

WALLONIE (BELGIUM) -  
REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT  
ON BATS  
- UPDATE TO THE YEAR 2002 -

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For remind, political action of the Ministry of Region Wallonne for bats conservation is full described in the report of the 3<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties in Bristol - July 2000 - (see :

[http://www.eurobats.org/PartyReports/Belgium/Belgium\(Wallonie\).htm](http://www.eurobats.org/PartyReports/Belgium/Belgium(Wallonie).htm) )

Since 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committees in March 2001, main implementations are made in following directions:

1/ Protection of winter roosts.

Region count now 101 underground sites protected - 45 RND (State Natural Reserves) & 57 CSIS (Underground Sites of Scientific Interest) with state agreement. ... New Projects for de protection of caves or other types of underground sites.

2/ Protection of the reproduction roosts by the operation "Lofts and steeples" made on the Communes level.

Today, 106 Communes are concerned and represented 816 buildings protected and will be managed for wild fauna, especially for bats - 99 Communes signed a convention with the Ministry.

3/ Publicity and promoting awareness.

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Bat Night was organised the 25 August 2001 in 25 different places.

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