

## 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee

Vilnius, Lithuania, 17 – 19 May 2004

### Report of the Work Programme Group



- 1 It was agreed that all Intersessional Working Group (IWG) work plans would be carried forward under the framework provided by the IWG working sheets. A chart would be produced outlining the timing of actions planned under each IWG and highlighting where questionnaires and publications were planned. The Secretariat could use this chart to track progress.
- 2 Questionnaires – These would be circulated when they were ready. Each questionnaire would be sent electronically and in paper format. Additionally, the Executive Secretary offered to look into the possibility of making the Questionnaires available for completion on the website. Each questionnaire would have a deadline. There would be a request to send completed questionnaires to the Secretariat and to the relevant Convenor (one copy to each). The Secretariat would track responses and periodically request updates on the status of questionnaires.
- 3 Additional meetings - Where additional IWG meetings were planned to coincide with AC10 and AC11 they would take place on the Saturday prior to the Meeting. The Secretariat kindly offered to ensure that when members were due to attend more than one pre AC meeting, the meetings would be scheduled in such a way that they would not overlap.

## Intersessional Working Group 1

### **Producing Guidelines on Bat Monitoring Methods to Assess Population Trends at Different Levels**

#### **Convenor:**

Jessa Battersby

#### **Members:**

Ferdia Marnell (Ireland), Colin Catto (BCT), Luisa Rodrigues (Portugal), Stéphane Aulagnier (France), Dino Scaravelli (Italy), Tony Hutson (IUCN), Yrjo Siivonen (Finland), Matti Masing (Estonia), Viktor Dziyamiamchyk (Belarus), Edvardas Mickevičius (Lithuania), Andrej Kepel (Poland), Bronisław Wołoszyn (Poland), Dumitru Murariu (Romania), Herman Limpens (The Netherlands) (*participation to be confirmed*).

#### **Terms of Reference:**

Resolution 4.9

International information exchange and co-operation in developing monitoring strategies should produce guidelines on monitoring methodologies by 2006, drawing on the experience of Parties and Non-Party Range States with National Monitoring schemes.

#### **Work to be carried out:**

- A Collate all information on existing methods putting species against them
- B Assess and recommend standard methods
- C Produce guidelines and recommendations on analysis

#### **Plan of Action:**

- A Take the consistent methods outlined in Resolution 2.2 as a basis
- B Gather further information to complete table of monitoring information
- C Gather information on existing National Monitoring Programmes
- D Assess information above and start to agree methodologies
- E Develop Guidelines
- F Publication

#### **Estimated Timetable of Action:**

- Above ABC Actions – May to August 2004
- D – To be carried out at a meeting of the group at the International Bat Conference in Poland, August 2004
- Draft Guidelines produced by AC10, 2005 – gather comments
- Amend and further discuss at European Bat Research Symposium in Ireland, 2005
- Publication produced by AC11, 2006

Overall target – to communicate once a month; agree to communicate as a global group.

#### **Resources Required:**

Publication of guidelines, x copies – at least one to be distributed to each government.

## Intersessional Working Group 2

### **Bat Conservation and Sustainable Forest Management**

#### **Convenor:**

Andriy-Taras Bashta (Ukraine)

#### **Members:**

Peter Boye (Germany), Johnny de Jong (Sweden), Peter Kanuch (Slovakia), Vitaliy Matveev (Russian Federation), Tony Mitchell-Jones (United Kingdom), Ioseb Natradze (Georgia), Alison Rasey (BCT), Andrea Stefan (Croatia), Laurent Tillon (France), Nikola Trvtković (Croatia), Bronisław Wołoszyn (Poland).

#### **Terms of Reference:**

Following Resolution No. 4.4 the Terms of Reference are

- to instigate the investigation and the development of the use of bats as indicators for sustainable forestry and
- to prepare a proposal for “Guidelines on bat-friendly forestry practices” to be submitted to AC11 and adopted by MOP5.

