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[Epoch Times, June 1, 2020] (by Epoch Times Reporter He Jian) As the Chinese Communist Party continues to shirk responsibility after being called out by the U.S. and Europe, international blame of the CCP has only strengthened; the location of origin for the CCP Virus (novel coronavirus, COVID-19) has become a topic of increasing global attention that is increasing by the day. However, the CCP has persisted in its staunch refusal to make public all information from its investigation into the origin of the virus, while also refusing to allow any independent investigations, all of which has further raised the suspicions of the international community. The Epoch Times recently obtained an exclusive CCP report from the testing of the Huanan Seafood Market in Wuhan, a report which confirms that the CCP's statements on the source of the virus have omitted a great deal of information.

The investigation into the origin of the virus is a key link in controlling the transmission of the virus from animals to humans. That is why the efforts of the CCP in determining the virus' origin, as well as the conclusions it has drawn, have led to many doubts.

On December 31, 2019, the Wuhan Health Commission made its first public announcement that stated the earliest reported case of the virus was connected to the Huanan Seafood Market in Wuhan. At that time, the CCP, Wuhan Health Commission, and National Health Commission each performed investigations and samplings of the market.

To this day, the CCP has only announced that the environmental sampling it conducted at the Huanan Seafood Market yielded positive results, and has never revealed any further information to assist the investigation into the source of the virus.

However, the Epoch Times can now reveal that it has recently obtained exclusive internal CCP documents, which reveal more connections between Wuhan's Huanan Seafood Market and the novel coronavirus. The following is a previously unreleased figure showing the distribution of positive environmental samples taken from the Huanan Seafood Market, and is now being exposed by the Epoch Times.

[Translator Note – map/figure translation included in separate document]

Epoch Times exclusive, Chinese CDC's *Distribution of Positive Environmental Test Samples from the Huanan Seafood Market*, as submitted to the CCP Health Commission. (Epoch Times)

Epoch Times Exclusive Huanan Seafood Market Testing Report

The Epoch Times has obtained the *Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Virus Control and Prevention Office Environmental Sampling Results, Regarding the Wuhan Coronavirus Epidemic*, which was submitted to the CCP Health Commission on January 22, and reveals the truth about the CCP's investigation into the origin of the virus.

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Office of the National Health Commission Medical Administration and Authority:

Following the inflammatory lung disease epidemic caused by the transmission of the novel coronavirus in Wuhan, the Office of Virus Control and Prevention gathered 585 environmental samples from the Huanan Seafood Market, and has already completed rRT-PCR nucleic acid testing as well as deep sequencing (including second- and third-generation sequencing). Test results show that 33 of the samples are positive for the novel coronavirus, while the remaining samples are all negative for the novel coronavirus.

At the Qiyimen Live Animal Market in Wuhan, a total of 24 samples were gathered from bamboo rats. The samples underwent rRT-PCR nucleic acid testing at the Chaobei Center for Disease Control, and all samples yielded negative results.

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The Epoch Times has obtained a Chinese CDC report containing Huanan Seafood Market test results, which was submitted to the CCP Health Commission on January 22. (Epoch Times)

A short time before, as the *Wall Street Journal* reported on May 14, an official from the Wuhan Health Commission had sent the Wuhan Jiangwei Disinfection Company to disinfect the Huanan Seafood Market, while officials were still collecting environmental samples from the site, as well as samples from both live and dead animals. The Huanan Market was shut down on January 1, 2020.

On January 26, the CCP Center for Disease Control and Prevention issued a progress report on its investigation into the origin of the virus, stating that “of the initial 585 environmental samples collected from the Huanan Seafood Market in Wuhan, 33 samples were found to contain novel coronavirus nucleic acid following testing,” and that “this suggests that the virus originated through the sale of live animals at the Huanan Seafood Market.”

