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September 4, 2021 Rannie Lao



MATAGUMPAY na nailigtas ng environmental frontliners ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang dalawang wildlife species sa Metro Manila at probinsya ng Rizal nitong nakaraang linggo.

Sa pangunguna ng mga tauhan ng DENR Hotline sa ilalim ng DENR Action Center at DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), isang crested serpent eagle (*Spilornis cheela*) at peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) ang nailigtas sa magkahiwalay na operasyon noong Agosto 16.

Nauna rito, nakatanggap ng tawag ang DENR Hotline mula sa concerned citizen na nagsasabing may isang agila ang bumagsak sa ginagawang bahay sa San Mateo, Rizal.

Sa parehas na araw, isang falcon din ang naiulat na tumama sa windshield ng sasakyan sa Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. Kasunod nito pinuri ni Secretary Roy A. Cimatu ang mga empleyado ng DENR dahil sa kanilang dedikasyon sa trabaho kahit na may mga limitasyon dahil sa quarantine restrictions upang mabawasan ang pagkalat ng COVID-19.

Nagbigay rin ng katiyakan ang DENR chief na ipagpapatuloy ng kagawaran ang pagbabantay sa biodiversity ng bansa kahit na nasa gitna ng pandemya.

“No lockdown can hamper our task to protect our wildlife resources,” anang kalihim.

Ang nailigtas na agila at falcon ay agad na dinala sa BMB Wildlife Rescue Center sa Quezon City para sa physical examination kung saan ay lumabas na nasa maayos na kondisyon ang mga ito.

Matapos ang ilang araw na paggamot sa mga maliliit sa sugat, agad ding ibinalik sa kanilang natural habitat ang agila at falcon. **BENEDICT ABAYGAR, JR.**



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KINILALA ang Kagawaran ng Kapaligiran at Likas na Yaman o Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) para sa inisyatibo nitong gamitin ang wikang Filipino sa mga opisyal na transaksyon, komunikasyon at korespondensiya.

"Ang Selyo ng Kahusayan sa Serbisyo Publiko Antas II ay itinuturing naming isang napa-kalaking karangalan at gagamitin naming inspira-

syon upang lalo pang maiangat ang antas ng aming paglilingkod sa bayan," saad ng kalihim ng DENR, Roy A. Cimatu,

Sinikap ng DENR ang pagpapalaganap ng kanilang mga programa gamit ang wikang Filipino sa pamamagitan ng pagpapalabas ng mga video tungkol sa pangangalaga ng kalikasan, at isinagawa ang iba pang mga gawaing pangwika.

Kabilang dito ang pag-salin sa Filipino ng mission at vision ng ahensiya, at ang mga opisyal na kores-

pondensiya tulad ng mga liham, memorandum and iba pang communication materials na ginagamit sa loob at labas ng ahensiya tulad ng DENR newsletter, brochures, posters, press releases, at ang Alternative Dispute Resolution Form ng Legal Affairs Service nito.

Sa kanyang mensahe, sinabi ni Arthur P. Casanova, Tagapangulo ng KWF na "ang wikang Filipino ay dapat na pagyabungin at pagyamanin salig sa umiral na wika ng Pilipinas at iba pang mga wika sa ating bansa."

Aniya sa pamamagitan ng paggamit ng wikang Filipino, sa opisyal na mga transaksyon, komunikasyon at korespondensiya

ay lalong mauunawaan at mapahahalagahan ng sambayang Filipino ang mga programa, proyekto at mga gawain ng pamahalaan na makikita sa buong bansa. Ito rin ay magsisilbing instrumento ng pagkakaisa at pagkakabigkis-bigkis, pagkaka buklod-buklod at magdudulot ng kapayapaan sa sambayanang Filipino.

Ayon naman kay DENR Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management at Local Government Units Concerns at Supervising Undersecretary for Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service Benny D. Antiporda "ang parangal na ito ay magsisilbing lakas ng loob namin para lalo na-

ming mailapit ang sarili nating wika sa ating mamamayan, mapausaping kalupaan, mapausaping kalangitan, o sa katubigan at isama na natin ang usaping buhay-ilang, basura, at pagmimina."

"Ang lahat ng iyan ay maipapaliwanag natin sa kahit na pinakamaliit na Juan Dela Cruz ng ating bansa, kapag ang gamit natin ay sariling wika, at iyan ang wikang Filipino," ayon kay Antiporda.

Ang KWF ay inatasan gumawa ng mga plano, patakaran, at pananaliksik upang mapalaganap at maipreserba ang wikang Filipino at iba pang mga wika sa Pilipinas.

PAGTAGUYOD NG WIKANG FILIPINO DENR KINILALA



3.3 milyong forest seedlings naitanim sa Nuela Vizcaya

By [Victor Martin](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - September 6, 2021 - 12:00am

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines — Mahigit sa 3.3 million na puno ng mga forest trees ang naipamahagi ng isang minahan at naitanim sa iba't ibang lugar sa lalawigan ito, ayon sa ulat kahapon.

Batay sa datos na ipinalabas ng FCF mining Corporation na naka-base sa Barangay Runruno sa bayan ng Quezon, ang mga naitanim na mga kahoy ay kinabibilangan ng Yakal, Bagtikan at Guijo.

Ayon kay James Carmichael, country manager ng FCF, sa kabuuang 3,393,104 na mga seedlings, 1,431,584 ang naitanim sa ilalim ng Mining Forest Program (MFP), 1,248,785 para sa National Greening Program (NGP) ng pamahalaan, 512,451 para sa replacing program at 200,284 naman para sa Green House Gas Offsetting Program (GHGOP).

Umabot sa kabuuan na 2,140 hektarya ang nataniman sa loob at labas ng kanilang Financial Technical Assistance Agreement (FTAA) sa ilalim ng NGP.

Nasa 484.5 hektarya naman ang natamnan sa ilalim ng MFP habang umabot sa 234.1 na hektarya ang nataniman mula sa kanilang mga donasyon na naipamahagi sa iba't ibang indibiduwal at mga LGUs sa lalawigan.

Bukod sa mga forest trees, patuloy ang pamimigay ng FCF ng libreng mga fruit bearing trees sa mga indibiduwal na nais magtanim ng mga punongkahoy kabilang na ang mga bamboo seedlings.

Personal na binisita nina Regional Executive Director Gwendolyn Bambalan ng DENR at Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Director Mario Ancheta ang reforestation project ng minahan kabilang ang kanilang mining rehab.



Año urges LGUs to be on guard vs municipal water encroachers

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The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) urged local government units (LGUs) to enhance the management of their municipal waters amid reports revealing a high incidence of possible encroachments of commercial fishing vessels through the use of Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) technology.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that since the localities are at the forefront of ensuring food security, especially during the time of the pandemic, LGUs should also take the lead in protecting municipal waters and local aquatic resources through law enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing

“This enables LGUs to ensure sufficient local food supply sourced from municipal waters, manage their local food supply chains and bring markets closer to people, and ensure the continued livelihood of fisherfolk and other communities benefiting from local aquatic resources,” Año said.

The DILG chief also stressed the need to establish harvest control rules (HCR) and other measures that the LGUs can use as reference in enforcing regulatory measures for the sustainable use of fishery resources.

He noted that the assessment of the quality of municipal water resources and establishment of fish catch documentation will further allow LGUs to monitor the abundance or depletion of their resources.

Año pointed out that the municipal fishers also need technical and capacity assistance on sustainable fishing practices as well as upgrading of vessels and equipment.

Implementing the Fisheries Code

DILG Assistant Secretary for Special Concerns-Local Government Sector Atty. Odilon L. Pasaraba shared how the department enjoined the LGUs to sustain the performance of its mandates under the Fisheries Code.

He said that the DILG “continues to enhance FishCA through a validation procedure that will be undertaken in cooperation with various government agencies such as the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of the Environment and Natural Resources, and partner NGOs (non-government organizations).”

“This has already been pilot-tested in the Manila Bay area and is currently being assessed or studied if it can be implemented nationwide,” Pasaraba said during the Presidential Communications Operations Office’s Virtual Presser with the National Task Force for the WPS recently.

Pasaraba said that the DILG has continuously enjoined the LGUs to mainstream coastal resource management in their local development plans that will map and guide the LGUs on their commitments to the management of municipal waters based on their technical and institutional capacity.

“The management of municipal waters is vital in food security and ensuring the livelihood of small scale fishers and sustainable use of resources for the succeeding generations,” he added.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/09/05/ano-urges-lgus-to-be-on-guard-vs-municipal-water-encroachers/>



Government approves another reclamation project in Pasay

[Iris Gonzales](#) - The Philippine Star September 6, 2021 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — The government has allowed another reclamation project by Davao-based builder Ulticon Builders Inc. despite President Duterte's recent public pronouncements he would no longer allow reclamation projects along Manila Bay.

The Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), chaired by Alberto Agra and led by general manager and CEO Janilo Rubiato, has approved the execution of a memorandum of understanding with the City of Pasay for the Pasay-260 Hectare Reclamation Project.

The MOU is subject to the submission to PRA of the remaining legal and financial pre-qualification requirements prior to the signing of the MOU," according to PRA documents obtained by The STAR. The documents were dated July 1.

Pasay Harbor City 260 Corp.'s incorporators are Davao-based businessman Carlos "Charlie" Gonzalez and his Davao-based triple A contractor Ulticon Builders, based on documents submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Its primary purpose is to reclaim foreshore and offshore land, including allied industries such as construction and development.

Aside from this new reclamation project, Ulticon is also the proponent of the ongoing and already approved Pasay 265 reclamation project.

Gonzalez and Dennis Uy's Udenna Development Corp. were partners in the Pasay 265 project, together with China Harbour Engineering Corp., which was also earlier approved by the PRA and the Philippine Competition Commission.

Sought for comment, Uy told The STAR he is not involved in the new reclamation project of Gonzalez and Ulticon.

His camp also said Udenna Land Inc. (ULI) does not own a stake in Pasay Harbor City Corp.'s Pasay 265 reclamation.

"ULI assigned its shares in PHCC (which were minimal to begin with) to Ulticon Builders in 2020," Uy's camp said in a statement.

It is not clear why the PRA has paved the way for another reclamation project despite Duterte's public pronouncements against reclamation.

The STAR tried but was unable to get a comment from PRA's Agra as of press time.

