SCIENCE FACTS RESULTS

RISING UP TO END BAT EXTINCTIONS WORLDWIDE
Bats have been in existence for more than 50 million years. They provide many benefits in the forms of insect consumption, seed dispersal, and plant pollination. However, bats are under unprecedented threat from widespread habitat destruction, accelerated climate change, invasive species, and other stresses. Without concerted international action, their populations will continue to fall, driving many species to extinction.

That’s where we come into action. We’re on a mission to conserve the world’s bats and their ecosystems to ensure a healthy planet. We are on the move to deliver world-class conservation in the places where bats need it most.

This past year, we have reached some major milestones in the protection of these incredible creatures. We’ve led the creation of the first-ever bat sanctuary in Fiji, a significant step in ensuring the survival of the critically endangered Fijian free-tailed bat. We’ve completed the largest agave restoration project in the history of the United States by planting more than 2,600 agaves in southeastern Arizona to provide food to nectar-feeding bats. In Jamaica, we’ve completed a conservation roadmap to secure the purchase of Stony Hill Cave — the last known roost for one of the most endangered mammals on earth. And that’s just the beginning.

As a science-based and results-focused organization, we are leading the charge to ensure the worldwide survival of these extraordinary mammals.

With your help and the support of partner organizations, we will redefine what is possible in global conservation, through the utilization of cutting-edge tools, technology, and training to create a real, measurable impact.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. Your investment is making a global impact in saving bats and their habitats. Together, we have the power to end bat extinctions worldwide.
20+ million BATS PROTECTED ANNUALLY
Bats are vital to our world’s ecosystems and global economy. Bat Conservation International strives to protect the world’s bats and their ecosystems to ensure a healthy planet. Driven by science and focused on results, our clear, effective work models, and broad support from members and partners, allow us to:

- Implement Endangered Species Interventions
- Protect and Restore Landscapes
- Conduct High-Priority Research and Develop Scalable Solutions
- Inspire Through Experience

WE END BAT EXTINCTIONS WORLDWIDE.
38 YEARS IN OPERATION WITH A GLOBAL MISSION FOR BAT CONSERVATION
With more than 1,400 species located all around the globe, bats play a substantial ecological role that is vital to the health of our natural ecosystem and human economies.

FACTS

- Each night, insectivorous bats can eat up to half their body weight in insects.
- Bats save U.S. farmers roughly $23 billion each year by reducing crop damage and limiting the need for pesticides.
- Bats pollinate, disperse, and protect valuable cash crops including agave, bananas, cacao, cashews, corn, dates, durians, figs, guava, and sugar.

Today, bats are under unprecedented threat from widespread habitat destruction, accelerated climate change, invasive species, and other stresses. Without concerted international action, their populations will continue to fall, driving many species to extinction.
97 COUNTRIES WITH BCI SUPPORTERS
As a science-based and results-focused organization, we have a proven track record for success, and 2019 was no different.

Working together, our goal is to redefine what is possible in global conservation, through the utilization of cutting-edge tools, technology, and training to create a real, measurable impact.

As you can see, with your support, we can continue to make a lasting impact on bat conservation worldwide.
ENSURING THE SURVIVAL OF SOME OF THE RAREST BATS IN THE WORLD, WE FOCUSED ON PROTECTING THE FOLLOWING ENDANGERED SPECIES:

**FLORIDA BONNETED BAT**
*Built* key partnerships with local and regional organizations such as Florida Power & Light, and Zoo Miami.

*Installed* a grid of bat detectors and 16 artificial roosts, half of which have quickly become occupied by Florida bonneted bats.

*Trained* 40 BCI Bat Ambassadors to lead outreach and citizen science in Miami-Dade County.

*Developed* key research on bioacoustics and roost ecology.

**FIJIAN FREE-TAILED BAT**
*Completed* the purchase of two parcels of land surrounding Nakanacagi Cave, creating the first ever protected area in Fiji for bats. This is the last known roost that harbors 95 percent of the species population.

