

# NABat Partner Portal Demo Worksheet



## 1. Familiarize yourself with the NABatmonitoring.org website.

- a. Go to: <https://www.nabatmonitoring.org/>
- b. Visit the various drop-down options in the main navigation bar to tour the site and available content.
- c. Visit the various pages under the [Resources | NABat](#) tab to become a registered NABat user and familiarize yourself with guidance related to project planning, data management, and data upload.
- d. For additional tasks/topics go to [Quick Links to Resources | NABat](#)
- e. Helpful introductory videos.
  - i. [Introduction to NABat | U.S. Geological Survey](#)
  - ii. [Community of Practice Call: Understanding the NABat Master Sample | U.S. Geological Survey](#)
  - iii. [Community of Practice Call: What's in a \[Site\] Name? | U.S. Geological Survey](#)
  - iv. [The NABat R Package](#)
- f. Direct links to valuable NABat guidance and status/trend products:
  - i. [A Plan for the North American Bat Monitoring Program – Loeb et al. 2015](#)
  - ii. [Mobile Acoustic Transect Surveys SOP 1 – Locating and Establishing Mobile Transect Routes](#)
  - iii. [Mobile Acoustic Transect Surveys SOP 2 – Field Season and Survey Preparation](#)
  - iv. [Mobile Acoustic Transect Surveys SOP 3 – Conducting Mobile Transect Surveys](#)
  - v. [North American Grid-Based Sampling Frame - ScienceBase-Catalog](#)
  - vi. See Appendix A for a Timeline of NABat Analytical Developments and a list of associated references.

## 2. Explore the NABat Partner Portal – the user interface for the NABat database. *Prior to starting the exercise, download sample data [here](#).*

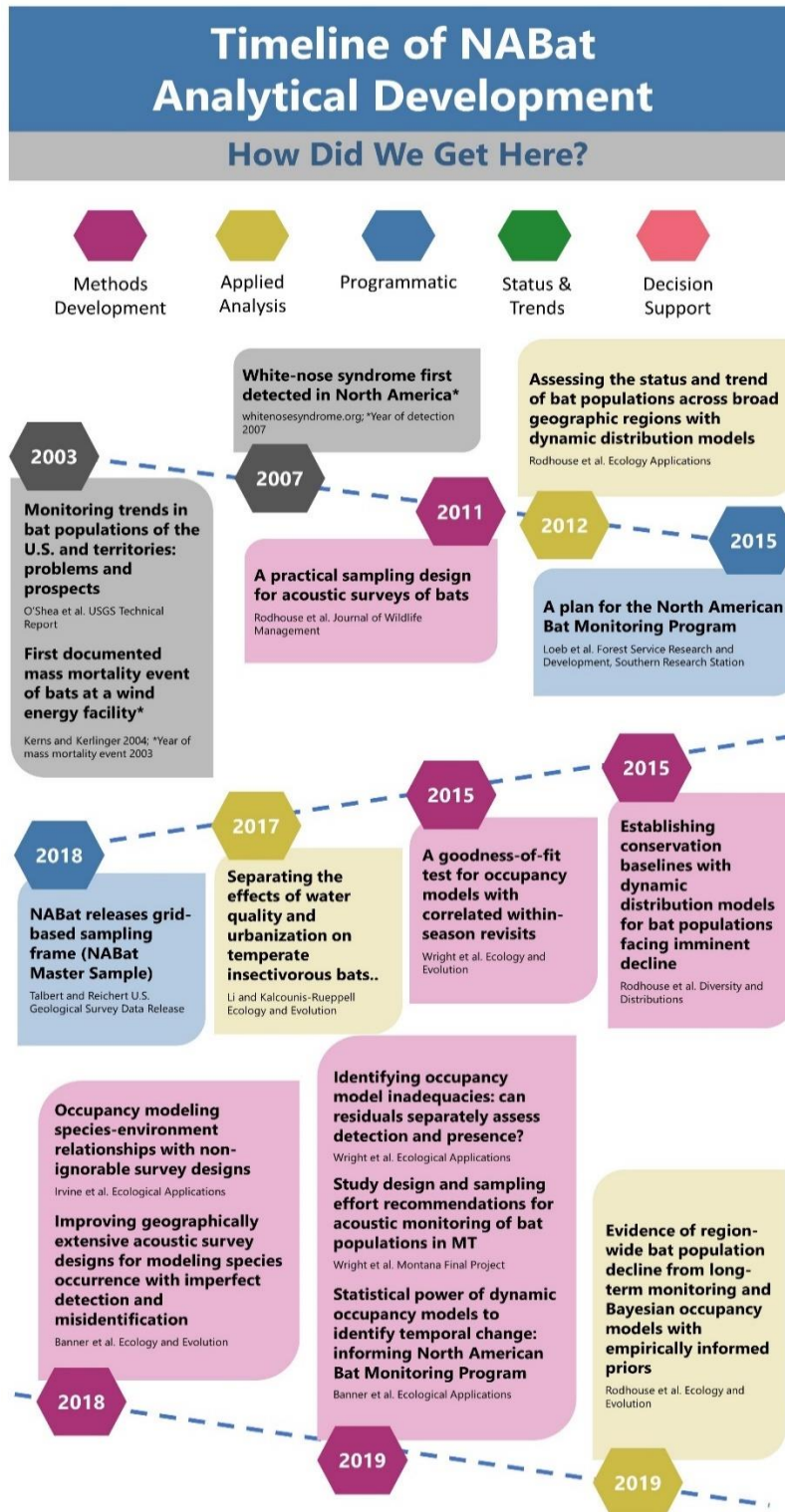
You are encouraged to take detailed notes along the way documenting where you ran into roadblocks and what you would improve. This is intended to give you and our tech support and development teams insight into the user experience and functionality we are aiming to provide so you can ultimately help us make it better.

