

Rhinolophus euryale Blasius, 1853 **Mediterranean horseshoe bat**

Measurements – Head-body length 43-58 mm; Tail length (18) 22-26 (30) mm; Forearm length (43) 45-51 (54,9) mm; Wingspan 290-320 mm; Weight (6) 8-17,5 g.

Ecology – Inhabits Mediterranean, limestone areas where breeds and hibernates in caves and mines. Hunts in woodland and scrubland. Sedentary, longest recorded moves between summer and winter roosts up to a hundred kilometres. It preys mainly upon Lepidoptera but other insects also feature in the diet. Nursery colonies gather in late spring and females give birth to a single young between June and July.

Range – It occurs in southern Europe, south-western Asia and north-western Africa.
In Italy probably absent from the north..