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Resolution 7.9

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”),

Recalling CMS Resolution 7.12 on migratory species and environmental impact assessment

Recognising the potential for roads and other transport infrastructure projects to impact on bats, bat roosts, commuting routes and foraging habitat

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, construction and operation of roads and other transport infrastructure projects;
2. Ensure that pre-construction strategic and environmental impacts assessment procedures and post construction monitoring are undertaken and recommend 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 transport 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;

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

Repeals Resolution 6.14