



## **EUROBATS**

### **EUROBATS National Implementation Report MoP9**

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## A. General Information

Name of your country

>>> Ukraine

Period covered by this report

>>> 2018-2022

Is your country a party to EUROBATS Agreement?

Yes

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Regional departments of ecology and natural resources of Ukraine of 22 administrative oblasts of Ukraine provided answers to the questionnaire (all except Kherson and AR Crimea, which are being under occupation of the Russian Federation).

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## Bats species which occur in the territory

Please select only species which were recorded from your country

**Species: Rhinolophus ferrumequinum (Schreber, 1774)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Indeterminate

Status in the National Red List

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**Natura2000 or Emerald reports**

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- No

**Species: Rhinolophus hipposideros (Borkhausen, 1797)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

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- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Stable
- Positive

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**Species: *Barbastella barbastellus* (Schreber, 1774)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

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- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Stable
- Positive

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No

**Species: *Eptesicus nilssonii* (Keyserling & Blasius, 1839)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

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- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Indeterminate

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No

**Species: *Eptesicus serotinus* (Schreber, 1774)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

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- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Stable

Status in the National Red List

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No

**Species: *Hypsugo savii* (Bonaparte, 1837)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

- Resident: breeding
- Other

>>> The species seems to hibernate, however, so far, there are no winter records known.

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Indeterminate

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**Natura2000 or Emerald reports**

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No

## **Species: Myotis alcathoe von Helversen & Heller, 2001**

### **Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

### **Conservational status**

Overall national trend

Indeterminate

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No

## **Species: Myotis davidii (Peters, 1869)**

### **Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

### **Conservational status**

Overall national trend

Indeterminate

Status in the National Red List

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**Species: Myotis bechsteinii (Kuhl, 1817)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Indeterminate

Status in the National Red List

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No

**Species: Myotis blythii (Tomes, 1857)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Indeterminate

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No

### **Species: Myotis brandtii (Eversmann, 1845)**

#### **Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

#### **Conservational status**

Overall national trend

Stable

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No

### **Species: Myotis dasycneme (Boie, 1825)**

#### **Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

#### **Conservational status**

Overall national trend

Indeterminate

Status in the National Red List

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No

### **Species: Myotis daubentonii (Kuhl, 1817)**

#### **Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

#### **Conservational status**

Overall national trend

Stable

Status in the National Red List

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No

### **Species: Myotis emarginatus (Geoffroy, 1806)**

#### **Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

#### **Conservational status**

Overall national trend

Not studied

Indeterminate

Status in the National Red List

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No

### **Species: Myotis myotis (Borkhausen, 1797)**

#### **Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

#### **Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Stable

Status in the National Red List

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No

### **Species: Myotis mystacinus (Kuhl, 1817)**

#### **Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation
- Other

>>> The status and occurrence of the species need further clarification.

#### **Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Indeterminate

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**Species: Myotis nattereri (Kuhl, 1817)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Stable
- Indeterminate

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No

**Species: Nyctalus lasiopterus (Schreber, 1780)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

- Resident: breeding
- Other

>>> The records are very rare.

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Indeterminate

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No

**Species: Nyctalus leisleri (Kuhl, 1817)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

Indeterminate

Status in the National Red List

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No

**Species: Nyctalus noctula (Schreber, 1774)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

Stable

Positive

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Has the national status reported under the Article 17 of the Habitat Directive(2019) or for the Emerald network (non-EU countries) changed since the previous assessment?

No

**Species: Pipistrellus kuhlii (Kuhl, 1817)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Stable
- Positive

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No

**Species: Pipistrellus nathusii (Keyserling & Blasius, 1839)**

**Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

- Resident: breeding
- Resident: hibernation

**Conservational status**

Overall national trend

- Stable
- Indeterminate

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No

### Species: *Pipistrellus pipistrellus* (Schreber, 1774)

#### Status of the species within the territory

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

#### Conservational status

Overall national trend

Stable

Indeterminate

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## Natura2000 or Emerald reports

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No

### Species: *Pipistrellus pygmaeus* (Leach, 1825)

#### Status of the species within the territory

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

#### Conservational status

Overall national trend

Stable

Indeterminate

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No

### Species: *Plecotus auritus* (Linnaeus, 1758)

#### Status of the species within the territory

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

#### Conservational status

Overall national trend

Stable

Indeterminate

Status in the National Red List

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No

### Species: *Plecotus austriacus* (Fischer, 1829)

#### Status of the species within the territory

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

#### Conservational status

Overall national trend

Stable

Positive

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No

### **Species: *Vespertilio murinus* Linnaeus, 1758**

#### **Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Resident: breeding

Resident: hibernation

#### **Conservational status**

Overall national trend

Stable

Indeterminate

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No

### **Species: *Miniopterus schreibersii* (Kuhl, 1817)**

#### **Status of the species within the territory**

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Extinct

>>> Last recorded in 1993.

