

Data sharing agreement for Collection of Bat Reference Recordings

The wildlife records you produce by participating in this project are of huge importance to nature conservation. The Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) aims to make the wildlife records produced by the projects we coordinate openly available to support conservation work, research and policy making, in a way that does not compromise privacy or the security of sensitive sites.

To achieve this aim, we share wildlife records with the National Biodiversity Atlas (<https://nbnatlas.org/>). The NBN Atlas is an online database containing over 100 million biodiversity records from many wildlife recording schemes and is the UK's largest collection of freely available biodiversity data.

When you participate in this project, the following details from the wildlife records produced may be made publicly available on the NBN Atlas:

- Name of the species observed
- Survey date
- Location (grid reference to 10m resolution)
- A description of the survey methodology, including how the record was made, and how the species was identified and determined.

No personal information will be shared with NBN Atlas.

The Bat Conservation Trust will also make available a sample of your recordings and related metadata on the EchoHub website under a CC BY license (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>). EchoHub is an open-source, community built, bat sound library that the BCT will launch this year. Its mission is to make it easier to share and access recordings of bat sounds and we promote the use of these recordings for diverse purposes such as scientific research, conservation, education, and the arts.

Alongside with your audio recordings, you will share the related metadata by filling in the spreadsheet we have sent by email. We will use the metadata in the spreadsheet and those embedded into the recordings themselves (including coordinates if available) to populate the metadata fields on NBN Atlas and EchoHub.

When filling in the metadata spreadsheet, you can decide whether you want your name to be displayed alongside with your audio recordings on EchoHub. If you decide to share your name and other personal data (email address and affiliation), we will process these data under legitimate interest (6.1f - UK GDPR) and will be retaining them for as long as your contribution remains part of the call library. We require the above information for the purpose of communicating with you about EchoHub and ensuring that we respect your ownership of the audio recordings. For further information about how BCT processes personal data please see <https://www.bats.org.uk/legal/privacy-policy>. We will not make your email address publicly available. If you decide not to publish your name alongside your recordings, the name of the author associated with all your recordings will be displayed as “unknown” and people will credit an unknown recorder when citing or using the audio recording or the information included in your submissions.

The Bat Conservation Trust and our partners may also use these data to further our conservation aims, including to improve our acoustic classification algorithms (used to aid our passive acoustic monitoring surveys).

By providing your audio recordings and metadata to us, you agree that the wildlife records you produce may be used by the Bat Conservation Trust, their partners and the NBN Atlas as stated above.