## Report Summary

**Disease**: Highly pathogenic avian influenza  
**Animal type**: Terrestrial  
**Causal Agent**: Highly pathogenic avian influenza virus  
**Serotype(s)**: H5N1  
**Clinical Signs**: Yes  
**Reason**: Recurrence of a listed disease  
**Date of first confirmation of the event**: 20/12/2011  
**Date of report**: 20/01/2012  
**Date submitted to OIE**: 20/01/2012  
**Number of Reported Outbreaks**: Submitted= 5, Draft= 0  
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**Entered by**: Dr Thomas Sit

### Outbreak (other report - submitted)

**Province**: Hong Kong  
**District**: Tin Shui Wai  
**Location**: 5 Tin Wu Road  
**Latitude**: 22.45353  
**Longitude**: 114.002912  
**Date of first occurrence**: 17/12/2011  
**Number of cases**: 1  
**Number of deaths**: 1  
**Number of destroyed**: 0  
**Number of slaughtered**: 0

#### Affected Population

An Oriental Magpie Robin (Copsychus saularis) was collected on 17 December 2011 at Tin Shui Wai. The Oriental Magpie Robin is a common local resident in Hong Kong.

### Outbreak (other report - submitted)

**Province**: Hong Kong  
**District**: Cheung Sha Wan  
**Location**: 4 Hing Wah Street  
**Latitude**: 22.343783  
**Longitude**: 114.154917  
**Date of first occurrence**: 20/12/2011  
**Number of cases**: 1  
**Number of deaths**: 1  
**Number of destroyed**: 19451  
**Number of slaughtered**: 0

#### Affected Population

A chicken carcass tested positive for highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza virus during regular surveillance on 20 December 2011.

### Outbreak (other report - submitted)

**Province**: Hong Kong  
**District**: Tuen Mun  
**Location**: 133 Lung Mun Road  
**Latitude**: 22.367506  
**Longitude**: 113.929303  
**Date of first occurrence**: 30/12/2011  
**Number of cases**: 1  
**Number of deaths**: 0  
**Number of destroyed**: 0  
**Number of slaughtered**: 0
A black-headed gull (Chroicocephalus ridibundus) was collected on 30 December 2011 at Tuen Mun. The black-headed gull is a common winter visitor in Hong Kong.

**Outbreak (other report - submitted)**

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<td>Lantau</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Sha Lo Wan Soccer Pitch</td>
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**Species** | **Measuring units** | **Susceptible** | **Cases** | **Deaths** | **Destroyed** | **Slaughtered**
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Wild species | Animals | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0

**Affected Population**

A black-headed gull (Chroicocephalus ridibundus) was collected on 01 January 2012 at Lantau. The black-headed gull is a common winter visitor in Hong Kong.

**Outbreak (this report - submitted)**

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<td>Yuen Long</td>
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<td>22.468873</td>
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**Species** | **Measuring units** | **Susceptible** | **Cases** | **Deaths** | **Destroyed** | **Slaughtered**
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Wild species | Animals | ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0

**Affected Population**

A little egret (Egretta garzetta) was collected on 12 January 2012 at Yuen Long. The little egret is a common resident in Hong Kong.

**Outbreak summary: Total outbreaks = 5 (Submitted)**

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**Epidemiology**

**Epidemiological comments**

An intensive surveillance system is in place for all poultry farms, poultry markets and pet bird shops in Hong Kong. The H5N1 infected wild birds were detected in ongoing surveillance programme on wild birds. The dates of the outbreaks concerning wild birds ended are the same as the dates the birds were collected (i.e. 17 December 2011, 30 December 2011, 1 January 2012 and 12 January 2012 respectively).

A total of 19,451 poultry, including 15,569 chickens, 810 pigeons, 1,950 pheasants and 1,122 silky fowls were culled in the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market on 21 December 2011. The Wholesale Poultry Market was closed. Importation of live poultry and movement of poultry in local farms is banned for 21 days. Surveillance and monitoring of local chicken farms has been stepped up. No H5 virus was detected in samples taken from the 30 chicken farms in Hong Kong. The Wholesale Poultry Market was reopened on 12 January 2012.

**Source of the outbreak(s) or origin of infection**  - Unknown or inconclusive

**Control Measures**

- Stamping out  
- Quarantine  
- Movement control inside the country  
- Screening  
- Zoning  
- Disinfection of infected premises/establishment(s)  

To be applied  - No Planned Control Measures  
Vaccination Prohibited  - No
### Animals treated

No

### Country / Zone

Country or zone: the whole country

### Diagnostic test results

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<td>Department of Microbiology, University of Hong Kong</td>
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<td>National laboratory</td>
<td>Tai Lung Veterinary Laboratory, Agriculture, Fisheries &amp; Conservation Department</td>
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### Future Reporting

What further reports will be submitted in relation to this event?

There are 1 outbreaks that are still recorded as unresolved. It is not possible to declare this event resolved until these individual outbreaks are resolved.

The event is continuing. Weekly follow-up reports will be submitted.