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## *DENR receives roadmaps, IPRRs for 'climate-vulnerable' areas*

**By CORY  
MARTINEZ**

**THE efforts of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to address climate change will be further boosted after it receives the resilience roadmaps and the corresponding investment portfolios for risk resilience (IPRR) designed for 16 vulnerable areas in the Philippines.**

The roadmaps and IPRR for 12 climate-vulnerable provinces and four major urban cities were recently turned over to the DENR and the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Center under the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

The roadmaps and IPRR were developed under the Risk Resiliency Program (RRP) of the Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, and Disaster Risk Reduction.

Each roadmap with IPRR contains recommended actions to manage the risks and vulnerabilities in climate-vulnerable areas through specific resilience measures.

Analiza Rebueta-Teh, DENR Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change, said that the planning documents will definitely help inform both local and national investment programming, resulting in more efficient and climate-responsive programs that make

better use of their limited resources.

The roadmaps were developed for the provinces of Siquijor, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, North Cotabato, Maguindanao, Sulu, Lanao del Sur, Apayao, Kalinga, Ifugao, Mountain Province, Catanduanes, as well as the urban centers of Metro Manila, Metro Cebu, Metro Iloilo, and Metro Davao.

The NEDA-PPP Center implements this initiative and the DENR under the project "Strengthening Public-Private Partnerships in the Philippines" with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of the United Kingdom through its Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund.



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## PH bags gold award for accessible biodiversity website

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protected areas, among other regional assessments that can be utilized as a foundation for the prioritization and conservation of species and protected areas.

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## Pico de Loro to reopen for climbers on Jan. 12

By **DENNIS  
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**MARAGONDON, Cavite** – After being closed in October 2016 and undergoing a six-year rehabilitation of the mountain, Pico de Loro, famous for quick mountain trekkers and nature lovers, will be reopening starting January 12, 2023, according to the staff of the Protected Area Management Board of Mts. Palay-Palay/Mataas Na Gulod Protected Landscape (MPPMNGPL).

Mountaineers who want to climb must register on online booking and reservations at <https://mppmngpl.com> and pay necessary fees, including a mandatory tour guide.

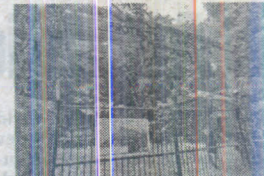
Walk-ins are now prohibited, limiting the number of tourists to avoid overcrowding and protect the mountain. A P500 fee is required for a tour guide to assist a batch or team of five (one is the minimum) people on the right trail and monitor their movements in the area.

Park authorities enforce a "leave no traces" policy, and

overnight camping is not allowed. Mountaineers are only allowed up to the Pico de Loro summit and can no longer climb the monolith area.

From the base camp, mountain hikers must be responsible for all the trash, and no things must be left unattended to maintain the cleanliness of the said mountain. Picking plants or herbs on the road or mountain trail is also strictly forbidden.

In preparation for the much-awaited reopening of MPPMNGPL, the "Green Brigades" or tour guides underwent a two-day "Capacity Building on Wilderness First Aid" and orientation on their duties and responsi-



**Pico de Loro in Mt. Palay-Palay will open again for mountaineers and nature lovers on January 12, 2023.**

*Photo by Dennis Abrina*

bilities spearheaded by WISAR, Inc. and PROJECT, Inc. to ensure the public that the tour guides are all prepared and well-equipped to respond in any untoward incidents in the area.

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### PICO DE LORO

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Last December 21 and 22, 2022, around one hundred twenty hikers visited

the park for the soft opening of Pico de Loro or "Parrot's Peak."

Mount. Palay Palay-

Mataas na Gulod Pico de Loro Protected Landscape is a 3,973.13 hectares protected area covering Maragondon and Ternate in Cavite. It was established

as a national park and bird sanctuary in October 1976 and was the last remaining lowland rainforest in the province of Cavite.





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## Surigao del Sur niyanig ng magnitude 4.8

NIYANIG ng magnitude 4.8 na lindol ang Surigao del Sur kahapon ng umaga.

Ayon sa Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs), naitala ang pagyanig ganap na alas-6:09 ng umaga at natunton ang episentro nito sa layong 73 kilometro hilagang-silangan ng Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur.

Samantala, naramdaman ang intensity III sa Nabunturan, Davao de Oro habang Instrumental Intensity I naman sa Bislig City, Surigao del Sur at Alamada, Cotabato.

Wala anilang naitalang pinsala dahil sa nasabing pagyanig at wala ring inaasahang aftershocks dito.



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### **50 bahay winasak ng buhawi, 2 sugatan**

Winasak ng buhawi ang nasa 50 kabahayan sa magkakahiwalay na lugar sa bayan ng Oton, Iloilo at Iloilo City kung saan dalawa katao ang sinasabing sugatan, kahapon ng umaga.

Batay sa imbestigasyon na naganap ang insidente dakong alas-5 ng umaga nang mabagsakan ng puno ang bahay ng maglola na sina Vilma Villarete 63, at 9-anyos na apo sa Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Arevalo, Iloilo.

Sa report ng Arevalo

Police Station, natutulong ang maglola nang dumaan ang buhawi sa kanilang lugar at tinamaan ang bahay na gawa sa light materials.

Lumilitaw sa datos ng Iloilo City Social Welfare Office, 39 na bahay ang nasira sa bagsik ng buhawi kung saan 21 sa Brgy. Sto Domingo at 18 naman sa Brgy. Sta. Cruz.

Ayon pa sa ulat, dalawang residente ang nagtamo ng sugat nang mabagsakan ng puno ng mangga ang kanilang bahay.

Natumba rin ang mga poste sa dalawang barangay.

Samantala, sa bayan ng Oton, 15 bahay sa Barangay Alegre ang nasira at ilang puno ang pinabagsak ng buhawi.

Inilikas naman agad ng mga awtoridad ang mga residente patungo sa ligtas na lugar.

Inaalam umano ng mga awtoridad ang kabuuang bilang ng mga appektadong bahay at halaga ng nasirang ari-arian. (Doris Franche-Borja)



**Nagtumbahan ang mga puno at nasa 50 kabahayan ang winasak habang dalawa katao ang sugatan nang tumama ang malakas na buhawi sa dalawang lugar sa Arevalo, Iloilo City kahapon ng umaga.**