

EUROBATS National Implementation Report

In the Resolution 7.4, the 7th Meeting of Parties to EUROBATS decided to adopt a new format for the National Implementation Reports and instructed the Secretariat to make this new format available for online completion in time for MoP8.

Present format of national reports was carefully revised by the relevant Intersessional Working Group during the 20th Meeting of the Advisory Committee (2015) in order to include the Resolutions of MoP7 and is now available on the CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS).

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A. General Information

Name of your country

> ALBANIA

Period covered by this report

> 2015-2018

Is your country a party to EUROBATS Agreement?

Yes

Competent authority

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B. Status of bat species within the territory

Please assess a national status ONLY for those bat species from the Annex 1 to EUROBATS Agreement that were recorded in your country

Rhinolophus blasii Peters, 1866

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Rhinolophus euryale Blasius, 1853

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Rhinolophus ferrumequinum (Schreber, 1774)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Rhinolophus hipposideros (Bechstein, 1800)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Rhinolophus mehelyi Matschie, 1901

Status of the species occurrence

Occasional

Overall national trend

Not studied

Has the status been reported under the Article 17 of the Habitat Directive or for the Emerald network (non-EU countries)?

No

Barbastella barbastellus (Schreber, 1774)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Eptesicus serotinus (Schreber, 1774)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Hypsugo savii (Bonaparte, 1837)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Myotis alcathoe von Helversen & Heller, 2001

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Myotis bechsteinii (Kuhl, 1817)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Myotis blythii (Tomes, 1857)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Myotis brandtii (Eversmann, 1845)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Myotis capaccinii (Bonaparte, 1837)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Myotis daubentonii (Kuhl, 1817)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Myotis emarginatus (Geoffroy, 1806)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Myotis myotis (Borkhausen, 1797)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Myotis mystacinus (Kuhl, 1817)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Myotis nattereri (Kuhl, 1817)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Nyctalus lasiopterus (Schreber, 1780)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Nyctalus leisleri (Kuhl, 1817)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Nyctalus noctula (Schreber, 1774)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Pipistrellus kuhlii (Kuhl, 1817)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Pipistrellus nathusii (Keyserling & Blasius, 1839)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Pipistrellus pipistrellus (Schreber, 1774)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Pipistrellus pygmaeus (Leach, 1825)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Plecotus auritus (Linnaeus, 1758)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Plecotus austriacus (Fischer, 1829)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Plecotus kolombatovici Dulic, 1980

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Plecotus macrobullaris Kuzyakin, 1965

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Vespertilio murinus Linnaeus, 1758

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Miniopterus schreibersii (Kuhl, 1817)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

Tadarida teniotis (Rafinesque, 1814)

Status of the species occurrence

Resident

Overall national trend

Not studied

Status in the National Red List (when it exists)

Other

C. Measures taken to implement Article III of the Agreement

Does the national legislation protect all bat species?

Yes

Please, give details of the legislation which is protecting bats

> Law "On the protection of wild fauna", no. 1006, dated 23.10.2008

Which species are not protected and why?

> N/A

Comments

> N/A

1. Guidelines for the issue of permits for the capture and study of captured wild bats

Does the system of permits or licenses for the capture of bats exist in your country?

No

System of permits or licences to keep bats for educational or animal welfare purposes

Doesn't exist

System of permits or licences for sampling, ringing, killing of bats for scientific studies

Doesn't exist

Comments (optional)

> For research purposes the researcher(s) have to get the approval in principle by the Ministry responsible for wild fauna and/or National Agency of Protected Areas if the activity is taking place within a Protected Area territory

2. Identified and protected sites which are important to the conservation of bats

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

2.4. List of national important overground roosts (including legal/physical protection status)

Doesn't exist

Comments

> Some efforts were done during the last years to protect some overground roosts, but no official list at the national level yet. The importance of cultural heritage building for bats conservation were officially mentioned by the Ministry of Environment (now Ministry of Tourism and Environment) to the Ministry of Culture, in charge of the management of these sites.

2.5. National guidelines for custodians of historical buildings on the protection of bat roosts have been developed

No

Comments

> None

Other activities carried out under this resolution (optional)

> Despite the current lack of National Strategy on the topic, some actions were locally implemented by civil society and cultural heritage agencies. In 2017, physical protection were installed in the Gjirokaster castle (listed by the UNESCO) to protect the important colonies of bats using some part of the building. In addition, communication material (including panels) were developed in order to inform the public about the importance of this site for bat populations.

Resolution 7.6. Guidelines for the protection and management of important underground habitats for bats

Updated counts of bats at each listed site are submitted to the Secretariat

No

2.1. List of important underground sites

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

Yes

2.2. Management of important underground sites for bats is in accordance with EUROBATS Publication n°2

No

3.Consideration given to habitats which are important to bats

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Resolution 7.7. Bat conservation and sustainable forest management

National guidance has been developed based on the principles in the EUROBATS Bats and Forestry leaflet

Yes

Please attach a file or provide a link

You have attached the following Web links/URLs to this answer.

