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Cimatu: Illegal wildlife traders online still being monitored by enforcers amid quarantine

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QUEZON CITY, May 6 -- Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu warned the culprits taking advantage of the internet for illegal wildlife trading that their activities are being monitored by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

"Mobility restrictions may cause some deterrence to our wildlife enforcers, but these shall not stop them from implementing environmental laws to protect our natural resources," Cimatu said.

Cimatu made the statement following the arrest of a certain Benjie Saunar for illegal possession and selling of two Umbrella cockatoos (*Cacatua alba*) in a buy-bust operation conducted by the DENR's Environmental Protection and Enforcement Task Force (EPETF).

The operatives also recovered a Palm cockatoo (*Probosciger aterrimus*) from the suspect's possession.

Saunar was monitored by the DENR- EPETF operatives to have been selling illegal wildlife species online. He was apprehended in an entrapment operation conducted by the DENR EPETF, in coordination with the Manila Police District Station 8 and Manila District Anti-Cybercrime Team, led by Maj. Reynaldo Salim.

During the operation last April 28, 2021 in a gasoline station in Sta. Mesa, Manila, Saunar was not able to present any relevant permits such as a Certificate of Wildlife Registration or Wildlife Farm Permit and Local Transport Permit to support and prove that he is authorized by law to possess, transport, and trade wildlife.

The suspect Saunar is currently undergoing inquest proceedings at the Manila City Prosecutors Office and shall be charged for violating Republic Act (RA) 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Protection and Conservation Act of 2001.

Section 23 of RA 9147 states that collection of threatened wildlife including the by-products and derivatives, shall be allowed only for scientific, or breeding or propagation purposes, and provided that only the accredited individuals, business, research, educational or scientific entities shall be allowed to collect for conservation breeding or propagation purposes.

As of May 3, the wildlife species, along with other paraphernalia, such as the motorcycle and cellphone used by Saunar, are under the custody of the DENR-NCR Office, while awaiting the results of the case filed against the suspect. (DENR)



Pandemic Whets Appetite For Illegal Wildlife Trade, DENR Reports

BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA
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A mother and baby pangolin recorded by researchers of Katala Foundation during a field expedition for the USAID-funded study on Philippine pangolins.

The illegal trade in wildlife is back and traders are becoming bolder, smarter, and more creative. Authorities, however, are not taking it sitting down. A series of operations have led to arrests and confiscations of wild-caught or illegally sourced birds, the BusinessMirror learned.

Emerson Sy a wildlife trade specialist at TRAFFIC, said the illegal activities, such as hunting and trapping, and selling wild-caught birds online, have resumed over the past year, particularly during the pandemic.

“During the pandemic, there’s an increase [in illegal wildlife trade]. Local trade, mostly. Perhaps some people have nothing to do so they started to trade birds and sell online,” he told the BusinessMirror.

Stern Warning

Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, meanwhile, warned unscrupulous businessmen against engaging in the illegal wildlife trade, saying the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is monitoring their activities, including online buying and selling through social media.

“Mobility restrictions may cause some deterrence to our wildlife enforcers, but these shall not stop them from implementing environmental laws to protect our natural resources,” Cimatu said in a news statement.

Cimatu issued the warning following the arrest of a certain Benjie Saunar for illegal possession and selling of two umbrella cockatoos (*Cacatua alba*) in a buy-bust operation conducted by the DENR’s Environmental Protection and Enforcement Task Force (EPETF) last April 28, 2021 at a gasoline station in Sta. Mesa, Manila.

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Buy-Bust

IN Angeles City, Pampanga, the DENR-Region 3 Office (Central Luzon) announced on May 6 the rescue of a juvenile Visayan hornbill (*Penelopides panini*) from a suspected illegal wildlife trader during a buy-bust operation in Angeles City.

Laudemir Salac, of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) in Pampanga said in a statement that they received information about a certain Mike Chua who was reportedly selling a Visayan hornbill.

A critically endangered species, trading of the Visayan hornbill is illegal under Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Act.

Staff Sgt. Angelito Tungul, an investigator at the Angeles City police station, said during the operation, they have arrested the accomplice of Mike Chua, who was identified as Norman Vee Balili, 22, of Barangay Malabantias, Angeles City, for selling wildlife without the necessary permit from the DENR.

Meanwhile, the DENR is now preparing to file criminal charges against the arrested suspects for violating Republic Act 9147, or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act. Illegal trading of critically endangered wildlife carries a maximum penalty of four years imprisonment and a fine of up to P300,000.

Smarter, Creative

“Illegal wildlife traders are now becoming smarter and creative by using the Internet to sell wildlife and hide this lucrative business from authorities,” he said.

TRAFFIC, which has been monitoring online illegal wildlife trade, observed that unscrupulous individuals create “private” or “secret groups” to sell wildlife and wildlife derivatives.

It was learned that traders are also more discreet as they are no longer posting or sending photos to prospective buyers, apparently to avoid arrest by poseur-buyers.

Appeal To Netizens

“WE are appealing to the public, especially to all netizens to be more vigilant in the social media against online selling of wildlife,” Salac added.

He also urged to the public to report immediately to the DENR any illegal wildlife selling in their area through their official social-media page at @DENRPENROPampanga or hot line no. 0945-368-5303.

The Visayan hornbill is one of the 11 endemic hornbill species in the country and the latest species to be identified as critically endangered due to hunting and loss of habitat. This species is found in the forest area of Panay islands, Negros, Masbate, and Guimaras.

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/05/07/pandemic-whets-appetite-for-illegal-wildlife-trade-denr-reports/?fbclid=IwAR08KWILLCnRAtZ6o5-AtjzFiLDhXOJdrbU_s_huHxHa5SWrnZcA2ghQWkk



Endangered hornbills rescued

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ANGELES CITY, Pampanga — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Regional Intelligence Unit of the Police Regional Office 3 in Barangay Malabantias here rescued a young Visayan hornbill classified as critically endangered from illegal wildlife traders on Wednesday.

In a statement, Pampanga Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) Laudemir Salac disclosed that their office received information that a certain Mike Chua was selling a Visayan hornbill via social media.

The group then proceeded to accost the alleged illegal wildlife traders and rescue the endangered hornbill or the *Penelopides panini*.

Angeles City Police Office investigator Staff Sgt. Angelito Tungul said that the raid resulted in the arrest of Chua's accomplices identified as Norman Vee Balili, a 22-year-old resident of Barangay Malabantias.

Balili was selling the animal without necessary permit from the DENR.

Tungul said that the DENR and the police is setting up a follow-up operation to arrest the mastermind, citing that the trading, collecting, hunting, or possessing of wildlife including their by-products is illegal and against wildlife law.

Balili will be charged for violating Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act which carries a maximum penalty of four years imprisonment and a fine of up to P300,000.

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Source: https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/05/07/endangered-hornbills-rescued/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=endangered-hornbills-rescued



DENR, police rescue critically endangered hornbill



RESCUED. A juvenile and critically endangered Visayan hornbill was seized from a suspected illegal wildlife trader by authorities. (Contributed photo)

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OPERATIVES of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) provincial office, Regional Intelligence Unit of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Angeles City police rescued a juvenile and critically endangered Visayan hornbill (*Penelopides panini*) seized Thursday, May 6, from a suspected illegal wildlife trader.

Pampanga Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (Penro) Laudemir Salac said they received information that a certain Mike Chua was alleged to be selling a Visayan hornbill through social media, and after confirming it, their team immediately prepared an operation to rescue and save the wildlife.

"Illegal wildlife traders are now becoming smarter and creative by using the internet to sell wildlife and hide this lucrative business from authorities," he said.

The DENR, in a statement, said that during the operation, police arrested the alleged accomplice of Chua who was identified as Norman Vee Balili, 22, a resident of Barangay Malabantias in Angeles City, for selling wildlife without necessary permit from the DENR.

The DENR and police are now preparing a follow-up operation for the arrest of the mastermind.

Salac said the trading, collecting, hunting, or possessing of wildlife, including their by-products is illegal and against wildlife law.

The DENR is now preparing to file criminal charges against the suspect for violating Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

Illegal trading of critically endangered wildlife carries a maximum penalty of four years imprisonment and a fine of up to P300,000.

"We are appealing to the public, especially to all netizens to be more vigilant in the social media against online selling of wildlife," Salac added.

He also appealed to the public to report immediately to the DENR any illegal wildlife selling in their area through their official social media page at @DENRPENROPampanga or hotline number 0945-368-5303.

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2 wildlife traffickers arrested in Bulacan, 2 endangered cockatoos rescued

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These two white umbrella cockatoos were rescued from two online sellers in Baliwag town, Bulacan province.

PHOTO FROM DENR CENTRAL LUZON

BALIWAG, Bulacan—Authorities here on Monday (May 3) rescued two white umbrella cockatoos and arrested two men who allegedly were selling the birds online, where wildlife trafficking and other crimes thrive with impunity.

The suspects were identified as Alvin Santos, 48, and his son Rendel Santos, 21, of Barangay Tarcan this town.

Don Guevarra, information officer of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Central Luzon, said the two were caught in an entrapment operation after they sold the endangered species to an undercover agent for P85,000.

Guevarra said the suspects failed to show permit to possess, sell and transport the birds that were reportedly shipped from Indonesia by an unknown group.

