

The conservation of flyways of migratory waterbirds requires:

- *data*
on (changes in) population sizes of the species concerned
and
on the sites used by these species
during their annual cycle
(web-based database)
- *a tool*
to assess the causes of changes in
population size
and
site use
(modelling and data analysis).

Problems in 2006

- *Change in staff*

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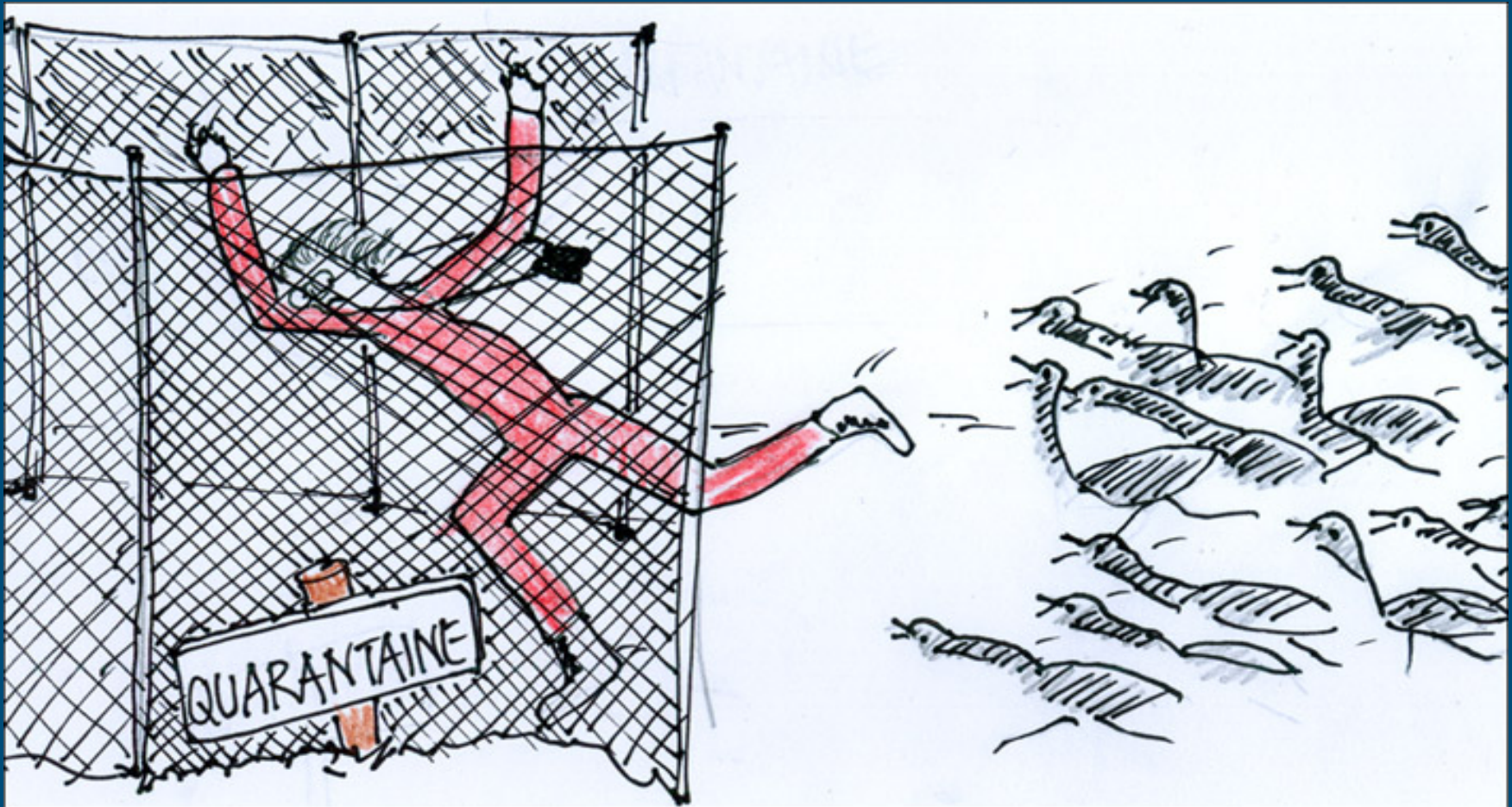
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- *Avian influenza (AI)*