Reclamation projects that were already given notices to proceed – prior to Duterte's pronouncements against further reclamation – include the Pasay Harbor City Reclamation Project or Pasay 265 of Ulticon and previously with Uy; the Pasay Reclamation Project or Pasay 360 of the SM Group, the Navotas Coastal Bay Reclamation and Development Project or Argonbay Construction Company; the Manila Solar City Project of Manila Goldcoast Development Corp; the Manila Horizon Reclamation Project of JBros Construction Corp. and the Manila Waterfront City Reclamation Project, according to PRA documents.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/business/2021/09/06/2125080/government-approves-another-reclamation-project-pasay>



POLUSYON SA HANGIN SA SOUTHEAST ASIA BUMABA NG 40%—UN-WMO

written by **DWIZ 882** September 6, 2021



Nabawasan ng 40% ang air pollution sa Southeast Asia noong isang taon dahil sa kaliwa't kanang lockdowns dulot ng COVID-19 pandemic.

Batay ito sa United Nations World Meteorological Organization Air quality and climate bulletin.

Ayon sa UN, bahagyang gumanda ang kalidad ng hangin sa ilang bahagi ng mundo pero hindi ito sapat upang mapabagal ang climate change dulot ng global warming.

Naranasan ang malaking pagbabago sa air quality partikular sa China, Europe at North America.

Bagaman mabuting balita ito para sa mga may problema sa baga, ang kawalan naman ng harmful micro-particles ang naging daan upang mangibabaw ang ozone na isasa pinakadelikadong pollutant.—sa panulat ni Drew Nacino



Komodo dragon, 2-in-5 shark species lurch towards extinction

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by [Agence-France-Presse](#)

MARSEILLE, France –Trapped on island habitats made smaller by rising seas, Indonesia's Komodo dragons were listed as "endangered" on Saturday, in an update of the wildlife Red List that also warned overfishing threatens nearly two-in-five sharks with extinction.



In this file photograph taken on December 2, 2010, a Komodo Dragon searches the shore area of Komodo island for prey. Romeo GACAD / AFP

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By [Agence France-Presse](#) September 6, 2021



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Conservation tracker

The IUCN also officially launched its "green status" - the first global standard for assessing species recovery and measuring conservation impacts.

"It makes the invisible work of conservation visible," [Molly Grace](#), a professor at the University of Oxford and Green Status co-chair, told a press conference on Saturday.

Efforts to halt extensive declines in numbers and diversity of animals and plants have largely failed.

In 2019 the UN's biodiversity experts warned that a million species are on the brink of extinction - raising the specter that the planet is on the verge of its sixth mass extinction event in 500 million years.

The IUCN Congress is widely seen as a testing ground for a UN treaty - to be finalized at a summit in Kunming, China next May - to save nature.

"We would like to see that plan call for a halt to biodiversity loss by 2030," said Smart.

A cornerstone of the new global deal could be setting aside 30 percent of Earth's land and oceans as protected areas, she added.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/05/news/komodo-dragon-2-in-5-shark-species-lurch-towards-extinction/1813617>



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INDONESIA'S prehistoric giant lizards are now in the endangered species list.





Nearly 30% of 138,000 assessed species are facing extinction, group warns

By Katya Krebs, CNN

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(CNN) — A top international conservation agency warned that 28% of the 138,374 species identified on its "survival watchlist" as being under threat have now been moved to the more dangerous "red list" — meaning they are at high risk of extinction.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) reported during its annual Red List update on Saturday in Marseille, France, that despite global improvement at the species level, the number of species that are at high risk continues to grow.

The organization said that many regional tuna stocks remain severely depleted. For example, yellowfin tuna continues to be overfished in the Indian Ocean.

Their update also included a reassessment of the world's shark and ray species, which shows that 37% of those species are now facing extinction. All of the threatened shark and ray species are overfished, IUCN reported, with 31% of them further affected by loss and degradation of habitat and 10% also affected by climate change.

"We note striking similarities between the shark and ray statistics and recent estimates for plants: about 2 in 5 are threatened with extinction, and habitat loss and degradation present more immediate threats than climate change," said Dr. Eimear Nic Lughadha, a conservation scientist at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Additionally, the Komodo dragon, the world's largest lizard, is now considered endangered due to a significant habitat loss from ongoing human activities and climate change, IUCN reported.

"The idea that these prehistoric animals have moved one step closer to extinction due in part to climate change is terrifying — and a further clarion call for nature to be placed at the heart of all decision making on the eve of the COP26 in Glasgow," said Dr. Andrew Terry, conservation director at the Zoological Society of London.

COP26, a United Nations climate change conference, will take place in November. Alok Sharma, the president of COP26, has previously said he [wants the climate talks this year](#) to reach agreement on a number of key targets, including putting an end date on the use of coal, a commitment to make all new car sales zero emissions within the next 14 to 19 years, stopping deforestation by the end of the decade and greater reductions of methane emissions.



There is reason for hope for at-risk species: Of the seven most commercially fished tuna species that were reassessed, four of them are showing signs that they're starting to recover after countries enforced more sustainable fishing quotas and are successfully combating illegal fishing, IUCN [said](#).

The four tuna species include the Atlantic bluefin tuna, which moved from "endangered" to "least concern," the Southern bluefin tuna, which moved from "critically endangered" to "endangered," the albacore and yellowfin tuna, both of which moved from "near threatened" to "least concern."

"These Red List assessments are proof that sustainable fisheries approaches work, with enormous long-term benefits for livelihoods and biodiversity. We need to continue enforcing sustainable fishing quotas and cracking down on illegal fishing," said Bruce B. Collette, chair of the IUCN SSC Tuna and Billfish Specialist Group.