The DENR officials and local police carried out the operation after they were tipped off by an environmental preservation advocate in Southern Luzon who scouts social media accounts for online sellers of endangered species.

The suspects will be charged with violation of Republic Act No. 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

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Source: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1428259/2-wildlife-traffickers-arrested-in-bulacan-2-endangered-cockatoos-rescued>



PACC files complaints vs DENR, DPWH officials for alleged corrupt practices

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Greco Belgica (Photo Courtesy of RTVM)

The Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) has filed complaints against several officials of the Department of Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for alleged corrupt practices.

In a Laging Handa public briefing on Thursday (May 6), PACC Chairperson Greco Belgica said the charges are in relation to the officials' issuing a permit for a dredging project that did not comply with the proper process and existing laws.

The commission filed complaints against the DPWH Assistant Secretary for Regional Operations of Visayas, National Capital Region, and Region 4B, and two DENR directors.

Belgica said they are currently coordinating with the Office of the Ombudsman to file criminal charges against these officials. They have also submitted a recommendation to the Office of the President for the administrative charges against them.

"Ang PACC ay patuloy na magbabantay sa imbestigasyon ng Ombudsman hanggang ang mga opisyal na ito ay pormal na makasuhan sa kanilang pagkakasala sa taumbayan," he said.

Report from Kenneth Paciente/NGS-jlo

Source: <https://ptvnews.ph/pacc-files-complaints-vs-denr-dpwh-officials-for-alleged-corrupt-practices/>



Graft raps filed vs DPWH, EMB officials — PACC

By VIRGIL LOPEZ, GMA News

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The Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) has filed graft complaints before the Office of the Ombudsman against three government officials allegedly linked to the anomalous issuance of permits and certificates.

At the Laging Handa briefing, PACC chairperson Greco Belgica identified the officials as Public Works and Highways Assistant Secretary Antonio Molano Jr. and Environmental Management Bureau directors Metodio Turbella and Lormelyn Claudio.

Belgica said the charges stemmed from a flood control project in Zambales.

He did not give additional details, but he vowed to submit documents to the Ombudsman such as the PACC's investigation report.

He said the PACC is also pursuing administrative charges against Molano, Turbella, and Claudio.

Formed through Executive Order 43 in 2017, the PACC is tasked to investigate presidential appointees and other public officers allegedly involved in graft and corrupt practices, or have committed other higher crimes and/or violations of the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees.

The commission is also empowered to conduct lifestyle checks and fact-finding inquiries on presidential appointees suspected of wrongdoing, including those outside the Executive branch.—AOL, GMA News

Source: <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/nation/786458/graft-raps-filed-vs-dpwh-emb-officials-pacc/story/>



3 opisyal ng DPWH, EMB kinasuhan ng Graft at Administratibo sa Ombudsman

On May 6, 2021



SINAMPAHAN ng Graft at Administratibo sa Office of Ombudsman ng Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) ang tatlong opisyal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region 3 at Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) dahil sa pagkakasangkot sa maanomalyang pag-iisyu ng permits at certificates.

Sa 'Laging Handa' briefing, sinabi ni PACC chairperson Greco Belgica na ang kanyang mga kinasuhang opisyal ay sina DPWH Assistant Secretary Antonio Molano Jr., at Environmental Management Bureau directors-III Metodio Turbella at Lormelyn Claudio.

Ayon kay Belgica, nag-ugat ang kaso sa isang flood control project sa bahagi ng Macolcol sa Zambales na aniya'y punung puno ng katiwalian. (Thony D. Arcenal)

Source: <https://www.policefilestonite.net/2021/05/06/3-opisyal-ng-dpwh-emb-kinasuhan-ng-graft-at-administratibo-sa-ombudsman/?fbclid=IwAR2MX9VotQNXMQKCXq-IBILJNC1LAmBwanTyz91EApU8xM8DAZN2GP-RjuM>



Tatlong opisyal ng DENR at DPWH, inireklamo ng PACC sa Ombudsman kaugnay ng dredging operations sa Macolcol River sa Zambales

By [RadyoMaN Manila](#) -May. 6, 2021 at 3:14pm



Kinasuhan na ng Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) sa Ombudsman ang tatlong opisyal mula sa Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) at Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) dahil sa dredging operation sa Macolcol River sa Zambales.

Sa Laging Handa public briefing, sinabi ni PACC Chairman Greco Belgica na kinilala ang mga opisyal na sina Engr. Antonio Molano Jr., ngayon ay assistant secretary ng DPWH, pero nang nagawa nito ang katiwalian ay dati siyang Regional Operations Director ng Region 3; Engr. Metodio Yuturbelia, DENR-NCR Director at Region 4-B, at nung nagawa ang katiwalian ay dating DENR Director ng Region 3; at normelyn Claudio, ngayon ay DENR-EMB Region7, at dating EMB Regional Director 3.

Ayon kay Belgica, ang kaso laban sa tatlo ay nag-ugat sa pagpapalabas nila ng patong-patong na permit o dredging clearance sa iba't ibang kontraktor sa Macolcol River sa San Felipe at San Narciso, Zambales.

Iginiit ni Belgica na kailangang mapanagot ang mga opisyal na ito dahil hindi ito basta-basta lamang na raket kundi multi-billion dollar industry.

Source: <https://rmn.ph/tatlong-opisyal-ng-denr-at-dpwh-inireklamo-ng-pacc-sa-ombudsman-kaugnay-ng-dredging-operations-sa-macolcol-river-sa-zambales/>



Popular opposition suspends a bridge project in a Philippine coral haven

The Indigenous Tagbanua community, who successfully fought against an earlier project to build a theme park, say they were not consulted about the bridge project in Palawan.



Clown fish and anemone in the coral reefs of Coron, Palawan in the Philippines. Image: [Landersz](#), [CC BY-NC-ND 3.0](#)

By Keith Anthony S. Fabro, Mongabay.com May 6, 2021

Nicole Tayag, 30, learned to snorkel at 5 when her father took her to the teeming waters of Coron to scout for potential tourist destinations back in 1995. One particularly biodiverse site they found was the Lusong coral garden, southwest of this island town in the Philippines' Palawan province.

"Even just at the surface, I saw how lively the place was," Tayag told Mongabay. "We drove our boat for so many times that I remember the passage as one of the places I see dolphins jumping and rays flying up the water. It has inspired me to see more underwater, which led me to my career as a scuba diver instructor now."

Tayag said she holds a special place in her heart for Lusong coral garden. So when she heard that a government-funded bridge would be built through it, she said she was concerned about its impact on the marine environment and tourism industry. Before the pandemic, the 644-hectare (1,591-acre) Bintuan marine protected area (MPA), which covers this dive site, received an average of 3,000 tourists weekly, generating up to 259 million pesos (\$5.4 million) in annual revenue. Bintuan is one of the MPAs in the Philippines considered by experts as being managed effectively.

The planned 4.2 billion peso (\$88.6 million) road from Coron to the island of Culion would run just over 20 kilometers (12.5 miles), of which only about an eighth would constitute the actual bridge span, according to a government document obtained by Mongabay.

Tayag said they've been hearing about the project for 20 years now. "[I] didn't give much thought about it before, really." Then, in March this year, Mark Villar, secretary of the Philippine Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), posted the [project's conceptual design](#) on his Facebook page.

Tayag said she was shocked that the project was finally going through. "I was even more shocked when I realised it's so close to historical dive sites and to coral garden," she said.

Without the concerned citizens and organisations who raised the alarm bell in this project, this would have gone in the way of so many so-called infrastructure projects, which are disregarding our sacred rights to a balanced and healthful ecology.

Gloria Ramos, country leader, Oceana Philippines



Part of President Rodrigo Duterte's "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure programme, construction of the Coron-Culion bridge was scheduled from 2020 to 2023. By November 2020, site clearing had already started in the area designated for the bridge's access road.

But on April 7 this year, the Philippine government announced it was suspending the project to ensure mitigating measures for its environmental impact are in place. This follows a public outcry from academics, civil society groups and nonprofit organizations that say the project is fraught with risks and irregularities.

"Without the concerned citizens and organisations who raised the alarm bell in this project, this would have gone in the way of so many so-called infrastructure projects, which are disregarding our sacred rights to a balanced and healthful ecology," said Gloria Ramos, head of the NGO Oceana Philippines.

Cultural heritage collapse

Tayag is part of a group, Buklod Calamianes, that initiated an [online petition](#) seeking to stop the project. They warned of the damage that the bridge construction could pose to the marine environment, as it would sit within a 5-km (3-mi) radius of seven of the top underwater attractions in Coron and Culion. In addition to the Lusong coral garden, these dive sites include six Japanese shipwrecks from World War II.

"Heavy sedimentation from the construction will settle upon these fragile shipwrecks and potentially cause the collapse of these precious historical underwater sites," said the petition, which has been signed by more than 19,000 people.

Palawan Studies Center executive director Michael Angelo Doblado said the shipwrecks need to be protected because they're historically significant heritage sites of local and global importance. "These are evidence that important battles between the American and Japanese air and sea forces happened there."

Doblado, who is also a professor of history at Palawan State University, said the occurrence of these shipwrecks also highlights that the Calamianes island group that includes Coron and Culion was important for the Japanese forces, whose weapons and other equipment relied on Coron as a source of manganese.

