

Castle of Racconigi (Racconigi, Cuneo, Italy)



Participants in the conservation action	
Owners of the building/site	State property
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in the conservation of the building/site	Soprintendenza per i beni architettonici e paesaggistici per le province di Torino, Cuneo, Asti, Vercelli e Biella – Direzione Castello di Racconigi
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in bat conservation	Regione Piemonte - Direzione ambiente - Settore pianificazione e gestione aree naturali protette - Centro regionale chiroterri
Others who have contributed to the action	
Description of the action	Conservation of darkness inside the attic of the main dome, which is used by bats, and at the rear of the building, where there are the bat access points and where the most probable commuting routes start. These parts of the building have never been illuminated and it was agreed they should be maintained in this condition during bat occurrence period.
Bats affected by the action	The site is used by a maternity colony of <i>Myotis emarginatus</i> from April to September. Bats aged ≥ 1 year, counted annually from 2004 to 2009, varied between 309 and 525.
Other information/literature/web links	The building is included in SCI IT1160011 (Habitats Directive).
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A part of the reproductive colony (photo: P. Debernardi)