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Draft Resolution 7.4

Format of National Implementation Reports



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

Recalling Article VI of the Agreement requesting Parties to present up to date reports on their implementation of the Agreement;

Recalling further the Resolutions 2.7 and 3.3 on a revised format for the National Implementation Reports;

Recognizing that National Implementation Reports are aiming to provide assistance to Parties and the Advisory Committee in meeting their obligations;

Recognizing further that the National Implementation Reports should highlight the progress in bat conservation since the previous report, and in particular the progress made in the implementation of the Agreement and Resolutions;

Recognizing further the advantages of online reporting;

Acknowledging that the National Implementation Reports are instruments for the Advisory Committee and the Meeting of Parties to review the success that each Party has achieved in the implementation of the Agreement;

Decides to adopt a new format for the National Implementation Reports as presented in the Annex to this Resolution (which will be updated to incorporate the relevant decisions at MoP7);

Instructs the Secretariat to make this new format available for online completion in time for MoP8.

DRAFT FORMAT FOR NATIONAL REPORTS

A. General Information

- Name of Party
- Date of Report
- Period
- Competent Authority
- Administrative focal Point
- Scientific focal Point

B. Status of Bats within the Territory of the Party

Source of data:

Species	Status ¹ (year)	Trend ² (year)	National Redlist ³ (year)	Natura 2000 ⁴	Natura 2000 ⁴

¹ Resident / Occasional

² Unknown / negative / stable / positive

³ According to IUCN categories: EX, RE, CR, EN, VU, NT, LC, DD, NE

⁴ Last reporting if applicable – one column per biogeographic region

C. Measures taken to implement Article III of the Agreement

1. Legal measures taken to protect bats, including enforcement action

1.1. All bat species protected: yes no additional information

Resolutions 4.6 and 5.5 - Guidelines for the issue of permits for the capture and study of captured wild bats

1.2. System of permits or licenses for the capture of bats: yes no additional information

1.3. System of permits or licenses for the keeping of bats for educational or animal welfare purposes: yes no additional information

1.4. System of permits or licenses for the capture, sampling, ringing, killing of bats for scientific study: yes no additional information

Resolution 6.5 - Guidelines on ethics for research and field work practices

1.5. Code of practice for research and field work that addresses the context and legitimacy of acquisition, due diligence, long-term care, documentation, relevance and institutional aims:
yes no additional information

2. Sites identified and protected which are important to the conservation of bats

Resolution 4.3 - Guidelines for the protection and management of important underground habitats for bats

2.1. List of important underground sites for bats and measures of protection (including Natura 2000, Emerald or other status)

Submitted **to Eurobats** Not submitted **to Eurobats** (If not please attach)

2.2. **National guidelines** for management of important underground sites for bats

Yes No (If yes please attach or provide link) **Implementation information**

2.3. Other relevant activities for the protection of underground habitats

Resolutions 4.4 and 6.12 - Bat conservation and sustainable forest management

2.4. Identification and monitoring of key areas/elements for bats in forests / protection and restoration of these

2.5. Code of best practice, to minimize damage to bats and their food from the use of pesticides and biocides especially in key areas

Adopted **In preparation** No **code** (If yes please attach or provide link)

2.6. Training and awareness for forest managers and workers

2.7. National guidance appropriate to their bat communities, forest ecosystems and forest management practices based on the principles in the EUROBATS Bats and Forestry leaflet

Yes No (If yes please attach or provide link)

2.8. Examples of best practice **forest management** guidance

Resolution 5.7 - Guidelines for the protection of overground roosts, with particular reference to roosts in buildings of cultural heritage importance

2.9. List of important overground roosts (including protection status)

Submitted Not submitted (If not please attach)

2.10. Guidelines for custodians of historical buildings, on the protection of bat roosts

Yes No (If yes please attach or provide link)

2.11. Summary report on interactions with custodians of historical buildings, on the protection of bat roosts

3. Consideration given to habitats which are important to bats

Resolution 6.7 - Conservation and management of critical feeding areas, core areas around colonies and commuting routes

3.1. Rising awareness of the importance of critical feeding areas, core areas around known colonies and commuting routes for bats

Yes No (If yes, how ?)

3.2. Measures to take bats into account in land use and planning decisions

Yes No (If yes which measures ?)

3.3. Research and monitoring to improve understanding of the use of landscape by bats

Yes No (If yes which research and/or monitoring?)

3.4. National guidelines, drawing on the general guidance published by the Advisory Committee

Yes No (If yes please attach or provide link)

4. Activities to promote the awareness of the importance of conservation of bats

4.1. International Bat Night - For each year: number of events, number of people taking part

4.2. Other important **activities**

Resolution 4.11 - Recognizing the important role of NGOs in bat conservation

4.3. List of NGOs participating in /contributing to bat protection

4.4. Support to the most valuable activities of competent NGOs that have the potential to substantially improve transboundary cooperation and mutual assistance

5. Additional action undertaken to safeguard populations of bats

Resolution 2.2 - Consistent monitoring methodologies

5.1. Implementation of Eurobats guidelines to ensure consistency and information exchange between Parties and Range States

Yes No (If no, why ?)

