

27th Meeting of the Advisory Committee

Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 27 – 29 March 2023

Provisional Agenda



1. Opening remarks: the host Government
 the Chairperson
 the Secretariat
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
5. Summary reports by Parties, Non-Party Range States and NGOs
6. Secretariat report:
 - a) Agreement membership (recruitment of new Parties)
 - b) EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI)
 - c) Outreach and other activities
7. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and members of the EPI Evaluation Group
8. Reports from Intersessional Working Groups of the past quadrennium
9. Discussion on work plan priorities and the future operation of the Advisory Committee and Intersessional Working Groups taking into account outstanding activities, newly emerged topics and the Resolutions adopted at MoP9 (see **Annex1**) including the priorities set in the Conservation and Management Plan 2023 – 2026 (**Resolution 9.7**)
10. Establishment of Intersessional Working Groups
11. Reports from working groups convened during the Meeting
12. Date and venue of the 28th Meeting of the Advisory Committee
13. Any other business
14. Adoption of the record of the Meeting
15. Close of Meeting

Priorities for the Advisory Committee as defined by Resolution 9.7: Implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan (2023 – 2026):

Resolution 2.2 Consistent Monitoring Methodologies; Resolution 5.4 Monitoring Bats across Europe and EUROBATS Publication Series No. 5 on Monitoring of Bats

- promote the use of standardised monitoring methods as well as review and update the monitoring guidelines with the new technological and methodological advances;
- work towards the development of standardised pan-European monitoring and capacity building for monitoring. The importance of long-term monitoring at a pan-European level to build up good datasets on species distribution and population trends should be recognised and emphasised;
- establish an online database of monitoring activities and results throughout the Agreement area.
- promote investigation into the causes of population declines in some bat species
- support the development of appropriate data storage platform and analysis mechanisms to facilitate the production of Europe-wide trends for bat species.

Resolution 6.13 Bats as Indicators for Biodiversity and the publication of a prototype indicator of trends in European bat populations at hibernation sites (EEA Technical Report 19/2013):

- continue to expand and update this prototype to incorporate data for further countries and species and other technical improvements to assist the development of bats as indicators of ecosystem health;

Resolution 7.8 Conservation and Management of critical Feeding Areas, Core Areas around Colonies and Commuting Routes:

- promote investigations into the potential impacts of solar power plants on bats

Resolution 8.3 Monitoring of Daily and Seasonal Movements of Bats:

- collate information on the above-mentioned research topics.

Resolution 8.6 Bats and Light Pollution:

- continue to compile relevant information, including efficacy of mitigation measures and methods to assess the impact of artificial light on individual bats and bat populations;
- update the generic guidelines, if necessary

Resolution 8.7 Bats and Climate Change:

- collate relevant scientific evidence of climate change's influence on bats and, if appropriate, develop guidelines for the most urgent actions identified;
- cooperate with IUCN SSC Climate Change Specialist Group, if needed;

Resolution 8.12 Purpose-built Man-made Roosts:

- continue to gather information on the design of artificial, purpose-built bat roosts and keep the review document updated if required.

Resolution 8.13 Insect Decline as a Threat to Bat Populations in Europe:

- the Advisory Committee should collate relevant information on insect decline to help establish its causes, assess its potential effects on bat populations in Europe;
- the Advisory Committee should consider developing guidelines or recommendations for the most urgent or prioritised actions identified.

Resolution 9.3 Priority Species for Autecological Studies:

- update the Annex to Resolution 9.3 as required.

Resolution 9.4 Wind Turbines and Bat Populations:

- continue to compile relevant information, including methods to assess the impact of wind power generation on bat populations.
- update the generic guidelines, now available as EUROBATS Publication Series No. 6, by MOP 10.
- work with the international funders, including the World Bank, the UNDP, the EBRD, and others to develop strategies for ensuring that funding for wind energy developments is in line with the adoption of these resolutions.
- publish the update, following circulation to all Parties through the written procedure.

Resolution 9.6 Communication, Bat Conservation and Public Health:

- monitor and react to the erroneous coverage of zoonotic diseases in scientific publications as well as in the media and associated commentaries as far as bats are concerned.