

Project Update: June 2017

During May, 2017 we carried out training of bat defenders in Mombasa, Kenya. We had two sessions; one theoretical session at the National Museums of Kenya- Fort Jesus and one practical fieldwork session at the Uhuru Gardens site in Mombasa where thousands of bats roost. In the training we trained 15 primary school and 15 secondary school boys and girls from schools near bat roost sites in the Mombasa Island. In the training we carried out pre- and post-questionnaires to gauge the effectiveness of our training. Each bat defender was given 10 flyers with the bat conservation message (five in Kiswahili and five in English) to distribute and influence 10 other peers within their spheres of influence, making up a total of 300 flyers. Also, 24 A2 posters with bat conservation messages were given to teachers in the schools for their respective notice boards.



Left: In session Training of primary school bat defenders. Middle: Group photo of secondary school bat defenders in the uhuru gardens bat roost site. Right: Group photo of primary school bat defenders training.

FRIEND OR FOE?

Many false things have been said about bats?

It's time we separate the myths from the truth!

Myth	Truth
Are Blind ❌	Use Sound to See ✓
Are Useless ❌	Pollinate plants and Disperse Seeds ✓
Are Bad Luck and Evil ❌	Are Gentle and Shy ✓
Bats are birds ❌	Are Mammals ✓

VERDICT
BATS = FRIENDS
take care of your friends!

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