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ASSESSMENT OF THE STUDY OF THE FAUNA OF BATS (CHIROPTERA) IN DAGESTAN

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Abstract. The paper assesses the studied fauna of bats in Dagestan. To date, a total of 26 species from 256 localities have been established in Dagestan. It is shown that the greatest efforts in studying bat fauna of the last two decades have been directed to the specially protected natural territories. Here at different sites, 12 to 45 sites have been surveyed. Until now several intra-mountainous areas in the west remain unexplored, there are many "white spots" in the central, northern and southern Dagestan. It is concluded that the species diversity of bats in different areas depends not only on the degree of their study, but also on their biotopic features. In the past few years, five new species have been discovered and four more have been confirmed. For some species, distribution peculiarities have been revealed and their taxonomic status has been clarified.

Keywords: bats, Chiroptera, Republic of Dagestan, study, diversity, distribution

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