

Bat Conservation Trust



Taking forward a Long-term Pan-European Surveillance Project

Proposal to fund a Feasibility Study

BACKGROUND

A fundamental obligation of Parties to EUROBATS is to “promote research programmes relating to the conservation and management of bats. Parties shall consult each other on such research programmes, and shall endeavour to coordinate such research and conservation programmes.” The Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) has worked in partnership with the UK’s Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on projects to contribute to priority work under the EUROBATS Agreement.

The outcome of this work is the agreement amongst a number of parties to take forward the **first Pan-European Surveillance Project on underground sites**.

The objectives of the project are:

- To provide population indices for European bat species on a regular basis
- To identify and inform the protection of important sites
- To measure and inform prediction of the effect of future global change on bat biodiversity
- To raise awareness, enhance information exchange, build capacity and increase volunteer engagement
- To deliver obligations under the Habitats Directive

The draft resolution (5.4) Monitoring Bats Across Europe produced by the Intercessional Working Group on Producing Guidelines on Bat Monitoring Methods to Assess Population Trends at Different Levels urges range states to:

Support the development of long-term pan-European surveillance to provide Europe wide population trends for bat species and site condition monitoring of protected sites for bats, with particular reference to underground sites.

Here follows a proposal to take forward the Pan-European Surveillance Project:

AIMS

- To produce a detailed project proposal for the Pan-European Surveillance Project.
- To submit a proposal to EU Life Plus and other potential funders

OBJECTIVES

- 1 Consult with the partners to:
 - Identify the framework for delivery of a Pan-European Project
 - Clarify the protocols and methodology for the project – in light of the consistent monitoring methodologies agreed under the Eurobats Agreement
 - Clarify data handling processes, data management and data access
 - Clarify the individual country requirements for delivery e.g. health and safety requirements, resources
 - Clarify the management of the project and reporting processes.
- 2 Compile a detailed project plan, agreed by all the partners
- 3 Investigate funding opportunities for the project
- 4 Submit proposals to relevant funders – aim to submit a proposal to the EU Life Plus fund October 2007

APPROACH

The above aims and objectives will be delivered by a project officer. The officer will be employed and line managed by the Bat Conservation Trust, the overall remit and work programme will be formulated by a Steering Group consisting of relevant partners. The officer will be recruited from the European bat expert community; the officer may be based at a UK BCT Office or at a suitable office elsewhere in Europe. (Job Description and Initial Work Programme to follow)

Feasibility Study – Pan-European Monitoring Project

Expenditure	Oct 06/Oct 07
Staff	Euro
Pan European Monitoring Project Officer	37066
National Insurance	4196
Pension @ 3%	1201
Administration Officer support	5041
CEO overall management	4911
Training budget for Officer	1483
Consultant Life Plus expertise	7413
Total employment costs	61311
Project Costs	
Travel and subsistence - throughout Europe	11861
Reports, other publications, resources	1483
Meeting Expenses	5931
Conference attendance	445
Partner Travel Costs	7413
Support costs	
Recruitment	2965
Insurance/accounts/audit/HR/volunteer	1483
Office costs (where ever this may be based)	3707
IT support (home and office)	1483
Dedicated mobile phone	741
General phone,stationery, e mail costs	1483
Total	100304
Plus 13% contribution to UNEP	13040
Grand total	113344
Income	Euro
The BCT	7413
Republic of Ireland	Yes
The Netherlands	Yes
UK/Defra	Yes

OUTCOMES

An agreed partnership approach to delivery

A detailed delivery programme, with comprehensive start up funding