Achievements in 2006

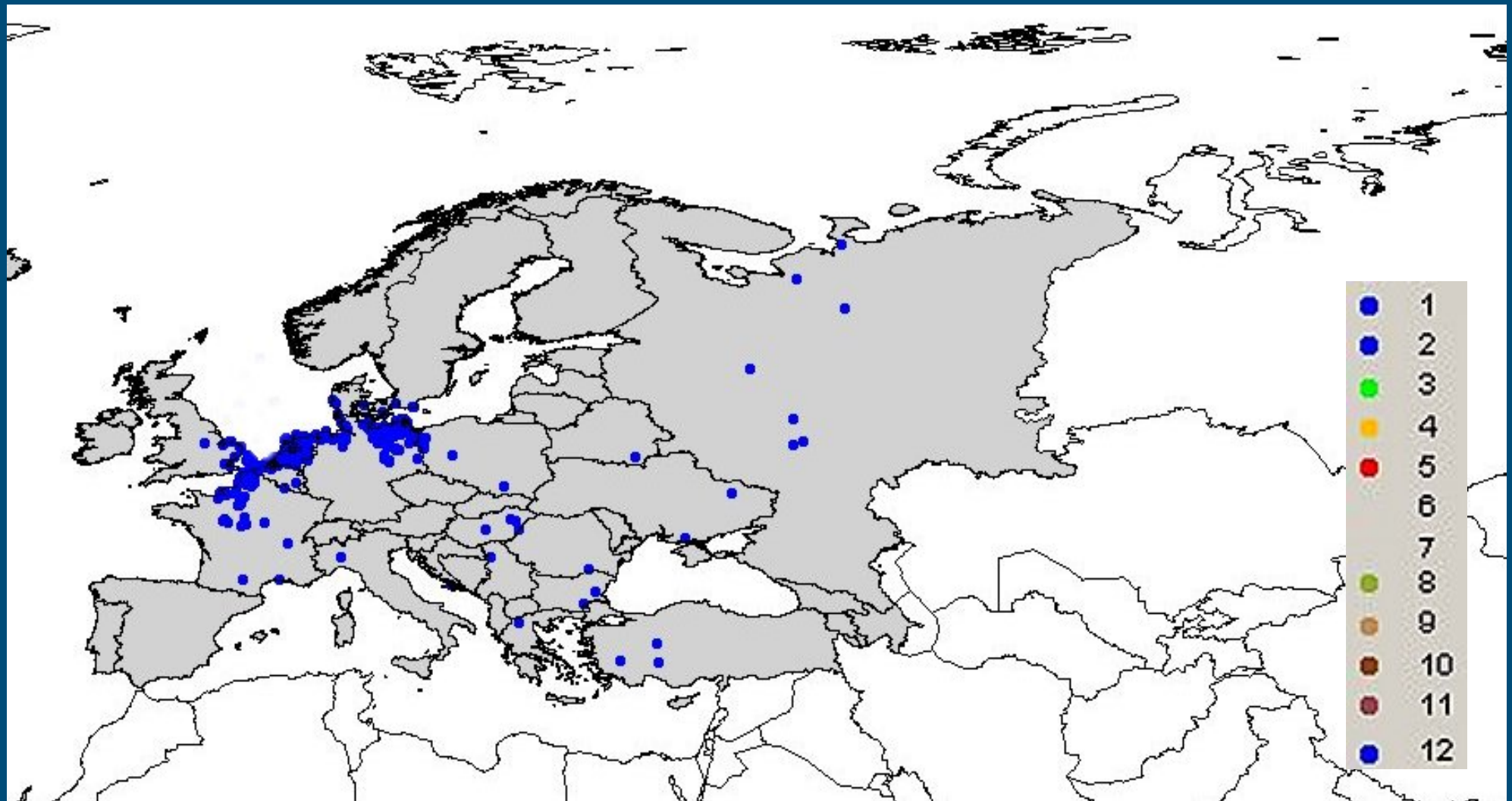
- *New website Goose Specialist Group*
- *Monitoring wintering geese in NL for AI*
- *Preparatory AI-conference in Moscow (May 2006)*
- *AI-field work in Kostroma (Russia) in May 2006*
- *Third Taimyr-expedition June-August 2006*
- *International website to report individually marked geese*
- *Help with Report on AI by Wetlands International*
- *AI-conference in Vladimir (November 2006)*
- *Start of restructuring database into web-based tool (WISL)*

Are migratory birds a serious risk for spreading of avian flu ?



