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**Report Name:** China Notifies HPAI Outbreak in Shanxi Wild Swans

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**Post:** Beijing

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**Report Highlights:**

On December 4, 2020, China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) notified the U.S. Embassy in Beijing that on November 26, 2020, China had detected highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N8 subtype in two wild swans in a nature park in Shanxi Province. Shanxi province is one of the lowest poultry production provinces in China. China also notified this HPAI outbreak to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). China is continuing to monitor the situation.

## **General Information:**

On December 4, 2020, MARA notified the U.S. Embassy that on November 26, 2020, two swans had been found to have HPAI H5N8 subtype in the Sanwan Swan Scenic Area in Pinglu county of Yuncheng city of Shanxi Province. The two infected swans have died. In this area there are 4,000 swans, however none have been culled. The outbreak is ongoing and China is continuing to monitor the situation. China [notified the OIE](#) of this outbreak.

## **BEGIN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF NOTIFICATION**

December 1, 2020

Fax information by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)

To: All diplomatic missions in China, China offices of international organizations, Food and Health Bureau of Hong Kong SAR, Civil Affairs Commission of Macau SAR

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Signed by Wei Zhenglin

Subject: Notification of Avian Influenza in mainland China

An outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N8 subtype occurred on wild swans in Pinglu county of Yuncheng city of Shanxi Province. The details are as follows.

1. Outbreak location: Sanwan Swan Scenic Area in Pinglu county of Yuncheng city of Shanxi Province.
2. Date of confirmation (of HPAI): November 26, 2020
3. Sick animals: number of inhabited animals: 4,000, of which 2 sick animals, 2 death
4. Diagnosis:  
Name of diagnostic laboratory: National AI Reference Laboratory  
Diagnostic measure: Fluorescence PCR, viral isolation  
Pathogen: H5N8 subtype
5. Control measures: After the outbreak, the local authorities have immediately activated the emergency response mechanism and have taken emergency response actions. The surrounding environment has been disinfected and all sick and dead swans have been conducted harmless treatment accordingly.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.