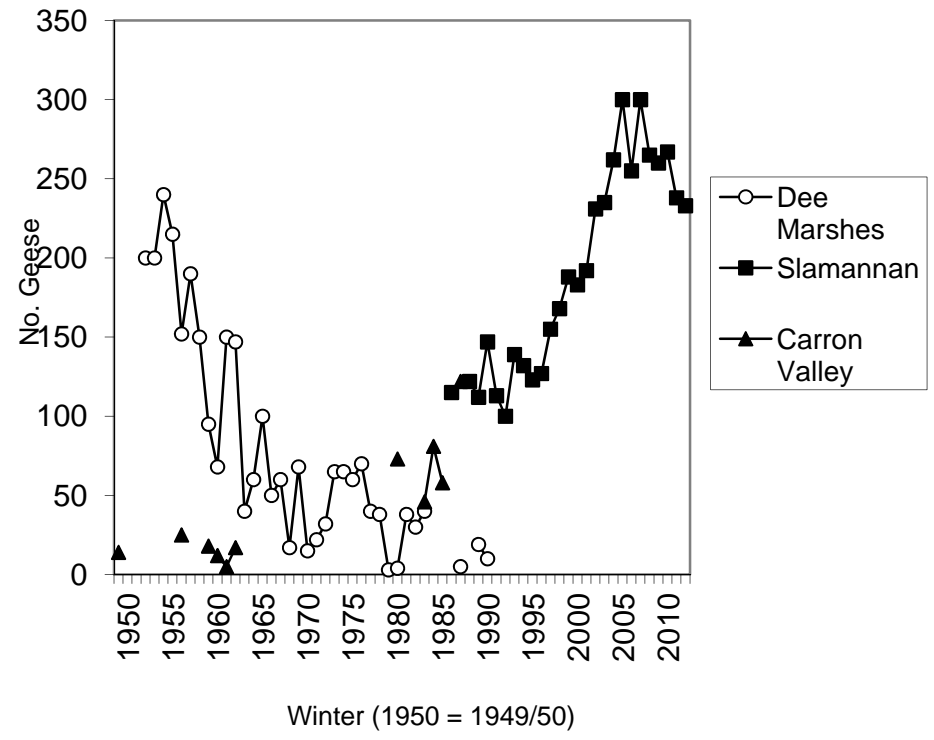
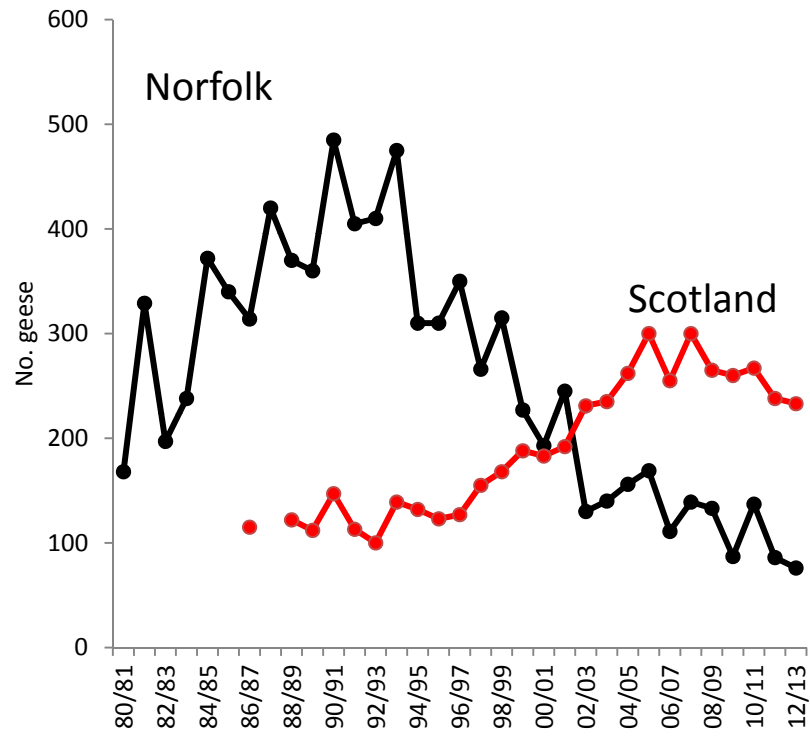
- Wintering population
Formerly 'abundant'
Lowest numbers in mid
20th century
Increase to 1990
Slow decline
Two main resorts