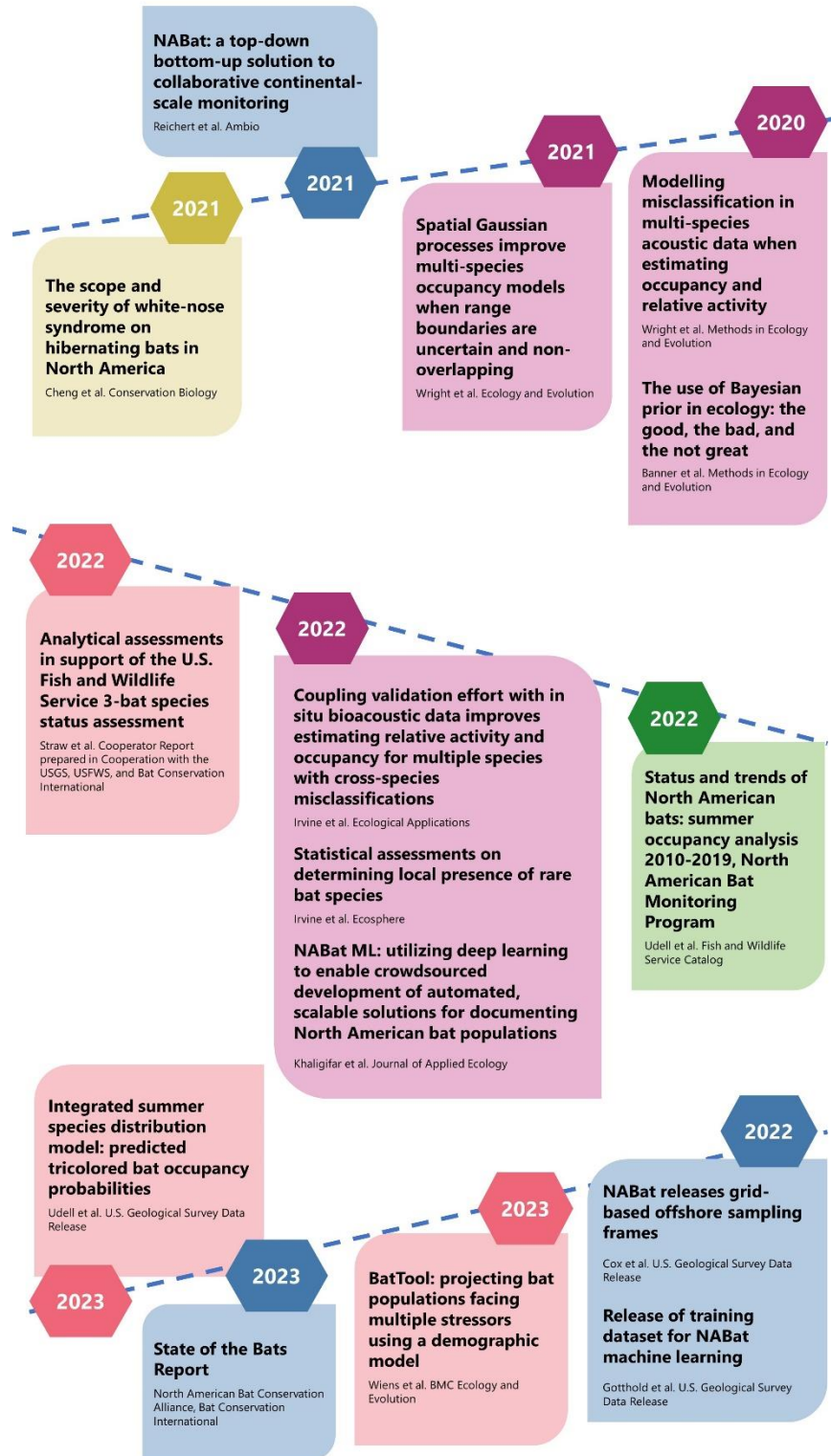
Go to <https://sciencebase.usgs.gov/nabat/#/explore> to access the NABat Partner Portal. You can also click the linked “Partner Portal” box in the upper right corner of [nabatmonitoring.org](https://www.nabatmonitoring.org) to access and begin tackling the following tasks...