#### **Conservational status**

Status in the National Red List

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## Natura2000 or Emerald reports

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No

## Species: *Tadarida teniotis* (Rafinesque, 1814)

### Status of the species within the territory

Status of occurrence

Please give details if the species is not resident. E.g. year of extinction, description of occasional findings etc. Text boxes are expandable.

Other

>>> In 2020, the adult male of the species was recorded in Kharkiv city, NE Ukraine, at the considerable distance of all known before species localities (600-1200 km). The most probable explanation for the record: the bat was accidentally transported to Kharkiv by a vehicle.

More information:

Prylutska, A., Moiseienko, M., Yerofieieva, M., Hukov, V., Vlaschenko, A. (2020). Northern record for *Tadarida teniotis* (NE Ukraine) far from known species range. *Journal of Bat Research & Conservation* 13(1): 104-108.

### Conservational status

Status in the National Red List

Please indicate status of the species in the national red data list or similar document

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No

## 1. Legal Requirements

### Resolution 4.6. 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?

Yes

System of permits or licences for the keeping of bats for educational or animal welfare purposes

Doesn't exist

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

Exists

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

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

Please, give details of the legislation which is protecting bats

>>> All resident bat species of Ukraine are included into the national Red Data Book (the list of species was updated in 2021 by the Order of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, N29, 19.01.2021).

All bat species are protected by: The Constitution of Ukraine, Article 9;

Laws of Ukraine: "On the Red Data Book"; "On Fauna"; "On Nature Reserve Fund";

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine N 1030 "On the size of compensation for illegal taking, killing or injury of the fauna and flora species, listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine, as well as for destruction or worsening their habitats", 07.11.2012; amended 10.10.2018.

## 2. Population survey and monitoring

### Resolution 2.2. Consistent monitoring methodologies

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

No

Please give details

>>> The survey and monitoring activities, in Ukraine, highly depends of funding available (mostly very restricted or even absent) and manpower. When and where possible, monitoring was done according to the EUROBATS Guidelines (Publication n°5). However, no national schemes of bat monitoring were adopted, so far.

### Resolution 5.4. Monitoring bats across Europe

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

No

Awareness-raising of the importance of underground sites

Yes

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

Booklet - A booklet «Help the bats in the Tarakanivskyy fortress» (prepared by the project “Conservation of bat hibernation sites in Western Polissia, Ukraine”, supported by “Discover Mammals of Europe”)

Interview - interview in the mass-media by Ukrainian bat researcher M. Drebet.

Booklet - A booklet “Underground home for bats” (in Ukrainian and Belarusian; prepared by the project “Bats and vaults: search and inventory of underground bat shelters in Belarus”, financially supported by the le Gouvernement du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, Ministère de l’Environnement, du Climat et du Développement durable in the framework of the EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI)

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

Yes

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

Summary report - a summary report on the Belarusian-Ukrainian project “Bats and vaults: search and inventory of underground bat shelters in Belarus” (2019-2020). The project was financially supported by the le Gouvernement du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, Ministère de l’Environnement, du Climat et du Développement durable in the framework of the EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI)

Please provide details

>>> Ukrainian bat-workers took part in international projects on bat surveillance and monitoring. Results of the surveillance carried out at the territory of Ukraine are published in national and international journals; presented at international meetings. The corresponding information is provided to international treaties (EUROBATS, CMS, Bern convention). Among other available data on bats of Ukraine were used for the estimation of the Emerald Network evaluation for species (except birds) and habitats for Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine (Emerald Network biogeographical Seminar, 18-19 June 2019, Minsk, Belarus).

Monitoring bats in accordance with EUROBATS Publication n°5

Yes

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

Doesn't exist

Other activities under Resolution 5.4.

>>> The survey and monitoring activities, in Ukraine, highly depends on funding available (mostly very

restricted or even absent) and manpower. When and where possible, monitoring was done according to the EUROBATS Guidelines (Publication n°5). However, no national schemes of bat monitoring were adopted, so far. During 2018-2022, Ukrainian bat workers carried out field works aimed to clarify species occurrence and distribution, estimate the (comparative) species abundance, counts at bat sites (mostly underground but also overground, including bat boxes), continuation of bat monitoring with mistnetting, long- and short-term bat survey with ultrasound bat-recorders. Besides, the bat monitoring was done via bat rehabilitation (see the corresponding section).

