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Winter Counts

Population estimates for the Western MU of the Taiga Bean Goose, consist of counts from north of Limfjorden in North Jutland in Denmark, as well as from England and Scotland in the United Kingdom.

Goose monitoring in Denmark is coordinated as part of the national nature monitoring programme NOVANA (data recorded online into www.fugledata.dk), supplemented with observations from BirdLife Denmark's citizen science portal www.dofbasen.dk. The programme contributes to the mid-winter International Waterbird Census (IWC) coordinated by Wetlands International. Data in www.dofbasen.dk improve the coverage of the northwestern parts of Denmark, where this population is found.

The Bean Goose counts in the United Kingdom also contribute to the international counts coordinated by Wetlands International. In Scotland and England, the counts are carried out regularly throughout the winter months and, instead of relying on a January count, a maximum winter count (which can be any month, including the January count) is used as the final estimate. The population and distribution of the Taiga Bean Geese, which winter on the Slamannan Plateau has been the subject of a long-term monitoring programme since it was discovered in the late 1980s.