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DENR honors 168 volunteer groups, individuals

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RECOGNIZING their environmental volunteerism initiatives, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has honored some 168 individuals and organizations from private and public sectors during the recent National Volunteer Month (NVM) celebration.

DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu said the NVM celebration this year “takes a more meaningful significance for us at the DENR,” citing that the notable increase in the number of volunteer groups and individuals “affirms the soundness of this administration’s brand of environmental governance.”

“Persistence and altruism, this is the true face of volunteerism or the bayanihan spirit which has blossomed in the time of Covid-19,” Cimatu said.

He noted that the pandemic period “has served as an impetus to spur more and more individuals and groups to take direct action on environmental citizenship through volunteerism.”

DENR said all 168 of the honorees were awarded with Certificates of Recognition during the hybrid program held at the DENR Social Hall in Quezon City with the theme “Volunteer Now: Spark Hope, Create Solutions, and Respond to Pandemic Challenges.

Meanwhile Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Benny D. Antiporda highlighted the significance of the volunteers in heightening environmental stewardship amidst the pandemic.

“We are grateful to our volunteers for their continued support to the programs and projects of the DENR. Truly you are deserving of this recognition for advocating environmental stewardship most especially during this time of pandemic,” Antiporda said.

Meanwhile, DENR Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service Director Hiro Masuda led the presentation of the awards with Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency Executive Director Donald James Gawe.

Both officials cited DENR’s strong recognition of volunteerism for its critical role in resilience “in the context of changing nature and frequency of natural disaster.”



Masuda noted that “volunteering has made an impact” to the centrality of environment to public health.

This year’s NVM recognition awardees included the Department of Health, Lions Clubs International (LCI) Multiple District 301 Philippines, LCI District 301-A2, National Council on Disability Affairs, Philippine Coast Guard-Action Center, PCG-Cavite, Philippine National Police-Drug Enforcement Group-Community Affairs Section, and the Career Executive Service Board.

Also recognized were the Government Service Insurance System, Bureau of Fire Protection, Department of Education-Schools Division Office Quezon City, Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP)-National Office, BSP-Manila Council, The Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council, Lung Center of the Philippines, and the National Book Development Board.



DENR nabs 15 illegal miners, seizes quarrying equipment inside Taal Volcano protected area

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QUEZON CITY -- After winning a case against illegal miners operating inside the Taal Volcano Protected Area Landscape just last October, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)—through its Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service (ELEPS)—arrested another set of culprits in an anti-illegal quarrying operation in the same area on November 24.

DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu pointed out that miners who have been doing the same prohibited activities in the same area mean that "they remain unafraid of the environmental laws and their corresponding penalties."

"These illegal quarrying operations cannot be stopped if we remain complacent with enforcement operations. This is the reason why the DENR has bolstered training for our enforcement personnel, and more reasons why the legislative arm of the government should expedite the Environmental Protection and Enforcement Bureau (EPEB) Bill," Cimatu said.

Fifteen illegal miners, who were apprehended as a result of the DENR enforcement operations, are currently undergoing legal procedures in violation of Republic Act (RA) 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Area Systems (E-NIPAS) Act of 2018, RA 7942 or the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, Presidential Decree 705 or The Revised Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines, and RA 9275 or the Clean Water Act.

Confiscated during the operations were three backhoes, two screeners used to define and segregate the liberated and extracted sand and gravel materials, and a truck loaded with 127 board feet of round logs and 122.83 board feet of lumber.

The ELEPS operatives also discovered that the area was used as a crude "firing range" with blue barrels filled with gravel and sand serving as "target papers." Bullet slugs were also found in the area.

DENR Undersecretary for Enforcement Benito Antonio De Leon assured that the ELEPS team "will do their best to put the offenders in jail after this operation."

"We have seen that the ELEPS and its partner agencies have truly developed their skills in apprehending erring quarrying personnel, thanks to the support of Secretary Cimatu and the DENR's Human Resource and Development Service during their special course in the Environment and Natural Resources Academy," he said.

De Leon also expressed hope that the efforts of the ELEPS "get the attention of the Philippine legislators in passing the EPEB Bill." (DENR)

Source: <https://pia.gov.ph/press-releases/2021/12/08/denr-nabs-15-illegal-miners-seizes-quarrying-equipment-inside-taal-volcano-protected-area>



112 DENR employees get commendation



EXEMPLARY EMPLOYEES. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Central Luzon recently commended 112 employees for their exemplary performance and significant contribution to the efficient and successful delivery of environmental programs to the public. (DENR)

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ONE hundred twelve employees of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in the City of San Fernando were commended for their exemplary performance and significant contribution to the efficient and successful delivery of environmental programs to the public.

Paquito Moreno Jr., executive director of DENR regional office, praised the dedication and commitment of the awardees to serve the people as model servant-heroes who embodied values of responsibility, good governance and nationalism.

“We enter public service knowing deeply that public trust that must not be broken. We salute you and honor your hard work, knowing that you do not do your job in exchange of any reward, but you do it because you have a servant’s heart,” Moreno said, adding that these employee models could inspire other personnel to do their best to provide fast and efficient service to the people.

For his part, Civil Service Commission (CSC)-Central Luzon Director Fernando Mendoza lauded the DENR for recognizing its model employees, noting that ceremonies like this were fundamental in boosting the morale and productivity of its human resources.

Ninety-two employees who tendered 15 to 45 years of service to the department received certificate of recognition, excellence recognition pin and cash, while special awards were given to 20 employees who obtained professional certification and finished their post-graduate studies.

A simultaneous awarding program was done along with the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Offices and Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices via Zoom video conferencing.

The annual awarding ceremony is part of the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (Praise), which was designed to encourage creativity, innovativeness, efficiency, integrity, and productivity in the public service by recognizing and rewarding officials and employees.

