



26th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
30th MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5 – 8 May 2026, Bonn, Germany

AMENDMENT OF THE ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document proposes amendments to Resolution 9.2:
Amendment of the Annex to the Agreement.

Background

This draft amendment contains recommendations for further changes to the Annex to the Agreement, which lists species to which the Agreement applies. Potential amendments to the species list were discussed by a small working panel comprising Drs Russo, Çoraman, Roemer and Gazaryan, and were subsequently further developed by the Secretariat.

The panel recommends adding *Myotis nustrale* Ruedi, Beuneux & Puechmaille, 2023 to the Annex to the Agreement. This species had already been considered for inclusion in the Annex under Resolution 9.2 at MoP 9 in 2022, but was set aside pending publication of the formal taxonomic description, which took place in 2023.

The group also considered the potential renaming of the genus *Eptesicus* to *Cnephaeus*. The latter is often treated as a subgenus or synonym for Old World *Eptesicus* species, while recent taxonomic proposals have suggested elevating it to a distinct genus for these taxa. However, this approach has not yet been widely adopted and would require further discussion and scientific consensus beyond the scope of the Advisory Committee. Given that the new name has already been accepted by IUCN SSC Chiroptera species group, the AC recommends changing the genus name in the EUROBATS Annex.

The proposed amendments also reflect challenges in defining the term “European populations of Chiroptera species” mentioned in the Agreement text. These challenges became apparent during collaboration with the CMS Scientific Council on the preparation of the amendments to Resolution 14.20 and its Annex, which lists species meeting the criteria for inclusion in the CMS Appendices for CMS COP15.

The EUROBATS Secretariat considers that a more precise and unambiguous definition of this term is required, as the Annex currently includes several species that have never been recorded within the geographical or political boundaries of Europe, or for which

occasional records do not demonstrate the presence of a stable population (these species are highlighted in yellow on the list).

Numerous bat species have recently been described, taxonomically erected, or recorded within the geographical scope of EUROBATS, as defined in Resolution 6.3 on the Geographical Scope of the Agreement (e.g. *Rhinolophus clivosus*, *Miniopterus maghrebensis*, *Myotis zenatius*, *Plecotus christii*, *Asellia tridens*, *Vansonia rueppellii*, *Rhinopoma hardwickii*, *R. microphyllum*), but are not currently included in the Annex.

It is therefore necessary to clarify whether all species occurring in the Western Palearctic region, as defined in Resolution 6.3 on the Geographical Scope of the Agreement, should be regarded as 'European species' and whether their populations should fall within the scope of protection under the Agreement.

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 9.2: Amendment of the Annex to the Agreement, contained in Annex to this document, and suggest further amendments, if appropriate.

ANNEX

Proposed amendments to the Resolution 9.2:
Amendment of the Annex to the Agreement

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 Resolution ~~3.7~~ Amendment of the Agreement ~~adopted at its third Session (Bristol, July 2000)~~, which amends the Agreement and incorporates an Annex of bat species occurring in Europe to which the Agreement applies;

~~Recalling also that 'Europe' for the purposes of the Agreement is as defined in Doc. EUROBATS.MoP2.8.AnnexAFin (Resolution 2.5);~~

Recognising that there will be the need to amend the Annex from time to time in the light of recent research results;

Further recognising that the names of bat species included in the Annex should conform to the rules of nomenclature laid down by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature and consistent with the IUCN List of Threatened Species;

Acknowledges the establishment of an Advisory Panel of specialists to consider potential changes to the Annex;

Agrees to adopt the following changes to the Annex, on the recommendation of the Advisory Panel; and

Notes other potential changes to the Annex, but which are rejected or deferred pending the availability of further information;

Notes that, for the purposes of the EUROBATS Agreement, bats are defined as species occurring in Europe and in their non-European Range States, as outlined in the Second Amendment to the Agreement;

Recognises that the definition of Europe, as set out in repealed Resolution 2.5, is outdated and requires revision, and that no alternative definition of "European bat species" has been established in the adopted Resolutions;

Instructs the Advisory Committee to further refine the definition of “European populations of Chiroptera species”, taking into account the most recent scientific evidence

Decides to add the species *Myotis nustrale* Ruedi, Beuneux & Puechmaille, 2023 to the Annex to the Agreement;

Decides to accept the change of the genus name from *Eptesicus* to *Cnephaeus* and to amend the Annex accordingly

and accordingly

Adopts the revised list of species for the Annex to the Agreement as attached to this Resolution in Annex I.

ANNEX 1

Bat species occurring in Europe to which the Agreement applies:

[to be annotated following adoption of any changes by MoP10]

Pteropodidae*Rousettus aegyptiacus* (Geoffroy, 1810)**Emballonuridae***Taphozous nudiventris* Cretzschmar, 1830**Rhinolophidae***Rhinolophus blasii* Peters, 1866*Rhinolophus euryale* Blasius, 1853*Rhinolophus ferrumequinum* (Schreber, 1774)*Rhinolophus hipposideros* (André, 1797)*Rhinolophus mehelyi* Matschie, 1901**Vespertilionidae***Barbastella barbastellus* (Schreber, 1774)*Barbastella caspica* Satunin, 1908*Cnephaeus*¹ *anatolicus* Felten, 1971*Cnephaeus* *isabellinus* (Temminck, 1840)*Cnephaeus* *nilssonii* (von Keyserling & Blasius, 1839)*Cnephaeus* *ognevi* Bobrinskoj, 1918*Cnephaeus* *serotinus* (Schreber, 1774)*Hypsugo savii* (Bonaparte, 1837)*Myotis alcaethoe* von Helversen & Heller, 2001*Myotis bechsteinii* (Kuhl, 1817)*Myotis blythii* (Tomes, 1857)*Myotis brandtii* (Eversmann, 1845)*Myotis capaccinii* (Bonaparte, 1837)*Myotis crypticus* Ruedi, Ibáñez, Salicini, Juste & Puechmaille, 2019*Myotis dasycneme* (Boie, 1825)*Myotis daubentonii* (Kuhl, 1817)*Myotis davidii* (Peters, 1869)*Myotis emarginatus* (Geoffroy, 1806)*Myotis escaleraei* Cabrera, 1904*Myotis hovei* Harrison, 1964

¹ Replaced *Eptesicus* genus name, see the background information

Myotis myotis (Borkhausen, 1797)

Myotis mystacinus (Kuhl, 1817)

Myotis nattereri (Kuhl, 1817)

Myotis nustrale Ruedi, Beuneux & Puechmaille, 2023

Myotis punicus Felten, 1977

Myotis schaubi Kormos, 1934

Myotis tschuliensis Kuzyakin, 1935

Nyctalus azoreum (Thomas, 1901)

Nyctalus lasiopterus (Schreber, 1780)

Nyctalus leisleri (Kuhl, 1817)

Nyctalus noctula (Schreber, 1774)

Otonycteris hemprichii Peters, 1859

Pipistrellus hanaki Hulva & Benda, 2004

Pipistrellus kuhlii (Kuhl, 1817)

Pipistrellus maderensis (Dobson, 1878)

Pipistrellus nathusii (von Keyserling & Blasius, 1839)

Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Schreber, 1774)

Pipistrellus pygmaeus (Leach, 1825)

Plecotus auritus (Linnaeus, 1758)

Plecotus austriacus (Fischer, 1829)

Plecotus gaisleri Benda, Kiefer, Hanák & Veith, 2004

Plecotus kolombatovici Dulič, 1980

Plecotus macrobullaris Kuzyakin, 1965

Plecotus sardus Mucedda, Kiefer, Pidinchredda & Veith, 2002

Plecotus teneriffae Barrett-Hamilton, 1907

Vespertilio murinus Linnaeus, 1758

Miniopteridae

Miniopterus pallidus Thomas, 1907

Miniopterus schreibersii (Kuhl, 1817)

Molossidae

Tadarida teniotis (Rafinesque, 1814)

