

Dear BCireland Member and Volunteer,

Please see below contract opportunities within Bat Conservation Ireland:

- A. BATLAS 2020 Project Co-ordinator – Republic of Ireland**
- B. BATLAS 2020 Panel of Regional Trainers & Surveyors – Republic of Ireland**

BATLAS 2020 is a project to remap bat distributions across the island of Ireland with final reporting due in 2020. This project was preceded by BATLAS 2010, the results from which are available online at:

http://www.batconservationireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/BATLAS2010_FinalReport.pdf

For the BATLAS 2020 programme to roll out over the next four years Bat Conservation Ireland intends to remap previously surveyed 10km survey squares across the island but at a finer 5km resolution and according to the methodology decided upon following completion of the BATLAS 2020 pilot project in 2015. In addition, Bat Conservation Ireland intends to fill in previously un-surveyed gaps. The 2015 pilot report is available online at:

<http://www.batconservationireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2015-BATLAS-2020-Pilot-Project-final-report.pdf>

In keeping with most schemes managed by Bat Conservation Ireland, BATLAS 2020 will include a considerable 'Citizen Science' component so volunteer training, support and management will be important elements of the scheme from 2016-2019.

A. BATLAS 2020 Project Co-ordinator – Republic of Ireland

For the BATLAS 2020 Project Bat Conservation Ireland is seeking a Co-ordinator for the Republic of Ireland and in 2016-2018 the contract will be for a fixed term and fixed price and will be suitable for a registered self-employed ecologist/zoologist with bat experience. The role begins in mid-June and runs until the end of December 2016 and rolling on from mid-May to December for both 2017 and 2018 with surveying completed during the bat active season (approximately to end September). The first six months will be on a probationary basis with a review thereafter.

The contract in 2016 will involve 2 days per week during the bat active season (1 day per week administration and 1 day per week surveying/training) and 1 day administration per week for the remaining weeks to allow for data collation, analysis and report writing (Total = 16 survey days, 27 administrative days). The value of this contract in 2016 is €10,180.00 (exclusive of VAT) which includes a mileage allowance of €1,000 (40cent/mile). The contract value in 2017 and 2018 will depend on available funds but will be at least same value or greater. The BATLAS 2020 Pilot Project Co-ordinator will be expected to:

- Provide training (minimum 2 training courses/year), support, guidance and surveying facilities to volunteers signed up to the BATLAS 2020 programme.
- Undertake surveying in county of residence and adjacent counties in order to fill in survey gaps not currently surveyed by volunteers in those counties with a view of surveying approximately 32-40 x 10km squares/year.
- Liaise with Regional Trainers and Surveyors in relation to training protocols and surveying requirements in assigned counties.
- Liaise with BC Ireland staff in the methodology and throughout the duration of the contract.
- Accept guidance and advice from BC Ireland staff where appropriate.
- Promote the development of the project through Facebook and/or other online portals and potentially through local media.
- Liaise with the BC Ireland statistician in providing data and interpreting results.
- Encourage volunteers to enter data onto the proposed BATLAS online database and where results are received in paper format, to enter such details onto the database.
- Complete a 2016 report by mid-December 2016, 2017 and 2018 co-authored with BC Ireland staff members.

Required Experience

- The candidate will have a primary degree in zoology or related discipline and preferably a Masters degree or higher in a relevant environmental field.
- Will have attended at least one bat training workshop run by BC Ireland or similar organisation.
- Will have participated in BC Ireland's monitoring programmes and/or BATLAS 2010.
- More than two years of bat experience is required.
- Demonstrable competency in bat survey work is required.
- Demonstrable competency in sound analysis and identification of Irish bats using sonograms.
- A track record in working with others
- A track record of volunteer or staff management or co-ordination.
- Experience of delivering training or education.
- Working knowledge of ArcGIS or QGIS, MS Excel and statistical competency.



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- Must have own transport.

In addition the candidate:

Will preferably hold a bat handling licence although this is not essential.

Please do not apply for this post if you are unavailable to start within 1 week of receiving the offer (Mid-June 2016).

To apply please email a letter along with your CV outlining relevant experience to info@batconservationireland.org by 6pm on 20th May 2016. If you have any queries please ring Tina on 086 4049468. The candidate will be chosen based on an interview process with shortlisted candidates. Interviews will be carried out during the week beginning May 30th 2016.

B. BATLAS 2020 Panel of Regional Trainers & Surveyors – Republic of Ireland

For the BATLAS 2020 project Bat Conservation Ireland would like to establish a panel of Regional Trainers & Surveyors. The BATLAS 2020 Regional Trainers & Surveyors will be called upon to undertake training and surveying during the 2016-2018 surveying period in their county of residence and adjacent counties. Successful candidates will held on the panel for the duration of the BATLAS 2020 Programme and may/will be called upon as surveying and training is required in designated counties. The value of this contract per county is €1,230 (exclusive of VAT) which includes a mileage allowance of €150 (40cent/mile). The contract will involve providing 1 training night and 5 survey nights (surveying 20 x 10 km squares) per county and the contractor will be expected to:

- Attend a one day course (with evening survey work) delivered by Bat Conservation Ireland at the end of June 2016. The contractor will be paid a fixed fee of €180 to attend the course. This fee is not included in the contract value above.
- Provide formal and informal training, support and guidance to volunteers signed up to the BATLAS 2020 programme in their assigned counties.
- Undertake surveying as directed by the BATLAS 2020 co-ordinator in county of residence and adjacent counties in order to fill in survey gaps not currently surveyed by volunteers in those counties.
- Liaise with BATLAS 2020 Co-ordinator in relation to training protocols and surveying.
- Liaise with BATLAS 2020 Co-ordinator in relation to volunteers from assigned counties.

Required Experience

- The candidate will have a primary degree in zoology or in a relevant environmental field.
- Will have attended at least one bat training workshop run by BC Ireland or similar organisation.
- Will have participated in BC Ireland's monitoring programmes and/or BATLAS 2010
- More than two years of bat experience is required.
- Demonstrable competency in bat survey work is required.
- Experience of delivering training or education.
- A track record in working with others and some element of volunteer or staff management.
- Working knowledge of ArcGIS or QGIS, MS Excel.
- Must have own transport.

Candidates for this panel are asked to specify their preferred counties for training and surveying.

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