Supplementary Materials:

Table 1. Distance of detection from Barataud's study [3], frequency of peak and call duration energy from Obrist et al.'s study [4].

| | Distance of | Frequency o | of Peak | Call Duration | |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------|---------------|-----|
| Species | Detection | tection Energy | | | |
| | | Mean | SD | Mean | SD |
| Barbastella barbastellus | 15 | 36 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 1 |
| Eptesicus nilssonii | 50 | 29.8 | 1.6 | 10.7 | 1.6 |
| Eptesicus serotinus | 35 | 26.8 | 1.8 | 10.9 | 2.4 |
| Hypsugo savii | 35 | 34.9 | 2 | 7.3 | 1 |
| Miniopterus schreibersii | 25 | 53.9 | 3.8 | 6.2 | 0.8 |
| Myotis alcathoe | 10 | - | - | - | - |
| Myotis bechsteinii | 10 | 48.4 | 6.6 | 4.3 | 0.8 |
| Myotis brandtii | 10 | 45.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 1.1 |
| Myotis daubentonii | 12.5 | 42.7 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 0.9 |
| Myotis emarginatus | 8 | 54.5 | 7.4 | 3.6 | 0.7 |
| Myotis myotis | 17.5 | 37.1 | 4 | 6 | 1.7 |
| Myotis mystacinus | 10 | 46.8 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 0.5 |
| Myotis nattereri | 11.5 | 40.4 | 8.8 | 4.1 | 1.1 |
| Myotis oxygnathus | 15 | - | - | - | - |
| Nyctalus lasiopterus | 150 | - | - | - | - |
| Nyctalus leisleri | 80 | 27.4 | 5.1 | 9.3 | 3.9 |
| Nyctalus noctula | 100 | 22.1 | 3.1 | 14.4 | 3.4 |
| Pipistrellus kuhlii | 27.5 | 39.5 | 1.8 | 6.3 | 0.9 |
| Pipistrellus nathusii | 27.5 | 41.3 | 2.2 | 6.9 | 1.4 |
| Pipistrellus pipistrellus | 27.5 | 47.4 | 2 | 6.3 | 0.9 |
| Pipistrellus pygmaeus | 22.5 | 56.2 | 2.4 | 6 | 0.9 |
| Plecotus auritus | 22.5 | 37.7 | 5.1 | 2.9 | 0.6 |
| Plecotus austriacus | 22.5 | 27.6 | 2.5 | 5.8 | 1.4 |
| Rhinolophus euryale | 11 | - | - | - | - |
| Rhinolophus ferrumequinum | 10 | 79.7 | 4.7 | 22.7 | 4.9 |
| Rhinolophus hipposideros | 5 | 107.5 | 3.7 | 21.6 | 4.4 |
| Tadarida teniotis | 150 | 11.4 | 0.8 | 16.8 | 2.4 |
| Vespertilio murinus | 50 | 24.6 | 2.2 | 15 | 3.8 |

Table 2. Additional information on the French National Bat-Monitoring Program coordinated by the National Museum of Natural History (MNHN).

| Aim of the program | Monitoring the temporal trends of bat populations at a national scale | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Car-transect survey sampling protocol | | | | |
| Scope | 10 km around surveyors' home. | | | |
| Route length | 30 km | | | |
| Number of transect | 10 | | | |
| per route | | | | |
| Transect length | 2 km separated of at least 1 km | | | |