"Tuna species migrate across thousands of kilometres, so coordinating their management globally is also key," Collette said.

This story was first published on CNN.com, "[Nearly 30% of 138,000 assessed species are facing extinction, group warns](#)."



UN hails end of toxic leaded gas use in cars worldwide

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A view of a traffic jam in Algiers, Algeria, on September 29, 2010.

BERLIN—Leaded gasoline has finally reached the end of the road, the UN environment office said the other day, after the last country in the world halted the sale of the highly toxic fuel.

Algeria stopped providing leaded gas last month, prompting the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) to declare the “official end” of its use in cars, which has been blamed for a wide range of human health problems.

“The successful enforcement of the ban on leaded petrol is a huge milestone for global health and our environment,” UNEP’s Executive Director Inger Andersen said in a statement.

Petroleum containing tetraethyllead, a form of lead, was first sold almost 100 years ago to increase engine performance. It was widely used for decades until researchers discovered that it could cause heart disease, strokes and brain damage.

UNEP said studies showed leaded gas caused measurable intellectual impairment in children and millions of premature deaths.

“The cost of environmental degradation is real,” said Andersen, citing what she described as a “very, very ballpark number” of \$2.45 trillion in damage to the global economy prevented by the ban.

Janet McCabe, deputy administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency, said measurements showed blood lead levels “plummeted, literally, literally plummeted” after the fuel was banned in the United States.

Most rich nations started phasing out the fuel in the 1970s and 1980s, but it was still widely used in low- and middle-income countries until 2002, when the UN launched a global campaign to abolish it.

Leaded gas is still used in aviation fuel for small planes, an issue that McCabe said the EPA was working with the Federal Aviation Administration to address.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the successful abolition of leaded gas, like the ban on ozone-depleting chemicals, showed the impact that international treaties could have on addressing environmental issues.

“We must now turn the same commitment to ending the triple crises of climate disruption, biodiversity loss and pollution,” he added. **AP**

Image courtesy of AP/Anis Belghoul

Source: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/09/05/un-hails-end-of-toxic-leaded-gas-use-in-cars-worldwide/>



Divers to try to locate source of reported oil spill in Gulf of Mexico after Hurricane Ida

By KANISHKA SINGH, ANDREA SHALAL and VALERIE VOLCOVICI, Reuters

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US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration satellite images showed a miles-long brownish-black slick spreading in coastal waters about two miles off Port Fourchon, Louisiana, an oil and gas hub. Image: NOAA

WASHINGTON — A private dive team will try to locate the source of a suspected oil spill spotted in the Bay Marchand area of the Gulf of Mexico on Sunday, after Hurricane Ida wreaked havoc in the region this week, the US Coast Guard said on Saturday.

US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [satellite images](#), first [reported by the Associated Press](#) on Wednesday, showed a miles-long brownish-black slick spreading in coastal waters about two miles off Port Fourchon, Louisiana, an oil and gas hub.

The images appeared to show the slick drifting more than a dozen miles (19 kilometers) eastward along the Gulf coast, the AP said.

Ida, one of the most powerful hurricanes ever to strike the US Gulf Coast, hit Louisiana about a week ago before moving northeast and causing intense flooding [that killed dozens in New York and other northeastern states](#).

A Coast Guard spokesman said Talos Energy had hired Clean Gulf Associates to respond to the suspected spill and contracted the private dive team to locate the source of the slick.

The AP quoted the energy company as saying it believes it is not responsible for the oil in the water.

Members of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit's prevention department and the Gulf Strike Team were monitoring reports and NOAA satellite imagery to determine the scope of the discharge, the spokesman said.

Once the source had been identified, the Coast Guard and partnering agencies would work on a recovery and source control plan, he added.

He said Clean Gulf Associates has put skimmers and a containment boom in the area to mitigate any further environmental impact.

The Bay Marchand spill was one of several reported environmental hazards that authorities were responding to in Louisiana and the Gulf following hurricane Ida.



The US Environmental Protection Agency said on Thursday it had dispatched a surveillance aircraft to an area in Louisiana hard hit by Ida that includes a refinery where an apparent oil spill was reported.

The aircraft dispatched from Texas was going to gather data on a Phillips 66 refinery and other priority sites.

Phillips 66 had said flooding had occurred at its Alliance Refinery and a sheen of unknown origin in some flooded areas of the refinery had been discovered.

US Gulf Coast energy companies on Saturday got a boost from the reopening of ports and restart of oil refineries shut by Ida, but damage to key facilities still crimped oil production. —
Reuters

Source: https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/world/802173/divers-to-try-to-locate-source-of-reported-oil-spill-in-gulf-of-mexico-after-hurricane-ida/story/?just_in&fbclid=IwAR0zXNgTy-f5yo0dzbHO7YZ-7g_cLrrG0aNtfhAa2nofSDKg_xAAOCYxmUM

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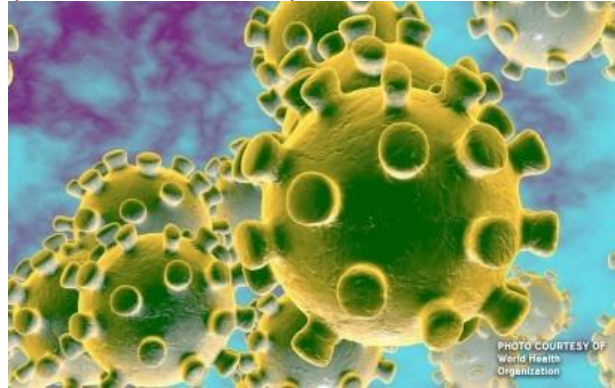
COVID-19 NEWS

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE



PH Covid-19 recovery tally rises by 20K to 1,899,312

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor September 5, 2021, 4:48 pm



MANILA – The nation's total number of recovered coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases has reached 1,899,312 after 20,089 new recoveries were reported on Sunday.

