19th Meeting of the Standing Committee
26th Meeting of the Advisory Committee

Online Meeting, 9 – 12 May 2022

Draft Resolution No. 9.3
Priority Species for Autecological Studies

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

Recalling the importance of scientific knowledge of bats in order to identify the best conservation action and the need for international co-operation in some of that research;

Recalling that in accordance to the Agreement's Conservation and Management Plan, MoP7 identified a list of Priority Species and the principal areas of autecological research that were required to assist in their conservation;

Recognizing the advances in the knowledge of the species previously adopted as Priority Species for autecological studies;

Noting that the Advisory Committee has identified a new list of Priority Species and areas of autecological research particularly required;

Decides to:

1. Instruct the Secretariat, with advice from the Advisory Committee, to encourage projects to be developed in detail on the Priority Species listed in the Annex, and to support the seeking for external funding as appropriate;

2. Instruct the Advisory Committee to update the Annex as required;

3. Additionally encourage researchers to consider the topics identified in the Annex as priorities to assist in the conservation of species with unfavourable conservation status.

Repeal Resolution 7.12.

EUROBATS.MoP.9.Annex

EUROBATS Action 8: Autecological Research on Priority Species

List of Priority Species for the next quadrennium (***former list to be revised***)

- *Rhinolophus blasii*
- *Eptesicus isabellinus*
- *Plecotus kolombatovici*
- *Plecotus sardus*
- *Plecotus teneriffae*
- *Nyctalus azoreum*
- *Nyctalus lasiopterus*
- *Pipistrellus hanaki*
- *Pipistrellus maderensis*
- *Myotis escalerai*

Topics of Autecological studies (***former topics to be discussed***)

- Roosts (winter, summer, swarming)
- Migration
- Habitat and spatial use
- Foraging behavior and diet