### **Resolution 6.13. Bats as indicators for biodiversity**

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

No

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

No

Cooperation platforms that facilitate the required data exchange

Don't exist

Other activities carried out under this resolution (optional)

>>> No

### **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

No

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

No

If no, provide explanations or give links to available examples

>>> No information available

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

>>> Results of one survey on forests on bats in the forest ecosystems and key factors for their conservation were published (Bashta A.-T. V. 2022. Bats (Chiroptera) in forest ecosystems: key factors for the conservation of populations. Scientific Bulletin of UNFU, 32 (1): 62-67.). [https://nv.nltu.edu.ua/Archive/2022/32\\_1/11.pdf](https://nv.nltu.edu.ua/Archive/2022/32_1/11.pdf)  
Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, reported about the processing results of the intensive survey of bat assemblages in forests.

In 2020-2021. post-project monitoring was carried out in few forest plants of two provinces of Ukraine (Tyshchenko, pers. com.)

### **Resolution 7.10. Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation**

Animal rescue and rehabilitation systems are effective in the country

Yes

Collaboration between bat rehabilitators and scientists

Exists

Provide examples of collaboration

>>> A lot of Ukrainian bat researchers (Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Center Feldman Ecopark, Kharkiv; Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology, Kyiv; national nature park "Podilski Tovtry", Kamyanyts-Podilsky; Nizhyn Gogol State University, others) are directly involved in bat rehabilitation and / or provide the advisory help for bat carers and public. This resulted in obtaining the new data on species distribution, their seasonal occurrence, migrations, species autecology etc.

Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Center Feldman Ecopark, Kharkiv, represents the example of intensive collaboration of professional bat researchers with amateur bat carers and animal rights activists. The centre formed and coordinated the net of bat carers in Kharkiv and 15 cities of Ukraine (Zaporizhzhya, Kamyanske, Dnipro, Kropyvnytsky, Poltava, Kremenchuk, Mykolayiv, Kryvyi Rig, Rivne, Vinnytsya, Kherson, Sumy, Lysychansk, Svatove, Kramatorsk).

Additionally bat rehabilitation and contact centres (mostly voluntary) functioned in Kyiv, Kamyanyts-Podilsky, Odesa, Nizhyn, etc.

Drebet, M. (2018) Bat fauna monitoring in urban landscapes of Podillia (Ukraine) based on results of the work of Kamyanets-Podilskyi contact centre. Theriologia Ukrainica, 16: 145-148.

<http://doi.org/10.15407/pts2018.16.145>

Godlevska, L., Rebrov, S. (2018). Bats of the Left-Bank Dnipro Region in the northern part of Ukraine.

*Theriologia Ukrainica*, 16: 25–50. <http://doi.org/10.15407/pts2018.16.025>

Godlevska, L., Rebrov, S., Vorobei, P., Savchenko, M., & Panchenko, P. (2022). Bats of Central Ukraine: a Synopsis. *Zoodiversity*, 56(3). <https://doi.org/10.15407/zoo2022.03.203>

Hukov, V., Timofieieva, O., Prylutska, A., Rodenko, O., Moiseienko, M. Bohodist, V., Domanska, A., Vlaschenko, A. (2020). Wintering of an urban bat (*Pipistrellus kuhlii lepidus*) in recently occupied areas. *European Journal of Ecology*, 6(1): 102-120. <https://doi.org/10.17161/eurojecol.v6i1.13629>

Kravchenko, K.A., Vlaschenko, A.S., Lehnert, L.S., Courtiol, A., Voigt, C.C. (2020). Generational shift in the migratory common noctule bat: first-year males lead the way to hibernacula at higher latitudes. *Biology Letters*, 16(9), 20200351. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rsbl.2020.0351>

Panchenko, P., Godlevska, L. (2018). Data on the bat fauna of the Northern Black Sea Region based on results of the work of bat contact centres. *Theriologia Ukrainica*, 16: 120–126.

<http://doi.org/10.15407/pts2018.16.120>

Prylutska, A., Moiseienko, M., Yerofieieva, M., Hukov, V., Vlaschenko, A. (2020). Northern record for *Tadarida teniotis* (NE Ukraine) far from known species range. *Journal of Bat Research & Conservation* 13(1): 104-108.

