Project Update: May 2021

This project started in September 2020.

The following activities have been accomplished or are in progress.

This winter of 2020/21 we had a record-breaking bat number at rehabilitation. More than 3000 bats of 9 species were accidentally or during renovation work found by citizens all over Ukraine, and were rescued and transported to our Bat Rehabilitation Center in Kharkiv for rehabilitation during winter; in April 2021 we organised four Bat Release Fest events in Kharkiv city, Dnipro, Zaporyzhzhya and Ivano-Frankivsk and released bats back to the wild (photo 1 - 3, video

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dw9ZVf1QCDs&list=PLz80513XKJ0MjM0c0Z6x6s wCfw6PaOZQo&index=3).

We invited people to this outreach event.

We expanded our network of bat rehabilitators in different Ukrainian cities from 12 to 17 and we were consulting them online during the winter season. We also supported them with insects for bats (food), scales, thermometer for refrigerator, branded t-shirt, and a manual for bat rehabilitation.

We have made the rebranding of our Bat Rehabilitation Center to "Ukrainian Bat Rehabilitation Center" and got new logo (photo 4).

The Manual for Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation (in Ukrainian) was published and presented to publicity, also we sent several items to our colleagues and bat rehabilitators in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus (photo 5, 6).

On March 15th 2021, we organised an open lecture about bat conservation for students and staff of Kremenchuk University (Poltava region) (photo 7, 8). On 22nd April 2021, due to quarantine regulations, we organised an online (Zoom) lecture for students at Ivano-Frankivsk University.

Often, we received calls about winter bat colonies in multistorey buildings in Kharkiv city. Owners asked us to isolate them from bats (because sometimes they were found inside the flat). We organised a conservation operation for such colonies by putting a one-way exit for bats under the hibernacula crevice with the help of industrial climber and barascope (photo 9, 10).

Also, we met with industrial climber Adriy Lis from Kamyanske city (Dnipro region). During his professional work he is rescuing bat colonies in buildings of his city, because people are afraid of bats and want to brick up them inside building. He became our partner in further project activity - seminar for building companies and awareness.

12000 units of bat education products (stickers, calendars, post cards) were printed (photo 11, 12).

50 bat education lectures were conducted at our Bat Rehabilitation Center during feeding of bats all the winter (photo 13, 14). Seven TV news programmes were shot about our bat conservation work and The Rufford Foundation logo was mentioned (photo 15-18).

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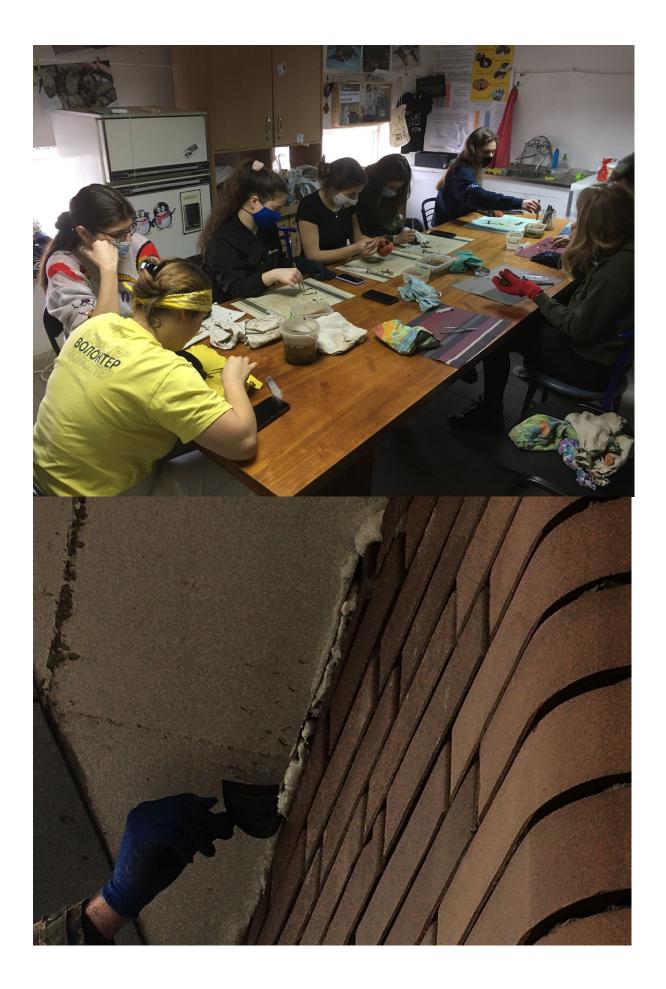
We already made 70 concrete-bat-boxes of two types and are ready to install them in 10 countryside houses of the Kharkiv region during summer 2021 (photo 19). Bat rings, temperature loggers, iButton, ultrasound microphone and some other equipment were bought and started to use.



