

Saving the Biggest Funnel-Eared Bat, one of the most endangered species in the World.

The species *Natalus primus* (Cuban Greater Funnel-Eared Bat) had a **wide distribution** in Cuba until it suffered an **aggressive decline**.

The species was **classified as extinct** until a population was **rediscovered** in 1992.

So far, the only known refuge for **last living population** of the specie is **Cave La Barca**, in the Guanahacabibes peninsula.



Its **flight is slow and maneuverable**, clinging to the walls, possibly very useful for catching the **invertebrates** that feed on the **dense vegetation**.

Classified by the **IUCN** as Critically Endangered until 2016, which change to **VULNERABLE**.

MAIN THREATS FOR *N. PRIMUS*



Lack of
Ecological
Information



Small
population
size



No
Conservation
Plan



Habitat
Lost



Human
Disturbance

N. primus
Extinction

✓ Evaluation of the
current status of
N. primus.

✓ IUCN Red List
re-assessment
in progress

✓ Author of
two papers about *N.*
primus ecology

✓ Bat conservation
and ecology
included on
social media

✓ Capacity building
actions to
specialists and
Park rangers

✓ First Cuban
Didactic Book to
support bat
conservation

✓ First Field
Guide to
Identify Cuban
bat species