Agreement on the conservation of bats in Europe
Update to the National Implementation Report of Ukraine

May 2004

A. General Information

Name of Party: Ukraine
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B. Status of bats within the territory of party

1. Summary details of Resident Species
   Situation similar to the last report. The Ukrainian Red Data Book is under revision.

2. Status and Trends
   Situation similar to the last report. The Ukrainian Red Data Book is under revision.

3. Habitats and Roost Sites
   Situation similar to the last report.

4. Threats
   Situation similar to the last report.

5. Data Collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination
   Situation similar to the last report.
C. Measures taken to implement Article III of the Agreement

6. Legal measures taken to protect bats, including enforcement action.
   Situation similar to the last report.

7. Sites identified which are important to the conservation of bats.
   Situation similar to the last report.
   Ukrainian specialists identified some another bat important sites in the different part of the country. The measures for their protection are being elaborating.

8. Consideration given to habitats which are important to bats
   Situation similar to the last report.
   Research about importance of riverine forest habitats for bats has been going on (see point 12c)

9. Activities carried out to promote the awareness of the importance of the conservation of bats
   The Xth Teriological School (Annual meeting of the Ukrainian Theriological Society) “Island effects and GIS” (Crimea) on October 7-12, 2003. One of the main topics of the Theriological School’2003 was devoted to the field training of bat censuses. Agenda of the Theriological Schools includes special session devoted to bats and their protection, as well the action "European Bat Night in Ukraine", that includes presentation of scientific findings, slides and pictures, new editions and projects etc.
   During 2003, the Rehabilitation Centre for Bats (Kyiv) gives the refuge 25 specimens of 5 bat species.
   Activists of Ukrainian CEntre for BAt protection are organisers of a row of activities directed to the distribution of information about bats, their biology and necessity of their conservation among broad public. Some publications have been given for magazines and newspapers.
   The web-site of UCEBA (http://kazhan.org.ua) devoted to bats of Ukraine was built for distribution of information both for specialists and not specialists.
   The results of bat investigations carried out by Ukrainian scientists are reflected on publications in the following topics: general and regional reviews of bat fauna, distribution of bats in Ukraine, bat ecology, study of migrations etc. List of papers published in 2002-2003 years by Ukrainian chiropterologists on Ukrainian bat fauna is presented in the Annex 1.
10. Responsible bodies, nominated for the provision of advise on bat conservation and management

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11. Addition action undertaken to safeguard population of bats

Among the topics of Theriological School was the field practice on bat investigation methods. See point 12 too.
12. Recent and ongoing (including research and policy activities) relating to the conservation and management of bats

Programmes in progress:

a) Inventory of bat fauna in some Natural Parks and Reserves in the Carpathian Mts.

b) Monitoring of cave-dwelling species (Podillia, Crimea, Carpathian region etc.).

c) “ABC – project” – Atlas of bats of the Carpathians. International project which is coordinated by the Chiropterological Information Center, Krakow, Poland. Chiropterologists from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Poland and Ukraine participate in it.

d) “Transcarpathian Riverine Forests, Ukraine”. Project started in 2002. Integral part of it is the investigation of bat populations.

e) “Bats in the castles”. Inventory of underground bat shelters in the old castles on the territory of Western Ukraine and elaboration of their protection measures.

f) First stage of inventory of bat fauna in some underground military objects of the western part of Ukraine.

g) "Bat census in Crimean caves". Project supported by BP Conservation Programme. Now in the process: started on May of 2004.

13. Consideration being given to the potential effect of pesticides on bats, and efforts to replace timber treatment chemicals, which are highly toxic to bats

   Situation similar to the last report.

D. Functioning of the Agreement

14. Co-operation with other Range States

   Ukrainian bat workers have co-operations with specialists from UK, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation and Slovak Republic.

   The cooperation of the Carpathians states (Czech Republic, Slovak, Poland, Ukraine, Hungary and Romania) in preparation of the Atlas of Bats of the Carpathians (“ABC – project”) (see point 12 (c) too).

15. Measures taken to implement Resolution adopted by Meeting of Parties

   Resolution 2.4 – Transboundary Programme: Habitat Proposals

   The special issue “Novitates Theriologicae”: “Cave fauna of Ukraine” is under preparation.
Annex 1. Printed papers on bat fauna of Ukraine for 2002-2004

Articles


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Short communications


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