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1915410/Pampanga/Local-News/112-DENR-employees-get-commendation>



DENR-Davao to order suspension of tree-cutting permit in Philippine eagle nesting area

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THE ENVIRONMENT department's Davao regional office said on Thursday that it will be ordering the suspension of a permit issued to cut trees in an area that is supposedly part of a declared conservation zone as well as a nesting site of Philippine Eagles.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-XI Regional Director Bagani Fidel A. Evasco said the directive will be issued even as permit grantee Ling-Ling Wu Lee has already halted cutting activities after a community official raised the issue in October.

"Ms. Ling-Ling Wu Lee has voluntarily stopped the cutting of trees in the area ever since Purok Leader Oliver Ancapoy posted through the social media about this issue last Oct. 2021 and DENR XI will issue suspension order to the issued PLTP (Private Land Timber Permit) to this effect," Mr. Evasco said in a statement.

Several environmental organizations, including the Philippine Eagle Foundation, have called for the cancellation of the permit covering 121 trees in Marilog, an upland area in Davao City.

The city government, in a Dec. 7 letter to DENR-XI, expressed support to the green groups and asked Mr. Evasco to review the matter.

Mr. Evasco said it will be coordinating with the city government to validate whether the titled properties covered in the permit are within the declared conservation area, and "monitor and validate the area with regard to it being a nesting and roosting site of the Philippine Eagle."

"DENR XI office remains committed to render public service with utmost quality and integrity and shall always consider the welfare of the general public to be balanced with our wildlife conservation measures especially the Philippine Eagles and the forest ecosystem functions as a whole," he said. — **MSJ**

Source: <https://www.bworldonline.com/denr-davao-to-order-suspension-of-tree-cutting-permit-in-philippine-eagle-nesting-area/?fbclid=IwAR2f9RxNCm9Iz0C7sRy3eWsmEsHUIOk2ysXPIUii9paWH2YCAqUINehyWj0>



Century-old trees get Davao City's support



File photo

[RALPH LAWRENCE G. LLEMIT](#) December 08, 2021

THE Davao City Government supported the call of the environmental groups for the cancellation of the cutting permit issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to chop off the century-old trees in Mounts Makabol-Alikoson Conservation Area (MMACA) in Barangay Salaysay, Marilog District that is considered "an ancient nesting site" of the Philippine eagle.

In a letter to DENR-Davao Director Bagani Fidel Evasco dated December 7, Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio said the City Government supports the appeal of the Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF) and the Sustainable Davao Movement (SDM) to cancel the timber cutting permit issued by DENR in favor of a certain Ling Ling Wu Lee in Sitio Falcata.

"Please be informed that the City Government of Davao fully supports the request of both organizations, as the 121 trees covered by said permit are within the Mts. Makabol-Alikoson Conservation Area, which under Section 8 of the 2007 Watershed Code of Davao City, is identified as an Environmentally Critical Area (ECA)," Duterte-Carpio said in the letter.

The mayor said MMACA, as a biodiversity area, "is home to various vulnerable species of birds and other wildlife endemic to Mindanao."

She also said the area is a nesting site of the Philippine eagle, a national bird and a critically endangered species, which PEF and other organizations have been protecting for many years.

MMACA's forest area, also a watershed area, "replenishes the aquifers of the Suawan-Kulafu-Sub-Watershed within the Davao City River Basin."

"Furthermore, as a carbon sink, the area is a significant contributing factor in the mitigation of climate change," she said.

"It is for these reasons that we express support for the efforts of the aforementioned organizations and we hope that your office may look into said matter for we believe that the protection of our natural resources is our mutual concern," Duterte-Carpio added.

The letter was posted by Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability (Idis) on their Facebook page.

Prior to the letter, Duterte-Carpio already expressed her support in a radio interview Monday, December 6.

But contrary to the group's appeal, the city has no authority to revoke DENR's issued permit.

"That's not how it works. It's only DENR who can withdraw the permit that they issued," she said in an interview on 87.5 FM Davao City Disaster Radio.



Envigroups rejoice

In a joint statement by Idis, PEF, and SDM, they lauded the mayor for supporting their cause.

"We are glad that the City Government of Davao, through Mayor Sara Duterte, give their full support to prevent the cutting of these ecologically and culturally significant native trees in MMACA," the environmental groups said.

They also said the "strong position" of the city government "highlights the significant role of local government units in conservation efforts and the promotion of Local Autonomy, especially the management of its natural resources."

The group urged the public to protect the city's watershed and the nesting ground of the Philippine eagle.

"Indeed, we need to protect our watershed for the present and future Dabawenyos and, we need to conserve the nesting ground of our critically endangered Philippine Eagle," the groups said.

"As Philippine Eagle symbolizes not only the pride of Davao or the Country, it also symbolizes the aspirations and efforts of all organizations and communities working towards its protection," they added.

A week before, the group launched a signature campaign calling DENR to forfeit the cutting permit.

According to the group, the said campaign has reached nearly 5,000 signatures as of writing.

Meanwhile, Evasco said in an ambush interview on Tuesday, December 7, that he has not yet personally communicated with the petitioners and other stakeholders.

But he said that he already sought assistance from the local government unit and other agencies and non-government groups on weighing in the matter.

"Kung katong gi-approve nako nga cutting permit, ipa-stop nako to. Nakuan naman gud siya naabot na siya sal (Those permits that I issued, I may have stop it, since the matter has already reached) national level," he said.

The DENR official admitted their office was not aware of the "metes and bounds" of the MMACA.

"Kami man gud, wala pud mi kabalo sa (On our part, we weren't aware) of the metes and bounds sa maong (of the said) conservation area. Na-approve siya sa (It was approved by the) [Watershed Management] Council without us knowing," Evasco said.

He also expressed his disappointment on the matter.

"Ang nigawas man gud, ako ang kalaban ninyo (It turned out that I looked like the villain in this issue), wherein, in fact, we are just following our laws," the official said.

Evasco, right after the interview, met with residents and landowners in Salaysay to discuss the matter.

