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Barnacle Goose Greenland population	Hunting bag and derogation	Methodology	16032022

Offtake of the population takes place in Greenland, Iceland and Scotland. The majority of offtake takes place in Iceland, during the autumn migration (hunting), and Scotland, where they are killed under licence (derogation shooting) on Islay as part of the Islay Sustainable Goose Management Strategy (ISGMS) <https://www.nature.scot/professional-advice/land-and-sea-management/managing-wildlife/managing-geese/islay-sustainable-goose-management-strategy>.

In Iceland, Barnacle Geese are subject to an open hunting season beginning on 1 September and ends with other goose hunting on 15 March. However, in order to protect breeding birds which have established since the late 1990s, hunting is banned in the two counties of East Skaftafellssysla and West Skaftafellssysla until 25 September. These counties are the main stopover areas for the Greenland population in autumn. As such, the effective hunting period for Barnacle Geese in Iceland is limited to four weeks from 25 September until the geese depart for the final stage of their autumn migration in mid-late October (Guðmundur Guðmundsson, pers. comm.).