

WALLONIE (BELGIUM)  
REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT  
ON BATS  
- UPDATE TO THE YEAR 2003 –

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Political action of the Ministry of Region Wallonne for bats conservation is full described on site: [http://www.eurobats.org/PartyReports/Belgium/Belgium\(Wallonie\).htm](http://www.eurobats.org/PartyReports/Belgium/Belgium(Wallonie).htm) ). Since 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee in May 2002, main implementations are made in following directions:

1/ Protection of winter roosts

Region count now 136 underground sites protected for bat populations – 67 RND (State Natural Reserves) & 69 CSIS (Underground Sites of Scientific Interest) with state agreement – 83 are in N2000 areas. It's a progress of 13% with regard on year 2002. About ten new projects for the protections of caves or other types of underground sites is to take shape.

2/ Protection of the reproduction roosts by the operation “Lofts and steeples” made on the Communes level

Today, 113 Communes are concerned and represented 825 buildings protected who will be managed for wild fauna, especially for bats – 106 Communes signed a convention with the Ministry. It's a progress of more than 7% with regard on year 2002, and future perspective is ever positive.

3/ Publicity and promoting awareness

- The 6<sup>th</sup> Bat Night was organised the 31 August 2001 in 28 different places and concerned more than 2.500 participants.

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