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1915345/Davao/Local-News/Century-old-trees-get-Davao-Citys-support>



Sara Duterte backs call to protect PH eagle nesting site

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by [Zea Capistrano](#)

DAVAO CITY — City Mayor Sara Duterte has backed the environmental group's opposition on the proposed cutting down of trees in the contested Mt. Makabol-Alikoson conservation area (MMACA), a nesting area of the critically endangered Philippine eagle, in the hinterlands of Marilog District here.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) XI issued a Private Land Timber Permit with PLTP No. RXI-001-2021 in favor of Ling-Ling Wu Lee for the cutting of 121 "naturally grown trees of various species" in Sitio Falcata, Barangay Salaysay in Marilog District here.

In her letter addressed to DENR XI Regional Executive Director Bagani Fidel Evasco dated December 7, Duterte said that the City Government "fully supports" the request of the Philippine Eagle Foundation and the Sustainable Davao Movement.

Duterte said the trees covered by the permit issued by the DENR are within the MMACA "which under the Section 8 of the 2007 Watershed Code of Davao City, is identified as an Environmentally Critical Area (ECA)."

Duterte said as a biodiversity area, the MMACA is "home to various vulnerable species of birds and other wildlife endemic to Mindanao."

"It is also the nesting site of our national bird, the critically-endangered Philippine Eagle, which the Philippine Eagle Foundation and other organizations have been continuously protecting for many years now," Duterte added.

Duterte also said that the area "replenishes the aquifers of the Suawan-Kulafu-Sub Watershed within the Davao City River Basin."

Unaware?

In a public statement issued Thursday, Dec. 9, Evasco said Lee has voluntarily stopped the cutting of trees in the area since the photos of the cutting of the trees were posted on social media by purok leader Oliver Ancapoy in October.

Evasco said they will "endeavor to coordinate" with the city government to validate and clarify "if A and D areas and titled properties in Sitio Falcata, Barangay Salaysay are covered" in the declared conservation area.

He said they will also "monitor and validate" the area with regards to it being a nesting and roosting site of the Philippine Eagle.

"The DENR XI is not privy to the metes and bounds of the declared Conservation and Environmentally Critical Area in Barangay Salaysay based on the Davao City Watershed Code," Evasco said.

Evasco said at the time of the approval of the permit, the DENR-XI was "not aware of any telemetric data" regarding the nesting trees claimed by the PEF inside the contested property.

Based on the copy of the permit, the trees to be cut include four Bagtikan trees, 15 Lauan, 44 Tanguili, 22 Agoho Pine, and 36 Ulayan with diameters ranging from 40 cm to 85 cm and a "a net harvestable volume of 131.06 cu. m."



The said area was covered by Transfer Certificate Title No. 146-2016018903. Based on the permit, “the logs and derivable wood materials to be recovered from the cut trees” shall belong to Lee “subject to a payment of forest charges to CENRO office amounting to P160, 255.05.

City government lauded

The Sustainable Davao Movement, one of the groups that initiated the signature campaign against the cutting of trees in MMACA, lauded the city government for taking a stand on the issue.

“We are glad that the City Government of Davao, through Mayor Sara Duterte, give their full support to prevent the cutting of these ecologically and culturally significant native trees in MMACA,” it said in a statement on Wednesday (Dec. 8).

“The strong position of the City Government of Davao highlights the significant role of local government units in conservation efforts and the promotion of Local Autonomy, especially the management of its natural resources,” it added.

The group calls on the DENR to “listen to these multiple voices.”

“It is a chorus reminding DENR of its true mandate – the protection and conservation of our natural resources,” it added.



Sustainability, cooperation and environmental-friendly technology in EU-PH gab

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Public and private institutions in the Philippines need to make sustainability part of their strategy and operations as the planet deals with environmental risks, and partnership with the European Union would enhance our efforts to go “green.”

This was the meat of the discussion during the Pilipinas Conference 2021 entitled Strengthening Cooperation for a Green & Sustainable Recovery: A Part of EU-PH Trade & Sustainability Discussions held recently.

The online forum was organized by Stratbase ADR Institute in partnership with the EU Delegation.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Benjamin Diokno, speaking on behalf of the Philippine banking system, said they are keen to see sustainability principles integrated in the operations of our supervised entities and the entire financial system.

He underscored the need for banks to understand the impact of environmental and social risks on their business viability before they can fully heed the call for action.

Diokno said the BSP is committing to go green “by guiding the financial system and promote a conducive backdrop for sustainable finance to flourish; raising awareness and building capacity; enabling a regulatory environment through policy issuances; engaging all stakeholders as we recognize that the environmental and social risks are not just business risks, but risks that affect everyone and the future generations to come; and lastly, navigating the path towards a post-COVID-19 economy and Philippine financial system that is more stable, resilient, and inclusive.”

Maurizio Cellini, First Counsellor, Head of Trade & Economic Affairs, EU Delegation to the Philippines, said it is essential to bring together science, industry, and public donations to speed up the work and leverage all available resources to enable the EU to respond to these threats in anticipation of new variants, and other threats to public health.

“The EU will also invest environmentally friendly technology, roll out greener vehicles and public transport, and make our buildings and public spaces more energy efficient. In our cooperation with other partners, we will focus on green and sustainable economic recovery,” he said.

With regard to the Philippines, two priority areas of cooperation have been agreed in close dialogue with the government.

“One is about a peaceful and just society and good governance, but the other one is about a green resilient economy and green jobs. This area, in particular, has three mutually reinforcing objectives relating to a circular economy and plastic waste management, digital connectivity, and green digital transformation and climate change adaptation and mitigation.”

Cellini reiterated that it is fundamental that the Philippines complete the tax reform package and passes swiftly the bills for the liberalization of foreign investments: the amendment to the Public Services Act and the Retail Trade Liberalization Act.