Leaflet in Albanian - The EUROBATS leaflet was translated in Albanian language

Examples of best practice for forest management are submitted to the Secretariat

No

Research in forest management that is sustainable for bats (attach file or provide links)

> None

Resolution 7.8. Conservation and management of critical feeding areas, core areas around colonies and commuting routes

Awareness of the importance of critical feeding areas, core areas around known colonies and commuting routes for bats exists

No

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

No

Research and monitoring to improve understanding of the use of landscape by bats are ongoing

No

National guidelines, drawing on the general guidance published in EUROBATS Publication have been developed

No

5. Additional actions undertaken to safeguard populations of bats

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Resolution 2.2. Consistent monitoring methodologies

5.1. Implementation of EUROBATS guidelines published in EUROBATS Publication n°5 to ensure consistency and information exchange between Parties and Range States

No

Resolution 5.4. Monitoring bats across Europe

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

Yes

Awareness-raising of the importance of underground sites

Yes

Collaboration and information exchange with other Parties and range states on surveillance and monitoring activities

Yes

5.14. Monitoring bats in accordance with EUROBATS Publication n°5

Yes

5.15. Capacity building of bat workers and surveyors to support the undertaking of bat surveillance projects

Exists

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

5.17. Surveillance for the presence of fungal infections

Yes

Resolution 6.13. Bats as indicators for biodiversity

5.19. Does your country support a development of national, regional and pan-European biodiversity indicators for appropriate target audiences, using bat data

No

5.20. Bat data is incorporated within high profile national multi-taxa indicators

No

5.22. Cooperation platforms that facilitate the required data exchange

Exist

Resolution 7.5. Wind turbines and bat populations

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

No

5.3. Pre-construction impact assessments, if possible, undertaken by suitably experienced bat experts

No

5.4. National guidelines were developed following Eurobats Pub. No. 6

No

National guidelines are implemented

No

5.5. Investigations and research for mitigating bat mortality have been undertaken

No

5.6. Additional information on research on the impact of wind turbines on bat populations

List new references, attach reports or articles

> No wind turbines in Albania so far.

5.7. Post-construction monitoring, if possible, is undertaken by suitably experienced bat experts

If yes, give details

No

5.8. Raw data from environmental impact assessment and post-construction monitoring is available for independent scientific analysis

No

5.9. Blade feathering, higher cut-in wind speeds and shutting down turbines are used to reduce or avoid bat mortality

No

Resolution 7.9. Impact of roads and other traffic infrastructures on bats

5.23. Bats are taken into account during the planning, construction and operation of roads and other infrastructure projects

No

5.24 Pre-construction strategic and environmental impacts assessment procedures are mandatory

Are mandatory

5.25. Post-construction monitoring

Isn't required

5.26. Raw data from environmental impact assessment and post-construction monitoring is available for independent scientific analysis

No

5.27. Research into the impact of new and, where appropriate, existing roads and other infrastructure on bats and into the effectiveness of mitigation measures

No

5.28. National guidelines are developed

No

Resolution 7.10. Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation

5.29. Animal rescue and rehabilitation systems are effective in the country

No

5.30. Collaboration between bat rehabilitators and scientists

Doesn't exist

5.31. Bat rehabilitators contribute their data to a national database

No

Other activities carried out under Resolution 7.10 (optional)

> None

Resolution 7.11. Bats and building insulation

5.32. Are there conflicts between insulation regulations and bat conservation?

Yes

5.34. Impacts on bats are included in the environmental assessment of insulation programs

No

Resolution 7.12. Priority species for autecological studies

Rhinolophus blasii Peters, 1866

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country
 No

Eptesicus isabellinus (Temminck, 1840)

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country
 No

Myotis escalerae Cabrera, 1904

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country
 No

Nyctalus azoreum (Thomas, 1901)

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country
 No

Nyctalus lasiopterus (Schreber, 1780)

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country
 No

Pipistrellus hanaki Hulva & Benda, 2004

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country
 No

Pipistrellus maderensis (Dobson, 1878)

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country
 No

Plecotus kolombatovici Dulic, 1980

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country
 No

Plecotus sardus Mucedda, Kiefer, Pidinchedda & Veith, 2002

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country
 No

Plecotus teneriffae Barrett-Hamilton, 1907

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country
 No

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

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Resolution 2.3. Transboundary programme: species proposals

6.1. Inclusion of *Myotis dasycneme* and *Pipistrellus nathusii* in transboundary cooperation

No

Resolution 2.4. Transboundary programme: habitat proposals

6.2. National research on underground sites has been undertaken since the last reporting

Yes

6.3. National research on bats in forests

No

Resolution 5.2. Bat rabies in Europe

6.5. National bat rabies surveillance network

No

6.6. Vaccination against rabies is compulsory

Yes

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

6.9. National Code of Practice that addresses the context and legitimacy of acquisition, due diligence, long-term care, documentation, relevance and institutional aims

Doesn't exist

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

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Resolution 4.5. Guidelines for the use of remedial timber treatment

7.1. Small projects to provide basic data to allow an assessment of the potential impact of industry on bat populations

No

7.2. Raising awareness of product users is taking place

Yes

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

Doesn't exist

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

7.4. Efficient non-chemical methods to control livestock parasites and use of products of least toxicity to non-target species implemented

No

7.5. Research on the use of antiparasitic drugs

No

7.6. Recommendations in Annex I to the Resolution 6.15 are adopted

No

Confirmation

Confirmation of information verification and approval for submission

Please confirm:

In addition a scanned copy of an official letter from the relevant state institution, approving the report for submission, can be attached.

I declare that the information provided in the Report on the implementation of EUROBATS has been verified and the report has been approved for submission by the appropriate state institution in the country.

Date of submission

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> 30.09.2018