"For these wrecks and its local importance to Coron and its people, that would be left to them to decide," he told Mongabay. "Is it really important for them historically as a municipality that they will be willing to preserve and protect it? Or will they be willing to sacrifice and give it up as a price for development?"

"It also begs the question, if tourism is one of the major earners of Coron, and the proposed bridge ... will boost its tourism, is it not ironic that the shipwrecks ... will be directly affected by this infrastructure project that is supposed to boost tourism?"

The government had touted the bridge as improving connectivity between the islands to boost the tourism and agriculture sectors, among other benefits. But if it really wants to help the local tourism sector, Doblado said, the government "should have carried out a construction plan that skirts or avoids destroying or affecting these shipwrecks which are famous dive sites and considered as artificial reefs that promote aquatic growth and diversity in that area."

This would swell the construction cost, he said, but would be vital to saving not only the historical underwater ruins but the marine environment and tourism industry in the long run.



Impact on marine ecosystems

The Philippines has around 25,000 square kilometers (9,700 square miles) of coral reefs, the world's third-largest extent, and its waters are known for the highest biodiversity of corals and shore fishes, a [2019 study](#) noted. However, the same study showed that the country, located at the apex of the Pacific Coral Triangle, lost about a third of its reef corals over the past decade, and none of the reefs surveyed were in a condition that qualified as "excellent."

The bridge project added to concerns about the loss of hard-coral cover. Tayag's group estimated that it would affect 334 hectares (825 acres) of corals, as well as 140 hectares (346 acres) of mangroves. It said the heavy sedimentation, runoff and silt from the construction could cloud the water, blocking the sunlight that's essential for the growth of the algae that, in turn, nourish the corals.

Coral expert Wilfredo Licuanan from De La Salle University in Manila told Mongabay that the corals and the abundance of sea life they support are quite sensitive to water quality change due to sedimentation. "If you have sediments ... their feeding structures are clogged, light penetration is hindered ... and then there's general smothering of life on the sea bottom."

When corals are undernourished, he said, it can prevent the calcium carbonate accumulation that constitutes reef growth and that takes tens of thousands of years. "If the corals are not able to produce enough calcium carbonate, your reef is not able to continue to grow and ... will start eroding," Licuanan said.

Once that happens, the reefs will not be able to keep up with climate change-induced sea level rise, and will cease to protect the coastlines from big waves and to serve as habitat for many other species, including those that feed fishing communities. "So, all the ecosystem services of coral reefs are dependent on the position of calcium carbonate skeleton," Licuanan said.

"Any construction activity, be it road building, resort construction, anything of that sort requires that you move earth," Licuanan said. "You dig, you relocate soil, and so on. And almost always, that means a lot of the soil gets mobilised and is brought to the sea, causing sedimentation."

That impact to the reef ecosystem will reverberate up to the residents who depend on it for their livelihoods, said Miguel Fortes, a marine scientist and professor at the University of the Philippines. "If you destroy one, you're actually destroying the other," he said in an Oceana online forum.

Fortes said it takes about 35 years for damaged coral reefs to recover. That compares to about 25 years for mangroves and a year for seagrass, both of which are useful in mitigating climate change, he said. In Coron and Culion, these ecosystems provide estimated annual economic benefits of 3.7 billion pesos (\$77.2 million), on top of the 4.1 billion pesos (\$85.2 million) generated by the islands' recreation zones.

Coron Bay's fisheries production is an important spawning and nursery ground, said Jomel Baobao, a fisheries management specialist with the nonprofit Path Foundation Inc., one of the partner implementers of the USAID Fish Right project. The five communities adjacent to the bridge project alone stand to benefit from a total estimated yield of 89 million pesos (\$1.8 million) annually.

"A USAID-funded larval dispersal study showed that Bintuan area is the sink for larvae that come from different sources, making it a rich nursery ground," Baobao told Mongabay. He added that Coron Bay serves to funnel larvae from the Sulu Sea and West Philippine Sea, and any disruption to that flow could affect fishing yields in Bintuan and other areas.



"The narrowest portion in the bay located in Bintuan where the bridge will be constructed is significant to water exchange between these two seas," Baobao said. This might be affected if there will be ecosystem loss or destruction in the area because of the bridge."

The area's reefs are home to economically important species such as red grouper, lobster and round scad, as well as giant clams, according to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. Among the coral species that flourish around the Calamianes island group are two endangered ones: [Pectinia maxima](#) and [Anacropora spinosa](#). In the Philippines, the latter is found only in the Calamianes.

No green permits

Preliminary tree cutting and clearing of the road leading to the bridge entrance [reportedly began](#) in November 2020, raising fears that it could trigger siltation that could jeopardize the marine park.

In a [2020 paper](#), Licuanan said that management actions, such as enhanced regulation of road construction on slopes leading to the sea and rivers that open into the sea, and consequent limitations on government infrastructure programs that impinge on these critical areas, are crucial in conserving the country's remaining coral reefs.

"Road building practices locally are particularly destructive because they [the DPWH and private contractors] rarely prioritize soil conservation," he told Mongabay.

But despite the recent activity, the project has not received the green light from the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), a provincial government agency. PCSD spokesman John Vincent Fabello told Mongabay that no strategic environmental plan (SEP) clearance has been issued to the DPWH for the project. The clearance would essentially guarantee that the high-impact project is located outside ecologically critical zones like marine parks.

"They [DPWH] don't have an SEP clearance yet," Fabello said. "Government big-ticket projects still have to [go] through the SEP clearance system of the PCSD. Administrative fines shall be imposed if building commences without the necessary clearance and permits from PCSD and related agencies."

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said it will also require the DPWH to undertake an environmental impact assessment to obtain an environmental compliance certificate and tree cutting permit for the project. "Government projects will still go through the permitting; you have to follow the process ... but it will be faster," said DENR regional director Maria Lourdes Ferrer.

The DPWH confirmed it had not undertaken the required public consultations, feasibility study, or permit applications prior to the start of construction activities. DPWH regional director Yolanda Tangco said they fast-tracked the construction work because the initial 250 million pesos (\$5.2 million) in project funding released to the agency in 2020 would have to be returned to the treasury if it was not spent within two years.

Fortes said this reasoning is unacceptable because projects should not only be politically expedient but also based on scientific evidence and actual user needs.

"To me, this means money still supersedes more vital imperatives [such as] cultural and ecological," he said. "Poor planning is evident here because it entails huge sacrifices."



Tangco said her office expects to receive additional construction funding for 2021 to 2023 from the national government. "But if we have decided not to continue it, we will remove it [in our proposal]. Most probably, we will revert the funding and terminate the contract," she said.

She added that in the feasibility study expected to be completed in July 2021, the public works office is considering two more route options: "Our alignment isn't fixed. If we can find an alignment with lesser impacts to the environment and Indigenous people, we will pursue that and issue variation and change orders [to the contractor]."

Indigenous communities fight back

The Indigenous Tagbanua community of Culion has slammed the project for failing to obtain their permission through a process of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC), required under Philippine law.

"We don't want that bridge here because we fear that it will affect many — our seas, our livelihoods, our lands we inherited from our ancestors," Indigenous federation chairman Larry Sinamay, who organised a rally on April 5, told Mongabay. "Where would we get our food when our place is destroyed by this project?"

"The social and sacred value of this traditional space to the Tagbanua should be respected by every member of the community, even us outsiders, tourists and developers," said Kate Lim, an archaeologist who has conducted studies in the region. "The concept of ancestral domain is that it's communal and utilised by everyone and not just by one sector only."

In a letter dated March 31, the federation of 24 Tagbanua communities appealed to the national government to halt the project's preliminary construction activities, pending impact assessments.

"If we receive no response to our plea, we will be forced to seek legal remedies to fight for our Indigenous rights provided under the Philippine Constitution, Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act, and other laws related to environment and natural resources," the federation said at the time.

The Tagbanuas have experience standing up to projects they see as imperiling their environment and culture. In 2017, they banded together to stop a [proposed Nickelodeon theme park](#), which also lacked the necessary scientific studies, consultations and permits.

"Even if we are battling a pandemic, we can't forget that our battle to protect Palawan's natural resources must go on," said Anna Oposa, executive director of Save Philippine Seas, who joined the Tagbanuas in fighting the Nickelodeon project. "The Tagbanua IPs have the experience and power to block or at the very least significantly delay this potentially destructive project and come to a consensus with other stakeholders."

While the public pressure has prompted the government to suspend the project, the community says it isn't dropping its guard.

"In a time of pandemic and lockdowns, projects are easily sneaked in and started out of the public's eye who are confined in their homes," Tayag said.

"We are closely monitoring these *bateltelan* [hard-headed] officials. We trust that the government offices looking into this project will do what is right and not just focus on its 'good intention.'"

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Source: <https://www.eco-business.com/news/popular-opposition-suspends-a-bridge-project-in-a-philippine-coral-haven/>



P190-K hot logs seized in Agusan Sur

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BUTUAN CITY – The Agusan del Sur Police Provincial Office (ADSPPO) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) have arrested two suspects and seized PHP190,498 worth of illegally gathered lumber and forest products in separate operations conducted Wednesday afternoon.

