

Project Update: April 2012

Overview

In the second four months of the field season driven transects were carried out to record bat echolocation calls.

Driven transects begin...

...just in time for the heavy rains in Namibia. Despite the initial delay, with the help of some fantastic volunteers we managed to achieve 201 driven transects. The data were collected to monitor bat activity across a range of sites and to acquire species presence data to ground validate species distribution models.

Outreach

Public engagement is a really important part of conservation biology. Although I was limited on the amount of time I could devote to this, I made some progress by: writing two bat articles, attending a meeting with museum staff in Botswana to discuss an important roost site and taking a family - who have a cave on their land which is a very large maternity roost - out to see us catching bats.