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People go for a swim along the breakwaters of Manila Bay on 3 October. The quality of the water in Manila Bay has improved, said the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources \(DENR\)](#) which has been rehabilitating the area. | Video by Joey Sanchez Mendoza



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Life's a beach With environment officials saying the quality of water at Manila Bay has improved, mostly young Filipinos take a dip along the breakwater parallel to Roxas Boulevard. The rocks pose a danger, though.

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TINGNAN: Mahigit 100 indibidwal na nahuling lumalangoy sa Diokno Blvd., sa Pasay, tineketan ng pulisya dahil sa paglabag sa health protocols. | via Jhomer Apresto/Super Radyo DZBB 594khz

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Kahit Alert Level 4... Manila Bay, dinagsa ng mga nagsu-swimming

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Dinagsa ng mga init-init na mga indibidwal habang sarap na sarap ang mga ito na nagtatalunan sa tubig ng Manila Bay ngayong Linggo.

Hindi alintana ng mga ito, bata man o matanda na mag-swimming habang ang iba naman ay nagpapahinga sa breakwater ng Manila Bay sa kahabaan ng Macapagal Boulevard malapit sa Senate sa Pasay City sa kabila na nasa ilalim pa rin ng Alert Level 4 ang National Capital Region (NCR).

Una nang pinayagan ng Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19 ang mga indibidwal na isagawa ang outdoor exercises para sa lahat ng edad, may comorbidities at anuman ang vaccination status, subalit kailangan pa rin ang pagsunod sa minimum public health standards at pagsusuot ng face masks, gayundin ang pagkakaroon ng physical distancing.

Samantala, mahigit sa 100 katao ang natiketang pulisya matapos na mahuling nagsu-swimming sa Manila Bay, sa may Diokno Boulevard sa Pasay City. Sa ulat, naisyuhan ng tiket ang mga ito dahil sa paglabag sa COVID-19 health protocols.



NASA ISANDAANG KATAO NAHULING LUMALANGOY SA MANILA BAY, KAHIT BAWAL

written by **DWIZ 882** October 4, 2021



Tinatayang isandaang katao ang tineketan ng Pasay City Police dahil sa paglabag sa safety protocol makaraang dumagsa at lumangoy sa Manila Bay.

Kabilang sa mga nagtampisaw ang mga bata sa bahagi ng Diokno Boulevard, dakong tanghali, kahapon.

Ayon sa Pasay City Police, halos hindi nasunod ang social distancing nang datnan nila ang mga tao sa naturang lugar na hindi agad napansin dahil natatakpan ng isang quarantine facility.

Pinagiba rin ang ilang barung-barong na napag-alamang tinitirhan ng ilang mangingisda mula Cavite. — **Sa panulat ni Drew Nacino**



People plunge into Manila Bay breakwater in Pasay

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by [Andrea Aro](#)

Several families enjoyed the cool water of Manila Bay at the breakwater along Macapagal Boulevard in Pasay City on Sunday, Oct. 3.



Hundreds of people plunge into the cool water of Manila Bay at the breakwater in Macapagal Boulevard in Pasay City amidst the pandemic. (Photo by Ali Vicoy / MANILA BULLETIN)

Hundreds of people plunged into the waters of Manila Bay amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on Sunday at around 8 a.m.

The National Capital Region is still under the General Community Quarantine Alert Level 4 until Oct. 15.

Swimmers can be seen in photos that they failed to comply with the COVID-19 health and safety standards.

Cooling off at Manila Bay amid COVID-19 alert level 4

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People plunge into the cool water of Manila Bay at the breakwater along Macapagal Boulevard near the Philippine Senate in Pasay City on Sunday. Under alert level 4, the Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19 allows individual outdoor exercises for all ages, regardless of comorbidities or vaccination status, provided that minimum public health standards and precautions such as wearing of face masks, and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed.

Source: https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/multimedia/photo/10/03/21/cooling-off-at-manila-bay-amid-covid-19-alert-level-4?fbclid=IwAR3IqWG5QKhRhZjVyPUO19E2DxoARFegc_CUw4tL7tvsd8M4Yz85CdhUE-w



Cooling off

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by [Danny Pata](#)



Hundreds of people plunge into the cool water of Manila Bay at the breakwater along Macapagal Boulevard in Pasay City near the Senate building amid the coronavirus pandemic.



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People take a dip in the murky waters of the Manila Bay to escape the afternoon heat on Oct. 3, 2021. PHOTO BY MIKE ALQUINTO

BOPK dads want JVA proposal to reclaim pond A, develop Inayawan landfill to undergo further studies

By: Dyrecka Letigio - Multimedia Reporter - CDN Digital|October 02,2021 - 10:47 AM



Scavengers sort out trash at the Inayawan landfill for a living. | CDN file photo

CEBU CITY, Philippines — Members of the Cebu City Council remain divided on an unsolicited proposal to reclaim pond A at the South Road Properties (SRP) and the planned development of the already closed Inayawan Sanitary Landfill.