In an interview with the Philippine News Agency Thursday, Col. Ringo C. Zarzoso, ADSPPO director, identified the suspects as Nestor Sembrano, 53, a farmer and a resident of Esperanza town, and Ronald Barrientos, 18, a resident of Bunawan municipality.

Zarzoso said Sembrano was arrested in Barangay Bonaguit, Esperanza, where he yielded 541 board feet of lauan lumber worth PHP18,935.

Barrientos, meanwhile, was caught with 757 pieces of rattan worth PHP19,682 in Trento town, Zarzoso added.

“Assorted lumber products illegally-gathered in different towns in Agusan del Sur were also confiscated on Wednesday. The suspects involved in these illegal logging activities remain at large,” the police official said.

Meanwhile, Zarzoso said separate operations conducted on Wednesday in the towns of Bunawan, La Paz, Loreto, San Francisco, San Luis, Sibagat, Talacogon, Veruela, and Bayugan City resulted in the confiscation of some 4,199 board feet of illegally-gathered assorted lumber products.

“The one-time, big-time operation we conducted on Wednesday with the DENR netted 4,740.84 bd. ft. of assorted lumber products and 757 pieces of rattan all worth over PHP190,000,” Zarzoso said.

He added that ADSPPO and the DENR are still determining the identities of those personalities involved in illegal logging activities in the province. **(PNA)**

Source: https://maharlika.tv/2021/05/06/p190-k-hot-logs-seized-in-agusan-sur/?fbclid=IwAR1Yeu4LS8Y_9W7-UyT7J66cGNhgBvG9qbIOGexyOghYqySbTZISeV-Qgao



Responsible mining is possible

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By Marvin Tort



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A few days ago, I received a rejoinder from the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (COMP), to my column last week on mining. Through its vice-president for communication Rocky Dimaculangan, COMP shares how mining companies have been managing the environmental and social aspects of their operations in line with the Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) standard that was first used in Canada. Rocky is also the national coordinator for TSM.

Rocky assures this column that the mining sector, through the TSM program, is adopting "rigorous, independently assured standards based on multi-stakeholder oversight." He explains that TSM was developed by the Mining Association of Canada in 2004 and is mandatory to its members. And that over the last 15 years, the program has helped to transform Canadian mines.

"TSM lays out a set of expectations or performance indicators that essentially represent global best mining practices in seven Protocols: 1.) Safety and Health, 2.) Community and IP (Indigenous Peoples) Engagement, 3.) Crisis Management and Communication, 4.) Prevention of Child and Forced Labor, 5.) Tailings Management, 6.) Water Management, and 7.) Biodiversity Conservation Management," Rocky writes in an e-mail.

"Every year, each implementing mine will grade themselves against every performance indicator under each Protocol and will submit their self-assessment reports to COMP. We will publish such reports so that it is publicly available, which addresses the need for transparency. Every three years, each implementing mine will undergo independent external verification, where qualified verifiers will validate the self-assessment reports. They will have the authority to change performance levels in the self-assessment reports if warranted. The results of the external verification will also be published," he adds.

The TSM effort locally, I believe, began as early as 2017. But, according to Rocky, it took COMP a number of years to orient local mines on it, and to "adjust performance indicators to ensure that they are consistent with our local laws, rules and regulations." Of course, any global standard for best practices for any industry must always consider or take into account the peculiarities of the local regulatory environment.

The TSM program was rolled out by COMP in 2020, starting with "voluntary reporting of self-assessment reports, to allow implementing companies to conduct gap analysis and adjust their procedures and practices accordingly." Rocky assures particularly those still skeptical of whether local mining companies are doing things right that "mandatory reporting will commence [2022], while external verification and publication of the self-assessment reports in our website will begin in 2023."



The TSM program, to me, is a move in the right direction. TSM is also working with IRMA or the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance, which I have been pushing for since 2017. IRMA is a private sector-led, multi-stakeholder consultative initiative that uses "a multi-stakeholder and independently verifiable responsible mining assurance system that improves social and environmental performance."

According to Rocky, TSM has a formal partnership with IRMA "to create more effective interoperability between these two standards." They are working on an Integrated Audit Protocol, he said, to integrate the requirements of their respective standards into a single audit protocol. Meantime, COMP members have agreed to voluntarily adopt TSM standards.

He also says in his e-mail that local miners are moving to "operate beyond mere compliance and use best practices," and have likewise subscribed to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, or EITI, to "further demonstrate our commitment to the highest standards of transparency and accountability in business."

All these efforts bode well for the local mining industry, I believe. I consider crucial in particular the mandatory reporting by 2022 of miners' compliance with TSM standards. Self-policing and self-regulation through voluntary reporting can only go so far. But, making reporting mandatory, with reports publicly published, by 2023, allows for better transparency and accountability.

Rocky says the key strength of TSM is that it requires a national multi-stakeholder body called the Community of Interest (COI) Advisory Panel to be established in each implementing country. In our case, the Philippine COI Panel includes representatives from labor, environment, civil society, academe, finance, law, indigenous peoples, the Catholic church, and mining.

A list provided by Rocky show members of the Philippine COI Panel are Rogelio Francisco M. Bantayan, Jr., Executive Director of the National Commission for Indigenous Peoples; UP Professors Carlos Primo David and Cielo Magno; Ateneo Dean Ronald Mendoza; ex-DENR Assistant Secretary Edwin G. Domingo; Catholic priest Jerome Marquez of the Society of Divine Word; lawyer Jose V. Mejia; environmental management professional Liezyl Liton-Rellea; labor leader Gerard R. Seno; broadcast journalist Luchi Cruz-Valdes; and finance professional Alexis Benjamin C. Zaragoza III. Albay Governor Al Francis Bichara has begged off from the panel, Rocky said, and the COI panel is still deliberating on his replacement as the representative for local government units. Ex-officio members of the panel are Chamber of Mines directors Euls Austin, Gerard H. Brimo, and Gloria Tan Climaco.

I choose to publish the names of the members of the COI panel for the sake of transparency, and to be clear as to who may be involved in the process of ensuring that local mining operations meet TSM standards. In a way, the same COI panel will surely have a say on policy direction for the industry, and will probably chime in on any proposed legislation or regulation affecting the industry.

And, as Rocky notes, "The COI Panel can, on a random basis, ask implementing companies to come before them to discuss their TSM results and respond to a series of questions. In the experience of Canada, this has proven to be tremendously valuable because miners get to engage and find out what issues are of concern and interest to the members of the Panel given the different backgrounds they bring to the table."

I consider this an important factor, although I am unclear as to what extent the COI Panel as well as COMP can actually police its ranks and compel compliance among its members. One factor to consider is the COMP or COI Panel's authority to censure or to impose penalties on erring or non-compliant miners, and how COMP and the COI Panel can work with government regulators in this regard.

"Responsible mining does exist in our country," Rocky assures. But, he adds, "the one problem we see in our country is that there are a number of unregulated, largely illegal operations around our country that affect the image of the formal large-scale sector, since the public in general does not distinguish between the two."



Indeed, the industry can only go so far in terms of combating illegal mining operations. This is more the responsibility of the government. One can only hope that government regulators are up to the task of cleansing the mining industry ranks of illegals, misfits, and scalawags. In the end, strict compliance with standards by legitimate miners may just be for naught if illegal operations will just persist.

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DOT urges stricter waste management protocols in tourist sites

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora *May 6, 2021, 12:30 pm*



Boracay Island in Malay, Aklan *(File photo)*

MANILA – Waste management protocols in tourist destinations must be strictly monitored and implemented even when most tourism activities are on a halt, the Department of Tourism (DOT) said Thursday.

The DOT made the call following the coastal cleanup initiative of the DOT Region 11, dubbed "Scubasurero: Stand up, save our reefs," which collected over 300 kilograms of garbage in the waters of Samal Island in Davao del Norte.

In a statement, the DOT said the pandemic has underscored the importance of sustainable tourism, with environmental protection as one of its major pillars.

"Compliance of the public with waste management protocols will help keep our waters clean, protect its rich marine life, and ensure its beauty will be retained for generations to come," it said.

Through its "Save our Spots (SOS)" campaign, a culture of sustainable tourism is promoted by engaging tourists on responsible travel and involving more people to act for the preservation of natural wonders.

"While the Department is pleased that these water destinations, among many others, continue to attract visitors, the DOT also appeals to tourists and residents alike to maintain cleanliness and only leave trash in designated locations only," the DOT said. *(PNA)*



Slow tourism urged as waste in seas piles up

By [Elijah Felice Rosales](#)(Philstar.com) - May 7, 2021 - 12:00am



This undated photo shows a view of Boracay island in Malay, Aklan.

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Tourism (DOT) has asked travelers to reduce their waste disposal in places they visit, as the agency intensifies its campaign to promote sustainable practices in light of calls to reform the sector.

The DOT yesterday called on local governments to enhance their waste management systems in tourist destinations nationwide after its regional arm in Davao collected close to 400 kilograms of garbage in the waters of Samal.

Last week a cleanup organized by government bodies and diving groups resulted in the removal of a total of 378 kilos of garbage in the Island Garden City of Samal.

The DOT also appealed to tourists to maintain the cleanliness of the places they go to, as well as leave their trash in designated areas only. It said the pandemic stressed the need to promote sustainable tourism with a focus on environmental conservation.

