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The Western Bat Species Regional Priority Matrix is a product of the Western Bat Working Group Workshop held in Reno, Nevada, February 9-13, 1998. The matrix is intended to provide states, provinces, federal land management agencies, interested organizations and individuals a better understanding of the overall status of a given bat species throughout its western North American range. Subsequently, the importance of a single region or multiple regions to the viability and conservation of each species becomes more apparent. The matrix should also provide a means to prioritize and focus population monitoring, research, conservation actions, and the efficient use of limited funding and resources currently devoted to bats.

 Red or 'high' designation represents those species considered the highest priority for funding, planning, and conservation actions. Information about status and threats to most species could result in effective conservation actions being implemented should a commitment to management exist. These species are imperiled or are at high risk of imperilment.

 Yellow or 'medium' designation indicates a level of concern that should warrant closer evaluation, more research, and conservation actions of both the species and possible threats. A lack of meaningful information is a major obstacle in adequately assessing these species' status and should be considered a threat.

 Green or 'low' designation indicates that most of the existing data support stable populations of the species, and that the potential for major changes in status in the near future is considered unlikely. While there may be localized concerns, the overall status of the species is believed to be secure. Conservation actions would still apply for these bats, but limited resources are best used on red and yellow species.

Blue or 'periphery' designation indicates a species on the edge of its range.



This designation reflects neither high, medium, nor low concern.

+ Multiple Habitat Species

+ Tree Roosting Species

+ Cliff Roosting Species

+ Cave Roosting Species

+ Map of Ecoregions

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