Meanwhile, Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems & Climate Change, Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR) Analiza Teh talked about the need to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. The effect would lead to a collapse in ecosystem services that could result in a significant decline in global GDP: 2.7 trillion dollars by 2030.



“For the Philippines, we expect to incur about 177 billion pesos per year in loss to public and private assets due to typhoons and earthquakes. In the next 50 years, we have a 40% chance of experiencing a loss exceeding 989 billion pesos and a 20% chance of a loss exceeding 1.5 billion pesos. The estimated cost to implement our climate change mitigation programs is at 4.1 billion USD from 2015 to 2030.” she said.

“We are pursuing the Philippine action plan for sustainable consumption and production. One of its major components is the promotion of circular economy where we aim to eliminate unnecessary plastic products, innovate for circularity by designing for re-use, recycling, repair and remanufacture. We also have to pursue sustainable financing.”

Secretary Emmanuel De Guzman, Vice-Chairperson & Executive Director, Climate Change Commission (CCC), said the Philippines is challenged to pursue a coordinated and effective transition to a green and climate smart economy. “This is a transition that will drive decent and green jobs, livelihoods, and social justice, all crucial in the pursuit of sustainable growth.” He proposed a five-point plan toward this aim.

“Partnerships and cooperation are key to resilience building,” he said.

In his opening remarks for the session, Professor Dindo Manhit, President of Stratbase ADR Institute said that stakeholders across sectors need to become more aware of the long-term risks of failing to understand and incorporate sustainability as well as green and circular measures in their policies, frameworks, and operations.

“The EU has demonstrated its capability to become a global leader in mainstreaming and incorporating sustainable developmental agenda into its policies and frameworks, particularly on climate change. Together with the ASEAN, they are committed to forging stronger partnerships in pushing for circular economies, clean oceans, sustainable food systems, and sustainable finance. For us in the Philippines, we need multi-sectoral initiatives that should ensure its contribution in hastening recovery with a long-term environment agenda, spurring innovation needed in the new normal, and in reducing future climate risks,” he said.

“Climate change cannot be addressed on a stand-alone basis.”



10 smuggled spiders from Poland worth P75,000 seized

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Agents of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport seized 10 smuggled spiders from Poland worth P75,000 during an operation against a consignee in Pasay City.

NAIA Customs District Collector Carmelita Talusan said the shipment was concealed in a postal envelope with scraps of paper and declared as "origami".



photo: NAIA Customs

Through X-ray scanning and a thorough physical examination, Talusan said the shipment was found to contain 10 pieces of smuggled spiders. The person who tried to claim the package was collared at the Central Mail Exchange Center (CMEC) in Pasay City.

The seized spiders were immediately turned over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit (DENR WTMU).



photo: NAIA Customs

To date a total of 1,010 wildlife species have been intercepted by the Port. Among these were species such as beetles, tarantulas, centipedes and ornithoctonus black spiders.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/12/09/10-smuggled-spiders-from-poland-worth-p75000-seized/>



Boracay group seeks policy changes to solve land woes

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BORACAY PROBLEM: Boracay's beaches are teeming with tourists as travel restrictions are eased. Residents and property owners on the island in Malay, Aklan, however, are facing a different problem as questions on land ownership have yet to be resolved. —JACK JARILLA

ILOILO CITY, Iloilo, Philippines — A group of residents and business stakeholders on Boracay Island is pushing for major amendments or the repeal of a 2006 presidential proclamation that classified lands on the island to enable longtime occupants to have their properties titled.

Natives of Boracay and Business Stakeholders Inc. (Nabbsi) wants Presidential Proclamation No. 1064 amended to resolve land ownership issues still plaguing claimants and long-term occupants on the 1,032-hectare island.

PP 1064, issued by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, classified 628.96 ha of land in Boracay as alienable and disposable, which could be subjected to privatization, while 377.68 ha were classified as forest land or public land. The rest are protected areas.

The categorization of lands on the island under the presidential proclamation is the basis for the removal of structures and occupants on areas classified as forest land.

Several residents and property owners have been arrested and are facing criminal charges after they failed to vacate the forest lands.

Road easement

Even during the issuance of PP 1064, most of the areas categorized as public land were occupied and built up with residential and commercial structures.

The presidential proclamation also needs to be amended due to its provisions that mandate a 30-meter road easement on the island, according to Nabbsi.

It pointed out that 30-meter-wide roads were “unrealistic” on a small island like Boracay, a major tourist destination in Aklan province.

In the rehabilitation of roads on the island, a 12-meter road easement was implemented consistent with a municipal ordinance instead of following PP 1064.



In a resolution passed on Oct. 28, the municipal council of Malay in Aklan, where the island is located, created a technical working group to draft a bill that would amend the presidential proclamation.

Legality questioned

The council, in its resolution, said it supported land property claimants and long-term occupants to resolve the land issues on the island.

Property claimants and occupants, including those occupying lands for several generations, had questioned the legality of the presidential proclamation.

The Supreme Court on Oct. 8, 2008, upheld PP 1064, declaring the entire island a property of the state, except those with titles. Most land claimants in Boracay pay tax declarations, many for more than 50 years, as proof of ownership or rights over properties.



DepEd encourages youth stewardship for biodiversity, climate stability in 5th National Climate Change Conference

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By DepEd

PASIG CITY -- The Department of Education (DepEd) encouraged stewardship for biodiversity and stable climate among the youth for them to become agents of change during the opening ceremony of the 5th National Climate Change Conference (NCCC), which ran from November 19 to 25, 2021.

“We, in the Department of Education, are tasked with the responsibility to equip more learners with appropriate learning and thinking skills that will enable them to become individuals who deeply care about the environment and are ready to partake in its restoration,” Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones shared.

Disaster Risk Reduction Management Service (DRRMS) Director Ronilda Co underscored that children are the greatest champions in gaining more knowledge and discovering innovative solutions to address climate change.