Cartoon by Tijs Tinbergen

Recoveries of Greater White-fronted Geese ringed in NL

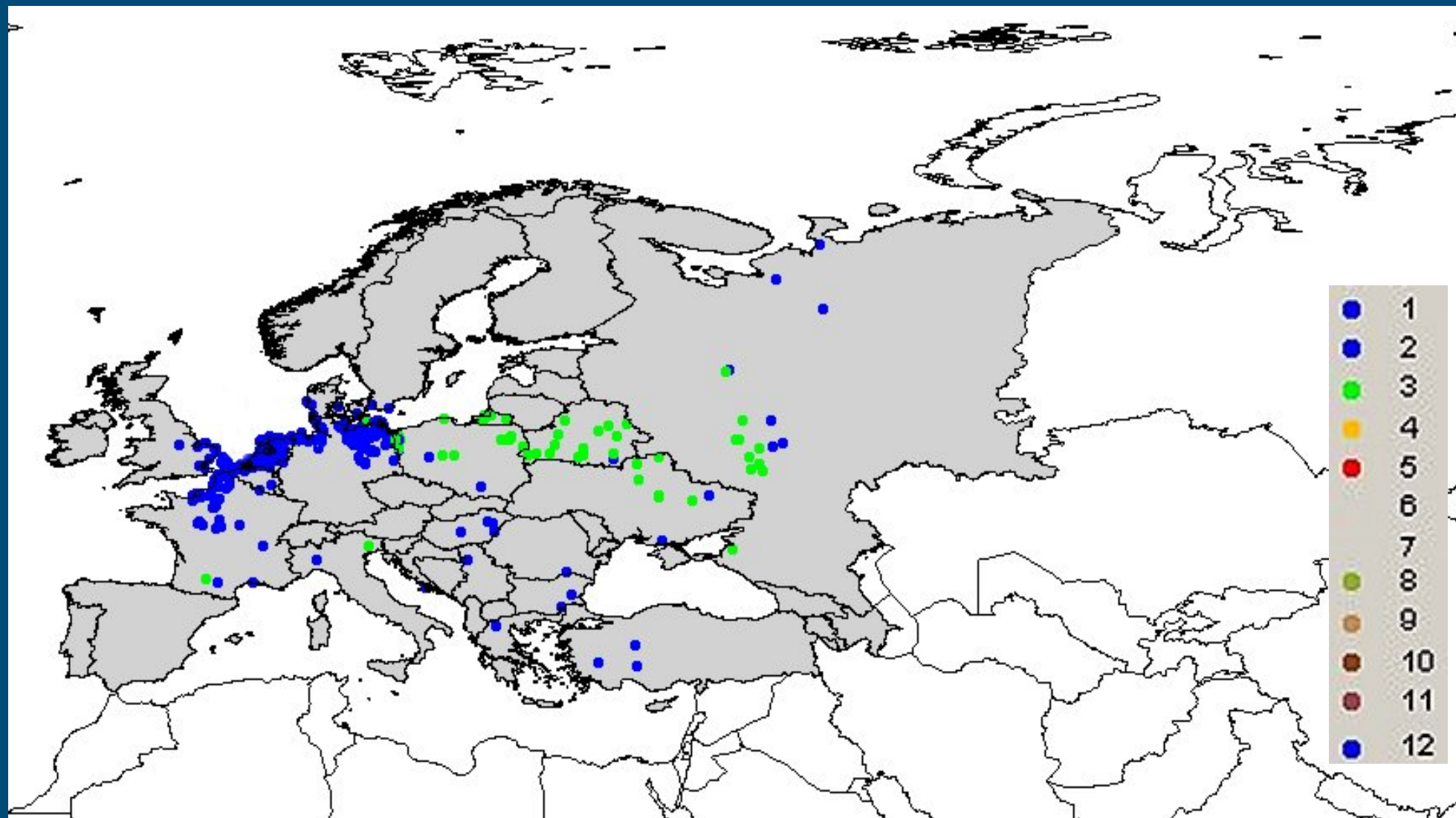


