



**26<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**30<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**MONITORING OF DAILY AND SEASONAL MOVEMENTS OF BATS**

*(Prepared by the Secretariat and the Advisory Committee)*

Summary:

This document proposes amendments to Resolution 8.3: Monitoring of Daily and Seasonal Movements of Bats.

Background

According to the mandate given to the Advisory Committee in Resolution 8.3, the Intersessional Working Group on Monitoring of Daily and Seasonal Movements of Bats has compiled up-to-date data on diurnal and seasonal movements of bats and prepared a comprehensive review in the form of a publication with species accounts. The draft publication is at an advanced stage and is expected to be published before MoP. The proposed amendments to Resolution 8.3 reflect these developments and encourage Parties to take this review into consideration.

Recommended actions during the joint 26th Meeting of the Standing Committee and the 30th Meeting of the Advisory Committee:

The Standing Committee and the Advisory Committee are recommended to: discuss the draft amendments to Resolution 8.3: Monitoring of Daily and Seasonal Movements of Bats, contained in Annex 1 of this document, and suggest further amendments, if appropriate.

## ANNEX 1

### Proposed amendments to the Resolution 8.3: Monitoring of Daily and Seasonal Movements of Bats

*NB: Proposed new text is underlined. Text to be deleted is ~~crossed-out~~.*

*The Meeting of Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (hereafter "the Agreement");*

*Recalling* that the Agreement was concluded under the auspices of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn, 1979);

*Remembering* that bats perform seasonal, sometimes long-distance movements, which make them exceptionally susceptible to anthropogenic stressors;

*Recalling* Resolution 7.5 on Wind Turbines and Bat Populations, which outlines how migratory species represent a large proportion of fatalities at wind turbines in Europe;

*Further recalling* Resolution 8.10 on Required Experience and Skills of Experts with regard to Quality of ~~a~~Assessments, which outlines how only experienced and authorised specialists are involved in banding migratory bats;

*Acknowledging* the encouragements of the Article 18 of the Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992, and the attention to increase ~~of~~ transboundary cooperative research between Member States for studies of listed species, including bats;

*Recognising* that bats, particularly long-distance migrating species, may cross national borders, which requires international efforts for their protection;

*Noting* inadequate information on many species and the necessity to determine possible commuting routes, migration corridors and stopover sites;

*Remembering* that understanding migratory movements can also be important for assessing the spread of pathogens which are potentially harmful to bats and humans;

*Urges Parties and non-party Range States to:*

1. Ensure effective protection of migratory species and their habitats;
2. Support research in bat migration;
3. Prioritise studies to identify areas for breeding and hibernation, migration routes, stopover sites and population parameters (population sizes and trends) with the use of

classical and novel methods, such as banding, radio-tagging, acoustic, genetic and isotope analyses;

4. Stimulate cross-boundary efforts in research and conservation of migratory species;
5. Report information on studies in behaviour and population sizes of migratory bats, including references to published articles;
6. Increase the cooperation with bird banding centres;
7. Raise the awareness on the vulnerability of migratory species in the public and among stakeholders;
8. Take into account the review of movement ecology of European bats prepared by the Advisory Committee;

Instructs the Secretariat to publish the review following circulation to all Parties through the written procedure;

*Requests the Advisory Committee to ~~collate~~ to continue collating information on above-mentioned research topics;*

*Decides to repeal the Resolution 6.8.*