

Global Bat Exploitation Database and Online Reporting Portal



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Problem

- Exploitation (i.e. hunting, trade, and persecution) is a threat to at least 10% of bat species^{1,2}
- Yet it is chronically underreported, and trends are difficult to determine³



Project Goals

Create a global database of bat exploitation events to:

- Aid in IUCN Red List assessments
- Assess global spatial patterns
- Monitor trends over time

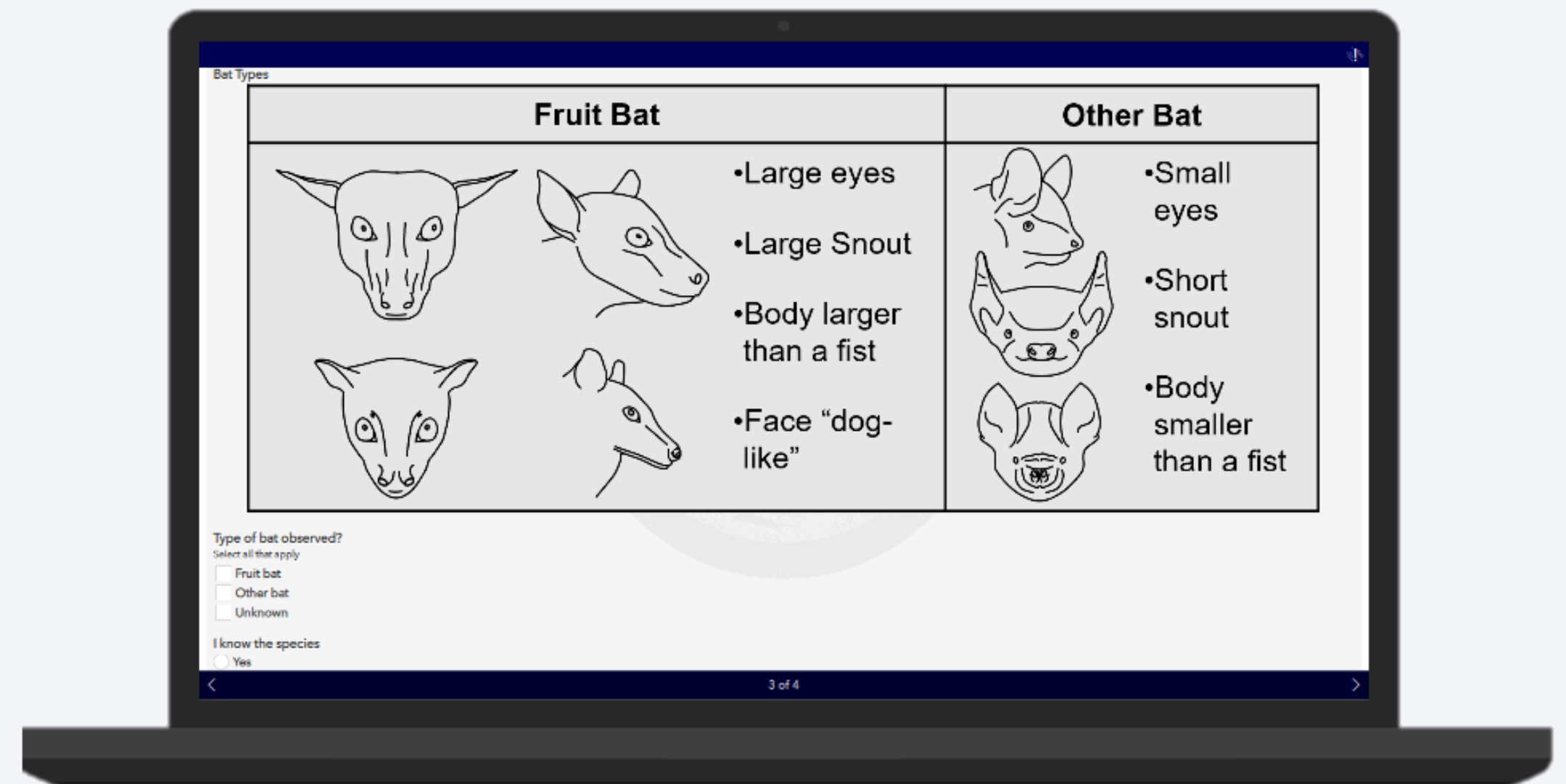


Progress So Far

- 1,125 uncleaned datapoints gathered from social media
- Large gaps remain, especially in the Pacific
- Need global help to fill in gaps

Bat Exploitation Observation Portal

- New system to record and monitor bat exploitation
- Gather observations from across the global bat community



Bat Exploitation Observation Portal

Type of Exploitation Observed?*
The following questions will depend on the type of exploitation selected

Consumed for Food or Medicine

Traded for Souvenirs or Trinkets

Persecuted: harmed for a primary purpose other than consumption or trade

Where were bats for sale?

Market

Online

Restaurant

Roadside Stall

Shop

Other

Which parts of the bat are used?
Select all that apply

Whole bat

Blood

Bones

Fat

Organs

Teeth

Wings

Please Help

- Share your observations
- Use the QR code below
- tinyurl.com/BatExploitationPortal



¹IUCN 2021. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2021-1. <https://www.iucnredlist.org>.

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