

7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties

Brussels, Belgium, 15 – 17 September 2014

Resolution 7.8

Conservation and Management of critical Feeding Areas, Core Areas around Colonies and Commuting Routes



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

Recalling the CBD Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (PEBLDS);

Recalling Article 10 of the EU Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, which emphasises the importance of linear landscape elements;

Recalling Resolution 4.9 on the 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 around their roosts

Further recognising the importance of landscape connectivity providing commuting routes between roosts and feeding areas;

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

Encourages the Advisory Committee to finalise the generic guidance included as a draft in Annex 1 and to publish it as soon as possible

Urges Parties and Non-Party Range States to:

1. Raise awareness of the importance of critical feeding areas, core areas around known colonies and commuting routes for bats;
2. Strongly recommend 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 finalised by the Advisory Committee in Annex 1;

Decides to repeal resolution 6.7.