

WALLONIE (BELGIUM) -
REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON BATS
- UPDATE TO THE YEAR 2001 -

Political action of the Ministry of Region Wallonne for bat conservation is fully described in the last report to the 3rd Meeting of the Parties in Bristol.

Main implementations are made in following directions:

1. Protection of winter roosts.

The Region counts now 23 RND (State Natural Reserves), 23 CSIS (Underground Sites of Scientific Interest) with legal recognition. 57 new projects for the protection of caves or other types of underground sites.

2. Protection of the reproduction roosts by the operation "Lofts and steeples" made on the communes level.

Today, 101 communes are concerned and represents 774 protected buildings and will be managed for wild fauna, especially bats - 98 Communes signed a convention with the Ministry.

3. Publicity and promoting awareness

- The 4th Bat Night was organised the 26 August 2000 in 21 different places.
- Different actions are prepared for the International Year of the Bats (a poster is already printed).