#### **Work to be carried out:**

1. Collect information about the occurrence of bat species and bat communities in different forest types in Europe, taking into account the results of the IWG on Forestry Practices 2001-2003 and using other information resources like Internet, literature, MCPFE reports etc.
2. Analyse the collected data in the scope of characteristics in the occurrence of bats in classified Forest Types of Biodiversity Assessments.
3. Identify the needs of bat conservation in forests relevant to forest management.
4. Bring together all the information and formulate a draft of the “Guidelines on Bat-friendly Forestry Practices”.
5. Discuss the draft guidelines at the AC11 meeting and submit a revised version to the Secretariat for MOP5.

#### **Plan of Action:**

1. Evaluation of the use of bats as appropriate indicators for sustainability of forestry management.
2. IWG members will collect the relevant information by dividing Europe into regions of countries and each region will be treated by one of the IWG members.
3. The data compilation and analysis shall be done during a meeting of the IWG (in connection with AC10).
4. Guidelines shall be drafted by email exchange and discussed during a special meeting of the IWG (e.g. in Kraków/Poland). The draft guidelines shall be revised by email exchange and finalised during another IWG meeting (in connection with AC11).
5. The draft guidelines will be introduced to the Advisory Committee during AC11 and afterwards submitted to the Secretariat. After adoption by the MOP the guidelines shall be published.

**Estimated time table:**

Data compilation until AC10, spring 2005;  
Special IWG meeting in autumn 2005 (in Kraków);  
Draft Guidelines to be produced until AC11, spring 2006;  
Submission of the Draft Guidelines to the Secretariat before MOP5, summer 2006.

**Resources required:**

All IWG members need coverage of their travel costs to the three IWG meetings:  
- AC10 with 1 extra day for IWG consultations before the AC Meeting,  
- Special IWG meeting during 3 days in Kraków,  
- AC11 with 1 extra day for IWG consultations before the AC Meeting,  
The IWG members will further need the office equipment of their institutions including access to the Internet.

Intersessional Working Group 3**Bat Migration****Convenor:**

Teodora Ivanova (Bulgaria)

**Members:**

Gunars Petersons (Latvia), Eva-Maria Kyheröinen (Finland), Andriy-Taras Bashta (Ukraine), Irina Rakhmatulina (Azerbaijan), Christine Meyer-Cords (Migration Atlas Project, Germany), Atena-Adriana Groza (Romania).

**Terms of Reference:**

To prepare recommendations on future work required to assess timing and distribution patterns of migration by 2006. In due course to prepare recommendations on the conservation of migratory species (Res. No 4.9.MOP4. Annex12b, 2c).

**Work to be carried out:**

- To analyse available information on European species movements and to identify the long distance migrants.
- To collect and analyse available information on long-distance migrants regarding timing and distribution patterns of migration.
- To collect and analyse available data on migration routes (flyways), use of habitats during migration - stop-overs, "places of concentration" during migration (including feeding areas, mating roosts, etc.).
- To collect and analyse data on known and potential barriers/obstacles to migration.
- Based on the above analyses to prepare recommendations on:
  - future work and research
  - conservation of migratory species

**Plan of action:**

1. Collection and analysis of available data – bibliography and data available from the Migration Atlas Project, consultations with wider number of experts.
2. Review the need of development, distribution and analysis of a questionnaire.
3. Preparation of recommendations.

### Estimated timetable for work to be achieved:

Action	2004-2005 AC9-AC10	2005-2006 AC10-AC11	2006 AC11-MOP5
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### Resources required:

- Engagement of all Parties and Non-Party Range States in the questionnaire, including a range of national experts.
- Meeting of the IWG before AC10 and AC11.

### Intersessional Working Group 4

#### Autecological Studies for Priority Species

### Convenor:

Stéphane Aulagnier (France)

### Members:

Teodora Ivanova (Bulgaria), Nikola Tvrtković (Croatia), Dino Scaravelli (Italy), Luisa Rodrigues (Portugal), Marcel Uhrin (Slovakia), Primož Presetnik (Slovenia), Tony Hutson (IUCN).

Countries involved in the project: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Serbia & Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain.

