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(Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Conservation of Bats)

### FOR THE PROTECTION OF BATS

**RELCOM recommends suspending all field work that involves bat handling**, as SARS-CoV-2 has been shown to be transmitted from humans to animals, in this case tigers at a Zoo in New York. Studies are underway to determine whether humans can transmit SARS-CoV-2 to bats and, until results are obtained, it is essential to take care of our wildlife and not put their populations at risk.