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- A(H5N1) Human influenza – None
- A(H5N1) Avian influenza – Japan
- “INSIDE” Events: none
- “OUTSIDE” Events: none

Location: World

Event: A(H5N1) – Human

Comments

No human cases reported this week.

Location: Japan

Event: A(H5N1) – Epizootic

Comments

- On October 29, 2010, Japanese authorities reported to the FAO a positive environmental sample of A (H5N1) HPAI in the prefecture of Hokkaido (northern Japan, cf. map 1).
- These are samples of faeces from wild birds collected on October 14, 2010.
- The identification of the virus does not mean the existence of local virus circulation: the island of Hokkaido is located along the routes followed by migratory birds.
- Other locations within the same prefecture were inspected.
- To date, no outbreak or animal human cases have been reported.

- Japan is among the first affected Asian countries in 2003.
- In Japan, the last outbreak was reported in June 2008 in the province of Aomori ([cf. eWEB n°12](#)).

Map 1. Hokkaido prefecture, Japan.