Director Co also emphasized that “Climate change is not just an environmental crisis, but also a social crisis. This stark reality demands urgent actions taken now to avert and minimize the adverse impacts of the climate crisis. The human costs are too high not to act.”

With the theme “Reinforcing the youth’s role on stewardship of biodiversity for climate stability,” the NCCC aims to provide a platform to elevate discussions of the impacts of climate change and human actions on biodiversity, strategize participatory and concrete actions that can be done to contribute to meaningful change, and help the learners, personnel, and their families gain a deeper appreciation and awareness of the country’s vast biodiversity.

During the opening ceremony of the week-long conference last Friday, November 19, in partnership with the Climate Change Commission (CCC), Gab Mejia, a Philippine conservation photographer, environmental storyteller, and engineer, discussed the role of people, especially the youth, in biodiversity for climate stability. Youth panelists also discussed their initiatives on ecosystem restoration.

“In hoping the betterment of the future, amidst the climate crisis, for the betterment of biodiversity, we can only hope if we act. There’s no hope without impact, and it starts with us, [the youth], making sure to take that step and being able to share these stories,” Mejia said.



The event also showcased different activities, such as the Ridge-to-Reef Virtual Field Trip conducted by the Philippine Reef and Conservation Foundation, Inc.; YOUth Can! Online Talk Show, a children’s interview with experts; Interfaith Stewardship Dialogue; three completion ceremonies on “The Green Beat Initiative: An Online Environmental Journalism Training for School Paper Advisers and Campus Journalists”, KaLIKHAson, and “Change the Current!, and learning sessions “Teachers as Stewards for Climate Action Forum”, and “SIGA: Revitalizing the Native Trees Forum”; Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Research Hour; and Stories for a Better Normal Episode 72 as the culminating event. (DepEd)



Filipino youth urged to become 'agents of change' for biodiversity, climate stability

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(Photo from Pixabay)

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Manila Zoo, Cebu Safari team up on wildlife exchange

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The Manila Zoo in Malate District, Manila and the Cebu Safari Adventure Park in Carmen City, Cebu have entered into a partnership for medicine and wildlife exchanges on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The partnership with Cebu Safari Manila was announced by Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso during a three-day Cebu listening tour where he visited the Cebu Safari accompanied by Cebu Safari Vice President and Chief Executive Officer Eduard Loop and Cebu Third District representative Pablo John Garcia.

“Itong Cebu Safari hindi lang siya basta zoo. Initially nag-angkat sila ng mga hayop but they developed. Dumating na sila sa stage na nagpro-produce na sila ng sarili nilang animals. Nag bre-breed sila ng maayos. Syempre sisikip itong zoo na ito pag marami na silang bagong wildlife. Welcome naman sa Maynila ‘yung hayop nila. ‘Di lang tao ang welcome, we are willing to receive some donations (Cebu Safari used to rely on imports, but they developed (their own). Now, it can breed its own animals. Eventually, the zoo will have too many animals, so these animals are welcome in Manila),” said Domagoso.

Manila Zoo began its redevelopment and renovation in 2019 as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) brought attention to the zoo’s lack of proper sewage system and is expected to re-open in February 2022. For this, it needs new wildlife exhibits

Domagoso, on Sunday, Dec. 5, lauded Cebu Safari for staying open for business despite the pandemic.

He also said that Cebu Safari could help bolster tourism in the Philippines as it could become a central wildlife breeding facility in Asia.



PINAS WALANG MALINAW NA TERITORYO SA DAGAT



December 9, 2021 @ 8:53 PM 10 hours ago

LABAN tayo nang laban sa mga agawan sa teritoryo at sakop nating exclusive economic zone sa West Philippine Sea ngunit lumalabas na hindi malinaw ang mga hangganan ng mga lugar na ating ipinaglalaman.

Maliban sa Pag-asa Island na nilagyan na natin ng mga sundalo at sibilyan at tinayuan ng mga imprastruktura makaraang hindi balikan ito ng mga Taiwanese noong 1970's at ang 22.2 kilometrong teritoryo sa dagat, malabo pa ang saklaw natin sa ibang bahagi ng West Philippine Sea.

At kitang-kita ito sa kawalan pa natin ng kaukulang batas upang ipatupad ang United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea na binuo noon pang 1984 at naging epektibo lamang noong 1994 at ang desisyon ng Permanent Arbitration Tribunal noong 2016.

Pinagdedebatehan pa lang sa Senado ang mga panukalang batas na Bills No. 2333 at 2289 na pinamagatang Philippine Maritime Zones Act at bilang resulta, wala pa ring magawang kaukulang mapa ukol dito ng National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA).

MGA BATAYAN NG PAG-ANGKIN AT PAGSAKOP

May nauna nang batas sa pag-angkin gaya ng Presidential Decree 1596 series of 1978 na inilabas ni dating Pangulong Marcos para sa pagtatag ng bayan ng Pag-asa bilang munisipyo ng Palawan.

Nagawa rin ang batas na Baselines Law noong 2009 na panahon ni dating Pangulong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo at dinesisyonang tama ng Supreme Court noong 2011.

At maituturing ding batas ang desisyon ng Permanent Court of Arbitration na pumabor sa atin laban sa China sa agawan sa EEZ.

Mayroon ding achipelagic doctrine na umano'y nakasaad sa Konstitusyong 1987 at tadhana rin umano ng UNCLOS III.

Subalit ang isang mahalagang katanungan ay nasaan ang mga muhon na roon nakaangkla ang mga hangganan ng ating mga teritoryo at claim sa mga karagatan, kasama na ang EEZ?

Ang NAMRIA mismo ay hindi alam dahil wala pa talagang batas na roon sila magsimulang magsusukat para sa paggawa ng mapa.

MGA PROBLEMA

Ngayon nga, inaangkin ng China ang EEZ at pumuporma pang maaari nitong angkin maging ang Pag-asa Island at ang Ayungin shoal makaraang bakuran nito ang limang shoal sa Panatag.