For sustainable tourism to work, authorities should engage travelers and introduce ways on how to preserve natural resources. On the other hand, compliance with protocols on waste disposal will sustain the waters and their marine life, the DOT said.

Similarly, Save Philippine Seas executive director Anna Oposa said the government, especially the DOT, should consider campaigning for slow tourism, wherein regulators restrict the number of visitors that can enter a tourist site in a day.

Oposa added famed destinations in the Visayas like Boracay Island and Oslob faced environmental pressures prior to the pandemic, as thousands of tourists used to head there every day and activities last well into night.

The government even had to shut down Boracay for at least six months in 2018 to give way to efforts to rehabilitate the island.

"For the longest time, the government would say that they are not able to limit the people going. It took a pandemic for them [regulators] to realize that they could," Oposa shared in a discussion hosted by the Asian Development Bank last Monday.

"This kind of tourism is not only good for the tourists themselves because they will have a better user experience, [as] there are no thousands of people elbowing you in the ocean, or when you are sunbathing in the beach. It is also less pressure on the environment," she added.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/05/07/2096501/slow-tourism-urged-waste-seas-piles-up/amp/>



Group pushes for establishment of recycling hubs in Dumaguete

By Mary Judaline Partlow May 6, 2021, 9:38 pm



Google map of Dumaguete City

DUMAGUETE CITY – An environmental advocacy group here is asking barangay officials to speed up the establishment of recycling hubs called materials recovery facilities (MRFs) in answer to the city's growing problem on trash disposal.

In an interview on Thursday, Gary Rosales, president of the Kahugpungan Para sa Kinabuhi ug Kinaiyahan, Inc. (Kinaiyahan) and treasurer of the Friends of Negros Oriental, noted that only five barangays in this capital city have so far established and are operating MRFs.

These "zero-waste" barangays are Looc, Piapi, Bantayan, Calindagan, and Banilad.

Other villages should emulate them, Rosales said.

"It is a long time coming and we have been asking city officials to push for these barangays to have their own MRFs so that garbage segregation at source can take place to help address our garbage crisis," he said.

Rosales said garbage is everyone's concern as he called on the people to cooperate and participate in efforts to reduce the city's residual trash through household segregation.

"We are calling on everybody to be mindful in our utilization, especially of single-use plastics and other types of packaging that's difficult to manage and which we consider as residual waste," he said.

With the city being ordered to shut down its current open dumpsite in Barangay Candauay, the local government still has to find an area for a sanitary landfill.

Meanwhile, in celebration of Environment Month in June, Kinaiyahan and other environmental advocacy groups will be spearheading a coastal and marine underwater cleanup, Rosales said.

The area they are targeting is a portion of the Rizal Boulevard here, starting from the city port and southward to the mouth of the Banica River in Barangay Tinago.

"It's been a long time since this part of the coast has been cleaned up and we are just worried that there might be plenty of trash already accumulated there," he said in a mix of English and Cebuano dialect.

Rosales invited everyone to participate in this activity dubbed "Scubasurero", especially the scuba divers and snorkelers.

He lamented that single-use plastics and other trash find their way into the sea via the outfalls that are situated at the boulevard seawall.

There is no need to worry about the risk of spreading the coronavirus disease 2019 during the event as there is plenty of space for physical distancing, Rosales said. (PNA)

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Nestlé pledges net zero emissions by 2050

(The Philippine Star) - May 6, 2021 - 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — As the world’s largest food and beverage manufacturer, Nestlé is called upon to take a leadership role in tackling climate change, one of the greatest threats to society today.

Accordingly, Nestlé is leveraging its global size, scale, and reach to make a difference as it urgently pursues its ambition to halve its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and reach net zero not later than 2050.

Locally, Nestlé Philippines, one of the country’s largest corporations, recently declared new commitments to achieve net zero emissions as a “Kasambahay for the Environment” on its 110th year.

The commitments were announced during the company’s virtual 2021 Net Zero Fair attended by employees and their family members, as well as program and business partners.

These commitments aim to support the Philippines’ Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement to reduce and avoid carbon emissions by 75 percent as of 2030.

In tackling the plastic waste crisis, Nestlé Philippines is innovating and developing technology to make its packaging recyclable or reusable by 2025. At the same time, it is collaborating with public and private sector partners to ensure that none of its packaging ends up in the environment, and to educate consumers about solid waste management.

Last year in August, the company achieved its most important environmental milestone thus far, by becoming the country’s first multinational fast-moving consumer goods company to attain plastic neutrality. This means Nestlé Philippines is collecting and co-processing, and therefore diverting from nature, the equivalent amount of plastic that it generates in its packaging. Since then, it has collected 18,000 metric tons of plastic waste in the last seven months.

The company has also switched to clean energy, and now its factories in Luzon, as well as its Makati office, run on 100 percent renewable electricity.

Through its Nescafe plan and the common code for the Coffee Community or 4C, Nestlé Philippines is enabling Robusta coffee farmers in Mindanao to learn regenerative agriculture and sustainable coffee production. In particular, the company is helping 1,500 smallholder farmers to reduce their carbon footprint.

On top of these programs, Nestlé Philippines chairman and CEO Kais Marzouki announced additional commitments to accelerate the journey to net zero. These include collecting and diverting an annual average of 26,000 metric tons of plastic waste away from landfills and oceans – an important step towards ensuring none of its waste ends up in the environment – thereby sustaining plastic neutrality, reducing virgin plastics consumption by a third by 2025, and reducing 30 percent of GHG emissions by 2025 in local operations (factories, administrative office and logistics).



Marzouki expressed confidence that the company would fulfill these commitments with the support and participation of its employees and partners. During the fair, employees and their families formally pledged in a contract with the planet to actively involve themselves in creating a net zero environment by making sustainable choices, properly managing solid waste and planting trees.

“Nestlé’s strategy to cut in half its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2050 are perfectly aligned with the targets of our country’s Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement. By accelerating its actions to tackle climate change, Nestlé will help our country attain its goals in building climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience,” said Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu in another message of support.

Nestlé Philippines SVP and head of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability Arlene Tan-Bantoto acknowledged the importance of partnerships with the public and the private sectors in making the company’s ground-breaking environmental initiatives possible.

“We are addressing climate change through coordinated action, continuing innovation, and multisectoral engagement, with open accountability as we report our progress. We are the Good Food, Good Life company. We want to leave the legacy of a cleaner, healthier, and more livable planet for the next 110 years,” she said.

“Nestlé Philippines will take a leading role in working toward net zero GHG emissions by integrating sustainable practices in our operations. We will continue to seek out partnerships and collaborate with consumers, the government, industry, NGOs and other stakeholders, as we journey to a net zero future,” Marzouki said.

“Tackling climate change cannot wait, and neither can we. And so let us all move forward for the sake of our children and future generations, rising to the challenges that lie ahead, together and united,” he said.

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COVID 'support group' formed for DENR workers by disease survivors

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by [Ellson Quismorio](#)

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Benny Antiporda has organized a “support group” for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases in the agency using helpful inputs from survivors of the dreaded illness, like himself.



DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda in his office during the May 5, 2021 Zoom meeting with fellow COVID-19 survivors. (Ellson Quismorio / MANILA BULLETIN)

An internal Zoom meeting attended by COVID-19 survivors and officials of DENR on Wednesday, May 5 served as the genesis of the informal group.

“We can start from this..50 tayo ngayon (there are 50 of us in this meeting). We might end up helping 5,000 of us in the future. Kailangan kapit-bisig tayo, tulong-tulong tayong lahat (Let's cooperate with each other). We can surpass this,” Antiporda said.

As tangible assistance, Antiporda promised to keep around 100 “COVID kits” on standby for employees who might need them.

He expects that the number would suffice, at least initially, for the Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service (SCIS), Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns, Tayo and Kalikasan Campaign, and Action Hotline 8888, which are the offices under him.

He said each kit will contain an oximeter; thermal scanner; medicines and supplements like paracetamol, multivitamins, and Lianhua; hand sanitizers, and face masks, among other items that a potential COVID patient might need.



DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda listening to a COVID-19 survivor's account of his ordeal. (Ellson A. Quismorio / MANILA BULLETIN)



Aside from this, Antiporda said that an important thing that must be provided to DENR workers amid the health crisis was 24/7 access to a doctor for medical consultation. He said this will give the employees peace of mind.

“Kahit paano magkaroon tayo ng tinatawag na hotline, na in case mayroon problema mayroon tayong doktor na tatawagan. Kahit hindi doktor ng DENR; pwede naman siguro ang DENR kumuha ng mga doktor sa labas who is familiar with COVID (We want to set up a hotline so that we’ll have a doctor to talk to in case there’s a problem. It doesn’t have to be an in-house doctor of the DENR; we can hire a doctor from outside who is familiar with COVID),” he said during the meeting.

“Only people who survived this COVID will tell you this..dahil ito yung naging problema namin. Isipin mo kung wala kang doktor na ma-text o matawagan. Eh di nabaliw nako nun (This was what we went through. I would’ve gone nuts if I didn’t have a doctor that I could text with or call),” Antiporda said, alluding to his episode with the disease.

Antiporda tested positive for COVID-19 last March 22. It took over a month before he could totally expell the new coronavirus from his body and be cleared to return to work.

