

9th Meeting of the Standing Committee
19th Meeting of the Advisory Committee

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Draft Resolution 7.8

Impact of Roads and other Traffic Infrastructures on Bats

The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (thereafter “the Agreement”),

Recognising the evidence of impact on bats, bat roosts, commuting routes and foraging habitat due to road and other traffic infrastructure projects;

Recalling CMS resolution 7.2 on migratory species and environmental impact assessment;

Recognising the importance of using standardised methods to develop effective avoidance and mitigation measures, as well as statistically robust ways of evaluating impacts on bats, including mortality and habitat loss and fragmentation;

Recognising further the need for good-practice guidelines on how to avoid or mitigate for negative effects on bat populations;

Urges Parties and non-party Range States to:

1. Take bats into account during the planning and construction and operation of roads and other traffic infrastructure projects;
2. Ensure that pre-construction strategic and environmental impacts assessment procedures and post-construction monitoring are undertaken and that the data collected are made available for independent scientific analysis;
3. Promote further research into the impact of new and existing roads and other traffic infrastructure on bats and especially into the effectiveness of mitigation measures;
4. Develop appropriate national or supranational guidelines, drawing on the general guidance to be published by the Advisory Committee;
5. Report on the actions taken under this Resolution;

Requests the Advisory Committee to publish a EUROBATS booklet highlighting the effects of roads on bats and providing guidance on minimising the impact of traffic infrastructure projects on bats.

Decides to repeal Resolution 6.14