

“Swan Champion Workshop”: workshop for Conservation of Bewick’s Swans and the minimizing of their hunting in the Nenets Autonomous Okrug and Arkhangelsk Oblast

Recommendations

Date: 14 March 2018

Venue: event hall of the Nenets Local History Museum

Start / Finish: 09:30 - 17:30

Full Recommendations and Proposals

№	Recommendation
1	Prepare an information booklet illustrating differences between Bewick’s Swans, Whooper Swans and Mute Swans and information about their ecology and conservation, for dissemination to hunters and communities.
2	Prepare an information booklet with information for hunters on protected and huntable waterbird species with additional information about species in the Red Data Book. This will also include information about hunting penalties for violating the law, hunting bags, places for hunting, information on how to report sightings of ringed swans. To be given to hunters when they collect their hunting licenses.
3	Publish information about hunting regulations that protect Bewick’s Swans, hunting penalties, hunting bags and places for hunting in the regional newspaper “Nar’yana Vynder” before the start of each hunting season.
4	Publish information about hunting legislation that protects Bewick’s Swans, hunting penalties for violating the law, hunting bags and places for hunting on web pages associated with responsible organisations and social networks.
5	Design a poster about waterbirds included in the Red Data Book of the Russian Federation and Red Data Book of NAO, and huntable waterbird species, for dissemination in Nar’Yan-Mar airport, schools and communities.
6	Develop a phone App with information for hunters on protected and huntable waterbird species with additional information about species in the Red Data Book. The App will also include information about hunting penalties for violating the law, hunting bags, places for hunting, information on how to report sightings of ringed swans and news about Bewick’s Swan conservation. App to be disseminated by Bewick’s Swan Working Group (to local communities and hunting tourists ahead of their hunting trips).
7	Dissemination of information brochures, identification guides, posters, phone App and Flight of the Swans film to hunters at hunting exhibitions in Moscow and St Petersburg and via national/regional hunting magazines.
8	Organization of Migratory birds’ day with flag species being the Bewick’s Swan on 12 May 2018.
9	Arctic premier of Flight of the Swans in Arkhangelsk and Nar’Yan-Mar. Responsible: WWT.
10	Preparation of a letter to the Governor of the Nenets Autonomous Okrug with proposals to include the Bewick’s Swan on the official List of indicator species.

11	Development and organization of training in schools about Bewick's Swans. Include the Bewick's Swan conservation issue in the regional study lessons. To include an online interactive map of the flyway. Organize information exchange between schools in different countries along the flyway.
12	Organization of the Bewick's Swan Working Group in the region.
13	Preparation and organization of photo/art exhibition and travelling exhibition (with viewings of the Flight of the Swans film and outreach educational activities) which will travel to settlements in the Nenets Autonomous Okrug.
14	To develop the methodical recommendation for the survey of Bewick's Swans in different countries across the flyway.
15	To continue monitoring Bewick's Swans in the State Zapovednik "Nenetskiy" (including breeding surveys)
16	To develop a project where hunting experiences can be exchanged between countries located along the flyway of the Bewick's Swan and the exchange of hunters between different countries.
17	To develop a project for pupils exchange between countries across the flyway.