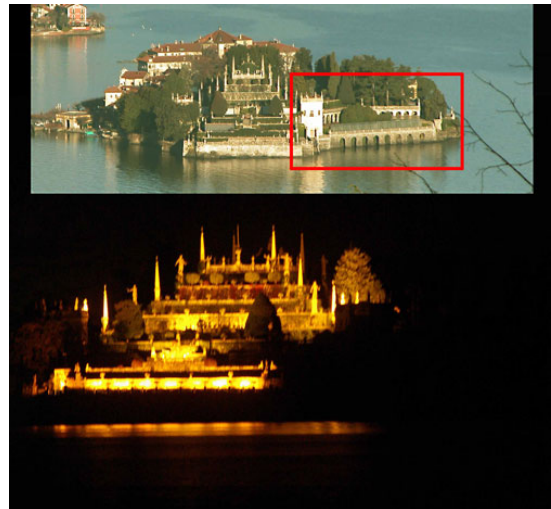


## Isola Bella (Stresa, Verbania, Italy)



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<b>Participants in the conservation action</b>	
Owners of the building/site	Amministrazione Borromeo
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in the conservation of the building/site	Amministrazione Borromeo
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in bat conservation	Regione Piemonte - Ente di gestione dei parchi e delle riserve naturali del Lago Maggiore; Regione Piemonte - Direzione ambiente - Settore pianificazione e gestione aree naturali protette - Centro regionale chiropteri
Others who have contributed to the action	Municipality of Stresa
<b>Description of the action</b>	Throughout the whole year, conservation of darkness inside the artificial underground spaces (beneath gardens) used by bats, at their access points and along flight routes. To this purpose night decorative lighting in the box (photo top right) has been turned off.
<b>Bats affected by the action</b>	The site is used from March to October by a maternity colony of <i>Myotis capaccinii</i> , <i>M. myotis</i> , <i>M. blythii</i> and <i>M. daubentonii</i> . Bats aged $\geq 1$ year, counted annually from 2001 to 2009, varied between 532 and 919. Some bats also frequent the site for mating and hibernation.
<b>Other information/literature/web links</b>	This is the only occurrence site of <i>M. capaccinii</i> known in Piedmont.
<b>First compilation (year); last updating (year)</b>	2010
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From left to right: cluster of bats of the mixed maternity colony, *M. blythii* mating and *M. capaccinii* hibernating in the roost site (photos: P. Debernardi)