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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

EAFRD ! "uropean Agricultural #und for Rural Development

LA ! " local action group

MARD ! \$ inistry of Agriculture and Rural Development

NRDP ! %ational Rural Development &rogramme

R# ! ! Red-breasted Goose

RB ! IW ! ! Red-breasted Goose International ' or(ing Group

SOR " Romanian)mithological *ociety ! BirdLife &artner in Romania

SWOT ! *trengths+ ' ea(nesses+)pportunities+ and , hreats

TDD ! , ulcea - Danube Delta Biosphere Reservation LAG

1. OVERVIEW

The Red-breasted Goose (*Branta ruficollis*) is a charismatic, globally threatened species, highly dependent on wetlands and farmed areas. In the last 101 years, the location of its wintering grounds has changed dramatically for reasons yet unknown. This species has a

-113. In the interim period, LAGs are elaborating their own strategies, which will be later used in projects financed under the %RD& for -11>--1<@.

) n this basis, it is clear that LAGs could play a major part in developing projects in

Biosphere Reserve, local NGOs concerned with monitoring the administration sector of the region, represented by Association of Local Administrations from Danube Delta, fishing activities and fishermen associations, and with companies which are developing activities in tourism and fisheries. The area covered by LAG is presented in Annex 1.

In order to achieve the present project objectives a partnership was built between the Romanian Ornithological Society and the LAG. Several meetings between the coordinator of LAG, Mr. George Roica and the assistant, Mr. Paul Jely were carried out. In these technical meetings were discussed and analysed the actions needed for the RbG conservation in the area and how can be these included in the local strategy as the development of the local strategy itself.

A major drawback in the implementation of this project's actions proved to be the severely delayed development process of the LAGs designation and especially of the elaboration process of the local strategies not sooner than the end of 2013 not only in this area but in the whole Romania. Because of this, the local strategy, which should have been already developed by the LAG, was not finalized yet and so the target actions for the RbG conservation could not be included. For this, a major improvement represented the technical meetings mentioned above. After numerous discussions, we concluded that a workshop between the LAG, ARD representatives and our team is absolutely

priority farmers that should receive support according to the core areas of RbG habitats and to develop and refine the technical requirements of the agri-environment scheme.

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,he lin(between the project implementation team and the local farmers was the coordinator of ,DD and the local mayors+ who provided us with vital information about

Fortunately, by now, the Farm Guideline is finalized and it is sent to the ADR for the final corrections and additions. In Attachment 0 is presented the Farm Guideline's draft. This Farm Guideline is developed especially for the farmers who own agricultural lands in the geese wintering area, setting out clearly the target area, details of the funding eligibility, the packages of the existing grassland agri-environment schemes under A9is -

strategy we used the already existing monthly, synchronised geese monitoring strategy which is ongoing under the RBGI ' G coordination for all the RbG flyway, and adapted it to the special requirements of the Ra8elm-*inoe La(es omple9 and the Romanian monitoring team. The final version of the geese monitoring strategy is attached to the present report .see A%% "H >/.

3. OUTCOMES

- The * ') , analysis was successfully finalised and it is attached to the present report. This analysis was very useful for the designation process of the target areas, which are the most important RbG agricultural lands in the project area, and how to approach and solve the existing problems.
- The #arm Guideline was finalised but we are waiting for the \$ ADR0s approval and possibly suggestions, corrections to print it as a leaflet or brochure. The organisation and planning of the following wor(shops with the farmers is directly influenced by the

were the southern part of the Raßelm-inoe La(es omple9 is located and which is also an important area for the geese conservation.

For the efficient dissemination of the information at these workshops will be imperative to print, in a form of a leaflet or brochure, the Farm Guideline. This will be done probably by the middle of December, which means that at the beginning of January we can organize the first workshops for the farmers.

ANNEX 5 ! Draft of the #arm Guideline for the farmers .in Romanian/

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