Ang desisyon naman ng Supreme Court noong 2011 ay sinasabi ng grupo ni Atty. Harry Roque na binakbak nito ang malawak na claim ng Pilipinas na 229,000 square miles at naging 34,600 square miles na lamang at apektado rito ang EEZ sa West Philippine Sea.

Kung may mapa naman ng Pilipinas na gamit ng Supreme Court ng Pilipinas at ng Permanent Court of Arbitration sa paggawa ng desisyon, hindi opisyal ang mga iyon at gawa-gawa lang ng kung sino, kasama na ang isang Amerikano, at maituturing na wala sa hulog at sukat.

PANUKALA ISABATAS NA

Ang mga panukalang batas Bills No. 2333 at 2289 ay sinasabing isasama ang lahat ng usapin ngunit pangunahing nakabatay sa interes ng Pilipinas, UNCLOS at desisyon ng PCA.

Inaasahang lilinaw ang mga hangganan ng ating teritoryo at sakop ng ating EEZ, kapangyarihang paiiralin ng bansa sa mga ito at pagrespeto at pagkilala rito ng ibang mga bansa.

Sa ganitong kalagayan, dapat na talagang pagtuunang ang mga panukala ng pamahalaan, aprubahan mga ito na batas at pairalin upang makontrol ang mga agawan at iringan na maaaring magbunga ng digmaan.



All that is life is in the mountains

By [Gab Mejia](#) December 10, 2021

MEXICO CITY: Our journey began early in the outskirts of [Mexico](#) City. The densely folded landscapes of colorful houses and murals soon transitioned into a green foliage of oak, pine and fir trees found on the mountainous massif of Ajusco, one of Mexico's prominent peaks. Ajusco originated from the indigenous language of Náhuatl, which can be translated into "forest of water." A mountain, more so a volcano that rises about 3,900 meters above sea level, a thousand meters higher than [Mount Apo](#), the [Philippines'](#) tallest mountain, could ever dream of reaching.

Indeed, our country was not topographically gifted with mountain peaks that could compare to the likes of the 8,000-meter glacial peaks of the [Himalayas](#), nor the 6,000-meter desert peaks of the [Andes](#) in [South America](#). We were never even given the chance to have mountains of different high-altitude environments unlike our neighboring countries of [Malaysia](#) with the famous ascent of [Mount Kinabalu](#) at 4,000 meters above sea level. Our closest chance of even witnessing snow would be a voyage to [the Alps](#) of [Japan](#), which unfortunately is a costly undertaking that such experience would ultimately remain a dream for so many.

What is it even at the height of the mountain that makes it all the more enticing to climb? Is Mount Apo less of a mountain than [Mount Everest](#), even if Mount Apo is as uniquely beautiful in its own right, filled with flora and fauna found nowhere else in the world such as the Philippine eagle? Does one climb a mountain just for the sake of saying they've reached the summit — the feeling of a successful conquest?

Lately, I often wonder, does reaching the summit of the mountain even matter as you end up going back down anyway. A cynical analogy that one can translate to life itself when in the end, we all die anyway.

I remember in my hopeful naïveté. I've always had this dream to be able to climb all the highest mountains of the world from Everest to [Aconcagua](#). How accomplishing such a feat would provide me with an insurmountable sense of fulfillment in this life. Of course, I still do dream of that day, but later on as I grew up, I slowly realized otherwise. I was always chasing the next mountain, the next goal, the next dream and the next summit, which frankly have always left me ultimately questioning — is this all there is? An unending insatiable chase for these illusions of a summit in our lives.

Yes, we were able to summit Ajusco, we climbed back down, and we ended our journey back to where we came from. We were able to walk beside the green foliage of oak, pine and fir trees on the mountainous massif of Ajusco, and on the summit, we were able to see Mexico City from a different side and in a different light. We hurt and we sweat. We witnessed new sights, heard new sounds and met fellow hikers on this climb.

We go up and we go back down. We live and we die. Maybe, just maybe, this is all that is life.

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Tree-planting goals undermine the forest for the lack of diverse, good-quality seeds

Ambitious plans by India, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines to restore tens of millions of hectares of degraded land by 2030 could be derailed by a lack of good-quality and genetically diverse native seeds, according to a new study.



Planted mangrove seedling. Image: [Hannah 50, CC BY-SA 3.0](#).

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Ambitious targets by Asian countries to restore tens of millions of hectares of degraded land by 2030 could be foiled by one fundamental problem: a lack of good-quality and genetically diverse native seeds, according to new research.

Researchers, who published their study [in the journal *Diversity* last month](#), surveyed tree restoration practitioners from India, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines to understand gaps between national policies and on-the-ground work.

They found bold country-level commitments and hundreds of millions of dollars invested in restoration programs — but also a third of practitioners regularly planting seedlings of unknown origins, which can lead to swaths planted in unsuitable conditions and dying without ever growing into resilient forests.

“This lack of awareness indicates there’s a lot of emphasis on planting the trees, but not monitoring and measuring their survival in the long term,” Ennia Bosshard, first author of the study and a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Exeter, U.K., told Mongabay.

The bulk of the problem lies with fragmented national seed systems that are unable to deliver sufficient quantities of good-quality seeds of diverse species and provenances, according to the study. Provenance, or where a seed is sourced from, influences the conditions it requires to thrive.

That could result in “reforested” areas more akin to low-biodiversity tree plantations than thriving, natural forest ecosystems. The former would not only struggle to adapt to the changing climate over the coming decades, but also fail to deliver promised socioeconomic and environmental benefits. At worst, only a limited number of trees might survive.

“It is such a shame ... so much money and effort go into restoration but after several decades, they [might still] not be able to successfully create a forest with the ecosystem functions and services needed,” Bosshard said.

Seed systems in Asia ‘in an embryonic stage’

After rampant deforestation in the last few decades, India, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines have marked out ambitious restoration goals over the next 10 years.