**JAMAICAN FLOWER BAT**
*Completed* four expeditions to Jamaica to survey critical bat habitat and work with the Jamaican government and in-country partners to develop targeted actions to protect these critically endangered bats.

*Raised* over $190,000 to implement conservation strategies in Jamaica and secured a funding pledge from the Jamaican government toward the purchase of Stony Hill Cave.

**RARE RWANDAN BATS**
*Scientists* from DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, and USA surveyed for rare bats in Nyungwe National Park in southern Rwanda.

- Surveyed 8 caves in the park.
- Identified 8 species of bats, including new species occurrence records for Nyungwe and Rwanda.
- Trained Nyungwe Park Rangers to conduct acoustic monitoring for rare bats.
HABITAT AND THRIVING ECOSYSTEMS ARE IMPERATIVE TO THE HEALTH OF THESE MAMMALS. WE PROVIDED PROTECTION AND RESTORED LANDSCAPES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**Batlicious AGAVE**

*Planted* more than 2,600 agaves in Arizona and New Mexico to facilitate and sustain the migration pathways of nectar-feeding bats.

*Funded* greenhouse construction for Borderlands Restoration Network to grow 10,000+ agaves ready to plant on private and public lands near important bat roosts in Arizona and New Mexico over the next three years.

Protected more than 250 bat roosts for the Bureau of Land Management across the western US.
Launched collaborative research funded by the Department of Energy to reduce bat fatalities at wind turbines.

Successfully launched a new generalized estimator (GenEst), in partnership with U.S. Geological Survey, that will allow for more accurate bat fatality monitoring.

Assessed the effectiveness of NRG Systems Ultrasonic Acoustic Deterrent, which has shown a reduction in bat fatalities at wind turbines by 38.5 – 61.2 percent.
Awarded 9 recipients of BCI's Student Research Scholarship for Global Bat Conservation Priorities, funding projects in Brazil, Cameroon, Costa Rica, India, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, and USA.

Completed field work in Michigan and Texas testing the efficacy of real-world application on bats at hibernating sites of a potential treatment for White-nose Syndrome (WNS).

Field-tested potential treatments to kill the fungus that causes WNS on mine surfaces, where bats get exposed to the deadly pathogen, in 3 mines in Alabama, Arkansas and Ontario.

Led surveillance for the fungus that causes WNS across the eastern United States to inform states and federal land managers where the fungus is invading and spreading.

Partnered with the North American Bat Monitoring Program (NABat) to develop tools and increase data contributions to the NABat effort, which serves to provide a continental-scale assessment of the status and trends of bat populations in the US and Canada.
WE INSPIRED THROUGH EXPERIENCE BY CREATING PERSONAL CONNECTIONS WITH BATS. WE MADE A POWERFUL IMPACT BY:

**Enhanced Bracken Cave Preserve, home to more than 20 million Mexican free-tailed bats and the largest bat colony in the world.**

**Launched a nationwide bat walks program**

*In partnership* with the Houston Zoo and the Brown Foundation, we completed our pilot year of bat walks in Texas and Florida to train a network of volunteers in providing in-person and interactive bat encounters where participants can listen to ultrasonic calls of bats. We held training events in 5 cities and trained 118 volunteers from 46 partner organizations. Our network conducted more than 50 bat walks in the first year of the program.

**Hosted** 146 educational events inspiring over 6,076 visitors.

**Featured** nationally on PBS: American Spring Live highlighting the wonders of bat migration.

**Protected** the site against wildfires by conducting a prescribed burn of 202 acres & completing over two miles of fire break work with assistance from BCI volunteers, Texas, A&M forest service and local fire departments.