Legislators allied with the Bando Osmeña – Pundok Kawagan (BOPK) want the Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) proposed by Expedition Construction Corporation, a Manila-based company, to undergo further study citing legal and environmental concerns.

Administration Councilor Joel Garganera, on the other hand, see the JVA as an opportunity for the City to already comply with the mandate of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to rehabilitate the landfill.

If a decision is not made before their terms ends on July 1, 2022, the JVA proposal will have to be decided upon by members of the next Sangunian who will also assume office then.

JVA Proposal

Expedition submitted its unsolicited proposal in 2014 to then Mayor Michal Rama and was awarded an Original Proponent Status (OPS) by November of the same year.

Negotiations with the Joint Venture Selection Committee (JVSC) continued until April 2016, after which Expedition was granted a declaration for successful negotiations.

A Swiss challenge was supposed to be scheduled next, but this did not happen during the term of former Mayor Tomas Osmeña who took over the city's reign in 2016.

Expedition filed a case at a Quezon City court in December 2018 against the Cebu City government for specific performance.

On January 22, 2021, the court granted Expedition's petition and ordered the JVSC to push through with the conduct of a Swiss challenge.

In August 2021 the JVSC, under incumbent Mayor Edgardo Labella, sent out invitations to Swiss Challenge.



During the Council session on Wednesday, September 30, Councilor Nestor Archival, the council's minority floor leader, questioned the capacity of the City Council to allow Labella to proceed with the JVA when portions of the Inayawan Landfill are privately-owned.

Councilor Franklyn Ong said that former Mayor Osmeña even filed an adverse claim over the Inayawan landfill sometime in 2019, in an attempt to claim all landfill lots as a city-owned property.

Obligations

During the Council session on Wednesday, Lawyer Alberto Agra, a public-private partnership (PPP) expert, said concerns on land ownership can still be pursued even after the JVA is signed.

This can be stipulated as amongst the obligations of the parties involved in the JVA. Ownership concerns can be looked into before the issuance of the notice to proceed, he added.

"At this point, there is no obligation that has to be performed because there is no agreement yet. The fulfillment of those obligations will only come about after the agreement has been signed per the contract must be clear as to the obligations of each party so that both parties will be held accountable for the obligations stipulated in the JVA," Agra said.

Lawyer Julietta Morales, the legal counsel for Expedition, said the details or nitty gritty of the agreement may be ironed out in subsequent negotiations that will follow the signing of the contract, even if this would mean involving a third party, in this case, the private claimants of portions of the landfill.

Morales said there is no way that the city will be at the losing end since Expedition will handle the cost of the project's implementation.

Negotiation

Archival said that there is now an ongoing litigation involving portions of the landfill's lot and this will take time to resolve.

If possible, Archival is asking the project proponent to include all title holders in the ongoing negotiation without having to wait for the court's decision on the pending case.

Morales said Expedition is always open to a third party negotiation.

Garganera, chairperson of the City Council's committee on the environment, said the JVA comes at a time when the DENR is exerting pressuring for the city government to already rehabilitate the Inayawan landfill.

A Writ of Kalikasan was already issued in 2016 while DENR has already been sending warnings that the City could be held liable for its failure to rehabilitate the landfill. The court has also been asking the city to submit a monthly report on its initiatives.

"To me, the environmental impact of the sanitary landfill which has not been rehabilitated for the longest time, and here comes a private party. This is an opportunity for us to rehabilitate the landfill or else the DENR will file criminal charges against the city government. It doesn't matter who owns the land," Garganera said.



Amendments

Agra said that at this point when the JVA is still being reviewed by different committees of the Cebu City Council, the city government can still introduce amendments to include the other lot owners.

But before they should proceed any further, Councilor Alvin Dizon asked that environmental experts be invited to appear before the City Council to discuss the current state of the Inayawan Sanitary Landfill and discuss its environmental impact. / dcb



Group defends Pasig River Expressway project

BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA OCTOBER 4, 2021



An environmental think tank took up the cudgels for San Miguel Corp.'s (SMC) proposed P95-billion Pasig River Expressway (PAREX) project, saying opposition to the project is "premature."

"They seem ready with their guns even if the detailed plan has yet to be presented. Why?" BenCy Ellorin, an environmentalist and convenor of the Pinoy Aksyon for Governance and the Environment said in a statement.

The 19.37-kilometer PAREX of SMC Infrastructure will traverse the cities of Manila, Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasig, and Taguig.

Last month, SMC signed a supplemental toll operations agreement with the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Works and Highways for the construction of PAREX which gives Ramon Ang's SMC a 30-year franchise to build and operate the PAREX along the Pasig River banks within 36 months.

The company will shoulder the P95-billion cost to build PAREX, with no taxpayer or government money used.

The project, however, was met with criticism and skepticism.

In defense of the project, Ellorin said the issues raised against the projects are "conjectures and premature."