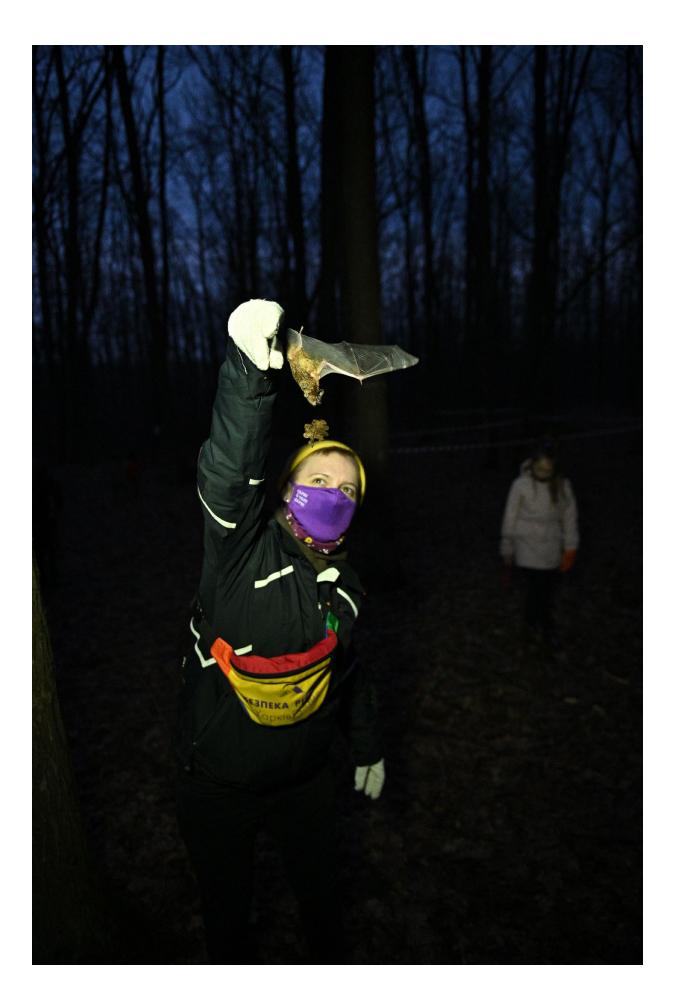


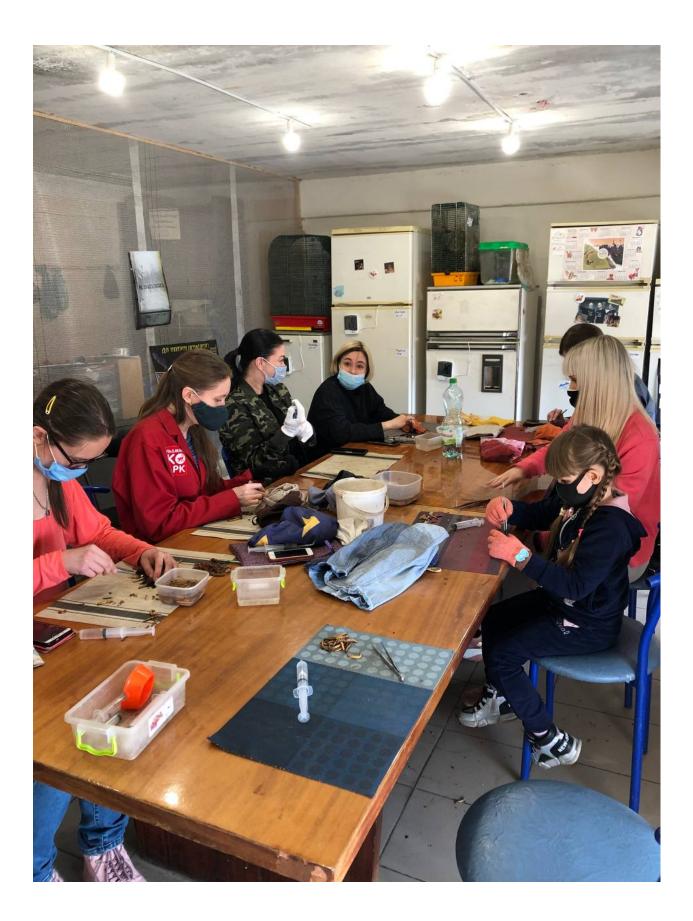


















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