

Fortress of Verrua Savoia (Verrua Savoia, Turin, Italy)



Participants in the conservation action	
Owners of the building/site	Fondazione Eugenio Piazza-Verrua Celeberrima
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in the conservation of the building/site	Fondazione Eugenio Piazza-Verrua Celeberrima
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in bat conservation	Regione Piemonte - Ente di gestione del sistema delle aree protette della fascia fluviale del Po - tratto alessandrino-vercellese; 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	Throughout the whole year, conservation of darkness inside the rooms (at the foundation level) used by bats, at their access points and along flight routes. To this purpose some outdoor lights have been deactivated.
Bats affected by the action	From May (but in some years only from June) to September the site is used by a maternity colony of <i>Myotis blythii</i> and, possibly, <i>M. myotis</i> . Another room of the building is the roost site of a maternity colony of bats belonging to <i>Myotis nattereri</i> group. Bats aged ≥ 1 year, counted annually from 2005 to 2009, varied between 1699 and 1893 large <i>Myotis</i> and between 17 and 28 <i>Myotis</i> belonging to <i>nattereri</i> group . Occasionally, single individuals belonging to <i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i> do occur.
Other information/literature/web links	The colony of large <i>Myotis</i> (up to now only the occurrence of <i>M. blythii</i> has been ascertained, but that of <i>M. myotis</i> cannot be excluded because of the large number of bats present) is the largest known in NW-Italy.
First compilation (year); last updating (year)	2010
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Left: a part of the colony of large *Myotis* bats (photo: R. Toffoli)
Right: individual of *Myotis nattereri* group (photo: P. Debernardi)