This is despite the fact that the countries are still “in an embryonic stage” of transitioning their seed systems to be fit for purpose, said Christopher Kettle, co-author of the study and an ecologist at the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT based in Italy.

Malaysia has pledged to plant 100 million trees by 2025, while India has committed to [restoring 26 million hectares](#) (64 million acres) of degraded land by 2030. Altogether, restoration goals for the four countries add up to a combined 47.5 million hectares (117 million acres) by 2030, which would require a total of 157 billion seeds, the study estimated.

Current seed systems won’t be able to meet this demand. In the study, roughly half of practitioners reported “always” or “often” facing challenges such as procuring good-quality seeds, seeds of preferred provenances, and seeds at regular timings.

“There have been piecemeal investments in small-scale nurseries through NGOs ... but substantial planning and financial and human resources are needed to scale [seed systems] to be fit for delivery,” Kettle said.

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Common obstacles include limited government budgets for restoration and conservation, a lack of collaboration between the forestry and agriculture ministries, and overreliance on civil society and NGOs to address problems, he added.

“You can make restoration commitments but unless you have realistic timelines to build infrastructure for diverse, quality, socially suitable species, everyone is just chasing their tail,” he said.

Adding to the problem, tree species in Asia good for biodiversity and locking up carbon happen to be particularly finicky at the start of life. Large tropical trees in the region tend to be from the *Dipterocarp* family, across which hundreds of species are recalcitrant, meaning their seeds cannot survive drying and freezing, making long-term storage in seedbanks ineffective.

These native giants also only fruit once every four to five years in what are known as masting events — synchronised mass flowering and seed production episodes among trees in a forest — so seed collections must be properly timed. All these considerations make them “incredibly challenging to integrate in proper restoration,” Kettle said.

“There needs to be mechanisms in place to monitor native trees and collect seeds during masting. We still don’t see substantial investment going into that part of the forestry sector because there’s limited economic incentive,” he added.

Plant trees, not seeds

With governments worldwide setting net-zero goals to balance emissions with removal of greenhouse gases by 2050, forests have emerged as one of the more effective nature-based climate solutions available.

Tree-based restoration commitments are becoming more common but remain “very vague,” Kettle said. At the recent COP26 climate summit, [more than 100 countries agreed to](#) end net forest loss by 2030, a metric that would potentially allow them to [continue deforesting](#) as long as they plant new trees elsewhere.

“The big worry is that people are using tree planting as a smoke screen for addressing fossil fuels and deforestation,” Kettle said, adding that policymakers’ fixation on big and ambitious numbers must be accompanied by practical considerations of ecological and social benefits for restoration projects to be sustainable.

“Until we start to say it’s not about the number of trees planted or hectares restored, but how many trees actually persist in the landscape and deliver the right benefits to society, we won’t have successful outcomes of climate mitigation, food security, and biodiversity benefits,” he said.

The key lies in having large amounts of quality seeds of diverse species and provenance, and local community involvement, the study found.

They impact each other: in the Philippines, lack of local participation in restoration projects resulted in lower seed quality. In India, large-scale, government-led programs planted only a few species valued by local communities, disillusioning them.

As the climate changes, sourcing the same species of seed from different provenances will also become increasingly important, Bosshard said. Genetic diversity, where trees growing in certain locations are more tolerant of floods, droughts or other extreme weather events, will help grow more resilient forests adaptive to climate change.

‘We’re changing how we use trees in our landscape’

Getting today’s seed systems fit for purpose will take a long transition period, but building on existing knowledge in sectors like forestry and agriculture will speed up the process, Bosshard said.

For instance, government-led quality control mechanisms for seeds typically used in commercial forestry or agriculture can be adopted to regulate the restoration of native species, the study suggested.

Indonesia for one has a quality control system for exotic plantation species that offers a “comprehensive working model that covers seed sourcing and most aspects of harvesting,” the researchers wrote. And while Malaysia lacks a nationwide certification system for seeds used in restoration, seed quality standards exist for its rice and plantation crops, such as oil palm and rubber.

Having regulations in place for key areas like seed quality and provenance would enable governments to outsource more of restoration work to universities, NGOs, local farmers and private enterprises, and build a more robust network of seed collectors and nurseries to feed into the supply chain, Kettle said.

It would also benefit rural communities, by providing small farmers with sustainable livelihoods propagating seeds and selling seedlings for restoration. Robust guidelines are needed to “make sure people aren’t just trying to produce seedlings as quickly and cheaply as possible because they’re driven by profit,” but rather quality seeds that will result in long-term benefits, he added.

Technology could help, such as [smartphone applications](#) that enable local seed collectors to log information like tree species, date collected and seed provenance — building up a database of seeds with known genetic origins so practitioners can better select varieties suitable for locations they are planting in, instead of those most easily produced.



“In the past, [such work] would only be done for a few rare species, to be planted in arboretums and parks to make people more aware of them,” Kettle said. “But now it’s on a much larger scale.

“We’re changing how we use trees in our landscape to have an impact on the global crises of biodiversity, climate and food security, so we need to transition to much more fit-for-purpose seed systems that can deliver at scale.”

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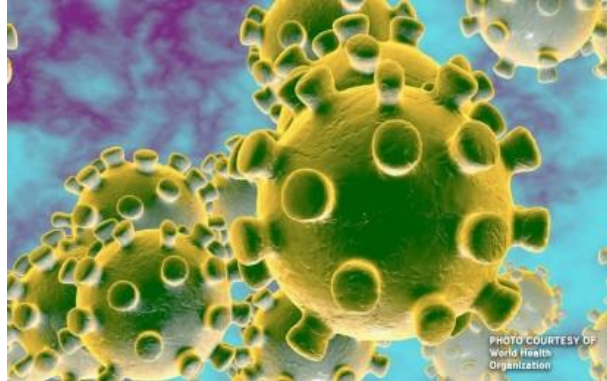
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PH logs 882 new Covid-19 recoveries; active cases down to 12K

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor [December 9, 2021, 6:15 pm](#)



MANILA – The country's total number of recovered coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases has reached 2,773,891 after 882 new recoveries were reported on Thursday.