In its latest case bulletin, the Department of Health (DOH) said recoveries account for 90.8 percent of the total case count which has reached 2,080,984 since the start of the pandemic last year.

Meanwhile, 20,019 new infections brought the total number of active cases nationwide to 157,438.

About 92 percent of these active cases are mild, 3.4 percent are asymptomatic, 0.7 percent are critical, 1.4 percent are severe, and 2.51 percent are moderate.

One hundred seventy three new deaths were also reported, pushing the country's total number of Covid-19 fatalities to 34,234.

According to DOH data on Sept. 3, about 27.5 percent of 73,472 who were tested turned out positive for Covid-19.

"About 119 duplicates were removed from the total case count, and of these, 95 are recoveries and one is death. Moreover, 58 cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation," it added.

All laboratories were operational on Sept. 3 while five laboratories were not able to submit their data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System.

The DOH said five non-reporting laboratories contribute on average 0.9 percent of samples tested, and 1.2 percent of positive individuals based on data in the last 14 days.

To date, 75 percent of 4,200 intensive care unit beds, 66 percent of 20,600 isolation beds, 71 percent of 15,400 ward beds, and 57 percent of 3,300 ventilators are utilized by patients with Covid-19 nationwide.

Meanwhile, 75 percent of 1,500 intensive care unit beds, 64 percent of 4,600 isolation beds, 73 percent of 4,200 ward beds, and 62 percent of 1,100 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are in use in the National Capital Region. **(PNA)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1152631>



Philippines records 20,741 more COVID-19 cases

(Philstar.com) - September 4, 2021 - 4:00pm



A sign warning people not to enter the Pasay City Sports Complex is seen at the entrance on Sept. 3, 2021 as it was converted into one of the isolation facilities of the local government to augment the overwhelmed hospitals in the city.

The STAR/Miguel de Guzman

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines on Saturday tallied 20,741 new coronavirus infections, the second highest daily increase since the pandemic began.

The additional infections brought the nation's caseload to 2,061,084.

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

- **Active cases:** 157,646 or 7.6% of the total
- **Recoveries:** 21,962 or, bringing total to 1,869,376
- **Deaths:** 189, raising toll to 34,062

In its latest bulletin, the DOH reported a positivity rate of 28% out of 74,034 tests.

Travel ban lifted

- The Philippines will **lift the restrictions** imposed on travelers coming from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia starting September 6.
- Government experts raised the **target for herd immunity** from COVID-19 to 90% of the population from just 70%.
- A **study** by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests that the Delta variant does not cause more severe childhood COVID-19.



COVID-19 sa Pinas aabot sa 30K kada araw

By [Danilo Garcia](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - September 6, 2021 - 12:00am



“Maaring umabot tayo ng 30,000 sa buong Pilipinas by end of September sa trajectory, pero di namin nakikita ang 43,000 sa Metro Manila alone,” ayon kay Dr. Guido David.

AFP / Yonhap

MANILA, Philippines — Naniniwala ngayon ang OCTA Research Group na aabot sa 30,000 ang kada araw na bagong kaso ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas sa susunod na linggo dahil sa patuloy na pananalasa ng Delta variant sa bansa.

“Maaring umabot tayo ng 30,000 sa buong Pilipinas by end of September sa trajectory, pero di namin nakikita ang 43,000 sa Metro Manila alone,” ayon kay Dr. Guido David.

“It could happen baka today or tomorrow. Nandyan ang possibility, definitely by next week mukhang mahihigitan natin yan,” dagdag niya.

Ang pahayag ay sa kabila ng sinabi rin ni Guido noong Agosto 30 na lalagpas sa 20,000 ang arawang kaso ngunit hindi niya nakikita na aabot ito sa 30,000. Kung magkakaroon umano ng peak ay maaaring hanggang 25,000 kaso lamang.

Kung magkakatotoo umano ang 43,000 kaso kadaw araw sa Metro Manila lamang, aabot sa 300 ang average daily attack rate. Mas malala pa umano ito sa sinapit ng India at Indonesia.

“Kung mangyayari yan, pero wala yan sa projections namin sa ngayon, sobrang malaking impact niyan sa ating bansa, sa NCR. Maraming mamamatay, maraming masasawi kung ganyan kataas ang bilang ng kaso,” dagdag niya.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/09/06/2125189/covid-19-sa-pinas-aabot-sa-30k-kada-araw/amp/>



Granular lockdown: No decision yet

Lopez said that granular lockdowns will allow the economy to partially reopen as certain businesses will be allowed to operate at limited capacities

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By [Jom Garner](#)



Malacañang on Sunday clarified that President Rodrigo Duterte has yet to approve “new quarantine responses,” including the granular lockdown for Metro Manila announced previously by Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez.

Lopez on Saturday said that the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) has approved the proposed granular lockdown for pilot-testing in the National Capital Region (NCR) starting on 8 September.

Not so fast, though.