**Photo by Fran Hutchins**

**Photo by Melquisedec Gambo-Rios**
# Financial Overview

## The Numbers

### Statements of Financial Position

**JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018**

### Assets

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# Statements of Activities

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BATS BENEFIT FROM COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION

Texas and Canada. This includes testing a device that can be placed on wind turbines that can safely deter bats while simultaneously allowing the turbine to operate efficiently. In 2018, BCI and NextEra Energy, through its foundation and subsidiary Florida Power & Light Company, joined efforts once again for a new initiative in Florida. In collaboration with Zoo Miami, we launched a program to save the federally endangered Florida bonneted bat (*Eumops floridanus*). The Florida bonneted bat is Florida’s rarest and largest bat species. Together, we formed a new bat lab called the FPL Bat Lab at Zoo Miami housed at the zoo to better understand the species’ needs in urban environments and to provide on-the-ground conservation measures. Key fieldwork involves acoustic monitoring to help determine the bats’ distribution in this urbanized environment. As Dr. Melquisedec Gamboa-Rios, FBB project leader from BCI notes, “The commitment of NextEra Energy to bat conservation is reflected in over a decade of tremendous support to BCI’s research to apply the best conservation practices. Disappearing species such as the Florida bonneted bat need the community, including companies, to aid in their recovery.” NextEra Energy’s 15+ year collaboration with BCI is a promising example of what can happen when nonprofits and for-profits set ambitious conservation goals and pool resources. We look forward to creating even stronger platforms for conservation success with NextEra Energy in the years to come.
A key factor in the success of bat conservation is the ability of the public to appreciate and understand bats’ ecological and economic contributions. This can be tricky for some due to mythological and dark connotations associated with bats, but not for the Bailey Wildlife Foundation. The Bailey Family, in fact, has historically gravitated toward animals that receive less attention and popularity. Instead, the Foundation prides itself on helping those who often stand outside of the conservation spotlight — like bats.

In 2016, there was a wide gap in knowledge regarding the Florida bonneted bat’s basic biology and habitat foraging requirements. This lack of information presented a substantial barrier to a well-informed conservation strategy. The Bailey Wildlife Foundation recognized this urgent need and provided catalytic support to get “boots on the ground” to collect critical data. This baseline information has been key to ongoing research that is now funded through the NextEra partnership. In 2018, the Bailey Wildlife Foundation once again stepped up to support bats who needed a timely intervention. In Fiji, BCI and key partners developed a protected area centered around Nakanacagi Cave — home to the only known maternity colony of the endangered Fijian free-tailed bat. In fact, this is the first such protected area to be established on Fiji in the last ten years. The Foundation is supporting efforts to secure the entrances of two critically important caves on Jamaica. BCI has now also established monitoring measures around the caves to ensure safe and sustainable habitats for critically endangered bats.

Perhaps a trustee at the Foundation sums it up best, “Many people assume the only tool available to help threatened species is the government. But there are other incredibly flexible and efficient ways to support organizations that care about species preservation and are performing frontline work. Nonprofits contribute their own time, money, and strategy into conserving endangered species in effective and innovative ways and we are happy to partner with them and add fuel to their work.”
What does it feel like to be a bat in a bird’s world? A five-year-old inquisitive kid with a speech impediment had some ideas. When Robin’s great aunt Marjorie gave her the book *Stella Luna* at the age of 5, it was quickly followed by a BCI membership. Robin wanted to learn more about her new favorite misunderstood mammal that she related to so much. This paper-to-person relationship sparked and continued to foster Robin’s curiosity about bats and her passion for educating others. Growing up, she would talk about bats at the dinner table and constantly relay facts about them. It’s these facts that changed her own family’s perception of bats and led her mother, Carol Fiore, to include a bat character in one of her young adult books, *The Skye Van Bloem Trilogy*, and even donate the royalties from her books to BCI. She also has named BCI as a beneficiary in her will. Robin continues to impact others’ perceptions of wildlife in her daily professional life as a conservation educator at Disney’s Wildlife Kingdom. When not teaching kids about conservation, she’s pursuing a doctorate in Human and Wildlife Conflict from the University of Exeter. We are happy to have her as a member for 20+ years and wish her luck in all of her conservation endeavors.
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Together we will end bat extinctions worldwide.