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Making a Difference Around the World

Bat Conservation International's Global Grassroots Conservation Fund provides training, supplies, educational materials, and small, low-risk grants to local projects that are protecting bats and bat habitats around the world. Here are a few examples of what your support makes possible.



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Philippines: Accomplished

Filipino conservationists, with Global Grassroots support, are building a Bat Learning Center near a much-visited bat roost at Subic Bay. The goal is to create a self-sustaining visitors center that will deliver an effective educational message to a broad spectrum of Philippine society.

Brazil: Accomplished

A Brazilian project provides training in bat conservation and monitoring at the Jau National Park, the world's second largest rain forest reserve so the park's bats can be better protected through habitat-management and community-outreach.

Honduras: Accomplished

Ranchers trying to eliminate vampire bats have been killing bats of all kinds. Thanks to EDUECO, a local conservation group, and the Global Grassroots Conservation Fund, many now understand the extraordinary value of other bat species and are trying to conserve their threatened colonies.

Morocco: Proposed

Conservationists hope to conduct the first-ever survey of the six species of bats in the Tazekka National Park. The survey of caves, mines, and abandoned buildings would be the basis for management recommendations throughout the region.

Thailand: Proposed

Local biologists hope to investigate the role of bats as the principal pollinators of several economically important plants and use their data to educate the public and conserve the cave ecosystems favored by these bats.

India: Proposed

The Chiroptera Conservation and Information Network of South Asia and the Zoo Outreach Organization in India are planning public education programs to change the public (and official) perception of bats as vermin.

You Can Make a Difference

The Global Grassroots Conservation Fund delivers serious conservation bang for your dollar. Most projects are accomplished with grants of \$2,000 to \$5,000, but essential work is also being done for as little as a few hundred dollars. Go online to www.batcon.org or

send your donation to the Director of Development, Bat Conservation International, P.O. Box 162603, Austin, Texas 78716. Thank you!

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