

Duck Specialist Group



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The Duck SG is coordinated from the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT), Slimbridge, UK, as part of the IUCN-SSC/Wetlands International Waterbird Network.

The group has 391 members from 55 countries.

2011 Update

- Initiated production of a European Seaduck Conservation Plan under AEWA, and supported review of Red List status of Common and Velvet Scoters, Long-tailed Duck and Greater Scaup.
- This and other seaduck conservation work links directly to Aichi targets 4, 5, 12 and 19.
- 4th International Seaduck Conference organised by Sea Duck Joint Venture.
- 2nd meeting of the Nordic Waterbirds and Climate Change network and workshop on Baltic Sea seaducks and their food.
- Supported organisation of 3rd Pan-European Duck Symposium to take place in Czech Republic in April 2012.
- Collated DSG input to WI Conservation Status Report to AEWA.

Success Stories

- Re-invigoration of the Group after long period of inactivity, including merger with Seaduck SG, gain of institutional support, updating of membership list, and the collation of member expertise.
- Representation of all SGs in the WI waterbird network on the African-Eurasian Waterbird Monitoring Partnership, to oversee IWC development.

Challenges

- For the group: continued development of network, and core committee and regional coordinators, and secure funds to support priority activities.
- For ducks: implementation of effective monitoring of status for all species, and systems to ensure sustainable harvest of quarry species.

Future Goals

- Complete European Seaduck Conservation Plan.
- Support Waterbird Population Estimates 5.
- A successful 3rd Pan-European Duck Symposium, and plans in place for 4th PEDS in 2015 and duck conference in Asia.
- Support development of IWC and other monitoring.
- Develop DSG membership, particularly outside Europe, and communication, particularly a website that includes best practice information and tools.

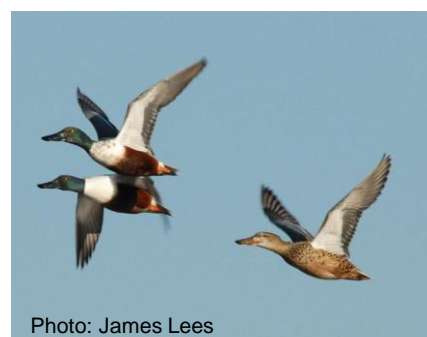


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