<https://doi.org/10.14709/Barbj.13.1.2020.17>

Vlaschenko, A., Kovalov, V., Hukov, V., Kravchenko, K., Rodenko, O. (2019). An example of ecological traps for bats in the urban environment. *European Journal of Wildlife Research* 65(2): 20. <http://10.1007/s10344-019-1252-z>

Vlaschenko, A.S., Prylutska, A.S., Kravchenko, K., Rodenko, O., Hukov, V., Timofieieva, O., Holovchenko, O., Moiseienko, M., Kovalov, V. (2020). Regional recaptures of bats (Chiroptera, Vespertilionidae) ringed in Eastern Ukraine. *Zoodiversity* 54(1): 53–66. <https://doi.org/10.15407/zoo2020.01.053>

Bat rehabilitators submit their data to a national database

No

Other activities carried out under Resolution 7.10 (optional)

>>> Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Center Feldman Ecopark, Kharkiv, prepared original guidelines on bat rehabilitation in Ukrainian (Prylutska et al., 2021).

<http://batsukraine.org/guide-for-bat-rehabilitation-ua/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tI3CWPrpIA&list=PLz80513XKJ0PAyz5iUDym9xeXFYTdrnuK&index=10>.

## **Resolution 7.12. Priority species for autecological studies**

### **Priority Species**

#### **Rhinolophus blasii Peters, 1866**

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country

No

### **Priority Species**

#### **Eptesicus isabellinus (Temminck, 1840)**

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country

No

### **Priority Species**

#### **Myotis escaleraei Cabrera, 1904**

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country

No

### **Priority Species**

#### **Nyctalus azoreum (Thomas, 1901)**

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country

No

### **Priority Species**

#### **Nyctalus lasiopterus (Schreber, 1780)**

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country

Yes

## **The species occurs in the country and some studies have been done**

Studies on:

	Swarming sites	Winter roosts	Summer roosts	Migration	Spatial and habitat use	Foraging behaviour	Diet
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Please add below or attach a list of references

>>> Kovalov, V., Hukov, V., Rodenko, O. (2019). New record of *Nyctalus lasiopterus* (Schreber, 1780) in Ukraine with a new confirmation of carnivory. *North-Western Journal of Zoology* 15(1).  
[http://biozoojournals.ro/nwjz/content/v15n1/nwjz\\_e181701\\_Kovalov.pdf](http://biozoojournals.ro/nwjz/content/v15n1/nwjz_e181701_Kovalov.pdf)

### Priority Species

#### **Pipistrellus hanaki Hulva & Benda, 2004**

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country

No

### Priority Species

#### **Pipistrellus maderensis (Dobson, 1878)**

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country

No

### Priority Species

#### **Plecotus kolombatovici Dulic, 1980**

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country

No

### Priority Species

#### **Plecotus sardus Mucedda, Kiefer, Pidinchedda & Veith, 2002**

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country

No

### Priority Species

#### **Plecotus teneriffae Barrett-Hamilton, 1907**

Some studies have been conducted (are ongoing) for this species in the country

No

## **Resolution 8.3. Monitoring of daily and seasonal movements of bats**

### **Studies on daily/seasonal movements**

#### References

Provide references to completed or ongoing studies on daily/seasonal movements of bats in your country in the text field below or attach a file

>>> Bat banding was continued in Ukraine (mostly by Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv; also, by Kyiv group of researchers and bat carers).

Vlaschenko, A.S., Prylutska, A.S., Kravchenko, K., Rodenko, O., Hukov, V., Timofieieva, O., Holovchenko, O., Moiseienko, M., Kovalov, V. (2020). Regional recaptures of bats (Chiroptera, Vespertilionidae) ringed in Eastern Ukraine. *Zoodiversity* 54(1): 53–66.

Experts from Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, take part in the international project on studying bat migrations with the stable hydrogen isotope analysis.

Kravchenko, K.A., Vlaschenko, A.S., Lehnert, L.S., Courtiol, A., Voigt, C.C. (2020). Generational shift in the migratory common noctule bat: first-year males lead the way to hibernacula at higher latitudes. *Biology Letters* 16(9), 20200351.

In 2022, bat researchers from “BioEcoLinks” and Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology, Kyiv, started the collaboration with other European countries by the international project «Bat migration routes in Europe» (initiated by French Museum of Natural History, CESCO lab, Bat research at the CESCO lab). /\*The work was

interrupted because of the war aggression of Russian Federation against Ukraine.

Certain data were collected by bat experts involved in the EIA of wind farms.

The data about seasonal presence of bats in different regions of Ukraine were added due to general bat fauna surveys and recording occasional observations both by bat experts and public or institutions of the nature reserve fund of Ukraine (nature reserves, nature national parks).

## **Resolution 8.4 Wind Turbines and Bat Populations**

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

Yes

If yes, how?