He said the group would rather engage the project proponent, San Miguel, to ensure the fulfillment of its plan to integrate mass transport system through the bus rapid transit (BRT), bike lanes and the protection and enhancement of heritage and historical sites along with the project.

"There is also no showing yet in any disclosed documents that certain heritage and historical sites would be destroyed, while the issue of the project covering the Pasig River seems a wild claim," said Ellorin.

The group said SMC's plan to spend P2-billion for Pasig River rehabilitation, the bus rapid transit, and bike lanes, is "a laudable example of integrating environmental restoration in major infrastructure development projects."

It also lauded SMC President Ramon S. Ang for pushing the bus rapid transit, a modern mass transportation system.



The project, Ellorin said, could become a model of green infrastructure, and “one that enhances environmental rehabilitation instead of contributing to the degradation of host ecosystems.” The hybrid expressway project is touted to be the country’s first green hybrid highway.

“It is good that the environment has been placed front and center in this project,” said Ellorin. SMC will separately undertake the clean-up and rehabilitation of the Pasig River alongside the PAREX project. The Filipino company earmarked P2 billion for the extraction some 3 million tons of silt and solid waste from the river to improve the river’s carrying capacity and flow, thereby mitigating flooding and improving the water quality of the river.

A rehabilitated river, according to SMC project planners, would make possible the safe use of the river as a mode of transportation.

The company will build a six-lane elevated expressway that will run along the banks of the river, from Radial Road 10 in Manila to C-6 Road or the South East Metro Manila Expressway in Taguig. Once operational, PAREX will link the eastern and western cities of Metro Manila and will connect to the Skyway system—realizing the vision of an integrated elevated road network that will link the north, south, east, and west corridors of the capital.



Over 7K bamboo seedlings produced in Misamis Oriental through DOST's support

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by [Charissa Luci-Atienza](#)

The bamboo nursery jointly put up by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the local government unit (LGU) of Alubijid has produced more than 7,000 seedlings.



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DOST Secretary Fortunato “Boy” T. de la Peña said the production of 7,179 bamboo seedlings was made possible through the agency’s Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) program under the Environment and Climate Change Adaptation entry point.

“About 7,179 bamboo seedlings were produced through the intervention and support of DOST-VIII PSTC (Provincial Science and Technology Center) Misamis Oriental and the local government unit of Alubijid,” he said during his weekly report on Friday, Oct. 1.

The project, he said, has been given funding amounting to P250,000.

The nursery has so far benefited 19 communities.

Meanwhile, De la Peña reported the DOST-VIII is supporting the bamboo industry development program in Borongan City, Eastern Samar.

“The DOST-VIII through the Eastern Samar Provincial S&T Center is actively supporting the government’s efforts in developing the bamboo industry in the province,” he said.

During the Bamboo Industry Stakeholders Meeting held on Sept. 16, 2021 at Serenada Event Center, Borongan City, the DOST-Eastern Samar reaffirmed “its commitment to assist the bamboo industry by providing financial and technical assistance through introduction of new technologies and equipment for bamboo processing.”

The meeting was attended by several national government agencies, non-government organizations, the business sector, and the academe.

The Eastern Samar Bamboo Industry Development Council is led by Caritas Borongan, Inc., the social action arm of the Diocese of Borongan City. It is co-chaired by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Eastern Samar.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/03/over-7k-bamboo-seedlings-produced-in-misamis-oriental-through-dosts-support/>



PWDs in Antipolo City join street clean-up for environment

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by [Nel Andrade](#)

A group of persons with disability (PWDs) in Antipolo cleaned the streets in the city proper in support of the cleaning and greening project of the local government.



PHOTO VIA NEL ANDRADE/ MANILA BULLETIN

Members of the PWD Antipolo Cooperative, who are either visually, hearing, or orthopedically impaired, went to the streets holding broomsticks, dustpans and sacks to volunteer as street sweepers for several hours on Oct. 2, as their initiative and support to the city government's ongoing beautification of the surrounding areas of the city hall and the Antipolo Cathedral.

PWD leader Vivian Mercader, who had polio, told Manila Bulletin that even with their disability, they were able to show others that they can still perform normal duties as citizens like keeping the surroundings clean.

Mercader, together with her co-leader Eljoy Lagan, and a dozen other PWDs, earn a living by offering massage service near the foot of Antipolo City Cathedral everyday. They used to do massage in the gazebo of Sumulong Park prior to the pandemic but when the city government started the rehabilitation and renovation of Sumulong Park, the massage therapists had to occupy a private vacant space at a nearby street just to continue their means of livelihood.

Aside from the park, the city government has ongoing renovation works and sidewalk improvement projects leading to the city hall and the cathedral.

“Sa paglilinis ng ating mga kalye, tayo ay nakatutulong sa pamahalaan bilang responsableng mamamayan nito (By making our streets clean, we, as responsible citizens, are helping the government),” Lagan said.

