

Project Update: January 2016

During this period we conducted field trips to localities with high potential richness across both highland forest and coastal localities, including protected areas in six Cuban provinces. We did captures with mist nets and recorded echolocation calls. Particularly interesting were the mist netting sessions in mangroves on southern coast of Cienfuegos province where some charismatic species as *Lasiurus pfeiferi* and *Nyctiellus lepidus* were captured. We visited and georeferenced 12 bat caves, registering species richness and the conservation status of surrounding areas. Among the educational activities, in October 2015 we held a “Bat Festival” at the National Museum of Natural History. This activity included a photographic exposition, talks about bats, student presentations, didactic games and thematic panels; nearly 250 schoolchildren participated. In November 2015, we held a speleological meeting in Villa Clara province and in December 2015 a workshop at the Sierra del Rosario, Artemisa province. In these meetings we talked about the “Action Plan” and Conservation status of Cuban bats.



During the “Bat Festival” the kids could see and touch bats alive. October, 2015.

Photographic exhibition inaugurated in the “Bat Festival”. October, 2015.



Carlos A. Mancina giving a talk about the conservation action plan of Cuban bats in a speleological meeting in Villa Clara province. November, 2015.