

AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF BATS IN EUROPE

First Session of the Meeting of the Parties, Bristol: 18-20 July 1995

RESOLUTION ON THE FORMAT AND FREQUENCY OF NATIONAL REPORTS

RECALLING Article VI of the Agreement requesting Parties to present up to date reports on its implementation of this Agreement;

RECOGNISING that a complete review of existing measures employed by Parties and non-Party Range State would provide useful information on their compliance with the Agreement, and assisting those States experiencing difficulties in meeting certain obligations;

WHEREAS Article VI of the Agreement states that implementation reports need only be submitted 90 days before a Meeting of the Parties;

NOTING the importance for such reports to be submitted, in due time, to the Secretariat in order to compile and maintain a summary of reports on a regular timescale;

RECOGNISING that a standard format for such national reports would provide a useful structure for organising the information received, and this would facilitate the incorporation of relevant parts of the reports into a database;

ACKNOWLEDGING that once a baseline set of data has been assembled for each State, that only modifications to that data will be required to maintain the data;

DECIDES to:

URGE all Parties to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 January 1996 revised baseline national reports on their implementation of the Agreement following the agreed guidelines to this resolution;

INSTRUCT the Secretariat, starting with the second session of the Meeting of the Parties, to invite Parties and non-Party Range States, well in advance of a deadline set in Article VI of the Agreement, to update implementation reports regarding their status in relation to the Agreement, in accordance with the annexed guidelines for national reports;

INSTRUCT the Secretariat to establish a database capable of storing the information contained in implementation reports, and to ensure that these records are kept up to date;

ENCOURAGE national Coordinating Authorities to cooperate with relevant institutions in their country on the preparation of national reports.

GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL REPORTS

A. General Information

- Name of Party
- Date of Report
- Period Covered
- Competent Authority
- Changes Regarding:
 - Competent authority;
 - Appointed member of the Advisory Committee;
 - Membership of other committees/working groups.

B. Status of Bats Within the Territory of the Party

1. Summary Details of Resident Species
2. Status and Trends
3. Habitats and Roost Sites
4. Threats
5. Data Collection

C. Measures Taken to Implement Article III of the Agreement

There will be reports on activities and summaries of results in relation to the Action Plan and Resolutions, as well as the other measures taken by the Party under the following headings:

6. Legal measures taken to prevent the deliberate capture, keeping or killing of bats, including details of enforcement actions used to support such measures.
7. Sites identified and protected which are important to the conservation of bats.
8. Consideration given to habitats which are important to bats.
9. Activities carried out to promote the awareness of the importance of the conservation of bats.
10. Responsible bodies, in accordance with Article III.5 of the Agreement, nominated for the provision of advice on bat conservation and management.
11. Additional action undertaken to safeguard populations of bats.
12. Recent and ongoing programmes (including research) relating to the conservation and management of bats.
13. Consideration being given to the potential effects of pesticides on bats, and efforts to replace timber treatment chemicals which are highly toxic to bats.

D. Functioning of the Agreement

Cooperation with other Range States