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Bats were trapped using mist nets erected close to the roosting site of an all-male colony of multiple species in an abandoned building close to Ic Ponor (Munții Apuseni, 46.629842N, 22.806450E, Fig 1.), at an altitude of 1044 m on 17.06.2020 and

01.07.2020. Upon capture, bats were examined, species being identified based on morphological characters (Dietz et al. 2009) and all external parasites were collected using tweezers and stored in 70% ethanol (single tube/host). In laboratory bat flies were identified under stereo microscope, using morphological keys (Theodor 1967).



Figure 1. Location of the newly reported bat fly species *B. italica*