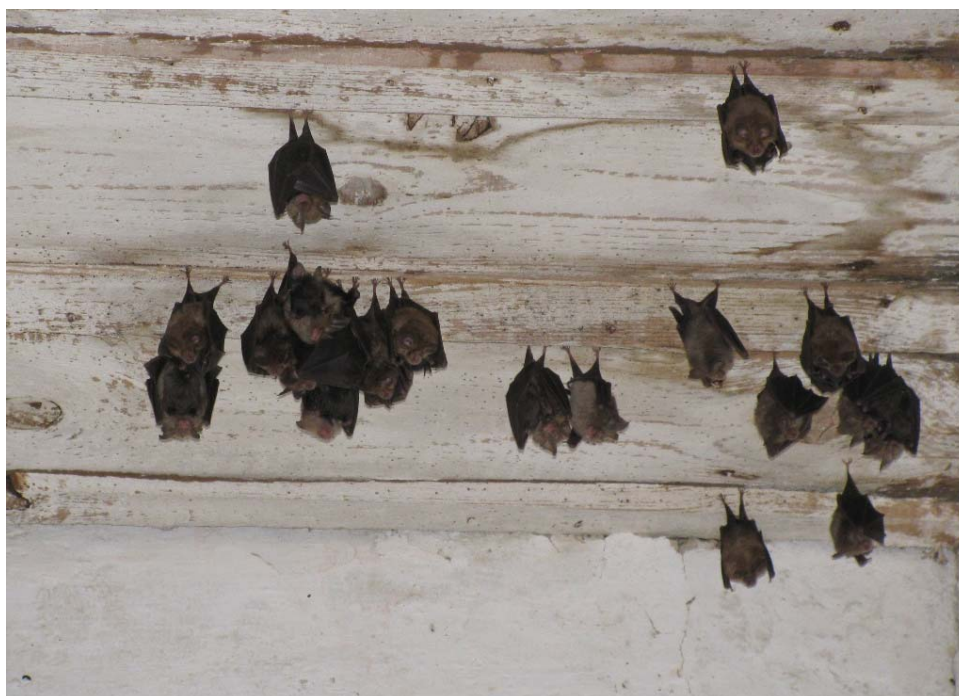


Church 4 (Province of Imperia, Italia)

Participants in the conservation action.	
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in the conservation of the building/site	Soprintendenza per i beni architettonici e paesaggistici della Liguria
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in bat conservation	Regione Liguria – Direzione ambiente - Servizio parchi, aree protette e biodiversità
Others who have contributed to the action	
Description of the action	Throughout the whole year, conservation of darkness inside the building (bats hang from the ceiling of the small church) and around it. These spaces have never been illuminated and it was agreed they should be maintained in this condition.
Bats affected by the action	The site is used by a maternity colony of <i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i> in the period June- August. Bats aged ≥ 1 year, counted annually from 2000 to 2010, varied between 1 and 30.
Notes/literature/web links	Large variation in bat numbers probably depends on poor thermal insulation of the roost, caused by the precarious conditions of the building. For bat conservation, better roosting conditions should be restored.
First compilation (year); last updating (year)	2010
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A part of the colony (photo: M. Calvini)