SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CONVAMORE, BALLYHOOLY (NEAR FERMOY)

SITE CODE: 002097

This site is a male roost of the Daubenton's Bat (*Myotis daubentonii*). Approximately 50 bats hang from the roof of the wine cellars in the ground floor of the ruined Convamore House, near Ballyhooley, Co. Cork. This is a site of national importance because it is the only known male roost of this species in the country. The only threat facing the bats at this site is disturbance from people exploring the ruins and the destruction of parts of the cellars walls by people removing bricks.

This bat species is dependent on aquatic insects so the proximity of the extensive River Blackwater is of utmost importance to the colony. It is essential that pollution of this river system and its associated tributaries is prevented.

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