“(The) new quarantine responses (is) still for approval of PRRD (President Rodrigo Roa Duterte). FYI (for your information),” Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque said in a statement.

The President has the final say on quarantine responses as recommended by various government agencies represented in the IATF.

Lopez said that the granular lockdowns will be limited to areas, like streets or barangays, with high Covid-19 cases. Areas not under granular lockdowns, on the other hand, may open businesses under guidelines still to be issued by the IATF.

Under the proposed scheme, authorized persons outside residence (APOR) may be allowed to leave areas under granular lockdowns, but they would not be allowed back in until the lockdowns are lifted.

Metro Manila is under modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) until tomorrow, 7 September, to address Covid case spikes. Also, under MECQ were provinces bordering the National Capital Region, namely Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal.

Likewise, under MECQ are the provinces of Ilocos Norte, Apayao, Bataan, Aklan, Iloilo; and the cities of Lucena, Lapu-Lapu, Cebu, Mandaue and Cagayan de Oro.

Interior Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya has earlier said there’s a consensus among different government agencies to implement granular lockdowns that may be limited to streets, buildings or barangays.

Lopez said that granular lockdowns will allow the economy to partially reopen as certain businesses will be allowed to operate at limited capacities.



Areas outside of the Metro under general community quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions are Ilocos Sur, Cagayan, Quezon, Batangas, Naga City, Antique, Bacolod City and Capiz.

GCQ without restrictions is also in effect in Baguio City, Santiago City, Quirino, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Tarlac, Puerto Princesa, Guimaras, Negros Occidental, Zamboanga Sibugay, Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Norte, Davao Oriental, Davao del Sur, General Santos City, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, North Cotabato and South Cotabato.

Under the regular GCQ are Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Dinagat Islands and Cotabato City.



Coconut industry renews calls to tap VCO vs COVID-19

By [Ranier Allan Ronda](#)(Philstar.com) - September 6, 2021 - 12:00am



Engineer Marco Reyes, president of VCO Philippines and vice chairman of the United Coconut Association of the Philippines (UCA), said the Department of Health has yet to make a serious effort to promote VCO despite positive results of a clinical study of the Department of Science and Technology-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) conducted last year.

MANILA, Philippines — Coconut processors and manufacturers have renewed calls for the government to consider tapping the antiviral, health boosting and locally available virgin coconut oil (VCO) as a major weapon against COVID-19.

Engineer Marco Reyes, president of VCO Philippines and vice chairman of the United Coconut Association of the Philippines (UCA), said the Department of Health has yet to make a serious effort to promote VCO despite positive results of a clinical study of the Department of Science and Technology-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) conducted last year.

The study showed that VCO is a highly effective functional food that can help cure or speed up recovery of COVID-19 cases.

“VCO is the most viable prophylaxis against COVID-19 so far, which has been scientifically studied,” Reyes said.

“VCO should still be as effective against the Delta strain and upcoming strains. Because the mutation is in the spike protein. VCO works on the viral envelope – same mechanism as with HIV, SARS and other lipid coated viruses,” he noted.

However, the strategy against COVID so far is just focused on vaccines and wearing of face masks, social distancing and lockdowns, Reyes lamented.

“The concern with a vaccination focused strategy is that those with comorbidities such as diabetes, heart disease, obesity, hypertension, etc., will remain sick when they are fully vaccinated. So they are protected against the original variant as the vaccine designed for which was the Alpha variant, but not when the vaccine efficacy falls with new variants,” he explained.

He stressed that the DOST study was a double-blinded randomized clinical trial – the gold standard of a scientific study.

The DOST-FNRI has even published the VCO clinical study in the international Journal of Functional Foods in its issue on May 25, he said.



Dr. Ed Lalusis, patented inventor of VCO in capsule form Growrich VCO approved by the Food and Drug Administration, said it was lamentable that the DOH continued to snub the immunity boosting and other health benefits of VCO in the fight against the coronavirus.

“With the Deltra variant said to be more contagious or more transmissible, then we should adopt more strategies to boost our protection against COVID, and VCO really should be one of the strategies,” Lalusis told The STAR.

“VCO is readily available in our country. It’s organic. I really don’t see why it remains to be ignored by our doctors in the government,” he said.

The DOST-FNRI study, which entailed the provision of healthy meals mixed with VCO to 57 suspected and probable COVID-19 cases confined at the Santa Rosa Community Hospital in Santa Rosa City, Laguna and the Santa Rosa COVID-19 Quarantine Facility, showed that all participants recovered and tested negative for COVID-19 at the end of the 28-day clinical trials.

Imelda Agdeppa, FNRI director who led the study on VCO, said of the suspected and probable patient-participants, 37 tested positive for COVID-19 but recovered.

Already vaccinated against COVID-19? Experts say you're protected, even without a booster shot

By Aya Elamroussi, CNN

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(CNN) — Health experts are reinforcing the point that full vaccination remains highly effective against severe illness and death caused by [COVID-19](#) as federal regulators consider the possibility of [authorizing a third dose](#) in the upcoming weeks.

"What's the goal of this vaccine? The stated goal by (CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky) and others is to prevent serious infection, and all the data today, published by the CDC, presented by the CDC, is it's done exactly that," Dr. Paul Offit, a top vaccine expert and US Food and Drug Administration adviser said Friday.

"There's been no evidence of clear erosion of protection against serious disease," he said.

