

## Reggia of Venaria (Venaria Reale, Turin, 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	Consorzio di valorizzazione culturale "La Venaria Reale"
Local authorities responsible or otherwise involved in bat conservation	Regione Piemonte - Direzione ambiente - Settore pianificazione e gestione aree naturali protette - Centro regionale chiroterri; Regione Piemonte - Ente di gestione del parco La Mandria e dei parchi e riserve delle Valli di Lanzo
Others who have contributed to the action	
Description of the action	Conservation of darkness inside the rooms used by bats and at the rear of the building, where there are bat access points and where the most probable commuting routes start. To this purpose, outdoor lights which formerly illuminated the rear of the building are kept off from the beginning of April to the end of October.
Bats affected by the action	An attic room is used by a maternity colony of <i>Myotis myotis</i> and <i>M. blythii</i> from April to October; other rooms are used by a maternity colony of <i>M. emarginatus</i> from May to August. Bats aged $\geq 1$ year, counted annually from 2004 to 2009, varied between 46 and 64 <i>M. myotis/M. blythii</i> and between 20 and 52 <i>M. emarginatus</i> . Occasionally, individuals belonging to <i>Plecotus</i> sp. do occur.
Other information/literature/web links	The building is included in SCI IT1110079 (Habitats Directive).
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Part of the colony of *Myotis myotis* and *M. blythii* (photo: P. Debernardi)



The colony of *Myotis emarginatus* (photo: P. Debernardi)