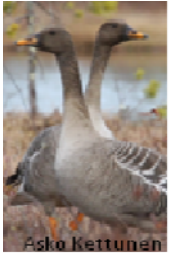






Trend

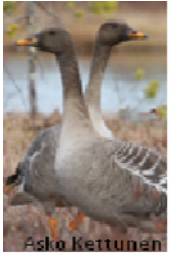




Threats to the Taiga Bean Goose in the UK

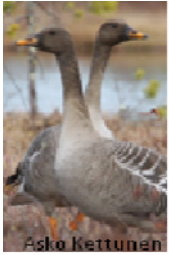
- List threats in order of significance:
 - habitat destruction/fragmentation (3 in Scotland)
 - Disturbance (3)
 - Hunting (3)
 - Factors outwith the UK (3?)
 - Emigration (3?)





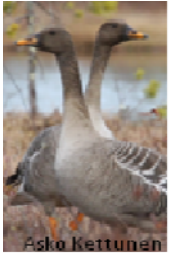
Hunting and management

- If Taiga Bean Goose is a game species, please provide information about the hunting in your country
 - Hunting of Bean Geese is not allowed in the UK.
 - Norfolk. Winter roost and feeding grounds protected through RSPB reserve.
 - Scotland. Winter roost and part of feeding grounds protected through SPA. Management agreements on some farms. Active management through local group. No hunters represented.



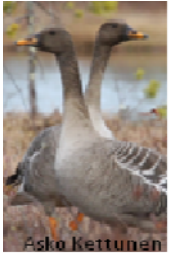
The Taiga Bean Goose - the local community and the economy benefits - damages

- Provide information about the relevance of the Taiga Bean Goose to local communities and national / local economy in your country
 - Taiga Bean Goose valued as a conservation priority species conservation in both Norfolk and Scotland.
 - No local (hunting) traditions associated with it.
- Is the species important for the national or local economy?
 - Little value to tourism or local economy.
- Does Taiga Bean Goose cause damage/harm to Agriculture or other activities etc?
 - Feeds entirely on grass through the winter. Some localised damage to grass ley, but management agreements in Scotland alleviate this.



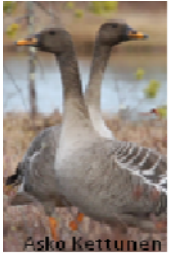
National Information - Monitoring

- Is there a monitoring programme in the UK that provides data of Taiga Bean Goose
 - Monthly counts in Norfolk and Scotland.
 - Age counts, ringing and telemetry study in Scotland.



National Information – Status of the species

- National legal status for the species:
 - Taiga Bean Goose is a protected species in the UK
 - Protected through the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981
 - Country Agencies (Natural England and Scottish Natural Heritage) are responsible for implementation.



Actions and Planning

- Are there any Actions taken on Taiga Bean Goose
- Yes local
- National Species Action Plan or other relevant plan
- Local biodiversity action plans only
- National (Taiga) Bean Goose Working Group or other relevant group
- Local working groups only

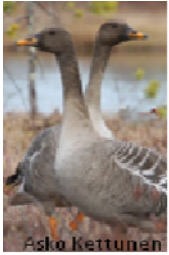
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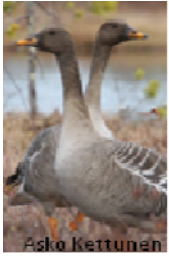
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Evelyn Moloko (UNEP/AEWA Secretariat); 16.8.2012



Other Information

- Provide any additional relevant information on the occurrence, hunting/sustainable use and conservation of the Taiga Bean Goose and its key sites / habitats in your country.
- Ringing/telemetry work
- Started in October 2011 in Scotland
- 37 Bean Geese marked (16% of population)
- 10 GPS tags deployed
- Simple population rates don't add up. 20% young each year but counts remain level

