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[DENR, PCW boost women empowerment in environment sector](#)

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TO promote gender equality and create a safer workplace, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has signed a partnership agreement with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), as they push for the stricter implementation of gender and development (GAD) programs.

Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said the agreement will bring great strides in the GAD implementation as it raises awareness about the role of women in the environment sector.

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The DENR chief said the recent addition of the GAD courses in the agency's Environment and Natural Resources Academy (ENRA) also serves as "another avenue for DENR personnel to be more equipped in the changing society and times."

"With the recent launch and conclusion of the special course on enforcement at ENRA, another specialized course—this time on GAD—will make men and women more sensitive and more prepared to interact with their colleagues while keeping in mind the lessons in gender and development," Cimatu added.

Meanwhile Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change Analiza Rebuelta-Teh, who serves as the chairperson of the DENR's National Gender Focal Point System, said that the agreement serves as "an anticipatory and thorough planning for mainstreaming gender and development concerns in the department, rather than the as-the-need-arises basis."

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PCW ties up with DENR to integrate gender-mainstreaming programs

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by [Gabriela Baron](#)

The Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) vowed to work together in pursuing gender equality and women's empowerment in the environment sector.



(Photo from PCW)

In a virtual signing ceremony on Oct. 29, the two agencies forged a partnership that aims to fully mainstream Gender and Development (GAD) in DENR's programs, activities, and projects.

The partnership will ensure that gender perspectives are integrated with environmental concerns, such as environmental management, disasters, calamities, and other situations pursuant to Section 10 of the Magna Carta of Women (RA 9710).

PCW Executive Director Atty. Kristine Rosary E. Yuzon-Chaves stressed the role of DENR in integrating gender-responsive programs that interweave gender and environment concerns.

"PCW commits to support DENR in your gender mainstreaming journey so that implementation will go beyond compliance and more importantly, ensure the gender responsiveness of the agency's programs, projects, activities, and services, so that these will redound to positive impacts on the lives of its duty bearers and clients, especially on women and girls," Yuzon-Chaves said.

DENR Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems, and Climate Change Atty. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh expressed optimism on how the partnership can influence DENR's efforts to mainstream gender, their use of gender analysis tools, and their utilization of the GAD budget.

"The partnership is bound to change the way we, in DENR, think and go about assessing the state and requirements of gender mainstreaming, prioritizing those that warrant attention from both agencies," Atty. Rebuelta-Teh said.



The partnership will serve as a key in addressing remaining gender gaps in the environment sector, including (1) lack of capacity of GAF Focal Point Systems members and program implementers to fully integrate gender perspectives in agency projects, activities, and programs; (2) low utilization of the budget to implement GAD-related programs, activities and projects as stipulated under Republic Act 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women; and (3) need to ensure gender-responsiveness of capacity development modules for the environment and natural resources officers, especially for supervisors and managers who will have the responsibility to address gender issues in environmental management concerns.

The PCW-DENR partnership is set until October 31, 2022, subject to the extension or renewal of both partners.

DENR, PCW ink partnership to boost women empowerment in environment sector

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By [TDI](#) [@tribunephil](#)



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has signed a partnership agreement with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) to mainstream gender and development (GAD) programs and capacitate officials and employees to promote gender equality in all aspects of work within the DENR.

DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said the agreement will bring great strides in the GAD implementation as it raises awareness about the role of women in the environment sector.

“We at the DENR are honored to have this partnership with PCW to promote the role of women in the environment sector and spread more awareness about their significant role,” Cimatu said.

According to the DENR chief, the recent addition of the GAD courses in the agency’s Environment and Natural Resources Academy (ENRA) also serves as “another avenue for DENR personnel to be more equipped in the changing society and times.”

“With the recent launch and conclusion of the special course on enforcement at ENRA, another specialized course—this time on GAD—will make men and women more sensitive and more prepared to interact with their colleagues while keeping in mind the lessons in gender and development,” Cimatu added.

Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change Analiza Rebuelta-Teh, who serves as the chairperson of the DENR’s National Gender Focal Point System, said that the agreement serves as “an anticipatory and thorough planning for mainstreaming gender and development concerns in the department, rather than the as-the-need-arises basis.”

“Partnership is bound to change the way we in the DENR team can go about assessing the state and requirements of gender-based training in the Department, prioritizing carefully those that need attention on both sides,” Rebuelta-Teh said.

Meanwhile, PCW Executive Director Kristine Rosary Yuson-Chaves said the Commission has “high hopes that this endeavor will bring clarity as well as new insights to DENR’s mainstreaming journey.”

According to Yuson-Chaves, PCW “has identified the environment sector to be prioritized for the provision of the GAD-related technical assistance.”



“PCW commits to support DENR in this gender mainstreaming journey so that implementation will go beyond near compliance but, more importantly, to achieve gender responsiveness of the agency’s programs, projects, activities and services, and realize positive impacts in the lives of its duty-bearers and clients, especially on women and girls,” said Yuson-Chaves.

Under the agreement, the DENR will take the lead in organizing GAD-related activities, including preparation of GAD Plans and Budgets, and Enhanced Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework.

Meanwhile, PCW will provide resource persons to guide and support the capacity development program of DENR in its ENRA’s supervisory and management courses and extend the necessary technical assistance in other related activities.

The PCW serves as the national machinery for gender equality and women’s empowerment and is mandated to capacitate national government agencies to effectively implement Republic Act 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women.

Witnessing the signing of the partnership agreement were DENR Climate Change Service Director Elenida dR. Basug, also the concurrent Director for DENR GAD Office, and PCW Chief GAD Specialist for Sectoral Coordination Division Macario T. Jusayan.

DENR at PCW nagkaisa sa pagpapalakas ng women empowerment sa environment sector



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MANILA, Philippines – Upang palakasin ang women empowerment lumagda ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) sa isang partnership agreement para sa gender and development (GAD) programs upang maisulong ng mga opisyal at empleyado ang “gender equality” sa lahat ng aspeto ng trabaho sa DENR.

Ayon kay Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, ang kasunduan na ito ang magiging daan para sa implementasyon ng GAD at magtataas ng kamalayan tungkol sa tungkulin ng kababaihan sa environment sector.

“We at the DENR are honored to have this partnership with PCW to promote the role of women in the environment sector and spread more awareness about their significant role,” saad ni Cimatu.

Sa press release sinabi ng DENR chief, ang pagdagdag ng GAD courses sa Environment and Natural Resources Academy (ENRA) ng ahensiya ay magsisilbi ring “another avenue for DENR personnel to be more equipped in the changing society and times.”

“With the recent launch and conclusion of the special course on enforcement at ENRA, another specialized course—this time on GAD—will make men and women more sensitive and more prepared to interact with their colleagues while keeping in mind the lessons in gender and development,” dagdag ni Cimatu.

Kaugnay nito ayon naman kay Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change Analiza Rebuelta-Teh na nagsisilbi ring chairperson ng DENR’s National Gender Focal Point System, ang kasunduang ito ay magsisilbing “an anticipatory and thorough planning for mainstreaming gender and development concerns in the department, rather than the as-the-need-arises basis.”

“Partnership is bound to change the way we in the DENR team can go about assessing the state and requirements of gender-based training in the Department, prioritizing carefully those that need attention on both sides,” saad ni Rebuelta-Teh.

Samantala, sinabi naman ni PCW Executive Director Kristine Rosary Yuson-Chaves na ang komiyon ay may “high hopes that this endeavor will bring clarity as well as new insights to DENR’s mainstreaming journey.”



Ayon kay Yuson-Chaves, ang PCW “has identified the environment sector to be prioritized for the provision of the GAD-related technical assistance.”

Nakasaad sa kasunduan, pangungunahan ng DENR ang pagbuo ng GAD-related activities, kabilang na dito ang GAD Plans and Budgets, at ang Enhanced Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework.