Resolution 4.7, 5.6 and 6.11 - Wind turbines and bat populations

5.2. Investigations and research on the impact of wind turbines on bat populations

Yes No (If yes, list references and attach reports and articles)

5.3. Raising awareness on the impact of turbines on bats and the existence of some unsuitable habitats or sites for construction

Yes No (If yes, how ?)

5.4. Pre-construction impact assessments

Yes No (If yes, attach text)

5.5. National guidance following EUROBATS Pub.3 developed

Yes No (If yes, please attach or provide link)

Implemented Yes No

Resolution 4.12 - Priority species for autecological studies

5.6. Studies on:

Species	Winter roosts	Summer roosts	Swarming roosts	Migration	Spatial and habitat use	Foraging behaviour	Diet

Please attach a list of references

Resolution 5.4 - Monitoring bats across Europe

5.7. Involvement in a long-term pan-European surveillance to provide trend data

Yes No (If yes, which long-term pan-European surveillance?)

5.8. Raising awareness of underground sites Yes No **additional information**

5.9. Exchange of information on monitoring and surveillance Yes No **additional information**

5.10. Use of guidelines for Bat Monitoring Methods to assess population trends

Yes No (If yes, please attach or provide link)

5.11. Capacity building of bat workers and surveyors, which support to carry out bat surveillance projects? Yes No **additional information**

Resolution 6.6 - Guidelines for the prevention, detection and control of lethal fungal infections in bats

5.12. Informing bat conservation and caving communities are aware of the White Nose Syndrome threat in North America Yes No **additional information**

5.13. Surveillance for the presence of fungal infections Yes No **How ?**

5.14. Plan for the contingency that lethal fungal infections become established in Europe and include precautionary measures to prevent spread Yes No **additional information**

Resolution 6.13 - Bats as indicators for biodiversity

5.15. Development of (national, regional and pan-European) biodiversity indicators for appropriate target audiences, using bat data Yes No **additional information**

5.16. Incorporation of bat data within high profile multi-taxa indicators to make them more truly representative of biodiversity Yes No **additional information**

5.17. Gathering the data for these indicators Yes No (Body in charge of this gathering)

5.18. Cooperation platforms that facilitate the required data exchange Yes No

Resolution 6.14 - Impact of roads and other traffic infrastructures on bats

5.19. Taking bats into account during the planning, construction and operation of roads and other infrastructure projects Yes No (If yes, please attach the texts)

5.20. Research into the impact of new and, where appropriate, existing roads and other infrastructure on bats and into the effectiveness of mitigation measures
Yes No (If yes, please list references and attach documents or provide link)

5.21. National or supranational guidelines

Yes No (If yes, please list references and attach documents or provide link)

6. Recent and ongoing programmes (including research and policy initiatives) relating to conservation and management of bats

Resolution 2.3 – Transboundary programme: species proposals

6.1. Inclusion of *Myotis dasycneme* and *Pipistrellus nathusii* in transboundary cooperation
Yes No (If yes, please attach documents)

Resolution 2.4 – Transboundary programme: habitat proposals

6.2. National research on underground sites Yes No (If yes, list references)

6.3. National research on forests Yes No (If yes, list references)

6.4. Provide an assessment of sites experiencing man-made problems

Resolution 5.2 – Bat rabies in Europe

6.5. National bat rabies surveillance network Yes No **How ?**

6.6. Implementation of precautionary advice to avoid infection; ensure bat vaccination is compulsory; ensure Yes No **additional information**

6.7. Organism in charge of recording of all test results and their submission to the World Health Organisation

Resolution 6.8 – Monitoring of daily and seasonal movements of bats

6.9. Research in daily/seasonal movements

Species	Daily	Seasonal

Please attach a list of references

7. Consideration being given to the potential effects of pesticides on bats, and their food sources and efforts to replace timber treatment chemicals which are highly toxic to bats

Resolution 4.5 – Guidelines for the use of remedial timber treatment

7.1. Implementation of small projects to provide basic data to allow an assessment of the potential impact of industry on bat populations Yes No (If yes, please provide a list of references)

7.2. Raising awareness of product users Yes No additional information

7.3. Legislation on products which have any adverse effects on bats

Yes No (If yes, please attach the text)

Resolution 6.15 – Impact on bat populations of the use of antiparasitic drugs for livestock

7.4. Development of efficient non-chemical methods to control livestock parasites and use of products of least toxicity to non-target species Yes No additional information

7.5. Research on the use of antiparasitic drugs Yes No additional information

7.6. Adoption of recommendations in Annex I Yes No additional information