Data december - februari



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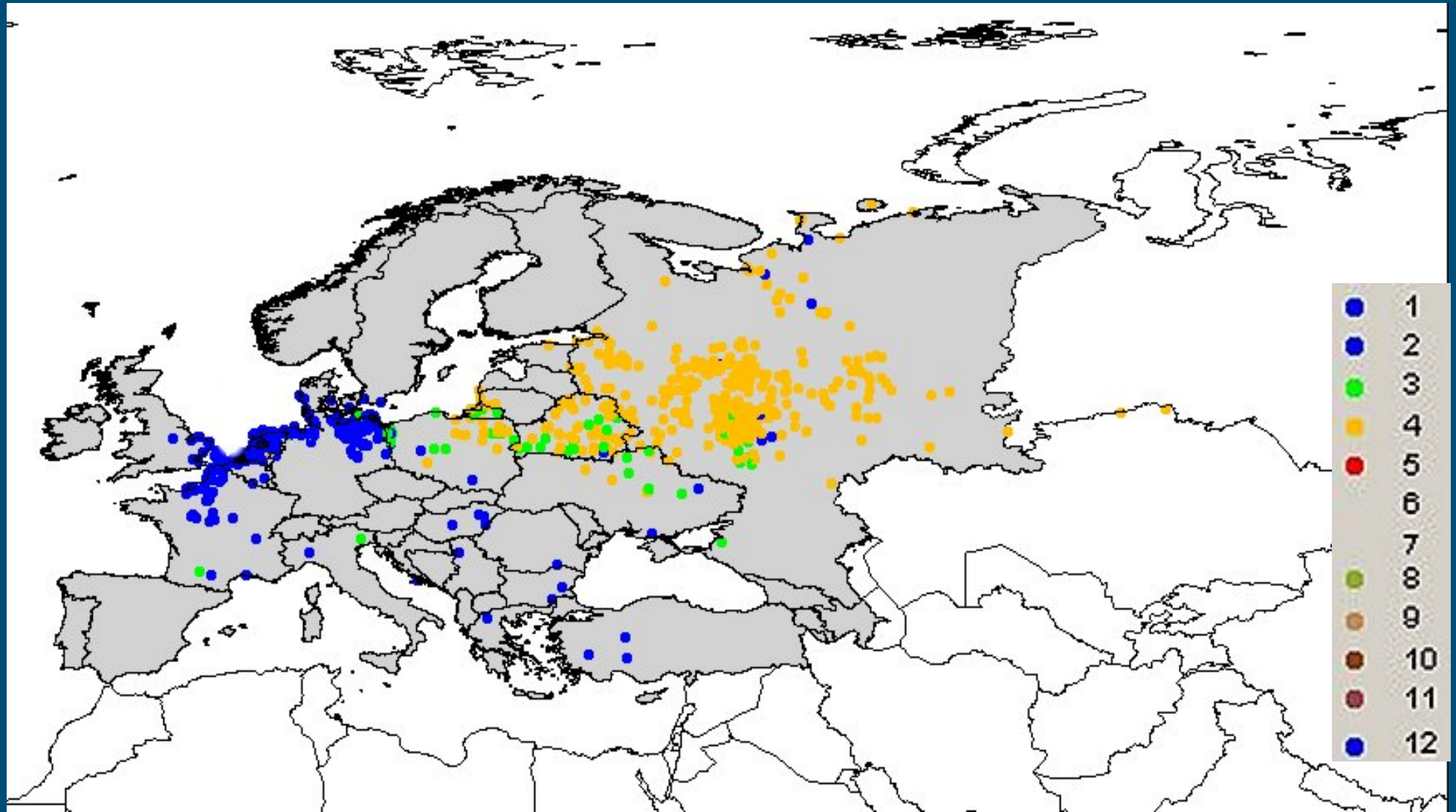