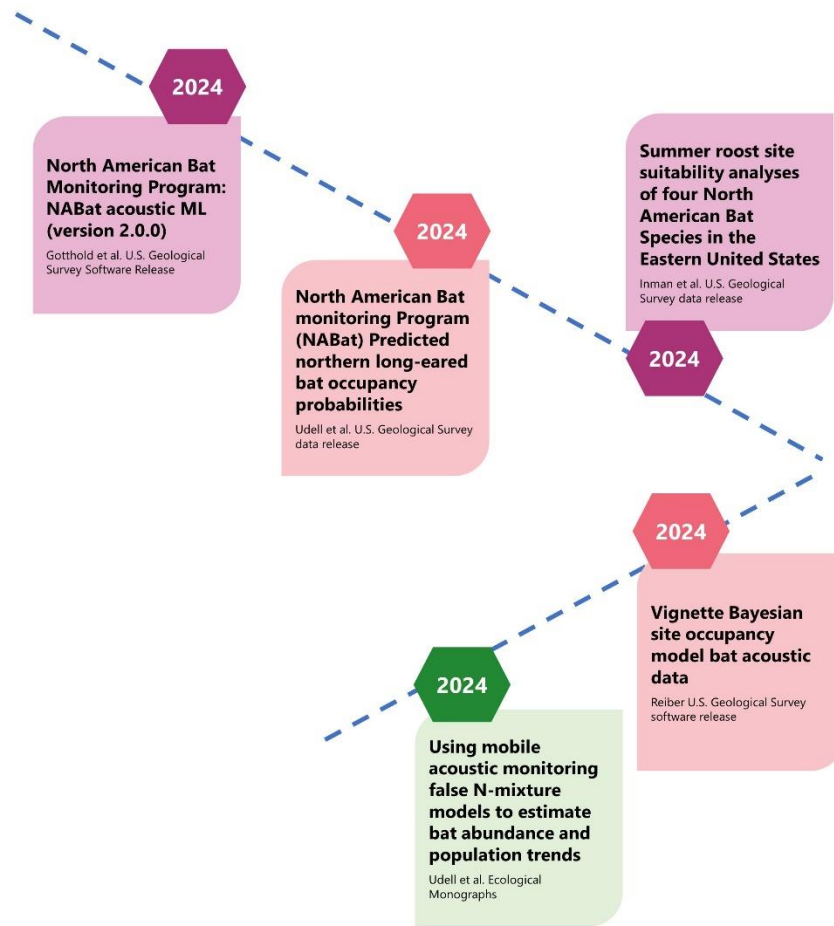
- a. Navigate through the available pages to find the total number of stationary acoustic records for all organizations to date.

- b. Find the partner organization that has contributed the greatest number of capture records over time.
- c. Follow [this guidance](#) to create a DRAFT project – check the draft project box at the top of the Data Wizard
  - i. Create a Project Title
    - ii. *Insert personalized name + NABat Training*
  - iii. Add three members to your project – use two people who you are going to include in your project or add Haley Price and/or Frankie Tousley.
  - iv. Review and select permissions for the Data Use and Sharing Agreement. How are these defined for your organization? Partners?
- d. Proceed to cell selection to select cells for survey.
  - i. Watch [this training video](#) on how to select cells for survey.
- e. Follow [this guidance](#) to create a species list.
  - i. Use the following naming format: *NABat Training List\_Last Name*
- b. Follow [this guidance](#) to create a stationary point and mobile transect.
  - i. Create and save a point location for a stationary survey.
  - ii. Create and save a mobile transect route.
  - iii. Download the mobile transect that you created.
  - iv. Upload the mobile transect route from the sample data provided.
- f. Download the FULL bulk upload template for stationary point surveys [here](#).
  - i. Which metadata fields are required?
- g. Upload a complete metadata (.csv) from the sample data provided to your draft project for one example data type (e.g., stationary, mobile, capture).
- h. Download the error report – what errors were listed in the report?
  - i. *Fix the errors and reupload/reprocess the metadata.csv*
  - ii. *General themes of QA/QC errors*
  - iii. *Pre-upload errors vs. post-upload errors*
- i. Zip and upload acoustic (.wav) files from the sample data provided.
- j. Upload site photos from the sample data provided.
- k. “Book a tech support appt.” (linked button found on main page of [nabatmonitoring.org](#)) to learn how to create a mock third-party data request and discuss follow-up questions for above list of tasks.

# Appendix A- Timeline of North American Bat Monitoring Program Analytical Development







*Appendix A Figure 1. Timeline of the analytical products to date that influenced the establishment of the North American Bat Monitoring Program (NABat), were produced by NABat, or inform NABat's efforts to understand where bats are in North America, in what numbers, and how populations are fairing through time. Also included are pivotal events that signify the discovery of two primary stressors for bats.*

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