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Resolution 6.12

Bat Conservation and Sustainable Forest Management



The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the conservation of Populations of European Bats (hereafter “the Agreement”),

Recalling Resolution 4.4 on Bat Conservation and Sustainable Forest Management;

Recognising the ecological value of forests as bat roost and foraging sites or during bat migration, which is highest in unmanaged ancient forests but can also be moderate in managed forest types;

Noting the different sensitivities of species due to variation in ecological requirements and also different approaches needed for implementation of programmes at local, regional, national or international levels;

Recognising that there is a need to improve the conservation status of bats by modifying some management practices affecting their forest habitats;

Urges Parties and Range States to:

1. Develop their own national guidance appropriate to their bat communities, forest ecosystems and forest management practices based on the principles in the EUROBATS Bats and Forestry leaflet;
2. Share best practice forestry guidance via the EUROBATS website;

Instructs the Advisory Committee to consider whether it would be timely to update the review on bats and forest management undertaken by Boye and Dietz and published as Boye, P. & Dietz, M. (2005): *The development of good practice guidelines for woodland management for bats*, English Nature Research Report Number 661.

Calls upon the Secretariat and the Parties to explore possibilities for using the UN International Year of the Forest 2011 to bring joint issues of bat conservation in forests forward.