The conversation around vaccines has fluctuated because health experts are learning new information about the coronavirus and its variants.

But amid the debate, experts are consistent in noting the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines.

"Remember, even the current doses of vaccines still protect you so well from hospitalization and death. We are not back in early 2020 or even early 2021 for those of us that have not received boosters yet. We are still protected against the worst effects of this virus," Dr. Megan Ranney, professor of emergency medicine at Brown University, told CNN on Friday.

A [CNN analysis of US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data](#) from last month suggests that more than 99.99% of fully vaccinated people have not had a breakthrough case of COVID-19 resulting in hospitalization or death.

And it's because of such a high degree of protection that Offit emphasized that America can make significant headway against the pandemic by simply vaccinating the unvaccinated.

He added that the federal government's messaging on booster shots has been confusing and frustrating.

"It's confusing to people. I've had a number of calls and emails from people saying, 'Wait, so I'm not fully protected anymore?'" Offit said.



"I think the message that should come out right now is if you received two doses of mRNA vaccines, you have a very high chance of not having serious infection, and that that has lasted up until the present moment, that you should consider yourself protected against serious illness."

Roughly 62.2% of the US population has received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose while about 52.9% is fully vaccinated, [CDC data](#) shows. Of the 10 states with the worst COVID-19 case rates over the past week, seven of them also had among the 10 best vaccination rates, according to the agency.

Plan for booster shots is 'confusing people,' top FDA official says

The US Food and Drug Administration is [set to meet](#) September 17 to discuss COVID-19 booster shots. Last month, the White House said people who got the two mRNA vaccines — the two-shot vaccines made by Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna — may receive boosters starting September 20.

However, on Thursday, FDA Acting Commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock said the administration still doesn't have enough safety data on booster shots.

"Why would you announce this? Well, we need to have a plan and the plan would involve the vaccination of very large numbers of people in the United States with a booster dose," Woodcock told Dr. John Whyte of WebMD during a virtual interview published online Thursday.

"We have to make a plan somewhat before we have all the data and I think that, John, is what's confusing people," Woodcock said.

"The trends that we're seeing in resistance to the virus in fully immunized people lend us to believe that at some point we're going to cross that threshold and we're going to see hospitalizations and more serious disease and when that happens, we want to be ready," Woodcock told Whyte.

To be sure, White House officials [announced](#) that the booster rollout would be subject to the green light from the FDA and sign-off from the CDC. Woodcock said on Thursday that data already shows some waning immunity among vaccinated people.

On Friday, officials told CNN there have been conversations within the Biden administration about scaling back the booster plan due to concerns the FDA might only be prepared to recommend boosters for people who had the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Currently, the agency doesn't have enough data on Moderna to make that recommendation, an official told CNN.

Pfizer/BioNTech applied for a booster shot FDA approval last month, and Moderna said it applied Wednesday.

Florida sees decline in COVID-19 cases

Meanwhile, there was some good news from Florida, which broke its own record for new COVID-19 cases multiple times last month. Over the past week, there was a decline in cases, according to data published Friday by the state health department.

The state averaged about 18,463 daily new cases last week, equivalent to 588.1 new cases per 100,000 people each day between August 27 and September 2. That is a drop from the prior week, when the average of daily new cases was 21,678.



Florida has fully vaccinated slightly more than half of its population, according to CDC data.

Meanwhile, the mask mandate feud between Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and public school districts continues. DeSantis has been sparring with school officials for weeks because he banned mask mandates in schools, but some implemented them anyway.

Florida Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran sent individual letters to nine districts demanding the districts "document how your district is complying with Florida Department of Health emergency rule" as part of a non-compliance investigation. He also threatened to withhold state funds if districts did not fully comply with DeSantis' order to include a parent opt-out in school mask mandate policies.

CNN has confirmed all nine districts have now responded to Corcoran's August 27 letter.

They argued they are in compliance with Florida law and consider the mandate a necessity for health and safety. Some of the districts also mentioned last week's ruling by a Florida judge that indicated DeSantis does not have the authority to make a blanket ban on mask mandates. DeSantis on Thursday [filed a notice](#) to appeal the judge's ruling.

This story was first published on CNN.com, "[Already vaccinated against Covid-19? Experts say you're protected, even without a booster shot.](#)"



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DELTA VARIANT



WHAT IS THE COVID-19 DELTA VARIANT?

The **Delta (B.1.617.2) variant** is a mutated COVID-19 virus which was first described in India. It is said to be associated with:



evading immune
protection



reduced antibody
neutralization

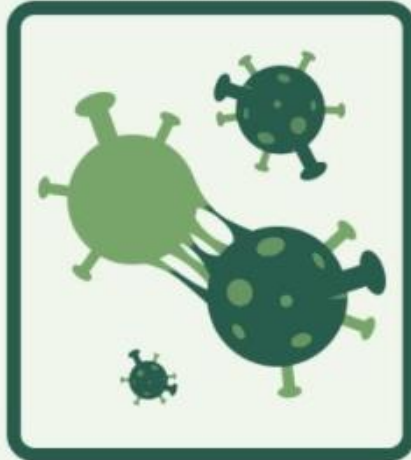


increased
transmissibility





HOW SERIOUS ARE VIRAL MUTATIONS?



Viruses naturally undergo mutations as they reproduce. Some mutations might not have significant effects, but other mutations may make the virus more transmissible.



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WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF DELTA VARIANT?

