

4th Session of the Meeting of Parties

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Resolution No. 4.8

Amendment of the Annex to the Agreement



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

Recalling Resolution No. 7 adopted at its Third Session (Bristol, July 2000), amending the Agreement and incorporating an Annex of bat species occurring in Europe to which the Agreement applies;

Appreciating that the majority of Parties has already accepted the Amendment to the Agreement and that it has entered into force in August 2001;

Recognising that there will be the need to amend the Annex from time to time in the light of recent research results;

Further recognising that the names of bat species included in the Annex should conform to the rules of nomenclature laid down by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature;

Noting that IUCN – The World Conservation Union as well as the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) identify *Mammal Species of the World* by Wilson and Reeder (Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington) as the standard list of mammals;

Acknowledges the establishment of an Advisory Panel of specialists to consider potential changes to the Annex;

Agrees to adopt the following changes to the Annex, on the recommendation of the Advisory Panel; and

Notes other potential changes to the Annex, but which are rejected or deferred pending the availability of further information;

Decides to:

1. Accept the emendation from *Rousettus egyptiacus* to *Rousettus aegyptiacus*.
2. Continue to regard the gender of *Myotis* as masculine.
3. Add the species *Myotis aurascens*, *Myotis hajastanicus*, *Myotis nipalensis* and *Myotis alcahoe* to the Annex of the Agreement while noting the possible synonymy of *Myotis aurascens* with *Myotis mystacinus* and that the species group needs further investigation.
4. Add the species *Myotis* cf. *punicus*, while noting the possible conspecificity with other recognised forms from the Middle East.
5. Accept the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN) on the use of the name *Pipistrellus pygmaeus* and to consider the name *Pipistrellus mediterraneus* as a synonym.
6. Accept the change of name from *Pipistrellus savii* to *Hypsugo savii*.
7. Add the species *Plecotus alpinus*, *Plecotus kolombatovici* and *Plecotus sardus* to the Annex of the Agreement, while noting that the genus is currently under further investigation.

Instructs the Secretariat to prepare a revised Annex incorporating the agreed amendments.