The clean-up drive participated in by the PWDs was also part of their group's contribution to the call of the Antipolo City Cooperative Federation for them to take part in activity in observance of the Cooperative Month and the anniversary of the Ynares Eco System to Green Program, a pro-environment initiative of the capitol.



Maritime Week coastal cleanup

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Marapara Rotary Club members and volunteers work together to help clean up maritime litter. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

TO mark both [National Maritime Week](#) and [International Coastal Cleanup Day](#), the [Rotary Club](#) of Bacolod Marapara, Negros Occidental and a team of volunteers were out in force again over the weekend to continue the club's coastal cleanup drive.

Cleanups, organized in collaboration with the [Rotaract Club of Marapara](#), took place at [Bacolod City](#)'s reclamation area and Barangays Banago and 35. Apart from club members and volunteers that included Philippine [Coast Guard](#), [Philippine National Police Maritime Group](#) and Bredco personnel, crew members from the [Bacolod Tugboat Company](#) also helped. At least 100 bags of litter were collected.

"Marine litter presents a huge problem in our oceans, with some scientists warning, that by 2050, the quantity of plastics in the oceans will outweigh fish. We are pleased to make a small contribution to address the problem and to help raise awareness on the threat that maritime litter poses to the environment," said [Rolando Corona](#), president of Marapara Rotary.

Environmental issues are high on the agenda of the [International Maritime Organization](#) (IMO) which spearheads Maritime Week. It has adopted an action plan to address maritime litter from ships and is committed to supporting the achievement of targets to prevent and reduce marine pollution of all kinds.



Lumalalang epekto ng climate change, nararapat tugunan

By [Abby Binay](#)(Pilipino Star Ngayon) - October 4, 2021 - 12:00am

Bilang board member ng Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM), puspusan kong isinusulong ang pagharap sa mga hamon ng climate change sa bansa. Lahat tayo ay apektado nito, maunlad man o mahirap na lungsod.

Patuloy tayong nahihirapan kapag dumarating ang bagyo, baha, at landslides. Sa Pilipinas, mahigit 20 bagyo ang nararanasan natin sa isang taon. Bukod sa epekto nito sa ekonomiya ay napakaraming pamilyang nawawalan ng bahay at hanapbuhay.

Maging ang Makati ay nakakaranas ng pagbaha sa mabababang lugar. Nanganganib din sa landslide at liquefaction ang ilang mga barangay na nadaraan ng West Valley Fault kapag lumindol nang malakas. Kaya naman minabuti naming maghanda sa pagtugon sa ganitong mga senaryo. Pinaigting namin ang pagsasanay ng mga first responder at namili ng mga modernong kagamitan at sasakyan, bukod sa pagbibigay ng go bags sa mga estudyante at mga pamilyang nakatira sa danger zones.

Kaya lang, lahat nang paghahanda ay mababalewala kung hindi bibigyang pansin ang ugat ng ating mga problema: hirap na ang Inang Kalikasan. Hindi na makahinga sa rami ng usok na mula sa ating mga sasakyan at factory; puno na ng basura ang mga ilog at dagat.

Noong Hulyo, inilunsad namin ang Cities Race to Resilience, kasama rito ang napakaraming lungsod sa buong mundo, maliit man o malaki. Bahagi ito ng mas malaking inisyatiba na gaganapin sa Glasgow, Scotland sa November.

Isa itong hamon sa ating lahat na palakasin ang ating kampanya para sa resilience o katatagan sa pamahalaang lungsod, pribadong sektor, at maging ordinaryong mamamayan.



UN calls for action to end food waste culture

By [Pia Lee-Brago](#) (The Philippine Star) - October 4, 2021 - 12:00am



“A staggering one-third of all food produced globally is lost or wasted. The evidence is becoming too hard to ignore. Food systems reform is critical to tackling the planetary crisis of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss and pollution and waste,” UNEP said.
The STAR / Ernie Peñaredondo, File

MANILA, Philippines — People waste one billion tons of food each year or one-third of all food produced globally, according to the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)’s Food Waste Index Report 2021.

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The report said the global food systems have a profound impact on human and planetary health as they are responsible for 70 percent of the water extracted from nature, and account for up to one-third of human-linked greenhouse gas emissions. Agriculture has also been identified as the threat to 24,000 or over 86 percent of the 28,000 species at risk of extinction.

The United Nations is calling for stronger action to end the culture of throwing out food uneaten to help address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature loss and pollution.

In 2019, 931 million tons of food sold to households, retailers, restaurants and other food services ended up wasted.

An estimated 17 percent of food available to consumers in markets, households and restaurants goes directly into the bin and 60 percent of such waste is in the home.

Research by the Food and Agriculture Organization has found that approximately 14 percent of the food produced for consumption globally each year is lost between harvest and the wholesale market.

“Food loss and waste account for up to 10 percent of greenhouse gas emissions. They use up precious land and water resources for, essentially, nothing,” said Inger Andersen, executive director of UNEP.