Through the support group, the DENR official wants to get rid of the notion or fear that contracting COVID-19 would automatically spell one’s end. “Phone a friend, look for a COVID survivor that can give you good advice.”



COVID survivor Antiporda worries for DENR's senior citizens, tells them how hard his ordeal was
His narrowing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) experience finally behind him, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Jenny D. Antiporda is now on a quest to save as many lives as possible from the dreaded ailment. DENR Undersecretary Jenny Antiporda (Photo courtesy: [Manila Bulletin](#)) | [Edson Guzman](#) | [May 6](#)

“We’re here to encourage everybody to wake up and save our colleagues’ lives. Masakit na magbilang muna tayo ng bangkay bago tayo umaksyon. Aksiyunan na natin ito para makapagligtas tayo ng maraming buhay (It hurts that we had to count cadavers first before taking action. Let’s take action now so that we can save a lot of lives),” he underscored.

At least five COVID-19 survivors, Antiporda included, shared their experiences with the disease during the two-hour meeting.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/05/06/covid-support-group-formed-for-dnr-workers-by-disease-survivors/>



PH Covid-19 recoveries breach 999K mark

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor May 6, 2021, 5:18 pm



MANILA – The country's overall tally of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) recoveries climbed to 999,011 on Thursday, with an additional 6,091 new recovered cases.

The latest data from the Department of Health (DOH) showed the figure is equivalent to a 92.5-percent recovery rate out of the total number of cases which has reached 1,080,172.

The agency also logged 6,637 new infections, bringing the total number of active cases to 63,170.

Of the active cases, about 94.3 percent are mild, 1.9 percent are asymptomatic, 1.6 percent are severe, 1.03 are moderate, and 1.2 percent are in critical condition.

The DOH also recorded 191 new deaths, pushing the death toll to 17,991.

According to DOH data on May 4, about 14.7 percent of 44,997 who were tested turned out positive for the disease.

"Some 20 duplicates were removed from the total case count, and of these, 13 were recovered cases. Moreover, 109 cases that were previously tagged as recovered were reclassified as deaths after final validation," the DOH said.

One laboratory was not operational on April 26 while five laboratories failed to submit their data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System (CDRS).

Currently, 64 percent of 1,900 intensive care unit beds, 44 percent of 13,600 isolation beds, 51 percent of 6,000 ward beds, and 51 percent of 2,000 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are in use nationwide.

Meanwhile, 71 percent of 700 intensive care unit beds, 49 percent of 3,800 isolation beds, 56 percent of 2,200 ward beds, and 51 percent of 800 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are being used in the National Capital Region.

The public is reminded to stay at home and to observe minimum health standards when going out.

The DOH urged those experiencing Covid-19 symptoms to immediately isolate and contact the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams. *(PNA)*

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1139385>



PH logs 6,637 new COVID-19 cases; recoveries inch closer to 1M

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, May 6) - The country logged 6,637 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, the Department of Health's latest bulletin showed.

Of the 1,080,172 total infections, 63,170 are active cases or patients who are still sick. The DOH added that 94.3% are experiencing mild symptoms, 1.9% are asymptomatic, 1.2% are critical, 1.6% are in severe condition, and 1.03% only have moderate symptoms.

The DOH said the low number of new cases recorded can be attributed to fewer samples received by laboratories on May 4.

The daily positivity rate, or the ratio of infected patients among those tested, is at 14.7% out of the 44,997 tests conducted as of May 4.

Meanwhile, 191 more patients died of COVID-19, bringing the death toll to 17,991. This is a slight increase from the 178 deaths recorded on Wednesday.

The department said 109 cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation.

The number of survivors also climbed to 999,011 after 6,091 more patients recovered. The DOH said that 20 duplicates were removed from the total tally, of which 13 were recoveries.

The DOH said all laboratories were operational on May 4, but one was not able to submit its data to the COVID-19 Document Repository System.

Meanwhile, the Department of Foreign Affairs reported 22 new COVID-19 infections among Filipinos abroad, bringing the total case count to 18,479.

It added that the number of COVID-19 survivors among overseas Filipinos reached 11,306, after 14 more recovered. The death toll remains at 1,147, with no new deaths recorded, said DFA.

The DFA also said that 6,026 Filipino COVID-19 patients abroad are currently undergoing treatment.

The DOH earlier said that it has seen a slow decrease in new COVID-19 cases in Metro Manila over the previous weeks.

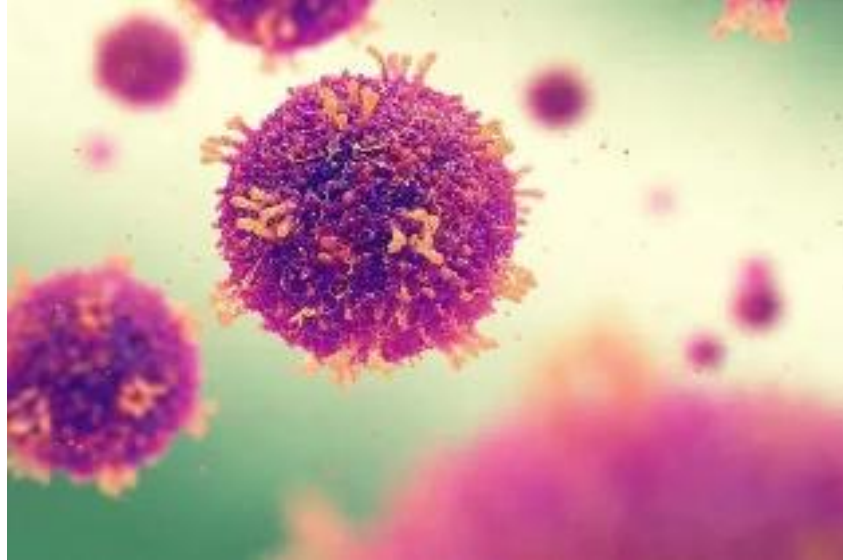
The OCTA Research Group also said the daily COVID-19 cases in the capital region is projected to drop from an average of 3,144 to 2,800 starting next week.

Source: <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/5/6/PH-COVID-19-case-May-6-.html>



GLOBAL COVID-19 CASES PUMALO NA SA 155,126,230

written by **Lyn Aurora Legarteja** May 7, 2021



Lumobo na sa kabuuang 155,126,230 ang bilang ng naitalang kaso ng COVID-19 sa buong mundo.

Batay sa pinakahuling tala ng Agence France-Presse (AFP), tinatayang nasa 828,214 ang karagdagang kaso na naitala sa buong mundo kahapon.

Habang nasa 14,323 naman ang bilang ng bagong nasawi dahilan para pumalo ang death toll sa buong mundo sa 3,244,598.

Lumalabas sa report ng AFP, ang mga bansang may pinakamaraming bagong naitalang nasawi ay sa India na may 3,980, sinundan ng Brazil na nasa 2,811 at Estados Unidos na may 846 bagong pagkasawi.

Ang Estados Unidos naman ang nangunguna sa may pinakamaraming naitalang nagpositibong kaso na nasa 32,558,066, sinundan ng India na nasa 21,077,410 cases, Brazil na nasa 14,930,183 at Mexico na nasa 2,355,985 cases.



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- Topical Diagnostics, Inc.**
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- Health Metrics, Inc.**
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Muntinlupa City (Public Hospital)

- Research Institute for Tropical Medicine** (RITM)
I/RT-PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21
- Office of Muntinlupa**
I/RT-PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21



Magpa-tryapang pagmang ayon sa mga lalaki ng bayan, pati sa mga lalaki ng bayan, pati sa mga lalaki ng bayan, pati sa mga lalaki ng bayan.



Kumausap sa mga lalaki ng bayan, pati sa mga lalaki ng bayan, pati sa mga lalaki ng bayan, pati sa mga lalaki ng bayan.

Caloocan City

- Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital and Sanatorium (Caloocan)**
PUBLIC
Cartridge-Based PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21
- Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital and Sanatorium (Tarlac)**
PUBLIC
I/RT-PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21
- Caloocan City North Medical Center**
PUBLIC
I/RT-PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21

Pasig City

- The Medical City - Drogea**
PRIVATE
I/RT-PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21
- The Medical City - Drogea**
PRIVATE
Cartridge-Based PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21
- New World Diagnostics Inc. Premium Medical Branch**
PRIVATE
Cartridge-Based PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21
- Pasig City Children's Hospital** - Child's Health
PUBLIC
I/RT-PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21
- Blood Medical Center**
PUBLIC
Cartridge-Based PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21

Taguig City (Public Hospital)

- Taguig City National University**
I/RT-PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21
- Army General Hospital Molecular Laboratory**
I/RT-PCR
01/21/21 - 12/31/21

SOURCE: [HTTPS://DOH.GOV.PH/LICENSED-COVID-19-TESTING-LABORATORIES](https://doh.gov.ph/licensed-covid-19-testing-laboratories)

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LICENSED COVID-19 TESTING LABORATORIES IN METRO MANILA

City of Manila (Private Hospitals)

Chinese General Hospital
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Philippine Red Cross - Port Area
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Amang Serrano Hospital
Cartridge - Qeas PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

First Aids Diagnostic Center
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Manila Doctors Hospital
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Manila Diagnostic Center for COVID-19
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

El Roi Medical Clinic & Diagnostic Center Inc.
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Supercare Medical Services Inc.
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Orbita Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory, Inc.
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Intramuros Molecular Laboratory Inc.
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Ollyn Medical Laboratory, Inc.
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Chinese General Hospital
Cartridge - Qeas PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Ollyn Medical Laboratory, Inc.
Cartridge - Qeas PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Philippine Medical Diagnostic Center Laboratory Center Corporation (PHIMED)
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

KAGAN DAPAT MAGPA-TEST



Magpa-Test ngay sa mga pangangailangan ng mga sikat na lugar ng paglalakbay, tulad ng mga airport, bus stations, at mga terminal ng mga tren, kasama ang mga pangangailangan ng mga ospital.