In its latest case bulletin, the Department of Health (DOH) noted that recoveries account for 97.8 percent of the total case count of 2,835,996 since the start of the pandemic last year.

Meanwhile, 562 new infections brought the total number of active cases nationwide to 12,169.

Among active cases, 4,838 are mild, 851 are asymptomatic, 446 are critical, 2,177 are severe, and 3,857 are moderate.

The death toll has reached 49,936 with 176 new deaths.

"Of the 176 reported deaths, only eight occurred in December 2021. About 7 percent of the reported deaths today occurred in November 2021 due to late encoding of death information to COVID-Kaya," the DOH said.

The COVID-Kaya is a digital application used by health care workers to collect and share data about Covid-19 cases.

The DOH added that this issue is currently being coordinated with the Epidemiology and Surveillance Units to ensure information is up to date.

According to DOH data on Dec. 7, about 1.6 percent of 33,295 who were tested turned out positive for Covid-19.

"About 14 duplicates were removed from the total case count, 12 of these are recoveries and one is death. Also, there were 157 cases that have tested negative and have been reclassified as recoveries after final validation," the DOH said.

It added 156 cases that were previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation.

Two laboratories were not operational on Dec. 7 and were not able to submit their data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System.

The DOH noted the two laboratories contribute, on average, zero percent of samples tested, and zero percent of positive individuals based on data in the last 14 days.



To date, 26 percent of 3,600 intensive care unit (ICU) beds, 24 percent of 19,600 isolation beds, 13 percent of 12,800 ward beds, and 14 percent of 3,000 ventilators are utilized by patients with Covid-19 nationwide.

Meanwhile, 29 percent of 1,300 ICU beds, 21 percent of 4,700 isolation beds, 19 percent of 3,800 ward beds, and 17 percent of 1,000 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are in use in the National Capital Region. **(PNA)**



No Omicron variant detected in latest genome sequencing run

December 9, 2021, 3:23 pm



MANILA – No case of the Omicron variant has been detected from the latest 48 samples sequenced on Dec. 8, the Department of Health reported Thursday.

Of the samples sequenced, 38 or 79.17 percent were Delta variant cases while the rest had non-variant of concern lineages or had no lineages detected.

The latest sequencing run was composed of 12 returning overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and 36 local cases from areas with high-risk average daily attack rates and case clusters.

Of the additional 38 Delta variant cases, 31 were local cases and seven were ROFs.

Two ROFs had travel histories from Turkey and one ROF each from Jordan, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama and Peru.

Of the 31 local cases, six cases had indicated addresses in Cagayan Valley Region, while five cases were from the Cordillera Administrative Region, three cases each from Mimaropa, Bicol, Western Visayas, Soccsksargen, and the National Capital Region, two cases each from Central Luzon and Calabarzon, and one case from Davao Region.

Based on the case line list, one local case is still active, 27 local and all seven ROF cases have been tagged as recovered, and three local cases are currently being verified as to their outcomes.

All other details are being validated by the regional and local health offices.

The latest report on whole genome sequencing update brings the total Delta variant cases to 7,886.

Meantime, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has echoed the Department of Health recommendation not to downgrade the existing Covid-19 Alert Level status due to the threat posed by the Omicron variant.

“The time isn’t ripe yet since it’s the holiday season and we have observed more people becoming complacent to go outdoors, disregarding health protocol, and unmindful of the risks,” PNP chief Gen. Dionardo Carlos said Wednesday.

Carlos said a shift to a more lenient protocol can impact the adherence to the minimum health standards, despite the downward trend in new coronavirus cases. **(PR/With reports from Priam Nepomuceno)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1162259>



QC, PATULOY ANG PAGRAMI NG POSITIBO SA COVID-19 —OCTA

written by **DWIZ 882** December 9, 2021



Patuloy na dumarami ang COVID-19 cases sa Metro Manila, partikular sa Quezon City batay sa tala ng OCTA Research.

Sa inilabas na datos ni OCTA Research Fellow Guido David, umabot sa **27** ang naitalang bagong kaso ng nasabing virus sa QC.

Nadagdagan din ng tig-walong bagong kaso ng COVID-19 ang Navotas at Taguig City habang nakapagtala naman ang lungsod ng Maynila ng pitong bagong kaso.

Samantala, umabot sa 12,510 ang aktibong kaso ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas. —sa panulat ni Joana Luna



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

0.4%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
12,169

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

97.8%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,773,891

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.76%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
49,936

MGA BAGONG KASO **562**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **882**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **176**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,835,996**

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PORSYENTO NG MGA
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33,295

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KABUANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (3.6K TOTAL BEDS)
 26% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (19.6K TOTAL BEDS)
 24% Utilized

WARD BEDS (12.8K TOTAL BEDS)
 13% Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
 14% Utilized

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PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

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ISOLATION BEDS (4.7K TOTAL BEDS)
 21% Utilized

WARD BEDS (3.8K TOTAL BEDS)
 19% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
 17% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

851 Asymptomatic

4,838 Mild

3,857 Moderate

2,177 Severe

446 Critical



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Panatilihin protektado ang sarili at ang iyong mga mahal sa buhay laban sa nakamamatay na COVID-19. Ang patuloy na pagsunod sa **Minimum Public Health Standards** at pagtanggap ng bakuna ang mga pinakamabisa pa ring sanggalang laban sa nasabing sakit. Kasabay nito ang ating pagiging alisto sa mga sintomas. Sa oras na makaramdam ay agad makipag-ugnayan sa **BHERTS** o sa **One COVID Referral Center** na maabot sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**, para sa karampatang gabay.

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