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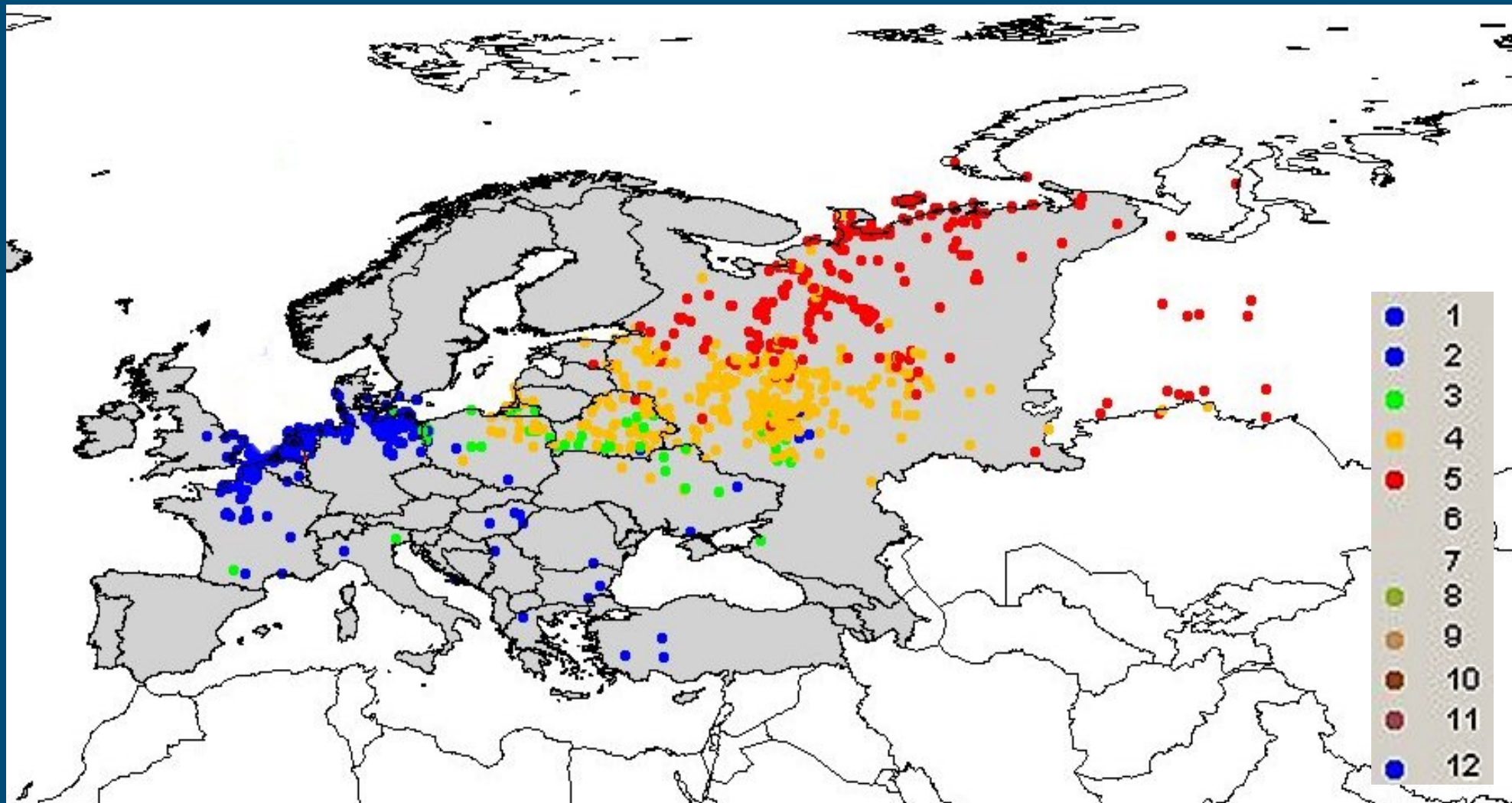