“Putting a serious dent in food loss and waste will slow climate change, protect nature and increase food security – at a time when we desperately need these things to happen,” Andersen said.



“We all have a role to reduce food waste in our own lives and workplaces. Yes, the burden of food waste and loss is heavy. But if we all get our shoulders beneath this burden, we can shift it,” she added.

With up to 811 million people affected by hunger in 2020 and with three billion people unable to afford a healthy diet, UNEP said collaborative global action to cut food loss and waste is essential.



US: Ivory-billed woodpecker, 22 other species declared extinct

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OCTOBER 3, 2021



An ivory-billed woodpecker specimen is on a display at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco on September 24.

BILLINGS, Montana—Death's come knocking a last time for the splendid ivory-billed woodpecker and 22 more birds, fish and other species: The US government on Wednesday declared them extinct.

It's a rare move for wildlife officials to give up hope on a plant or animal, but government scientists say they've exhausted to find these 23.

They warn that climate change, on top of other pressures, could make such disappearances more common as a warming planet adds to the dangers facing imperiled plants and wildlife.

The ivory-billed woodpecker was perhaps the best known species the US Fish and Wildlife Service declared extinct.

The woodpecker went out stubbornly and with fanfare, making unconfirmed appearances in recent decades that ignited a frenzy of ultimately fruitless searches in the swamps of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

Others—such as the flat pigtoe, a freshwater mussel in the southeastern US—were identified in the wild only a few times and never seen again, meaning by the time they got a name they were fading from existence.

“When I see one of those really rare ones, it's always in the back of my mind that I might be the last one to see this animal again,” said Anthony “Andy” Ford, a US Fish and Wildlife Service biologist in Tennessee who specializes in freshwater mussels.

The factors behind the disappearances vary—too much development, water pollution, logging, competition from invasive species, birds killed for feathers and animals captured by private collectors.

In each case, humans were the ultimate cause.

Another thing they share: All 23 were thought to have at least a slim chance of survival when added to the endangered species list beginning in the 1960s. Only 11 species previously have been removed due to extinction in the almost half-century since the Endangered Species Act was signed into law.



The announcement kicks off a three-month comment period before the species status changes become final.

Around the globe, some 902 species have been documented as extinct. The actual number is thought to be much higher because some are never formally identified, and many scientists warn the Earth is in an “extinction crisis” with flora and fauna now disappearing at 1,000 times the historical rate.

It’s possible one or more of the 23 species named on Wednesday could reappear, several scientists said.

A leading figure in the hunt for the ivory-billed woodpecker said it was premature to call off the effort, after millions of dollars spent on searches and habitat preservation efforts.

“Little is gained and much is lost” with an extinction declaration, said Cornell University bird biologist John Fitzpatrick, lead author of a 2005 study that claimed the woodpecker had been rediscovered in eastern Arkansas.

“A bird this iconic, and this representative of the major old-growth forests of the southeast, keeping it on the list of endangered species keeps attention on it, keeps states thinking about managing habitat on the off chance it still exists,” he said.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature, a Switzerland-based group that tracks extinctions globally, is not putting the ivory-billed woodpecker into its extinction column because it’s possible the birds still exist in Cuba, said the group’s Craig Hilton-Taylor.

Hilton-Taylor said there can be unintended but damaging consequences if extinction is declared prematurely.

“Suddenly the [conservation] money is no longer there, and then suddenly you do drive it to extinction because you stop investing in it,” he said.

But wildlife officials said in an analysis released on Wednesday that that there have been no definitive sightings of the woodpecker since 1944 and “there is no objective evidence” of its continued existence.

They said the 23 extinction declarations were driven by a desire to clear a backlog of recommended status changes for species that had not been acted upon for years.

They said it would free up resources for on-the-ground conservation efforts for species that still have a chance for recovery.

What’s lost when those efforts fail are creatures often uniquely adapted to their environments. Freshwater mussel species like the ones the government says have gone extinct reproduce by attracting fish with a lure-like appendage, then sending out a cloud of larvae that attach to gills of fish until they’ve grown enough to drop off and live on their own.

The odds are slim against any freshwater mussel surviving into adulthood—a one in a million chance, according to Ford of the wildlife service—but those that do can live a century or longer. Hawaii has the most species on the list—eight woodland birds and one plant. That’s in part because the islands have so many plants and animals that many have extremely small ranges and can blink out quickly.

The most recent to go extinct was the teeny po’ouli, a type of bird known as a honeycreeper discovered in 1973.



By the late 1990s just three remained—a male and two females. After failures to mate them in the wild, the male was captured for potential breeding and died in 2004. The two females were never seen again.

The fate of Hawaii's birds helped push Duke University extinction expert Stuart Pimm into his field. Despite the grim nature of the government's proposal to move more species into the extinct column, Pimm said the toll would probably have been much higher without the Endangered Species Act.

