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The following activities have been accomplished or are in progress. More than 500 bats (live and dead) which were accidentally found by citizens (most of them in Kharkiv city and in other settlements around) were rescued and rehabilitated during winter; and on April 3rd 2016 they were released into to the wild during the Solemn bat realise event in Feldman Ecopark (photo 1 and 2). We also organised the First Bat Report Meeting of Kharkiv Bat Group (December 12th 2015) where 11 talks were presented by researchers, young naturalists, veterinaries and volunteers. On the base of presented experience we will prepare the Bat Rehabilitation Guide for Ukraine (photo 3 and 4). We managed to achieve close of the internal crevices in one of the section of “Derzhprom” (where hundreds of bats hibernate). The number of bats found inside the building decreased from 340 in January-April 2015 to 1 in January-April 2016. 6000 units of bat education products (pocket calendars, calendars and leaflets) were printed and several bat education lectures were conducted (photo 5). The technical process of concrete-bat-boxes creation is developed.