Kumunsuhin ang mga pangangailangan ng mga sikat na lugar.

Magpa-Test sa mga Sikat na Lugar tulad ng mga Airport, Bus Stations, at mga Terminal ng mga Tren (BRTV).

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Kumunsuhin ang mga pangangailangan ng mga sikat na lugar tulad ng mga ospital.

City of Manila (Public Hospitals)

Isando Medical Center (Ceres Sport)
Cartridge - Qeas PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

St. Ann's Hospital
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

St. Ann's Hospital
Cartridge - Qeas PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Philippine General Hospital (PGH)
Cartridge - Qeas PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center
Cartridge - Qeas PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

PGH Station Hospital Molecular Laboratory
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

San Juan Medical Center (SJMC)
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

University of the Philippines National Center for Health (UPNH)
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Marikina City (Public Hospital)

Marikina Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center
IRT/PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center
Cartridge - Qeas PCR
02/02/21 - 12/31/21

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LICENSED COVID-19 TESTING LABORATORIES IN METRO MANILA

Las Pinas City (Public Hospitals)

Las Pinas General Hospital and San Jose
Trauma Center
PUBLIC
RT-PCR
0190211250201

Las Pinas Quezon Hospital and San Jose
Trauma Center
PUBLIC
Cartridge-Based PCR
0190211250201

Valenzuela City (Public Hospital)

Valenzuela Free Molecular Laboratory
PUBLIC
RT-PCR
0190211250201

Paranaque City (Public Hospital)

DePauling Basilio Memorial Center II
RT-PCR
0190211250201

KALAN DAPAT MAGPA-TEST



Get ready for receiving
incoming patients. Load
up again, you always will
be. Always be ready
before, because they
will be back.



Karunungan sa
Kamagulang

Check us out!
Sanagay, both
Community Support
Team (C-SAT).

Engineering Division
as Covid-19 Unit at
my KID 01902045



Masking and social distancing
bands of 1.5 meters and 2.0
to help communities.
Staying healthy goes
with wearing face mask and
distancing.



Responsible preparation
of social distancing to further
help our health system.



Karunungan sa
Kamagulang ang
makaunangyap
paghihambing

MANDALUYONG CITY (Private Hospitals)

Optima Health Center Diagnostic
Laboratory
Private
Type of Test: RT-PCR
Contact No. (70) 7857-6670

Philippine Red Cross-National Blood
Center
Private
Type of Test: RT-PCR
Contact No. (02) 8793 2500 local
951932505

Philippine Red Cross English School
Multi-purpose Center
Private
Type of Test: RT-PCR
Contact No. (02) 8793-2500

Religioso DNA Diagnostic, Inc.
Private
Type of Test: RT-PCR
Contact No. (02) 8793-2500
056-2006

San Miguel Foundation Testing
Laboratory
Private
Type of Test: RT-PCR

Health Delivery Systems Inc.
Private
Type of Test: RT-PCR
Contact No. (70) 7657-7000

Mediway Medical
Private
Type of Test: RT-PCR

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COVID HOME CARE OPTIONS

(Updated as of April 13, 2021)

THE MEDICAL CITY HOME CARE SERVICES

Contact: 8989 1000
8989 7000

<https://www.facebook.com/TheMedicalCity/posts/4255068357236678>

<https://sites.google.com/view/covidhomecare>



INDICATIONS: MILD COVID CASES

- Patients who would want to be under the care of medical professionals and;
- are suspected of or positive for COVID-19; have mild and moderate symptoms of COVID-19;
- are awaiting test results;
- are completing self-isolation.

PROGRAM A: P13,000

A 3-day program recommended for patients who were received at TMC Emergency Department or other Emergency Department facilities, advised to go home isolation and waiting for their COVID-19 RT-PCR result.



PROGRAM B: P65,000

A 10-day program recommended for patients with positive RT-PCR results who need close monitoring while completing their quarantine period. It is an extension of any of the 3-day programs (A or C). The program also includes COVID Laboratory Panel needed for monitoring the patient's status plus an on-site visit by a Healthlink Physician.

PROGRAM C: P33,900

A 3-day program recommended for patients that are unable to visit the hospital but need the necessary assessment and baseline diagnosis to rule out COVID-19. It includes the home service COVID Laboratory Panel and RT-PCR test.



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SOURCE:
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COVID HOME CARE OPTIONS

(Updated as of April 13, 2021)

CARDINAL SANTOS MEDICAL CENTER : COVID CARE AT HOME

Contact: 8727-0001 loc 3005
www.cardinalsantos.com.ph



INDICATIONS: MILD COVID CASES

- Patients who would want to be under the care of medical professionals and;
- are suspected of or positive for COVID-19; have mild and moderate symptoms of COVID-19;
- are awaiting test results;
- are completing self-isolation.

PROGRAM A: P9,500

- COVID Detect Package RT-PCR,
- 2 teleconsultations,
- COVID Support kit,
- medical certificate



PROGRAM B: P12,500

- COVID Support Package Laboratory panel (blood tests, Chest Xray, Chest CT scan),
- 2 teleconsults,
- 14 day monitoring

PROGRAM C: P40,000

- COVID Comprehensive Support Package RT-PCR, Lab panel (blood tests, Chest Xray, Chest CT Scan),
- 2 teleconsults, Covid Support kit, waived access fee to emergency quarantine facility/mild area,
- Medical Certificate



Responsibility



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COVID HOME CARE OPTIONS

(Updated as of April 13, 2021)

CAPITOL MEDICAL CENTER : CARE AT HOME

Contact: 0919 087 3653.
8372 3625 loc 1250



INDICATIONS: MILD COVID CASES

- Patients, who would want to be under the care of medical professionals and;
- are suspected of or positive for COVID-19; have mild and moderate symptoms of COVID-19;
- are awaiting test results;
- are completing self-isolation.

SCREENING PACKAGE: P15,000

3 days for covid-19
Suspects

- 3 days for covid-19 Suspects
- 1 Home service RT-PCR,
- 1 teleconsult,
- online health monitoring,
- covid care kit,
- medical certificate



ISOLATION PACKAGE: P47,000

14 days for covid+ mild
and asymptomatic

- 3 teleconsults,
- online health monitoring q12,
- covid care kit,
- Lab tests,
- Chest X-ray,
- medical cert.

COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE: P60,000

3 days for covid+ with moderate
symptoms awaiting confinement

- teleconsult,
- online health monitoring q4,
- covid kit, lab tests,
- comprehensive covid19 panel,
- chest xray,
- access to hospital admission subject to availability, medical certificate



Responsibility



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COVID HOME CARE OPTIONS

(Updated as of April 13, 2021)

QUALIMED HOME CARE - STA ROSA LAGUNA

Contact: 0933.862.8852 or
0917.657.3784



COVID CARE KIT CONTENT

- Oximeter
- Thermometer
- Symptoms Tracker
- Guide to Infection Control - Protocol at Home
- Medicines
 - Zinc + Vitamins C
 - Paracetamol
 - Cough Medicines

PACKAGE 1: COVID SCREENING P6,000

For patients who are SUSPECT / MILD SYMPTOMATIC

- RT-PCR swab test
- Chest Xray
- Consultation with a Doctor



PACKAGE 2: COVID SUPPORT@HOME P12,000

For patients who are COVID POSITIVE / ASYMPTOMATIC to MILD SYMPTOMATIC

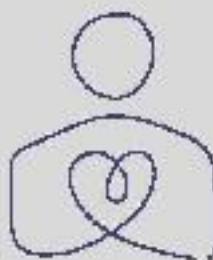


- Telemedicine consults with Internal Medicine or Pediatrics doctors (10 consults for 14 days)
- Covid Care kit
- RT-PCR, Lab panel (blood tests, Chest Xray, Chest CT Scan),
- Priority access Hospital admissions (subject to availability)
- Medical Certificate upon completion of isolation period

PACKAGE 3: COVID CARE@HOME P29,500

For patients who are COVID POSITIVE / MILD SYMPTOMATIC / Controlled Comorbidities / Non-oxygen requiring

- complete blood count (CBC),
- Covid Panel (CRP, fD-D, Ferritin, D-Dimer)
- HbA1c
- chest CT scan
- covid care kit
- Telemedicine consults with Internal Medicine or Pediatrics doctors (10 consults for 14 days)
- Covid Care kit
- RT-PCR, Lab panel (blood tests, Chest Xray, Chest CT Scan),
- Priority access Hospital admissions (subject to availability)
- Medical Certificate upon completion of isolation period



Responsibility



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COVID HOME CARE OPTIONS

(Updated as of April 13, 2021)