"It's a shame we didn't get to those species in time, but when we do, we are usually able to save species," he said.

Since 1975, 54 species have left the endangered list after recovering—including the bald eagle, brown pelican and most humpback whales.

Climate change is making species recovery harder, bringing drought, floods, wildfires and temperature swings that compound the threats species already faced.

How they are saved also is changing. No longer is the focus on individual species, let alone individual birds. Officials say the broader goal now is to preserve their habitat, which boosts species of all types that live there.

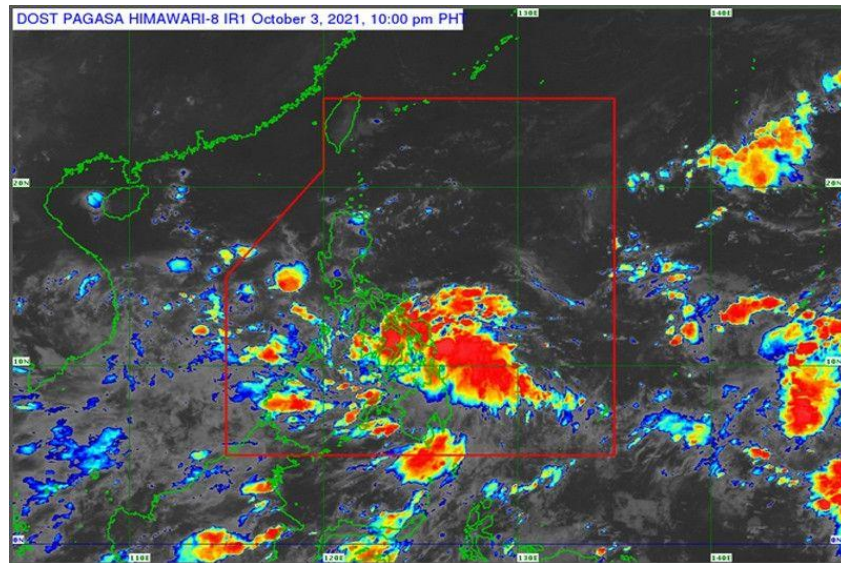
"I hope we're up to the challenge," said biologist Michelle Bogardus with the wildlife service in Hawaii. "We don't have the resources to prevent extinctions unilaterally. We have to think proactively about ecosystem health and how do we maintain it, given all these threats." AP

Image courtesy of AP/Haven Daley



LPA to dump rains in Visayas, Mindanao

[Elizabeth Marcelo](#) - The Philippine Star October 4, 2021 | 12:00am



As of 3 p.m. yesterday, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration estimated the low-pressure area at 185 kilometers east of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur.

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MANILA, Philippines — A low-pressure area spotted in Surigao del Sur will bring moderate to heavy rains over large portions of the Visayas and Mindanao, the state weather bureau said.

As of 3 p.m. yesterday, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) estimated the low-pressure area at 185 kilometers east of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur.

PAGASA said the weather system will bring cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms over the entire Mindanao as well as Eastern and Central Visayas.

The weather bureau also said the low-pressure area is embedded along the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), and thus, will bring partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain showers over Metro Manila and the rest of the country.

In an advisory issued at 11 a.m. yesterday, PAGASA said the LPA will specifically bring moderate to heavy rains over the Caraga, Davao region and Southern Leyte in the next 24 hours.

“Under these conditions, isolated flash flooding and rain-induced landslides are possible especially in areas that are highly or very highly susceptible to these hazards as identified in hazard maps,” PAGASA warned.

The state weather bureau added that the LPA is likely to develop into a tropical depression in the next 48 hours “due to favorable conditions.”

“The public and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices concerned are advised to take appropriate measures and watch for the next update on this weather system,” PAGASA said.

Based on the PAGASAs extended outlook, cloudy weather with rain showers and thunderstorms will persist over Metro Manila and the rest of the country until Thursday.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/10/04/2131613/lpa-dump-rains-visayas-mindanao>

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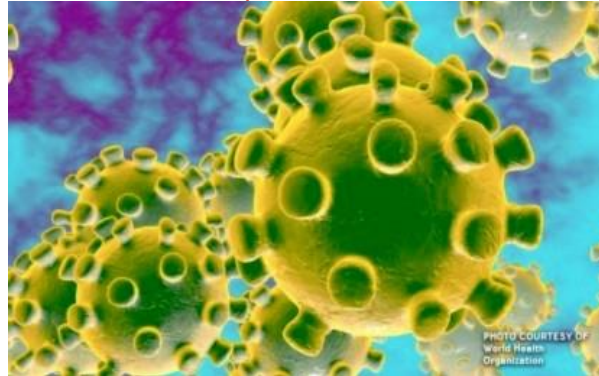
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PH logs over 45K new Covid-19 recoveries

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor **October 3, 2021, 9:31 pm**



MANILA – The country has recorded 45,249 new Covid-19 recoveries, bringing the recovery count to 2,442,623 as of Sunday.