| Period of sa | mpling | from the 15th of June to the 31th of July and 15 August to 31 September | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Weather cor | nditions | no rain, low wind speed (< 7 m/s), tempe | rature > 12°C | | | |
| Survey start | - | as possible 30 minutes after sunset | | | | |
| Height of se | ensor | ~1 m, bat detector are fixed at the windo | ow car (The detector was fixed to the | | | |
| | | passenger-side window at a 45° angle so that the distance to road edges was | | | | |
| | | similar all along the circuits, for more de | tail see Kerbiriou et al. 2018) | | | |
| Count-point surv | vey samplin | g protocol | | | | |
| Scope | | square of 2km-side randomly chosen (by the Museum) in a radius of 10km | | | | |
| | | from the observer's home, (i.e. on ave | erage one square randomly chosen | | | |
| | | between 80 possible squares). | | | | |
| Area | | square of 2km-side | | | | |
| Number of | point per | 10 | | | | |
| circuit | | <i>z</i> • • | | | | |
| Recording d | luration | 6 minutes | | | | |
| Period of sa | mpling | from the 15th of June to the 31th of July a | and 15 August to 31 September | | | |
| Weather con | nditions | no rain, low wind speed (<7 m/s), temperature > 12°C | | | | |
| Survey start | | as possible 30 minutes after sunset | | | | |
| Height of se | nsor | ~1 m | | | | |
| Bat recording ch | aracteristics | T | D240 | | | |
| Bat detector | tion of | Iranquility Transect | D240x | | | |
| Intercalibrat | tion of | intercalibration of detectors was | trigger level on "low" position and | | | |
| detectors | | at the minfin. | ngger source on hight frequency | | | |
| Supplie | *** | Courtman Design Ltd LIV | Position Pottorscop Elektropik | | | |
| Supplie. High pa | 15 see filtor | 5 kHz | | | | |
| Froquor | iss inter | 5 KHZ 10 160kHz | 10 KHZ 10 120 比Hz | | | |
| Sampla | rato | 10-100KHZ 409.6kHz | 10-120 KHZ | | | |
| Microph | hone | 409.0K11Z | Advanced Electrot | | | |
| Recording d | lovico | Zoom H2 digital recorder (Samson tec | hpologios USA) | | | |
| Frequer | NCV ICC | 96 000 sample/sec | intologies, corre | | | |
| File storage | format | WAV | | | | |
| Bat identification | n | 1111 | | | | |
| Software | | Syrinx 2.6 software configurations (acces | s: | | | |
| Soltware | | http://www.vigienature.fr/fr/page/docum | nentations-logiciel) | | | |
| Procedure | | Training: 2-day training course+ online s | elf-training courses | | | |
| Troccure | | Bat first identification: by volunteers | en training courses | | | |
| | | Bat identification validation: by MNHN | | | | |
| Taxon ide | ntification | Species level except for Myotis sp. Exte | ensive data expertise evaluated that | | | |
| level | | Pinistrellus kublii may include less than | 8% Pinistrellus nathusius as these | | | |
| | | two species overlap in their acoustic sign | atures | | | |
| Meteorological d | lata / | Air temperature (°C) and cloud cover (% it | a four classes: 0-25% 25-50% 50-75% | | | |
| | | 75-100%) were recorded by volunteers du | ring the survey. | | | |
| | I | Wind speed recorded by volunteers using Resultant scale but this empirical | | | | |
| | | categorical measure was not used in analyses. We used this field measure to | | | | |
| | (| confirm the appropriateness of the use of the wind speed measure provide | | | | |
| | 1 | by the closest meteorological station (within a 10 km radius) using the public | | | | |
| | L : | archives Infoclimat [http://www.infoclimat.fr/] | | | | |
| | - | - Wind speed (km/h) and humidity (%) from the closest meteorological station | | | | |
| | (| (within a 10 km radius) using the public archives at Infoclimat | | | | |
| | ſ | Thttp://www.infoclimat.fr/l | r and at Internation | | | |
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Table 3. Model set with df, log-likelihood, AICc, \triangle AICc, and Akaike weights. Abbreviations: methods to survey bat activity (Surv.), operator (Op.), species (Sp.), humidity (Hum.), temperature (Temp.), index of clutter (Ind.Clutt.).

| Model | | log- | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|------------|----------|----------|--------|
| widdei | df | likelihood | AICc | delta | weight |
| Surv. + Op. + Sp + Hum + Temp. | 50 | -338618.1 | 677336.4 | 0.00 | 1 |
| Surv. + Op. + Sp + Ind.Clutt + | | | 677410.0 | | |
| Temp. | 50 | -338654.9 | 677410.0 | 73.65 | 0 |
| Null | 1 | -376925.1 | 753852.2 | 76515.84 | 0 |



Figure 1. Relationship between detection distance (Barataud's study [3]) and frequency of peak energy (Obrist et al.'s study [4]) and call duration (Obrist et al.'s study [4]).