

EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Bath and Bradford-on-Avon Bats
Unitary Authority/County: Bath and North East Somerset, Wiltshire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: ST834688
SAC EU code: UK0012584
Area (ha): 107.16
Component SSSI: Box Mine SSSI, Brown's Folly SSSI, Combe Down and Bathampton Down Mines SSSI, Winsley Mines SSSI

Site description:

This site comprises extensive networks of caves, mines and man-made tunnels which are used by bats for hibernation, mating and as a staging post prior to dispersal. It also includes areas of calcareous grassland, scrub and woodland which are used as feeding and commuting habitat by the bats.

Qualifying species: The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following species listed in Annex II:

- Bechstein's bat *Myotis bechsteinii*
- Greater horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*
- Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.

Register reference number: UK0012584

Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs