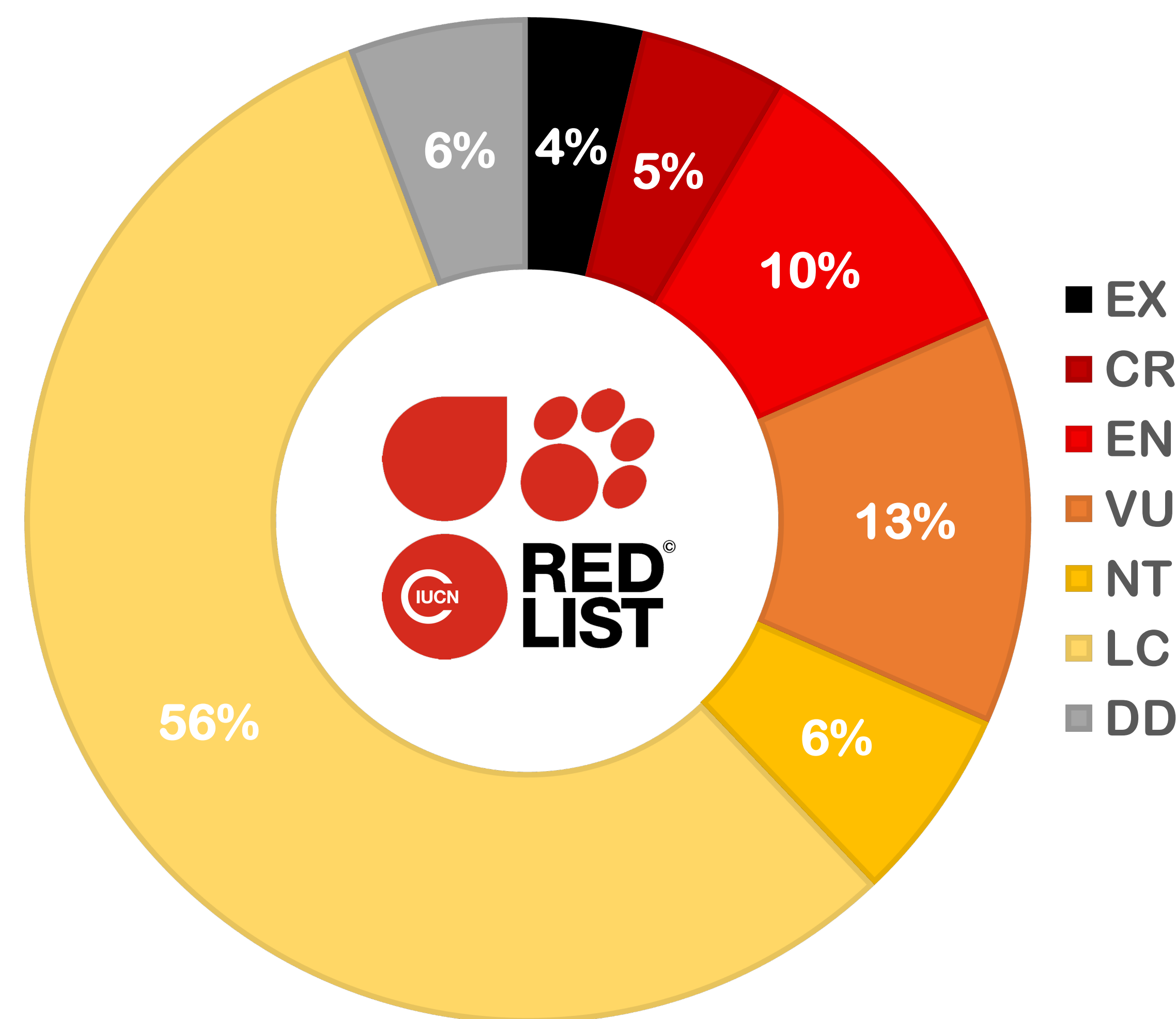


The Pacific Bat Conservation Network (PacBat)

Born in 2020, the "PacBat" aims to foster collaborative relationships between scientific conservationists and local leaders for species protection, while respecting cultural practices and represent, as a single voice, at least 1300 Pacific languages and dialects.

- 🦇 identify regional conservation and research priorities
- 🦇 aid and promote the conservation of Pacific bat species
- 🦇 facilitate knowledge sharing
- 🦇 engage and catalyze a diverse network of stakeholders
- 🦇 raise fund
- 🦇 defend the interest of Pacific Bats

Pacific Island bats conservation status



1st Pacific Islands Bat Forum – Virtual meeting

The first ever Pacific Islands Bat Forum was held in August 2021 and brought together virtually 380 people from 40 countries and territories, connected individually or from one of the local hubs.