Samantala, tungkulin naman ng PCW ang pagbibigay ng resource person na siyang gagabay at susuporta sa capacity development program ng DENR sa ENRA’s supervisory and management courses at maglalaan din ng nararapat na technical assistance sa iba pang katulad na aktibidad. **Santi Celario**



You can swim at the dolomite beach by 2022 if DENR's plans push through

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[CHRISTIAN SAN JOSE](#)



If you think the dolomite beach peaked last month with thousands of eager visitors risking their safety just to see the P500 million man-made attraction, wait until you hear this: The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) says that by 2022—if its plans go smoothly—that part of Manila Bay will soon be swimmable.

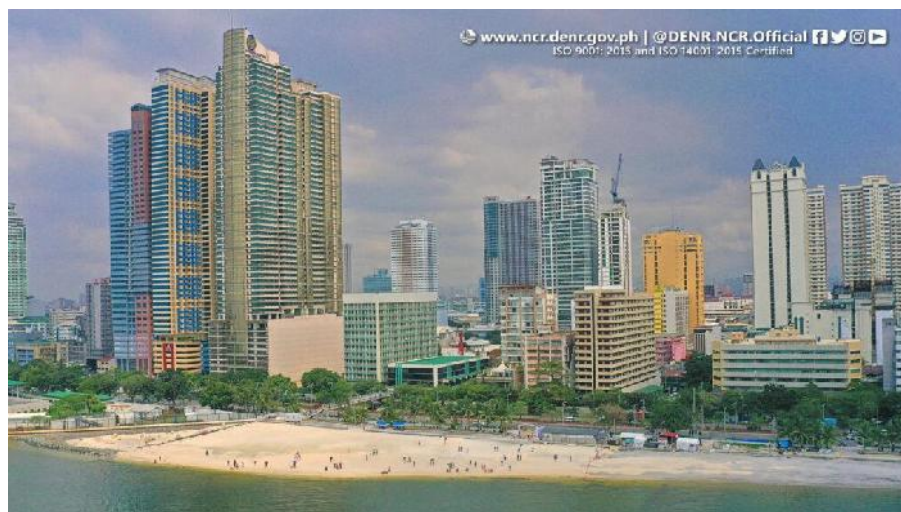


Photo courtesy of DENR/Facebook

DENR undersecretary for policy, planning, and international affairs Jonas Leones said the agency will focus on cleaning the waters so the public can also “bathe and swim in the near future.”

Why can't we swim there now? Well, because the level of fecal coliform bacteria, which could increase chances of developing illnesses from being in contact with said water, is still within high levels.

How high? For reference, for a body of water to be considered safe for swimming, it should have a coliform level of 100 most probable number (MPN) per 100 mL. That's the goal. And the dolomite beach is currently at *drumroll* [22,000 MPN/100 mL](#). Not bad, given Manila Bay's fecal coliform level was around [35 million to 1.36 billion MPN/100 mL](#) when the government decided to undertake the [rehabilitation in 2019](#), more than a decade since the Supreme Court ordered DENR and other agencies to restore the waters of Manila Bay.



Photo courtesy of DENR/Twitter

To get to 100 MPN/100 mL, DENR's Manila Bay Task Force (MBTF) plans to start with fixing the drainage system of Manila Baywalk's Padre Faura, Remedios, and Abad outfalls.

If you remember, some of the [top polluters](#) of Manila Bay are households and [businesses](#) with illegal sewage systems that drain out to the open waters. To remedy that, DENR will divert said sewage to its [treatment plant](#). Meanwhile, a 400 meter-long high-density polyethylene pipe will course floodwater (another major concern) from the seawall.

By DENR's estimate, all this will be done hopefully before year-end or by the first quarter of 2022—right in time for the humid dry season!

You can also look forward to more amenities along with these plans, such as a beach for swimming, a playground, and a fishing area near the Manila Yacht Club. There will also be upcoming light and landscaping work for more selfie background options as well as solar-powered restrooms.

And what says "touristy destination" more than a souvenir shop?