>>> No direct information about the issue of bats and wind turbines had the place during the public consideration of plans for wind power stations or reports on EIA (which were all available online at the government portal <http://eia.menr.gov.ua/>). The raising awareness took place during the public campaigns against some planned wind farms.

The Ukrainian NGO "Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group" (UNCG) developed and published extensive guidelines on the EIA at the territories of the Emerald Network which includes a section on bats and wind-farms.

Godlevska L. 2021. Bats and impact assessment of economy activities. In: Environment impact assessment (EIA) of projects at territories of Emerald Network. Druk-Art, Chernivtsi, 109-115. [https://uncg.org.ua/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Otsinka-vplyvu\\_kolir\\_2021.pdf](https://uncg.org.ua/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Otsinka-vplyvu_kolir_2021.pdf)

The information about the necessity of considering bats in wind farm projects was distributed among students, officers of the institutions of the nature reserve fund of Ukraine, common public during study lectures and public events organised or given by bat researchers (Bashta, pers.com; Godlevska, pers. comm; Tyschenko, pers.com.).

Are impact assessment procedures and post-construction monitoring undertaken by appropriately experienced experts?

Yes

Please, give details

>>> The exact answer: "yes" and "no". According to available information, at least some EIAs of planned wind farms were done by experienced experts. So far, there is no national system for licensing experts involved in impact assessment procedures.

National guidelines have been developed following Eurobats Pub. No. 6

No

National guidelines are implemented

No

Investigations and research for mitigating bat mortality have been undertaken

No

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

If yes, give details

Yes

>>> According to available information, post-construction monitoring at wind farms was very rare. In known cases, experienced bat researchers were involved.

Developers of wind energy projects and responsible authorities make raw data from impact assessment and post-construction monitoring available for independent analysis.

No

Measures such as blade feathering, higher turbine cut-in wind speeds and shutting down turbines are implemented

No

Other activities carried out under Resolution 7.5 (optional)

>>> Experts from Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, took part in the international project on the survey of the wind farms impact on migrating bats at the western coast of the Black Sea.

Măntoiu, D., Kravchenko, K., Lehnert, L., Vlaschenko, A., Voigt, C. (2020). Wildlife and infrastructure: impact of wind turbines on bats in the Black Sea coast region. *European Journal of Wildlife Research*, 66, 44.

## **Resolution 8.10 Recommended Experience and Skills of Experts with regard to Quality of Assessments**

### **Compliance with Annex to Resolution 8.10**

Experts/groups of experts carrying out assessment of projects, plans and programmes on populations of European bats meet the minimum standard of skills, knowledge and experience as described in the Annex to Resolution 8.10

Yes, completely or partially

#### **If yes**

Please provide details

>>> According to available information, assessment of at least some projects and plans are carried out by experts with the sufficient level of skills and knowledge. So far, there is no national system for licensing the experts involved in impact assessment procedures.

### **3. Roosts**

#### **Resolution 4.5. Guidelines for the use of remedial timber treatment**

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

No

Raising awareness of product users is taking place

No

Legislation on products which have any adverse effects on bats

Doesn't exist

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

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

Doesn't exist

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

No

#### **Other activities carried out under this resolution (optional)**

>>> Ukrainian bat workers ("Institute of Ecological and Religious Studies" NGO) took part in the BAT4MAN project on raising environmental awareness in local communities by joint conservation of bats in cross border regions of Hungary, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine. Beside others, the project focuses on the protection of bats in churches (cleaning the churches from bat guano, public awareness, building and installing bat boxes etc.).

<https://bat4man.ecoedu.ro/>

International Wilderness Week (on-line) (16-23.10.2020): Report: "Bat fauna in sacral architecture in the Transcarpathian region (Ukraine) in the breeding period»

Report "Protection of vertebrate fauna in objects of sacred architecture", Mukachevo Greek-Catholic Diocese, Uzhhorod, 01.02.2021;

Participation in the round table on the study and protection of biodiversity in objects of sacred architecture, Mukachevo Greek-Catholic Diocese, Uzhhorod, 04.06.2021

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

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

Yes

When the latest update was submitted?

>>> 2019

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

No

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

Yes

Other relevant activities for the protection of underground habitats

>>> The protection and conservation measures for identified important bat underground sites varies from site to site. Some of them were equipped with grided gates or doors with "bat-holes" and / or are protected by the legal status; some, not.

In 2019, one of the identified earlier important underground bat sites in Ternopil oblast was grided due to the local initiative of the local inhabitant with the support of local community (<https://bit.ly/3zs5BGh>).

