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Conservation and Management of Critical Feeding Areas
and Commuting Routes



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

Recalling Resolution 4.9 Implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan(2003 – 2006), point 4: Foraging habitats; to produce a synthesis of methods used to study the critical feeding areas and commuting routes and to produce guidance for the national guidelines for bat habitat conservation;

Recognising that bats are dependent on good feeding areas near the roost especially when large numbers of bats are present;

Recognising the importance of landscape connectivity as commuting routes between roosts and feeding areas;

Recognising the need for guidance in the conservation and management of such feeding areas and commuting routes;

Urges Parties and Non-Party Range States to:

1. Raise awareness of the importance of critical feeding areas and commuting routes for bats;
2. Ensure that the needs of bats are taken into account in land use and planning decisions;
3. Encourage research and monitoring to improve our understanding of the use of landscape by bats;
4. Develop appropriate national guidelines, drawing on the general guidance to be published by the Advisory Committee.

Encourages the Advisory Committee to complete their work on this important area and to publish generic guidance as soon as possible.