The Department of Health (DOH) said the figure is equivalent to a 94.2 percent recovery rate from a total of 2,593,399 infections since the start of the pandemic last year.

The DOH also tallied 13,273 new confirmed cases, bringing the total number of active cases in the country to 112,008 or 4.3 percent of all cases.

Of the active cases, 85.2 percent are mild, 6.1 percent are asymptomatic, 2.5 percent are severe, 4.58 percent are moderate, and 1.1 percent are in critical condition.

Also logged were 112 new fatalities, raising the death toll to 38,768 or 1.49 percent of the total cases.

The DOH said 47 duplicates were removed from the total case count as 34 of those were recoveries.

Meanwhile, 47 cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation.

According to DOH data on October 1, about 20.2 percent of 64,747 who were tested turned out positive for Covid-19.

All laboratories were operational on October 1 while three laboratories were not able to submit their data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System.

Based on data in the past 14 days, the three non-reporting laboratories contribute, on average, 0.6 percent of samples tested and 0.7 percent of positive individuals.

To date, 72 percent of 4,500 intensive care unit beds, 60 percent of 21,000 isolation beds, 64 percent of 15,700 ward beds, and 53 percent of 3,400 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are in use nationwide.

In Metro Manila, 74 percent of 1,500 intensive care unit beds, 48 percent of 4,800 isolation beds, 61 percent of 4,400 ward beds, and 56 percent of 1,100 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are being used.

The DOH said it is in constant coordination with the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) to resolve technical issues with COVIDKaya.

“DOH will then again issue necessary public advisories should there be delayed in issuance of the case bulletin in the next days,” it added. **(PNA)**



DOH: 13,273 new COVID-19 cases recorded, but 3 labs without data

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Commuters queue on the pedestrian overpass leading to the EDSA Carousel Busway NEPA QMART Station in Quezon City for the free ride on Sept. 28, 2021. Despite the decreasing number of daily COVID-19 cases, Metro Manila is still at a high-risk level of infections due to the high positivity rate, according to a report from the OCTA Research.

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MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities reported 13,273 more coronavirus infections on Sunday, bringing the national caseload to 2,593,399.

In its latest bulletin released Sunday night, the DOH reported a positivity rate of 20.2% out of 64,747 tests.

- Active cases: 112,008 or 4.3% of the total
- Recoveries: 45,249, bringing the number to 2,442,623
- Deaths: 112, now 38,768 in total

According to the Department of Health, three labs were not able to submit their tallies for Sunday's final count.

However, the DOH added that the three labs only accounted for 0.6% of all samples tested and 0.7% of all positive individuals.

The country continues to battle a resurgence in cases driven by the hyper contagious Delta variant, which has ravaged neighboring countries.

It has been 565 days since the first enhanced community quarantine was hoisted over some parts of Luzon, good for the world's longest quarantine.

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- The PDP-Laban wing led by Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi said on Sunday it has expelled Sen. Manny Pacquiao from the administration party after he filed his candidacy under a "relatively unknown party" based in Cebu.
- Vice President Leni Robredo will announce her plans for 2022 in the coming days, her spokesperson said Sunday in response to a report that she had already accepted 1Sambayan's nomination for president.
- The chair of the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee on Sunday said he was worried about the safety of Krizel Mago, the Pharmally Pharmaceutical Corp. regulatory head who has been testifying at the panel's hearings and said he hoped that her protection at the House wouldn't affect the investigation.
- The PNP warned all police personnel against engaging in any form of partisan politics amid the ongoing filing of Certificates of Candidacy across the country.
- Per data from the Philippine National Police, 879 areas nationwide are under granular lockdown, which means around 30,822 households or 40,422 people classified as locked-down areas.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/10/03/2131503/doh-13273-new-covid-19-cases-recorded-3-labs-without-data>



Minors' vax starts 15 Oct.

DoH: Vaccines safe and will not harm children who have underlying health diseases

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By **Jom Garner**



The Department of Health (DoH) is now ready to vaccinate against Covid-19 12.7 million Filipinos aged 12 to 17 years old.

Health Undersecretary Myrna Cabotaje told Daily Tribune on Sunday that the vaccination of minors will push through in about 10 days as more doses of Covid-19 vaccines are expected to arrive in the country.

“The pilot run of the vaccination of children will take place on 15 October. The operational guidelines will be released, hopefully by Wednesday,” Cabotaje said.

The official added that the government will use a “phased approach” strategy by prioritizing the vaccination of children with comorbidities in select hospitals in the National Capital Region.

Earlier, Cabotaje said that the National Children’s Hospital, Philippine Heart Center and Philippine General Hospital have expressed their intention to participate in inoculating children and teenagers.

Other hospitals that will participate in the pilot run are the National Kidney and Transplant Institute and the Philippine Children’s Medical Center.