DELOS SANTOS MEDICAL CENTER HOME HEALTH SERVICES

Contact: 8877 3817 or 09 90692117

<https://bit.ly/3e3KIV5>



INDICATIONS:

- Confirmed COVID-19 asymptomatic patients
- Confirmed COVID-19 patients with mild symptoms
- COVID-19 cases that do not require hospitalization

HOME HEALTH SERVICES

- COVID Home ER - For patients seen at the Emergency Room with positive RT-PCR results
- COVID Home A - For patients seen at the Emergency Room with pending RT-PCR results
- COVID Home - For patients at home with mild symptoms or with or without exposure
- COVID Home Plus - For patients who opted to wait for their RT-PCR results at home and the result came out positive
- COVID Home Extend - For patients with positive RT-PCR results on their repeat swab



COVID-19 HOME HEALTH SERVICES INCLUSION

- Home Health Care Kit
- Regular Monitoring to check your symptoms
- Teleconsultation with a physician
- At-home RT-PCR Testing
- Medical Certificate (to be sent via email)

ADD-ONS SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Home health services for other laboratory procedures
- Door-to-door delivery of medicines through MedExpress
- An ambulance conductor
- Assistance for hotel/isolation facility accommodation



Responsibility



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COVID HOME CARE OPTIONS

(Updated as of April 13, 2021)

CHINESE GENERAL HOSPITAL - HOME CARE PROGRAM

Contact: 0986 630 4553
8711 4141 loc 1103 to 1105.

<https://homecare.cghh.care>



INDICATIONS: MILD COVID CASES

- Patients who would want to be under the care of medical professionals
- are suspected of or positive for COVID-19; have mild and moderate symptoms of COVID-19;
- are awaiting test results;
- are completing self-isolation

DIAGNOSTIC PACKAGES

- Package A: P18,000
 - basic labs, home service by licensed MedTech
- Package B: P20,000
 - basic labs, home service by licensed MedTech + Chest Xray
- Package C: P32,000
 - basic labs, home service by licensed MedTech + Chest Xray + CT scan



BASIC HOME CARE PACKAGE

- Package A: P35,000 Home service :
 - IV infusion of 2 vials of Remdesivir and Dexamethasone
- Package B: P25,000 Home service :
 - IV infusion of 1 vial of Remdesivir and Dexamethasone

COMPREHENSIVE HOME CARE PACKAGE

- Package A: P41,000 Home service :
 - IV infusion of 2 vials of Remdesivir and Dexamethasone, home visit of a doctor
- Package B: P31,000 Home service :
 - IV infusion of 1 vial of Remdesivir and Dexamethasone, home visit of a doctor



Responsibility



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COVID HOME CARE OPTIONS

(Updated as of April 13, 2021)

HOME CARE MD

Contact: 0917 836 0704



INDICATIONS: MILD COVID CASES

- Patients who would want to be under the care of medical professionals and:
- are suspected of or positive for COVID-19; have mild and moderate symptoms of COVID-19;
- are awaiting test results;
- are completing self-isolation.

PROGRAM A: ONE-TIME HOME VISIT

1. One-time home visit - Php 5,000.00
(+ Php 1,500.00 with Antigen Swab or +
Php 1,000.00 Saliva)

Assessment by a licensed physician

Prescription and supportive care

Discounts on home testing

Access to medical supplies for home monitoring (additional costs apply).



PROGRAM B: ONLINE VIDEO CONSULTATION

2. Online Video Consultation - 30-min video call with a licensed physician with online prescription and recommendations. (15 min follow-up call)

1 day = Php 1,500.00

5 days = Php 5,000.00

12 days = Php 9,500.00

Responsivity



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COVID HOME CARE OPTIONS

(Updated as of April 13, 2021)

VRP MEDICAL CENTER TELEROUNDS HOME QUARANTINE PASS

Contact: 8464 9999 loc 361,
2917 841 2416



INDICATIONS: MILD COVID CASES & ASYMPTOMATIC CASES

homecare program
P20,000

Telemedicine with an MD daily, home care kit,
covid19 panel test, post covid care consultation,
medical clearance

Plus : access to door-to-door delivery of meds,
accredited ambulance, priority accommodation in
the hospital, additional laboratory tests

FE DEL MUNDO MEDICAL CENTER

Contact: Call Dr. Elsie Lynn Larson at
29176272085



INDICATIONS: MILD COVID CASES & ASYMPTOMATIC CASES

homecare program
P17,000 for 10days

inclusive of labs and home service
(rt-pcr, cbc, ldh, creatinine, sgpt).

10 telemed sessions by doctor and nurse, free
pulse oximeter and thermometer plus vitamins
(for 14 days)

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Magnitude 5.1 quake jolts Davao del Sur

By Ma. Cristina Arayata **May 6, 2021, 4:05 pm**



(Image grabbed from Phivolcs website)

MANILA – A magnitude 5.1 earthquake jolted Davao del Sur on Thursday afternoon, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) reported.

The tectonic quake's epicenter was recorded around 2:21 p.m. some 7 kilometers northwest of the municipality of Magsaysay. It had a depth of 20 km.

Phivolcs recorded the following reported intensities:

Intensity V - Koronadal City

Intensity IV - Bansalan, Matanao, Hagonoy and Padada, Davao Del Sur; Davao City; Digos City; Kidapawan City; Tupi, South Cotabato

Intensity III - Lake Sebu and Tampakan, South Cotabato; Antipas, Kabacan, Matalam, M'lang, Cotabato; Columbio and Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat

Intensity II - Pikit, Cotabato; Isulan, Sultan Kudarat; and Alabel, Sarangani; General Santos City.

The following instrumental intensities were also recorded:

Intensity V - Koronadal City, South Cotabato

Intensity IV - Kidapawan City; Davao City

Intensity II - Kiamba, Sarangani; General Santos City

Reported intensity is the traditional way of knowing the intensity based on reports by people who felt the earthquake, while instrumental intensity is measured using intensity meter that measures ground acceleration.

Meanwhile, Phivolcs said aftershocks are possible, while damages are not expected from the quake. *(PNA)*



7 barko ng China, itinaboy ng Philippine Coast Guard

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



Sa social media post ng PCG kahapon, ipinakita nila kung paano nila sawayin ang mga dayuhang barko sa Sabina Shoal na may 73-milya mula sa Mapankal Point sa bayan ng Rizal, Palawan.

PCG/Released

MANILA, Philippines — Nagpakita ng ngi-pin ang mga tauhan ng Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) sa West Philippine Sea nang itaboy ang pitong barko na mula sa China na namataang nakaangkla sa Sabina Shoal malapit sa Palawan nitong nakaraang Abril 27.

Sa social media post ng PCG kahapon, ipinakita nila kung paano nila sawayin ang mga dayuhang barko sa Sabina Shoal na may 73-milya mula sa Mapankal Point sa bayan ng Rizal, Palawan.

Bandang alas-9 ng umaga nang mamataan ng BRP Cabra (MRRV-4409), MCS-3002, at MCS-3004 ang pitong 'unidentified foreign vessel' na nakaangkla sa katubigan at kalauna'y napag-alamang mga China Maritime Militia Vessel (CMMV).

"This is Philippine Coast Guard BRP Cabra (MRRV-4409). You are within Philippine exclusive economic zone. You are requested to provide the following: Name of vessel, intention, last and next port of call on Channel 16," sabi ng isang babaeng crew ng PCG sa mga barko.

Naganap ang radio communication na ito sa kasagsagan ng joint maritime exercise ng Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) at Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

Nang hindi makatanggap ng sagot pagkalipas ng tatlong radio communication, nilapitan ng BRP Cabra (MRRV-4409), MCS-3002, at MCS-3004 ang mga CMMV na agad namang nag-angat ng angkla at nagpaandar ng makina.

Sinundan ng PCG at BFAR ang paglalayag ng mga barko para masigurong tuluyang aalis ang mga CMMV sa Sabina Shoal.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/05/06/2096181/7-barko-ng-china-itinaboy-ng-philippine-coast-guard/amp/>



Rare python found in Guangxi, China

By Global Times May 7, 2021

GUANGXI: A 3.3-meter-long python, believed to be among the rarest python species in the world, has been found at a farm in Dongxing, South China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The giant reptile, which weighs 30 kilograms, was caught alive after a fierce "fight" with the catchers.

The python was first spotted squatting motionless on a stone in a water mite reservoir on Monday by the owner of a farm next to the reservoir. Shocked and scared, the owner immediately called the local fire fighters to capture the snake.



GLOBAL TIMES PHOTO

As the python was still, it boosted the confidence of the fighters in trying to catch it. They opened the tank cover of the reservoir and tried to seize it with a snake trap aimed toward the python's head.

However, the snake suddenly "woke up" and rolled over to fight back. But the firemen kept a firm hold on the snake's head and finally caught it. The fire department has not revealed if the snake has been released or not.

The owner of the farmer who reported the case said the python might have eaten 200 chickens she has lost. "I raised 300 chickens in the farm but there are only 100 left. The lost ones were probably eaten by the python," she said.

The mountainous terrain of Guangxi, which is located in China's far south bordering Vietnam, often sees cases of snakes being spotted or even hurting people from April to October.

It is estimated that there are 209 species of snakes in China, of which Guangxi has 106. Among them, poisonous snakes account for nearly a quarter of the total in the region.

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
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