### Terms of Reference:

Development of a collaborative project focussed on one or more of *Rhinolophus euryale*, *Myotis capaccinii* and *Miniopterus schreibersii* that should include an element of population monitoring

### Work to be carried out:

1. Investigating roost choice over European countries
2. Long-term population monitoring of European populations
3. Studying population structure, including dispersal (genetic analyses)

### Plan of action:

1. Preparation of a project plan including:
  - Review of current work
  - Research objectives and priorities
  - Research methods (guidelines for population monitoring in collaboration with the IWG on Monitoring; guidelines for genetic sampling)
  - Questionnaire for investigating roost choice
  - Sample of roosts for population monitoring to be identified together with NGOs and bat workers
  - Collaborators (identifying of NGOs and bat workers to obtain information on roost choice and a laboratory in charge of the genetic study)
2. Begin implementation where resources permit. Seek funding to extend project.

**Estimated timetable for work to be achieved:**

Point 1: AC10 for draft, AC11 for final project

**Resources required:**

Engagement of all Parties and Non-Party Range States in the questionnaire, including a range of National experts

Administrative support for the secretariat of the IWG

Intersessional Working Group 5**Protection of Overground Roosts****Convenor:**

Ferdia Marnell (Ireland)

**Members:**

Alison Rasey (BCT, UK), Dino Scaravelli (RNOMO, Italy), Melanie Hardy (UK), Primož Presetnik (Slovenia), Jana Kristanč (Slovenia), Marcel Uhrin (Slovakia), Dainius Pauza (Lithuania)

**Terms of Reference:**

Refer to Resolution 4.9; 3a)

- Establish types of overground sites used as roosts
- Identify methods used to protect these roosts
- Identify relevant issues with respect to cultural heritage buildings

**Work to be carried out:**

- Review available literature
- Draft and circulate questionnaire to address gaps in the available information
- Review responses
- Prepare report

**Plan of action:**

- Review available literature
- Draft questionnaire
- Forward to EUROBATS Secretariat
- Review responses
- Prepare report

**Estimated timetable for work to be achieved:**

- Literature to be reviewed by September 2004
- Questionnaire to be finalised and forwarded to Secretariat by 1 December 2004
- Responses to questionnaire by end of February 2005
- Interim report to AC10
- IWG meeting at EBRS in August 2005 to draft final report
- Final report to AC11

**Resources required:**

- Secretariat time to help disseminate questionnaire
- Time of Party and Non-Party members to complete questionnaire
- Financial support to allow participation of all IWG members at an intersessional meeting during EBRS in August 2005.

## Intersessional Working Group 6

### **Impact on Bat Population of Use of Anti-parasitic Drugs for Livestock**

#### **Convenor:**

A.M.Hutson

#### **Members:**

Libuse Vlasakova (Czech Republic), Christine Harbusch (NABU, Germany), Dino Scaravelli (Italy), Peter Lina (Netherlands)

#### **Terms of Reference:**

MOP 1, Annex K (CMP), para 23;

MOP 2.14, Annex A, para 23:

MOP 4. Record. Annex 12a, para 6b

The impact of anti-parasitic drugs for livestock on bat population should be reviewed by the AC, in conjunction with work being carried under the Bern Convention and with the intention of producing a report in 2006.

#### **Work to be carried out:**

1. Research any international initiatives, including Bern Convention Recommendation and any follow-up. Also other conservation bodies to assess relationship with wider concerns (e.g. Departments/Ministries for Environment, BirdLife, WWF by November 04, LV)
2. Literature survey (by November 2004, AMH)
3. Questionnaire to Department/Ministries for Agriculture (geographical scale of use, products used, application practices, any relevant legislation) December 2004 for return by end of February 2005
4. Analyse questionnaire
5. Draft Report to AC10 (c. May 2005)
6. Final Report (?+ Resolution) by AC11 (c. May 2006)

#### **Estimated timetable for work to be achieved:**

See previous paragraph.

#### **Resources required:**

Meeting early 2006?

## Intersessional Working Group 7

### **IWG on Wind Turbines and Bat Populations**

#### **Convenor:**

Luisa Rodrigues (Portugal)

#### **Members:**

Christine Harbusch (NABU), Linda Smith (UK), Lothar Bach (NABU), Colin Catto (BCT), Lauri Lutsar (Estonia), Teodora Ivanova (Bulgaria), Tony Hutson (IUCN), Marie-Jo Dubourg-Savage (France)

#### **Terms of Reference:**

Assessment of the evidence of the impact of wind turbines on bat populations and, if appropriate, development of guidelines for assessing potential impacts on bats and for

the establishment of wind turbines in accordance with the ecological requirements of bat populations. Investigate current research and identify future requirements.

