



# Protection of the Lesser horseshoe and other bat species in S Poland (PODKOWIEC+)

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The project ...

... focus: 3 out of 7 native bat species listed by Habitat Directive: Rh. hipposideros, M. emarginatus, M. myotis

... duration: July 2013- June 2018.

... range: S Poland, "Land of the Horseshoes"

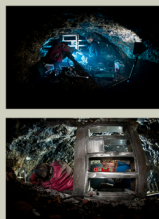
... measures (completed in 2013-2016):

- preventing bat roost destruction
- improving habitats in and around the roosts
- sustaining and improving flyways to the feeding areas
- advancement of understanding of bat conservation in local communities in 29 Natura 2000 sites in S Poland
- monitoring of results and the status of bats in over 100 sites

## preventing bat roost destruction



**8 roof renovations**  
**6 platforms for guano**



**3 hibernation sites safeguarded**

## improving habitats in and around the roosts



**Habitat improvements in 37 roosts:**  
*measures to diversify thermal conditions*  
*prevent draughts*  
*reduce infiltration of light*  
*prevent access of predators*



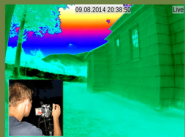
## improving flyways to the feeding areas



**filling gaps in flyways near 7 roosts.**  
**correction of improper illumination in 2 sites**



## monitoring and promotion



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