MMDA vows to clear Parañaque River of 'garbage island'

November 8, 2021



The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) personnel use a backhoe to remove the "garbage island" in Parañaque River on Monday (Nov. 11, 2021). MMDA Chair Benjamin "Benhur" Abalos Jr. said it would take about three to four months to eliminate the accumulated garbage and silt. (Photo courtesy of MMDA via PNA)

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz | Philippine News Agency

MANILA – An official of Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) on Monday (Nov. 8) vowed to remove the "garbage island" at the mouth of the Parañaque River as part of the agency's flood control measures.

During the inspection of the desilting operations, MMDA Chair Benjamin "Benhur" Abalos Jr. said it would take about three to four months to eradicate the island, made up of about 26,000 cubic meters of garbage and silt.

He noted that shanties have already been constructed on the island and are used as a resting place by fishermen.

"If we don't act on this, more structures will be built in the area. But the most alarming possibility is its effect on the water flow along the river and the waste will be very toxic to the community and surrounding waters," Abalos said.

He asked the public to help in the cleanup and maintenance of Metro Manila by disposing of their garbage responsibly and reporting clogged waterways.

"I call on everyone to report to the MMDA problems like this where there is a mass of garbage that needs to be addressed and removed immediately," Abalos said.

To date, he said there are 30 trash nets installed in canals and esteros throughout Metro Manila that are being cleared by MMDA personnel every three days to avoid damage to pumping stations. **(PNA) – bny**

River cleanup

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San Miguel Corp. reported that its river cleanup initiatives at the Pasig River and Tullahan River, both major tributaries crucial to the rehabilitation of the Manila Bay, exceed initial targets even as it prepares to ramp up efforts in the coming months with the easing of quarantine restrictions. SMC's P1-billion initiative removed over 500,000 metric tons of silt and solid waste from the Tullahan River to help reduce severe flooding in nearby Navotas, Malabon and Valenzuela cities in recent months. SMC is also undertaking a similar P2-billion rehabilitation initiative that aims to extract 600,000 metric tons of silt and solid waste yearly from the Pasig River to support flood mitigation efforts and the Manila Bay rehabilitation project.



Over 100 native birds rescued

The official urged the public to report any illegal wildlife trading and online selling, adding that such acts would create dire imbalance in the ecosystem.

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By [Jonas Reyes](#)



BALIUAG, BULACAN — Around 189 natives birds — allegedly caught in Candaba, Pampanga — were rescued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) at a local market in this town.

DENR Central Luzon executive director Paquito Moreno revealed that agency personnel spotted a man selling 129 Common moorhen or “Uwis” (*Gallinula chloropus*) and 60 Buff-barred rail or “Tikling” (*Gallirallus torquatus*) at the Pagala local market.

“The suspect immediately ran away upon seeing the environment authorities and the team found out that these birds are being sold in the market for only P100 for every three-piece bundle,” Moreno said.

Moreno stressed that collecting, hunting, possessing and trading of wildlife including their byproducts and derivatives are prohibited under Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001.

The official urged the public to report any illegal wildlife trading and online selling, adding that such acts would create dire imbalance in the ecosystem.

“Please report immediately any illegal wildlife activities to authorities or nearest DENR office in their area or text or call hotline No. 0945-368-5303,” Moreno said.

The DENR-CENRO and Philippine National Police in Baliuag, is currently conducting follow-up operations to identify and locate the alleged hunters and illegal wildlife traders while the 189 birds have been immediately released back in a rice field area near the boundary between Baliuag and Candaba towns.

The 32,000-hectare Candaba swamp is an important wetland area in the country as it supports an average of 7,000 migratory bird every year coming from as far as Siberia, Japan, China and New Zealand to seek wintering refuge, feeding and breeding area from October to March.

According to studies, the Common moorhen is in the “least concern” category of the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Red List of Threatened Species, but considered endangered particularly in parts of Hawaii, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands while the Buff-barred rail’s population remains abundant in Philippines and Indonesia.



To recall, environment authorities arrested last October four suspected wildlife poachers for hunting 6,000 wrinkle-lipped bats (*Chaerephon plicatus*) worth over P90,000 in the protected area of Biak-na-Bato National Park in San Miguel town of Bulacan.

