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Bats of Saba, Netherlands Antilles: a zoogeographic perspective

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Data presented herein provide records of four species of bats new to the fauna of the Caribbean island of Saba. These records were obtained from specimens collected during surveys of the island's bat fauna. The first record of a species previously recorded from the island - *Artibeus carolinensis*, *Artibeus jamaicensis*, and *Macrotus californicus* - is also included. The first record of *Artibeus carolinensis* from the West Indian Islands provides a wing tip value of $\delta^{13}C = +13.77$ and $R^2 = 0.96$. Therefore, the West Indian population of *Artibeus carolinensis* is distinct from the mainland North American population. The first record of *Artibeus jamaicensis* from the West Indian Islands provides a wing tip value of $\delta^{13}C = +13.77$ and $R^2 = 0.96$. Therefore, the West Indian population of *Artibeus jamaicensis* is distinct from the mainland North American population. The first record of *Macrotus californicus* from the West Indian Islands provides a wing tip value of $\delta^{13}C = +13.77$ and $R^2 = 0.96$. Therefore, the West Indian population of *Macrotus californicus* is distinct from the mainland North American population. The first record of *Brachyphylla cavernarum* from the West Indian Islands provides a wing tip value of $\delta^{13}C = +13.77$ and $R^2 = 0.96$. Therefore, the West Indian population of *Brachyphylla cavernarum* is distinct from the mainland North American population. The first record of *Brachyphylla nana* from the West Indian Islands provides a wing tip value of $\delta^{13}C = +13.77$ and $R^2 = 0.96$. Therefore, the West Indian population of *Brachyphylla nana* is distinct from the mainland North American population.

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INTRODUCTION

The island of Saba, part of the Netherlands Antilles, is the westernmost of the Lesser Antillean islands lying about 150 km west of the northern coast of the U.S. Virgin Islands. These islands are approximately 100 km long and 10 km wide, with a depth of 2,500 m in marking the separation between the islands and the deep ocean. The Antilles from the islands of the Lesser Antilles to the island of Saba (Fig. 1) is actually the emergent cone of an extinct volcano, the Aves volcano, which is 900 m high and reaching an elevation of 987 m

above sea level. Our work on the fauna in 2002 and 2003, the chiropteran fauna had not been surveyed before. Previously, only three species of bats have been reported from Saba, including *Brachyphylla cavernarum*, *Artibeus jamaicensis*, and *Natalus stramineus*. Based on specimens collected by Dr. J. H. Verkuyl in June 1949 and by Dr. J. H. Verkuyl and Dr. J. R. van der Veen in 1950, Verkuyl (1952) described two additional species from Saba - *A. jamaicensis* and *N. stramineus*. The first specimen collected in January 1957 and

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