Scientific backgrounds (according with the adopted procedure) for giving a protection status for two important bat sites included into the EUROBATS list were prepared and submitted for the consideration: KRM-mine, by researchers of Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology; Yackivci Mine, by researchers of "Podilski Tovtry" national nature park. The latter received the protection status in 2021.

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[fig\\_1.docx](#) - Grids for the protection of underground bat habitats

### **Resolution 8.5. Conservation and Management of Important Overground Sites for Bats**

Most important overground roosts are identified at the national level considering the guidance on site selection developed by the Advisory Committee and using the national databases.

If yes, please give details

>>> No.

### **Resolution 8.9. Bats, Insulation and Lining Materials**

Are bats included in the impact assessment of insulation programs at a strategic level?

If yes, please give details

>>> No

Are any actions undertaken to ensure that insulation projects comply with national legislation regarding bat protection and conservation by implementing appropriate pre-insulation survey and assessment, mitigation and compensation to avoid roost loss and bat mortality?

Please provide information concerning such actions and attach files, if required

>>> No.

According to the available data, only one action took place (initiated by NGO). In 2020, Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, mailed information about bats to window replacement and house insulation companies.

### **Resolution 8.12. Purpose-built Man-made Roosts**

Examples provided by the review document included as Annex 1 to Resolution 8.12 are considered whenever new roosting structures are planned or existing structures are renovated for bats

Please give details, if it is the case

>>> No

Are existing purpose-built Bat Roosts monitored and further studies on their effectiveness promoted?

If yes, please give details

>>> Not applicable

## **4. Habitats**

Click "expand" to see the questions!

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

Are national guidelines which are based on the general guidance given in EUROBATS Publication No. 9 are developed and published? Please provide details or add a file.

>>> Not developed yet

Other activities carried out under this resolution (optional)

>>> Not applicable



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

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

No

Pre-construction strategic and environmental impacts assessment procedures are mandatory

Don't required

Post-construction monitoring

Isn't required

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

No

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

No

Other activities carried out under Resolution 7.9 (optional)

>>> No information available

## **Resolution 8.6. Bats and Light Pollution**

Is national guidance taking due account of the EUROBATS Publication Series No. 8 on Bats and Light Pollution developed and promoted? If yes, please give details or attach a file.

>>> No.

## **5. Promoting Public Awareness of Bats and their Conservation and Providing Advice**

Click "expand" to see the questions!

International Bat Night. Give details for each year: number of events and number of people participated

>>> According to the available information (not full) during 2018-2022 over 70 IBN - events have been organised: in national nature parks, nature reserves, in schools, universities, in the framework of city festivals. During Covid-19 IBN events have been carried out as on-line lectures. In total, there is information provided on about 4500 visitors of IBN events.

Details of other important activities which are worth to mention (educational centres, etc.)

>>> For nine years Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, had carried out the opened for public release of bats rescued during winter (Bat Release Fest); usually at the beginning of April in Feldman Ecopark, Kharkiv. In 2021, the release event was organised by the centre in three more cities of Ukraine (Zaporizhzhya, Dnipro, Ivano-Frankivsk).

<https://bit.ly/3BKc1TQ>

<https://bit.ly/3p009Ui>

<https://bit.ly/3p1mltp>

<https://bit.ly/3p8Ap9W>

<https://bit.ly/3vPm7Pk>

<https://bit.ly/3bFK8lg>

In 2018 and 2019, spring release events were organised by Kyiv bat carers.

Yet, there were many small educational bat events: lectures in national parks and nature reserves for their visitors, lectures for scholars, students etc.

Experts from the national nature park "Podilski Tovtry" organized annually events in the borders of the International Bat Week. In 2018, the bat events dedicated to the International Bat Week were organised by Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv.

Bat experts gave over 150 interviews to many mass-media, including the comments about the issue "bats and Covid-19".

Two bat web-sites are held by Ukrainian bat-workers (<http://batsukraine.org>; <http://kazhan.org.ua>). Thematic groups and communities are held in Facebook (e.g. <https://www.facebook.com/batskiev>;

<https://www.facebook.com/bat.community>). Many institutions of the nature reserve fund of Ukraine place the corresponding information about bats at their web-sites and Facebook pages.

Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, keeps the you-tube channel with video-interviews about bats <https://bit.ly/3bFMTD8>.

Information on training and awareness raising for forest managers and workers, farmers, road workers, stakeholders involved in insulation of buildings, etc.

>>> Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, reported about mailing the information about bats to window replacement and house insulation companies. Bat experts have provided voluntary consultations about bats found during repairing works.