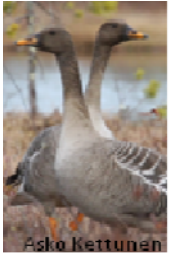


Winter field use

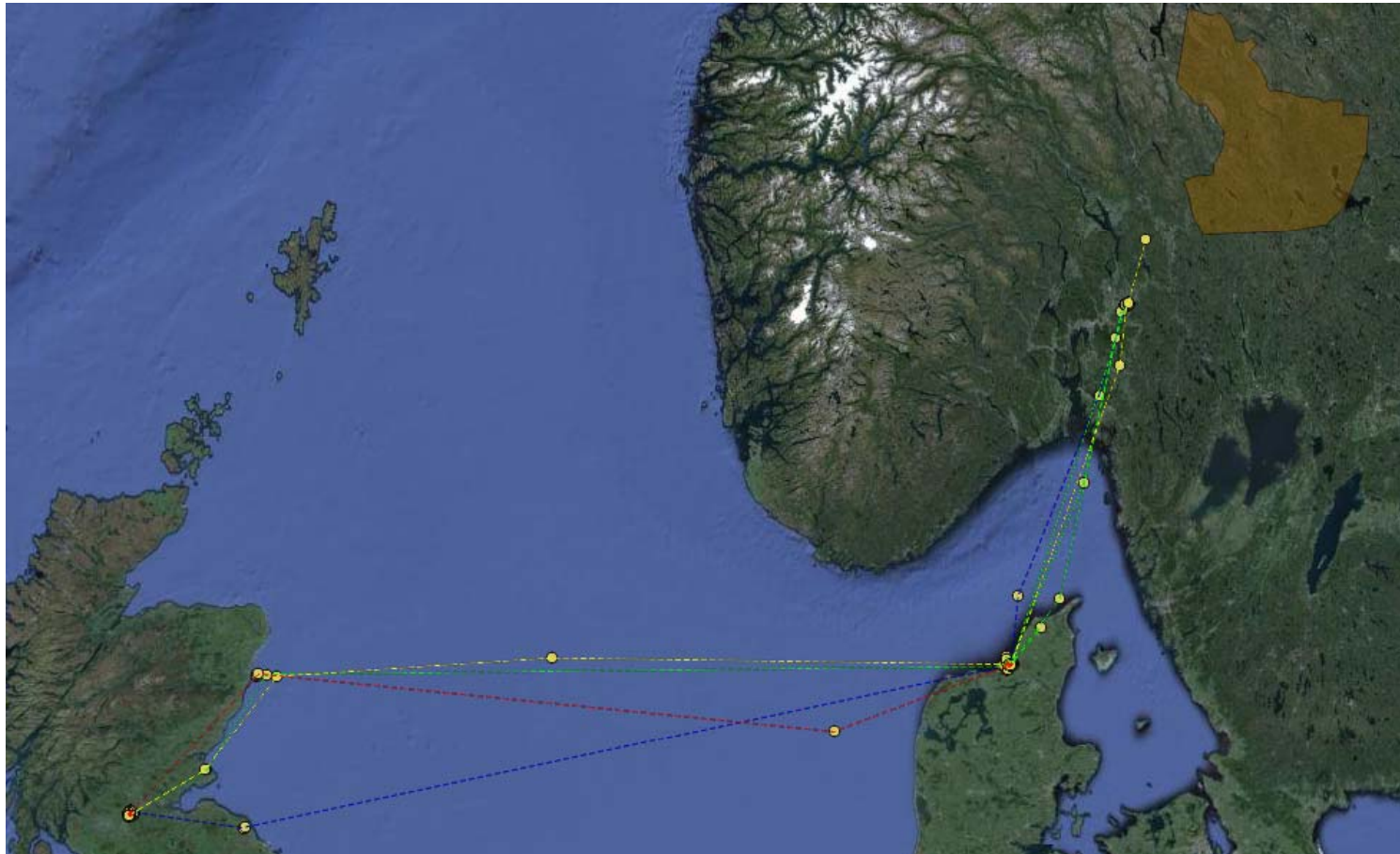
Central Scotland Bean Goose field characteristics

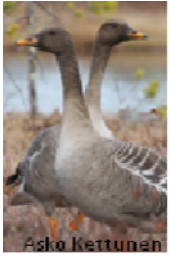


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Spring migration (2013)





Autumn migration (2013)