The report obtained by the Epoch Times states that, of the “585 environmental samples [gathered] from the Huanan Seafood Market,” “test results show that 33 of the samples are positive for the novel coronavirus, while the remaining samples are all negative for the novel coronavirus.”

This conclusion aligns with the official statement from the CCP. However, the report reveals that the CCP omitted key information from its official statement – the test results of animal samples from the market’s upstream suppliers.

A total of 139 environmental and animal samples were collected from the facilities of a number of Huanan Seafood Market's upstream suppliers located in the surrounding districts of Xiangfan, Suizhou, Xianning, and Jiangxia, including samples from bamboo rats, porcupines, turkeys, rabbits, and other animals. The samples underwent rRT-PCR nucleic acid testing at the Chaobei Center for Disease Control, and all samples yielded negative results.

An epidemiological investigation which integrated the results of environmental sample testing showed that all 33 of the positive samples were from the Huanan Seafood Market. Among the positive samples, 93.9% (31/33) were from the market's West District. Through the investigation, it was discovered that wild animal trade exists in the Huanan Seafood Market's West District, especially in Lanes 7 and 8 toward the interior of the market, where multiple wild animal vendors are located. The positive samples were concentrated in this area as well, accounting for 42.4% (14/33). In summary, it is highly suspected that the current epidemic is related to the trade of wild animals.

This letter serves as notification.

Attachments: 1. Table of Positive Environmental Samples from the Huanan Seafood Market
2. Distribution Map of Positive Environmental Samples from the Huanan Seafood Market

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CCP report regarding testing of Wuhan's Huanan Seafood Market. The report reveals that upstream animal samples yielded negative results. (Epoch Times)

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of Xiangfan, Suizhou, Xianning, and Jiangxia, including samples from bamboo rats, porcupines, turkeys, rabbits, and other animals. The samples underwent rRT-PCR nucleic acid testing at the Chaobei Center for Disease Control, and all samples yielded negative results.”

These results show that the facilities of the Huanan Seafood Market’s upstream suppliers were not infected by the virus.

Given the fact that environmental samples from the Huanan Seafood Market tested positive for the virus while upstream suppliers remained uncontaminated, it can only be deduced that the virus spread at the Huanan Seafood Market, and there is no basis for the conclusion that it originated in the purchase of wild animals at the market. This is because all positive results came from environmental samples, and none from animal samples.

The biggest seed of doubt regarding the CCP investigation into the origin of the virus: where are the test results of the animal samples taken from the Huanan Seafood Market?

The Huanan Seafood Market test report reveals still more information, such as the “negative nucleic acid testing results” from the 24 bamboo rat samples gathered at Wuhan’s “Qiyimen Live Animal Market.” The document does not explain why the only animal sample test results from the site of origin of the epidemic it reports are bamboo rat samples. Animal testing is needed to identify the virus’ intermediate hosts, a key for the investigation into the origin of the virus.

The CCP has pointed to a statement made by expert Zhong Nanshan on January 20, when he said that the greatest possibility for the origin of the virus lies with bamboo rats or similar animals. But this is clearly not the real reason why the CCP has only released results of testing on bamboo rat samples.

Whether it is the information provided in this test report obtained by the Epoch Times, or by an official statement from the CCP Health Commission, there is no mention of the likeliest intermediate host for the virus – an animal found at the Huanan Seafood Market. This omission is beyond reason, and goes against common sense.

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In reality, the information announced by the CCP Center for Disease Control on January 26 completely left out the animal samples collected from the Huanan Seafood Market on December 31, 2019. The Center for Disease Control only announced that 585 environmental samples had been collected from the Huanan Seafood Market, on January 1 and January 12 of 2020.

In its test report, the only animal samples mentioned by the CCP were those collected from bamboo rats at the Qiyimen Live Animal Market. The Health Commission also collected animal samples from the Huanan Seafood Market's upstream suppliers in the surrounding area, including samples from bamboo rats, porcupines, and other animals. However, all of these animal samples yielded negative results when tested.