Bat experts from national nature park "Podilski Tovtry" have organised regularly lectures-trainings for forest managers and workers of three forest farms. National nature parks "Northern Podillia" and "Yavorivskyi" reported about organised lectures for foresters and forest rangers about bats and forest managing in a bat friendly way. "Rivnensky" nature reserve works with local forest managers for conservation of forest habitats for bats.

Lectures and practical training were carried out by an expert from Institute of Ecology of the Carpathians, Lviv, for students and scholars specialising as future foresters in three universities and a college.

#### **Resolution 4.11. Recognising the important role of NGOs in bat conservation**

Details of NGOs participating in /contributing to bat protection and most valuable activities that have the potential to substantially improve transboundary cooperation and mutual assistance

>>> NGO "BioEcoLinks" <http://bioecolinks.org/>

NGO "Ukrainian Independent Ecology Institute" <http://batsukraine.org/ngo-uiei-ua/>

NGO "Association "Fauna"

NGO "Institute of Ecological and Religious Studies"

#### **Resolution 8.13. Insect Decline as a Threat to Bat Populations in Europe**

Awareness of the multiple ecological services provided by bats, especially for the agricultural sector and regarding the concerns about the published evidence of dramatic loss of insect biomass in open land is raised with land managers and other stakeholders.

Please, give details

>>> No

### **6. Insect declines**

#### **Resolution 8.13. Insect Decline as a Threat to Bat Populations in Europe**

Activities to encourage and support scientific research on the impact of the insect decline on bat populations

Please give details of such activities.

>>> No activities, so far.

Requirements to ensure that bats are being considered in pesticide risk assessments

Please describe these requirements, in case they exist

>>> Not available

Describe measures to avoid the use of pesticides, particularly those problematic for bats and their food resources, in and around important areas for bat conservation

Please give details in case such measures have taken place

>>> No information available

### **7. International co-operation**

Implementation of Resolutions 7.10, 7.12, 8.3, 8.7

Please give information on the international cooperation with the aim of implementing the recommendations of Resolutions 7.10, 7.12, 8.3, 8.7.

>>> Resolution 7.10 Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation

Experts from Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology, Kyiv, cooperate with experts from Belarus and Georgia.

Experts from Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, provide consulting help on bat finds for a wide number of countries. In 2019, they carried out the open scientific meeting with the participation of bat experts from Germany, Switzerland and Brasilia.

<http://batsukraine.org/programm-of-kharkiv-bat-meeting-ua/>

Resolution 8.3 Monitoring of Daily and Seasonal Movements of Bats

An expert from Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology, Kyiv, collaborated with Finnish Museum of Natural History, Uni Helsinki on migrations of *Pipistrellus nathusii*.

In 2022, bat researchers from "BioEcoLinks" and Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology, Kyiv, started the collaboration with other European countries by the international project «Bat migration routes in Europe» (initiated by French Museum of Natural History, CESCO lab, Bat research at the CESCO lab). /\*The work was interrupted because of the war aggression of russian federation against Ukraine.

<https://bat-migration-europe.netlify.app>

Experts from Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, take part in the international project on studying bat migrations with the stable hydrogen isotope analysis.

Kravchenko, K.A., Vlaschenko, A.S., Lehnert, L.S., Courtiol, A., Voigt, C.C. (2020). Generational shift in the migratory common noctule bat: first-year males lead the way to hibernacula at higher latitudes. *Biology Letters* 16(9), 20200351.

Experts from Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, took part in the international project (with Romania, Germany) on the survey of the wind farms impact on migrating bats at the western coast of the Black Sea.

Măntoiu, D., Kravchenko, K., Lehnert, L., Vlaschenko, A., Voigt, C. (2020). Wildlife and infrastructure: impact of wind turbines on bats in the Black Sea coast region. *European Journal of Wildlife Research*, 66, 44.

Resolution 8.7 Bats and Climate Change

Experts from Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Centre, Kharkiv, take part in the international project on studying bat migrations with the stable hydrogen isotope analysis. Part of that work concerns the impact of the climate changes on bat migrations.

Resolution 7.12 Priority Species for Autecological Studies - No

## 8. Diseases

Click "expand" to see the questions!

### Resolution 5.2. Bat rabies in Europe

National bat rabies surveillance network

No

Vaccination of risk groups against rabies is compulsory

No

Details of the institution(s) in charge of recording of all test results and their submission to the World Health Organisation

>>> There is no the national bat rabies surveillance network in Ukraine. However, there is the national network of rabies surveillance in animals, which deals occasionally with bats. Test results (including those on bats) are recorded and submitted to the World Health Organisation by the Research Virology Department of the State Scientific and Research Institute of Laboratory Diagnostics and Veterinary and Sanitary Expertise, Kyiv.

