<u>Official Statistics: Population trends</u> <u>of UK bat species up to 2016</u>

The statistics comprise statistically robust population trends for 11 of the UK's 17 breeding bat species derived from data collected as part of the National Bat Monitoring Programme (NBMP). The NBMP relies on the ongoing efforts of hundreds of volunteer bat surveyors. Population trends are provided at GB level, and for England, Wales and Scotland where possible. Data contribute to UK and England Biodiversity indicators; are important in enabling the UK to meet its obligations under the Habitats Directive; and to report on, implement and deliver country biodiversity strategies, and report to EUROBATS.