

Project Update: August 2012

Since the beginning of this project, we have organised the field practice for students of three bat groups to increase their skills and knowledge about various aspects of bat conservation. Booklets as well as posters with image of bats were prepared and printed and then distributed among students and professional foresters. Awareness and education materials were used during school presentation in five primary schools of Maroua. A bat field techniques workshop targeting professional foresters was held in Maroua in June 2012. This was also an opportunity to celebrate the year of the bat in Cameroon. The workshop included lectures session followed by a demonstration in the field.

We have also organised two debates of 30 minutes each on the national radio antennas.

Save bats of Cameroon

Bats have high economic and ecological importance, yet they remain largely unstudied. To date, at least 75 species of bats have been identified in Cameroon. Various social prejudices contribute to their persecution at both national and international scale. With the current habitat loss due to human activities, many species are predicted to decline. The protection of these animals will contribute to preserve their ecological and economical integral roles.

Eidolon helvum *Epomops gambianus* *Micropteropus pusillus* *Nycticeinops schlieffeni* *Pipistrellus inexpectatus*

Pipistrellus nanulus *Scotophilus duquand* *Scotophilus leucogaster* *Scotocercus hirundo*

Chaerephon pumilus *Mops brachypterus* *Chaerephon limbata* *Chaerephon major*

Chaerephon nigeria *Chaerephon leucogaster* *Chaerephon chapini* *Mops nivaiventer*

Mops condylyrus *Rhinolophus macclaudi* *Scotophilus nigrita* *Glaucomyotis variegata*

Hipposideros beatus *Epomops franquet* *Hipposideros ruber* *Rousettus aegyptiacus*

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