

## 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of Parties

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### *Draft* Resolution 6.12

Amendment to Resolution 5.6: Wind Turbines and  
Bat Populations



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

*Noting* the importance that wind energy has in the implementation of the Kyoto protocol to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in context of combating climate change;

*Recalling* Resolution 2.2 Consistent Monitoring Methodologies, which recommends the adoption of consistent monitoring methods for bats across Europe;

*Recalling* Resolution 5.6;

*Recalling* the Agreement’s Conservation and Management Plan 2011-2014, which recognises the importance of international information exchange and cooperation in developing monitoring strategies for bats;

*Recalling* further the Agreement’s Conservation and Management Plan 2011-2014, which recognises the conservation of bat habitats in all cases of land management and development especially when foraging areas or commuting routes are affected.

*Noting* the work of the Advisory Committee in producing Guidelines for the planning process and to assess the impacts of wind turbines on bats at a European level that were published as EUROBATS Publication Series No. 3;

*Noting* that the Guidelines are not always fully taken into account;

*Recognising* the importance of standardised methods to be able to develop effective mitigation and/or avoidance measures as well as statistically robust ways to evaluate mortality rates and their impact on bat populations;

*Recognising* that several bat species forage offshore and that as a result offshore wind farms may negatively affect bat populations;

*Recognising* also the necessity of implementing research and monitoring;

*Urges Parties and Range States, if not already done so, to:*

1. Raise awareness of the impacts that wind turbines might have on bat populations;
2. Raise awareness of the existence of some unsuitable habitats or sites for the construction of wind turbines at a local, regional and national scale;
3. Encourage developers of wind energy plants to become involved in research for mutual benefit;
4. Ensure that pre-construction impact assessments including surveys and post-construction monitoring are undertaken;
5. Recognise the necessity to find suitable methods for assessing bat migration corridors;
6. Develop and ensure implementation of national guidance appropriate to the local environment based on the principles in the EUROBATS Publication Series No. 3;
7. Promulgate the use of blade feathering to mitigate bat mortality.

*Requests the Advisory Committee to:*

1. Keep the generic guidelines updated;
2. Continue to compile relevant information.