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**MORE ZOONOTIC DISEASES NOW DUE TO HABITAT LOSS**

Covid-19, a new zoonotic disease, is believed to have originated from bats.

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Covid-19 is a new and alarming disease that has spread across the globe, affecting humans and animals alike. The reasons behind this spread and its potential impact on human health are of great concern. In this article, we explore the origins of Covid-19 and the role of bats in the transmission of the virus.

Zoonotic diseases are infections that can be transmitted between animals and humans. These diseases can arise in various ways, such as through contact with infected animals, consumption of contaminated food, or environmental exposure. Bats, in particular, are known to harbor a wide range of viruses, including coronaviruses, which can be transmitted to humans and other animals.

In the case of Covid-19, bats are believed to be the primary reservoir of the virus. According to experts, bats are known to carry the virus and can transmit it to other animals, including humans. The virus, known as SARS-CoV-2, is believed to have originated in bats and was subsequently transmitted to other species, such as pangolins and other bats, before spreading to humans.

The spread of Covid-19 has prompted a closer examination of the role of bats in zoonotic disease transmission. Bats are known to be responsible for the transmission of other diseases, such as rabies, hantavirus, and Ebola. These diseases can have devastating effects on both wildlife and humans.

The importance of understanding the role of bats in disease transmission cannot be overstated. By studying the ways in which bats interact with other species and the environments in which they live, researchers hope to develop strategies to prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases and protect both wildlife and human populations.

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