

9th Meeting of the Standing Committee
19th Meeting of the Advisory Committee

Heraklion, Greece, 7 – 10 April 2014

Draft Resolution 7.14

Priority Species for Autecological Studies



The Meeting of Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (hereafter "the Agreement");

Recalling the importance of scientific knowledge of bats in order to identify the best conservation action and the need for international co-operation in some of that research;

Recalling that in accordance to the Agreement's Conservation and Management Plan, MoP4 identified a list of Priority Species and the principal areas of autecological research that were required to assist in their conservation;

Recognizing the advances in the knowledge of the species previously adopted as Priority Species for autecological studies;

Noting that the Advisory Committee has identified a new list of Priority Species and areas of autecological research particularly required;

Decides to:

Instruct the Secretariat, with advice from the Advisory Committee, to encourage projects to be developed in detail on the Priority Species listed in the Annex, and to support the seeking for external funding as appropriate;

Additionally encourage researchers to consider the topics identified in the Annex as priorities to assist in the conservation of species with unfavourable conservation status.

List of Priority Species for the next quadriennium

- *Rhinolophus blasii*
- *Eptesicus isabellinus*
- *Plecotus kolombatovici*
- *Plecotus sardus*
- *Plecotus teneriffae*
- *Nyctalus azoreum*
- *Nyctalus lasiopterus*
- *Pipistrellus hanaki*
- *Pipistrellus maderensis*
- *Myotis escalerae*

Topics of Autecological studies

- Roosts (winter, summer, swarming)
- Migration
- Habitat and spatial use
- Foraging behavior and diet