It's impossible to distinguish Delta based on symptoms. Common flu-like symptoms such as **headache, sore throat, runny nose and fever** are also symptoms of **COVID-19**.

If we want to keep a step ahead, we should implement the strictest precautions by :

Strictly observing
MPHS



Immediately
self-isolating



Consulting
with a
doctor



to receive proper treatment and avoid infecting others, knowing that the Delta variant can easily spread COVID-19 to others.



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HOW TRANSMISSIBLE IS THE DELTA VARIANT?

Alpha and Beta variants have already contributed to the increasing cases in the country, including the NCR Plus Areas. Delta variant is seen to be more transmissible.

POTENTIAL NUMBER OF TO-BE INFECTED PERSONS



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WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

- Correctly observe the Minimum Public Health Standards at all times



Proper wearing of face mask and face shield



Frequent hand-washing or sanitizing



Physical distancing of at least 1 meter



Ensuring proper ventilation

- Immediately isolate upon experiencing symptoms and seeking early consultation.
- Always fact check. Get and share information only from credible sources.
- **Get vaccinated when it's your turn and complete the required doses.**



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ARE OUR PRESENT VACCINES **EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE DELTA VARIANT?**



More studies are needed to determine the effectiveness of vaccines against the Delta variant, but data shows that people who are fully-vaccinated are protected against the severe symptoms of COVID-19 which may lead to hospitalization or death.

We urge everyone, when it is your turn, to choose to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and protect yourself and your loved ones.



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REGION	CENTER	SERVICES	HOTLINE
NATIONWIDE	National Center for Mental Health	24/7 Crisis Hotline Telemental Health Psychological/Psychiatric Referrals & Management	1553 0917-899-8727 0966-351-4518 0908-639-2672 bit.ly/mhusaptayo
4-B MIMAROPA	MIMAROPA HEMS Helpline	HEMS MHPSS COVID-19 Mental Health Concerns	0945-992-9323 0929-295-6595
6 WESTERN VISAYAS	Capiz Provincial Health Office	MHPSS	0916-241-1596 0921-991-2064
7 CENTRAL VISAYAS	Central Visayas MHPSS Helpline Tawag Paglaum	PFA, PSP, Substance Abuse Referrals, Swab concerns 24/7 Crisis Hotline Suicide Prevention	0916-343-7016 0933-644-3488 0939-937-5433 0939-936-5433 0927-654-1629
8 EASTERN VISAYAS	Biliran Provincial Hospital DOH-CHD Region 8 Northern Samar Provincial Health Office	MHPSS, PFA MHPSS Psychiatric referrals PFA to agencies, LGUs (by appointment)	0953-356-0296 0920-181-8809 0966-531-6464 0947-423-8423 0999-927-4848 0949-776-7389 0919-278-3337 0921-217-7701 0928-350-1846 0907-832-7760 0948-341-8981 0930-770-2679
10 NORTHERN MINDANAO	DOH-CHD Region 10	MHPSS	0997-359-0888 0965-055-6777 0965-835-6888
11 DAVAO REGION	DOH-CHD Region 11	PFA	0977-760-8610 0939-768-3627 0933-404-1072
12 COTABATO REGION	Cotabato Regional Medical Center	Crisis Hotline Psychiatric Referrals	0935-574-4500

HEMS	Health Emergency Management Staff	PFA	Psychological First Aid
MHPSS	Mental Health & Psychosocial Support	PSP	Psychosocial Processing





DOH HOSPITAL HOTLINES



For health concerns and emergencies, you may access here the DOH hospital hotlines across the country:

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Telimed and Medgate	Website:	https://medgate.ph/shop/telimedplan/purchase
KonsultaMD	Website: Mobile App:	www.konsulta.md KonsultaMD
CloudPx	Website:	https://cloudpx.ph/
HealthNow	Website: Email: Mobile App:	https://www.healthnow.ph/ help@healthnow.ph HealthNow

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 0947-883 4430
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MALABON
 8921-6009
 8921-6029
 0942-372 9891
 0919-062 5588



NAVOTAS
 8281-1111
 0922-888 8578
 0908-886 8578
 0915-260 1385



VALENZUELA
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 (Mega Contact Tracing Center)
 8822-2463
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 0961-628 1414
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Landline: (02) 989 8727 (USAP)
Globe: 0917 899 8727 (USAP)

2. Crisis Line by In Touch

Landline: (02) 8893 7603
Globe: 0917-8001123
Sun: 0917-8001123

3. Tawag Paglaum-Centro Bisaya

Smart & Sun: 0939 937 5433;
0939 936 5433
Globe / TM: 0927-654-1629

4. Hopeline

(02) 8804 HOPE (4673)
Smart: 0918 873 HOPE (4673)
GLOBE / TM: 0917 558 HOPE (4673); 2919

5. Manila Lifeline Centre (MLC)

Landline: (02) 896 9191
Mobile phone: 0917 854 9191

6. 700 Club Asia

Prayer and counseling services

Landline: (02) 737 0700;
1800-1888-8700 (toll-free)
Mobile: 0949-888-8001; 0925 300 3000;
0917 406 5001
Skype: the700clubasia

7. Philippine Mental Health Association, Inc.

Mobile: 0917 565 2036/37
Landline: 8921 4958/59

8. Recovery Hub Philippines (Cebu-based)

Website: app.recoveryhub.ph

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
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

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



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


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
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