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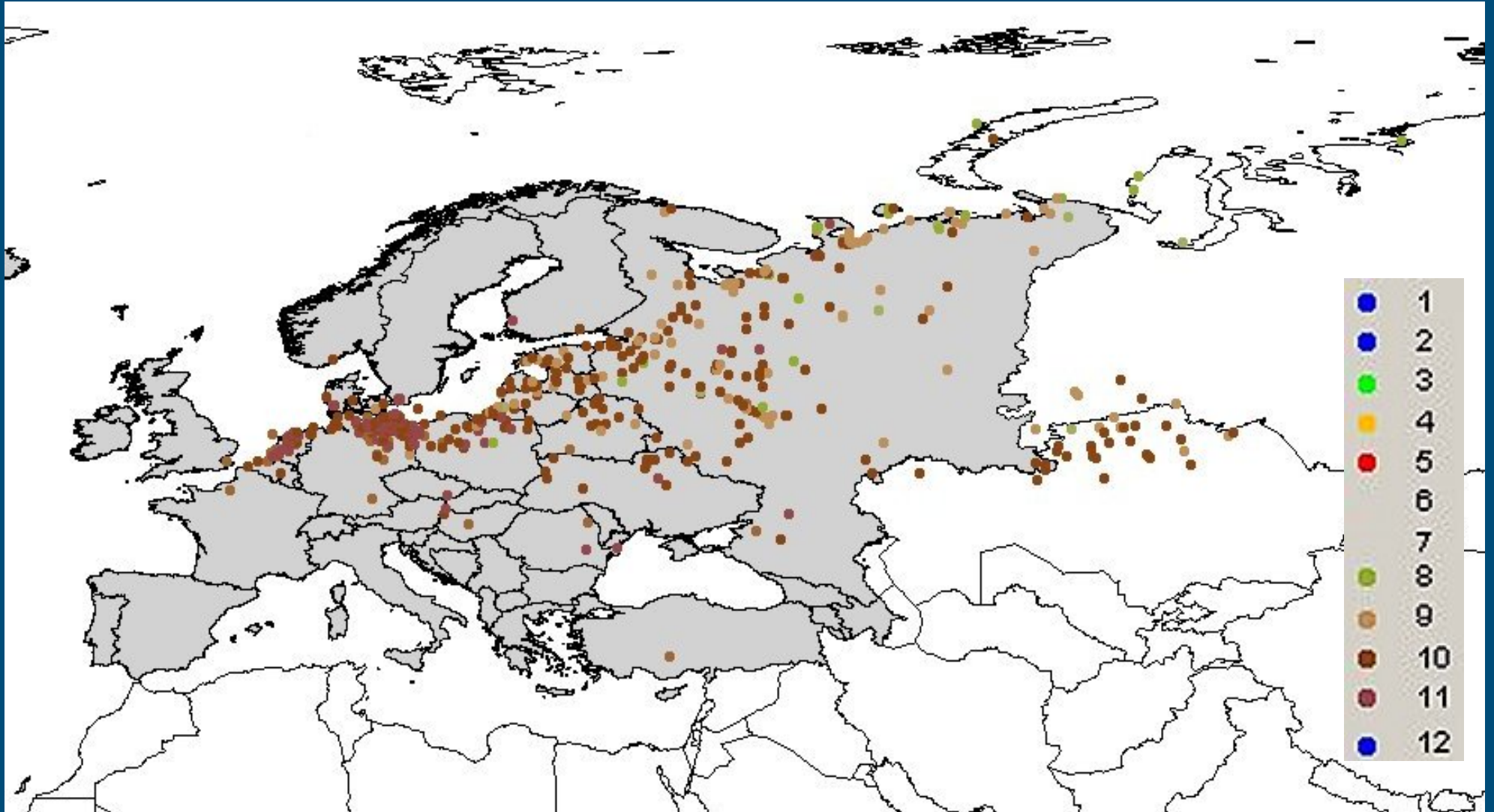


Data december-may



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Data august-november



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Last Taimyr expedition 2004-2006



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A large flock of White-fronted Geese is gathered on a grassy bank and in the water. The geese are densely packed along the shoreline, with many more swimming in the water in the foreground. The sky is clear and blue.

Catching moulting White-fronted Geese
Отловы линных белолобиков

*Samples to test whether wild geese
carry Avian Influenza viruses*

Отбор проб на обнаружение птичьего гриппа



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Migratory route of White-fronted Goose 'Adri' in 2006 tracked by satellite.

Plans for 2007

- *Poster about survival rate in Brent Geese to EURING-meeting in Dunedin (NZ)*
- *10th meeting Goose Specialist Group in Xanten, Germany, Jan 2007*
- *Monitoring wintering geese in NL for AI*
- *AI-field work in Kostroma (Russia) in May 2007 ?*
- *Tracking 10 White-fronted Geese by satellite (AI).*
- *Contributing to AI-monitoring in Russia*
- *Launching web-based tool to access database (WISL)*
- *Applying model DYNAMIG to White-fronted Goose data*
- *Expedition to Mali in November 2007 (Garganey)*