Both the bamboo rat samples from Wuhan as well as the animal samples from upstream suppliers yielded negative results, while environmental samples from the Huanan Seafood Market yielded positive results; this is insufficient evidence to point to the wild animal trade at the Huanan Seafood Market as the virus source.

The lack of test results for animal samples taken from the Huanan Seafood Market is the greatest source of doubt and the largest gap in the CCP's investigation into the source of the virus.

Lu Junqing, a member of the Wuhan Disinfection Company team that was sent to the Huanan Seafood Market for disinfection services on December 31, told the *Wall Street Journal* that there were "cages with live animals locked inside, including snakes, dogs, rabbits, and badgers" at the market that day.

Lu said that in the several days following December 31 of last year, he witnessed workers from the CCP Center for Disease Control extract samples from both live and dead animals. These workers asked Lu and his team for assistance in obtaining approximately 70-80 hair and fecal samples from dead animal carcasses, mainly from dogs and rabbits.

At one time, experts from the CCP Health Commission had privately released partial test results of the animal samples collected at the Huanan Seafood Market to the international community. The *Wall Street Journal* reported that information it had obtained from the minutes of a January 31 meeting of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) showed that samples had been extracted from several types of animals at the Huanan Seafood Market, and that although the tests of these samples yielded no positive results, "there is no way to obtain information regarding the quantity of samples nor the type of animals sampled."

As of today, the CCP has yet to release the results of the animal samples collected from the Huanan Seafood Market, and has never publicly admitted that it even gathered these samples in the first place.

In reality, the release of the animal samples collected from the Huanan Seafood Market, whether positive or negative, would be of assistance to the investigation into the origin of the virus, as they would be beneficial in increasing the understanding of the virus and the truth about its transmission. The existence of these animal samples would provide a basis for gene sequencing in the investigation.

However, in the CCP testing documents obtained by the Epoch Times, as well as in the official information released by the CCP, it's as if the animals at the Huanan Seafood Market are taboo, gone without a trace.

The “Conclusions” of the CCP’s Investigation into the Origin of the Virus Change An Expert Destroys His Own Credibility

Even stranger yet, all those who initially determined the Huanan Market to be the origin of the virus, and have now changed their opinions or deny their statements, are CCP Health Commission officials, and one expert in particular.

On January 22, the Head of the CCP Center for Disease Control, Gao Fu, announced in a press conference that the source of the novel coronavirus in Wuhan was the “sale of wild animals at seafood markets.” On January 26, Gao Fu once again stressed that the virus originated from the sale of wild animals at the Huanan Seafood Market.

Four months later, on May 25, Gao Fu had changed his tune, stating that “Wuhan’s Huanan Seafood Market has been victimized.” What’s worth mentioning here is that Gao Fu’s reason for changing his opinion, and stating that the Huanan Seafood Market may not be the origin of the virus after all, is that the virus was found in sewage water and other environmental samples, but never in animal samples.

However, Gao Fu has since reversed his reasoning once again, and now stands with the CCP Health Commission (and his own initial opinion from January) in stating that the trade of wild animals at the Huanan Seafood Market was the origin of the virus.

This also means that the CCP, along with its experts, have used the same test results to reach completely contradictory theories at different points during their investigation into the origin of the virus.

In a May 14 report, the *Wall Street Journal* exposed even more fishy circumstances surrounding the CCP's investigation into the origin of the virus.

The *Wall Street Journal* report revealed that “several vendors at the Huanan Market have expressed that the relevant departments had yet to conduct testing in order to determine how many of the vendors had contracted the virus.”

If the CCP had at one time suspected that the virus could be traced back to live animal trade at the Huanan Market, why were they so slow to test vendors that may have had some of the earliest contact with the virus?

As of today, the CCP still refuses entry of foreign experts into China to conduct their own investigations into the source of the virus, and denies that the virus originated in China.

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