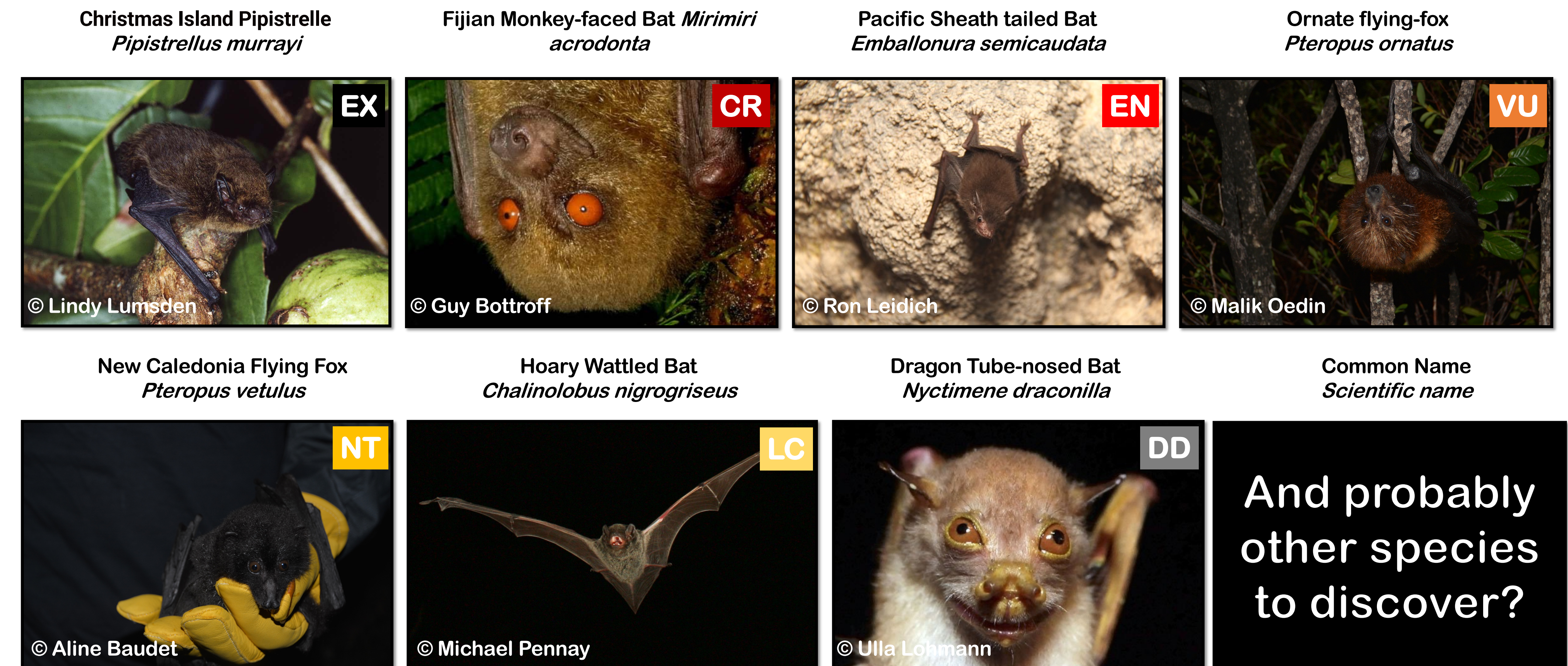
Some referents by localities

Australia: Justin Wellbergen, Nicola Hanrahan, John Martin, Annabel Dorrestein & Michael Pennay
Papua New Guinea: Junior Novera, Jeffrey Noro & Dave Waldien
Fiji: Nunia Thomas-Moko, Marita Manley & Dave Waldien
New Caledonia: Malik Oedin & Fabrice Brescia
Solomon Islands: John Fasi & Tyrone Lavery
Hawai: Christopher Todd
Vanuatu: Christina Shaw
Samoa: Juney Ward

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Some Pacific Island bats



And probably other species to discover?

Pacific Island bats are:

- 🦇 **DIVERSIFIED:** 190 different species of bats live in the Pacific Islands, Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia;
- 🦇 **HIGHLY THREATENED:** Collectively the most imperiled in the world, five of the nine bat species that have become extinct in the last 160 years came from this region;
- 🦇 **ECOLOGICALLY UNIQUE:** The ecosystem services of bats are even more specialized on (small) islands where bats may be the largest or only pollinator or seed disperser;
- 🦇 **CULTURALLY IRREPLACEABLE:** Bats are also important, if not central, to the cultures of many Pacific peoples, both in their daily practices and in their spirituality.

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