

Short notes from the 2nd International Snowfinch Meeting 27. – 29. November 2025 in Sempach

Sempach, 1. 12. 2025, Fränzi Korner-Nievergelt

Summary (may be used for social media)

At the 2nd International Snowfinch Meeting in Sempach last week, the exchange among researchers on high-elevation bird species clearly indicated that the widespread population decline and future perspectives of the White-winged Snowfinch deserves an increase in the IUCN red list categorisation. I am happy that we started that process by planning concrete analyses, publications and applications.

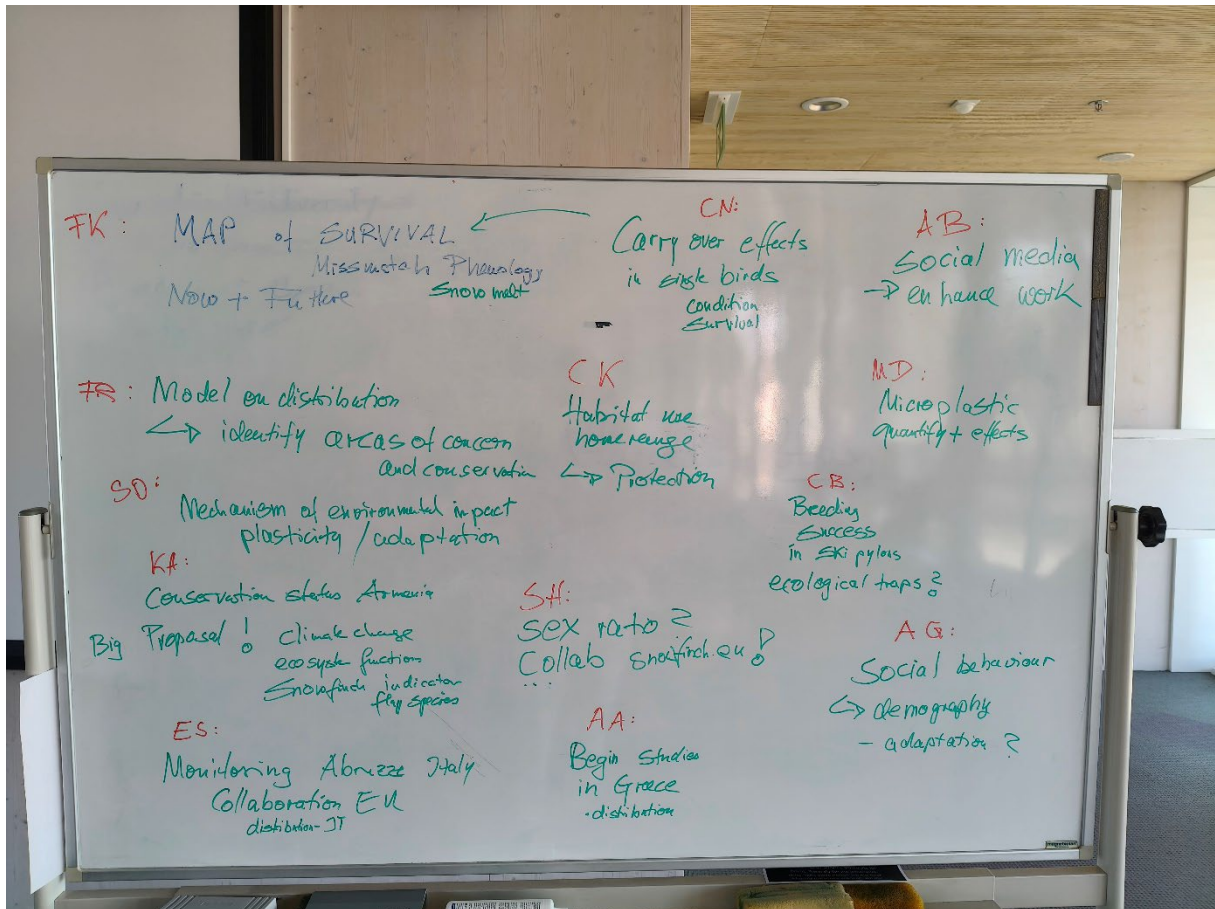
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Program

27. – 29. November: Informal meetings among Snowfinch researchers were held in sub-groups on different topics.

All Snowfinch researchers met on 28. Nov for a short exchange of research plans and wishes/visions (results on white board below).



A snowfinch.eu Whatsapp-community was opened. Further ideas on collaborative projects were collected (see white board below).

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29. November: In an informal meeting, we planned the following concrete next steps:

- Publication: A common review on the past research results, build a population model based on the current knowledge to show what information is missing to predict and assess future population trends and develop mitigation measures. Fränzi Korner-Nievergelt will inform all snwofinch.eu-members and coordinate the publication. We plan to submit here:

<https://besjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/hub/journal/13652656/call-for-proposals/implications-of-changing-snowscapes>

- Publication: Assess the status of the Snowfinch in the different countries and write an application to IUCN to increase the category of the White-winged Snowfinch on the red list. Sabine Hille will contact the Snowfinch researchers in the different countries and lead the application.

- Grant application. All will check out possibilities for common applications.