

## Aosta Cathedral (Aosta, Italy)



<b>Participants in the conservation action</b>	
Owners of the building/site	Bishop Curia in Aosta
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in the conservation of the building/site	Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta - Assessorato istruzione e cultura - Dipartimento soprintendenza per i beni e le attività culturali - Direzione restauro e valorizzazione
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in bat conservation	Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta - Assessorato agricoltura e risorse naturali- Dipartimento risorse naturali e corpo forestale - Direzione flora, fauna, caccia e pesca - Servizio aree protette
Others who have contributed to the action	
<b>Description of the action</b>	Throughout the whole year, conservation of darkness inside attic rooms used by bats and at the rear of the building, where bat access points are. These parts of the building have never been illuminated and it was agreed they should be maintained in this condition.
<b>Bats affected by the action</b>	The site is used by a maternity colony of <i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i> . Bats aged $\geq 1$ year, counted annually from 2001 to 2009, varied between 76 and 113. Most of them use the site from May to August, but fewer individuals also occur in March, April and October.
<b>Other information/literature/web links</b>	The building is included in SCI IT1205034 (Habitats Directive).
<b>First compilation (year); last updating (year)</b>	2010
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Cluster of young bats of the colony (photo: P. Debernardi)