Cabotaje assured the public that the vaccines are safe and will not harm children who have underlying health diseases. “Generally, side effects are not that many. They are also not that severe,” she said.

Among possible adverse effects are anaphylaxis, myocarditis, headache, body ache and allergies.

She said in cases of adverse effects on children, the DoH has put up guidelines on where they may be treated, she added.

She said the country has enough supply of Pfizer and Moderna Covid-19 vaccines — the only two vaccine brands that had been given emergency use authorization for the pediatric population.



Vaccine czar Carlito Galvez Jr. backed her up, saying “we have enough vaccines for the rollout taking place in Metro Manila.”

“We can do it,” Galvez said. “We want to open up our schools, and by vaccinating our children, we can sustain that.”



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

4.3%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
112,008

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

94.2%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,442,623

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.49%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
38,768

MGA BAGONG KASO **13,273**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **45,249**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **112**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,593,399**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING OKTUBRE 1
DATOS NGAYONG OKTUBRE 3
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG OKTUBRE 1

20.2%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
NAGPOSITIBO

64,747

BILANG NG
TINEST

HALOS
91.9%
ANG MILD AT
ASYMPTOMATIC
NA KASO!

ALAMIN
ANG TAMANG
IMPORMASYON

KABUANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

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PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

KALAGAYAN NG MGA
AKTIBONG KASO

ICU BEDS (4.5K TOTAL BEDS)
72% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (21.0K TOTAL BEDS)
60% Utilized

WARD BEDS (15.7K TOTAL BEDS)
64% Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.4K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
53% Utilized

ICU BEDS (1.5K TOTAL BEDS)
74% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.8K TOTAL BEDS)
48% Utilized

WARD BEDS (4.4K TOTAL BEDS)
61% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.1K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
56% Utilized

Mild 85.8%

6.1% Asymptomatic

1.1% Critical

2.5% Severe

4.58% Moderate



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

The DOH is in constant coordination with the DICT to resolve technical issues with COVIDKaya. DOH will then again issue necessary public advisories should there be delayed in issuance of the case bulletin in the next days.

Upang mapigilan natin ang mabilis na pagkalat ng COVID-19 sa ating bansa, ipagpatuloy ang ating masusing pagsunod sa **Minimum Public Health Standards**. Sa oras na makaranas ng anumang sintomas ng COVID-19, agad na makipag-ugnayan sa ating **BHERTS** o **One COVID Referral Center**, na maabot sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**.

Para sa iba pang pangangailangang medikal, puntahan ang <http://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine> upang malaman kung papaano maabot ang serbisyo ng ating **Telemedicine Service Providers**, at ang <http://bit.ly/DOHHospitalHotlines> para maabot ang ating mga ospital sa lalong mabilis na panahon."



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
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



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







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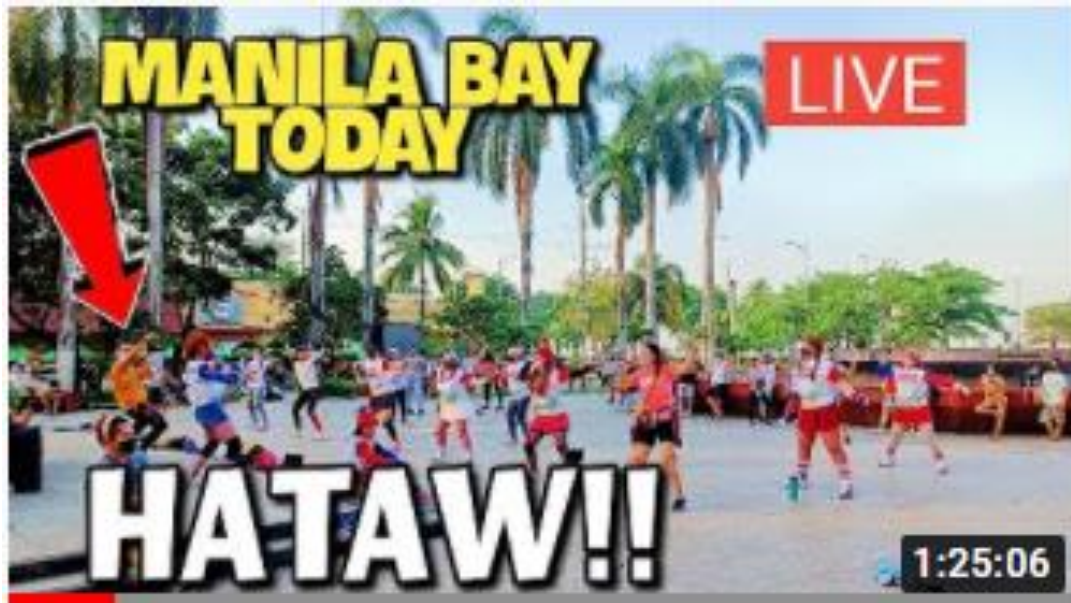
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



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
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