**Work to be carried out:**

1. Synthesis of bibliography on wind farms / bats
2. To gain a picture of the situation in Europe
3. Develop guidelines (if appropriate), including recommendations for further research

**Plan of action:**

1. Collection and analysis of bibliography (including bibliography on relevant ecological characteristics)
  - Exchange of literature and existing data
2. Development and analysis of a questionnaire
  - Planning background
  - Situation of legal requirements on planning, assessment and monitoring
  - Research carried out or proposed
3. Preparation of guidelines (if appropriate)
4. Publication of guidelines (if appropriate)

**Estimated timetable for work to be achieved:**

August 2004 (13IBRC): intermediate meeting (literature exchange)

September 2004: sending of the questionnaire

November 2004: deadline for returning of the questionnaire

May? 2005 (AC10): report, including results of questionnaire. AC should decide if it is appropriate to develop guidelines

If so,

August 2005 (10EBRS): intermediate meeting

May? 2006 (AC11): draft guidelines

September? 2006 (MoP5): final version of guidelines

**Resources required:**

Engagement of all Parties and non-Party Range States in the questionnaire, including a range of National experts

Intersessional Working Group 8

**CBD/CMS Joint Work Programme**

**Convenor:**

Eva Cepakova (Czech Republic)

**Members:**

Volodymyr Domashlinets (Ukraine), Jana Kristanč (Slovenia), Amy Coyte (BCT, United Kingdom)

**Terms of Reference:**

Resolution 4.10

To review the CMS/CBD JWP 2002–2005 and develop proposals for the JWP 2006 onwards.

**Work to be carried out:**

- Overview the Resolutions of the last Conference of the Parties to CBD (2004) and documents of SBSTTA focusing on those which are relevant to EUROBATS;
- Review specific parts of the JWP 2002–2005 related to EUROBATS;
- Make proposals for the new JWP (the draft is already available on the internet).

**Plan of action:**

1. The IWG will investigate the timetable of the CMS/CBD JWP preparation
2. Each member of the IWG will study relevant documents and send his/her ideas to the convenor.
3. The Convenor will prepare a draft proposal and send it to the CMS Secretariat for review.
4. The IWG will revise the draft and send their comments to the Convenor.
5. The convenor will prepare a final draft and send it to the EUROBATS Secretariat to be distributed among AC members before the AC10 for comments.

**Estimated timetable for work to be achieved:**

Provisional timetable :

- 1+2 End of June 2004.
- 3 End of July 2004.
- 4 End of September 2004.
- 5 End of October 2004.

**Resources required:**Intersessional Working Group 9**Conservation and Management of Critical Feeding Areas and Commuting Routes****Convenor:**

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**Members:**

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\* = *participation to be confirmed*

**Terms of Reference:**

Referring to the Resolution 4.9, point 4: Foraging habitats; to produce a synthesis of methods used to study the critical feeding areas and commuting routes and to produce guidance for the national guidelines for bat habitat conservation.

**Work to be carried out:**

- Obtaining data on methodologies and results (including species studied, distance of their feeding areas from their roost, habitats used for feeding etc.) of studies on feeding areas important for maternity colonies.

- Creating a synthesis (a table) of this data.
- Producing guidance for the national guidelines for bat habitat conservation.

**Plan of action:**

1. Reviewing literature
2. Developing, distributing and analysing a questionnaire
3. Preparation of guidance for the national guidelines

**Estimated timetable for work to be achieved:**

Action	2004-2005 AC9-AC10	2005-2006 AC10-AC11	2006 AC11-MOP5
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**Resources required:**

- Engagement of all Parties and Non-Party Range States in the questionnaire, including a range of national experts.
- Help in putting the questionnaire on the EUROBATS website.
- Meeting (one day preferably) of the IWG in conjunction with the AC10.
- Costs of producing the publication 'guidance for national guidelines for bat habitat conservation.