

## **IMPORTANT CAVES FOR CAVE-DWELLING BATS (Chiroptera, Mammalia) IN SERBIA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The latest researches of bats in Serbia made possible the mapping of the caves of great significance for cave-dwelling bats. Relatively large colonies of different species of bats lives in them. In this paper we gives the review of caves with different bat species and their numbers. The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) geographic grid, with squares 10x10 Km, was accepted to present these data. According to the facts that the bats are recently the most endangered group of mammals in Europe, and they are also the basical link in trophical chains in the fragile speleoecosystems, in this paper we are trying on the necessity for adequate measurements for cave protection- basic habitats of these mammals.

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