Other activities carried out under this resolution (optional)

>>> The joint Dutch-Ukrainian collaboration project on passive rabies surveillance in bats from the territory of Ukraine is going on.

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

Surveillance for the presence of fungal infections

No

## 9. EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI)

Donations to Eurobats Project Initiative

Has your country provided funding to EPI? Please give details below.

>>> No.

## 10. Climate change

### Resolution 8.7. Bats and Climate Change

Resolution 8.7 Bats and Climate Change

Please provide details on changes in species migration, hibernation, reproductive and range shift patterns and consequent species interactions, if those changes have been studied in your country. Add files if required

>>> Documented changes in migratory patterns for at least two species (*V. murinus*, *N. noctula*) at the territory of Ukraine were described previously (Godlevska, 2013, 2015). This phenomenon has the stable character (Kravchenko et al., 2020; Bashta, 2021; Godlevska, pers. com.) and may be caused by climate changes.

Drebet (2020) described the considerable increase of barbastelles' number in one of the key bat hibernacula in Ukraine and presumed that it may be the consequence of winters' warming.

Bashta A.-T. (2021) Range dynamics and migration algorithms changes of some bat species (Chiroptera) // Shatsk lakeland in view of climate changes. Proceedings of the conference, 168-174.

Drebet M. (2020) The western barbastelle (*Barbastella barbastellus*) in Podillia: a phase of population growth. *Novitates Theriologicae*, 11: 83-91.

Kravchenko, K.A., Vlaschenko, A.S., Lehnert, L.S., Courtiol, A., Voigt, C.C. (2020). Generational shift in the migratory common noctule bat: first-year males lead the way to hibernacula at higher latitudes. *Biology Letters* 16(9), 20200351.

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## **11. Further important activities to share with other Parties and Range States**

Give details or provide links

>>> In 2021, two more bat species were added to the Red Data Book of Ukraine. Thus, all resident bat species of Ukraine are now strictly protected by the national legislation.

In 2021, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine adopted the general recommendations of the EIA and the recommendations of the EIA on mining projects. These documents refer inter alia to the EUROBATS Agreement.

In 2018-2022, Bat rehabilitation centre in Feldman Ecopark, Kharkiv, rescued over 11,000 bats of 13 species from 131 settlements of Ukraine. In 2020, the maximum number of bats was rescued (3,000 individuals).

"Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group" NGO reported that, in 2020-2021, their volunteers checked the contents of about 2,000 EIA reports on the planned projects in Ukraine (including those which may have an impact on bats). Many reports were assigned for further research; some were banned.

The international project Polesia - Wilderness without borders ("<https://wildpolesia.org/>"), besides other issues, dealt with broad bat research and monitoring with automatic bat recorders.

During 2018-2022, Ukrainian bat experts published the results of their research in many scientific national and international journals (over hundred papers) or as monographs. The results were also presented at scientific meetings.

In 2018, a volume of *Theriologia Ukrainica* journal, consisting mostly of papers on bat research in Ukraine, was prepared. The volume was issued with the kind support of the EUROBATS Secretariat. All articles are open for access and available on-line at the journal web-site (<http://terioshkola.org.ua/en/library/pts16-bats.htm>).

The impact of the war aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine at bat surveys and conservation in Ukraine

On the 24th February, 2022, the Russian Federation started a wide-range war against Ukraine.

As for the time of preparing the current report, it is hard to estimate all consequences of the war on bats and their research and conservation. However, already now, it is clear that the war has the very crucial impact not only on humans but on all the environment, its research, conservation and monitoring.

Three underground bat sites of international importance (NOD-K, OSK-K, Zavody in Mykolayiv, Kherson and Kharkiv provinces; two of them are important hibernacula) were situated at the front-line of the battle. Their state is unclear.

Bat rehabilitation centres and bat carers in the zone of direct military actions faced huge difficulties and threat to life, both of bats and of carers. The most critical situation was in Kharkiv bat rehabilitation centre which, at the beginning of the military actions from the side of the Russian Federation, cared for over 3, 000 bats.

The funding of some international projects on bat study and conservation was stopped.

The execution of many research and conservation projects and activities became not possible and was stopped.

Due to the war, the national funding of any bat research and conservation was significantly decreased or stopped at all.

All over Ukraine, researchers are restricted in travelling; in most regions night work is not possible.

In many regions, the field work and bat monitoring is not possible now and for an uncertain number of years, in particular because of the landmines and unexploded shells.

Decrease of bat surveyors' number occurs.

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### **Confirmation of information verification and approval for submission**

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