Source: https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/11/10/over-100-native-birds-rescued/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=over-100-native-birds-rescued



Over 200 migratory birds for sale rescued, set free

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Over 200 migratory birds that had been declared to be endangered in other countries and were being illegally sold by wildlife traders in Baliwag, Bulacan were set free by environmental authorities, GMA News' Athena Imperial reported Tuesday on "24 Oras."

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) rescued the migratory birds, said to be worth P80,000, that were tied up and being sold at a market in the province.

The traders, who escaped from authorities, were selling three birds for P100.

The birds are endangered in Hawaii, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam, said the DENR.

Don Guevara, public affairs chief of DENR Central Luzon, called the incident "isolated."

He nevertheless warned that any person involved in the illegal wildlife trade would be liable under Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources and Conservation Protection Law.

Illegal handling of migratory birds could also pose a risk to public health, Guevara said.

"Wag na nila gagalawin ang mga ibon kasi baka may virus carrier at avian flu," said Guevara.

(Don't bother these birds as they might have a virus or may have the avian flu.)

The Philippines was [free from the bird flu](#) as of January, but the government reminded poultry farmers and other stakeholders to remain vigilant for any unusual mortalities.

The Philippine National Police and DENR said they would conduct a manhunt operation to arrest the illegal wildlife traders. — **Consuelo Marquez/DVM, GMA News**

Source: https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/regions/810261/over-200-migratory-birds-for-sale-rescued-set-free/story/?fbclid=IwAR2P9_e0aj2fE-wFj4i-85y_DoT2UhqquCVeXmHcuvO-Uv25j1yIgtT02rk



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TIGNAN: Kinumpiska ng mga opisyal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang 189 na mga buhay pang native birds na nagkakahalaga ng Php 8,000 sa Baliuag, Bulacan.

Sinabi ng DENR at Community Environment and Natural Resources office na sa Candaba swamp sa Pampanga hinuli ang mga ibon na mga common moorhen o "Uwis" at buff-barred rail o "Tikling."

Nanawagan ang DENR sa publiko na isumbong kaagad sa mga awtoridad ang mga illegal wildlife activity sa kanilang lugar. Nagsagawa naman ng follow-up operation ang DENR-CENRO at PNP para matukoy ang illegal wildlife traders at kaagad naman pinakawalan ang mga ibon sa Baliuag-Candaba area.

Courtesy: DENR Central Luzon

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Nasagip sa Bulacan ang halos 200 ibon na ilegal na hinuli sa isang bird sanctuary para ibenta. Panawagan ng DENR, hindi lang sa kalikasan ang epekto niyan, dahil may banta rin ito sa kalusugan ng tao.

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Aabot sa halos P18,000 ang halaga ng mga ibon na hinuli sa Candaba Swamp, ayon sa DENR.

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Philex puts up bamboo plantation in Benguet

By [Dexter A. See](#)

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TUBA, Benguet: The [Philex Mining Corp.](#) has recently launched its bamboo plantation site as part of its compliance to the environmental requirements set by the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR).

The launch of the mining company's bamboo plantation site at the former subsidence area was led by Philex President and Chief Executive Officer [Eulalio Austin](#) at its Padcal mine here.

Austin explained that there are bright prospects for bamboo farming because its byproducts were earlier approved by the [Department of Education](#) for school chairs, desks, among others.

He noted that bamboo plantations started by mining firms could be tapped for additional income of residents as they can provide a steady supply of bamboo for the future needs of concerned government agencies.

Philex's active mine site measures around 276 hectares, while its inactive mine site has a land area of more than 3,000 hectares.

However, Austin said that there are some issues being raised by concerned mining stakeholders regarding bamboo plantations as part of their compliance to the reforestation component of the final mine rehabilitation and decommissioning plan since bamboo is considered as a grass and its acceptance should further be clarified.

He added that Philex started the bamboo planting on its rehabilitated tailings pond and once fully grown could be beneficial in further improving the environment in the mining area.

Environment Secretary [Roy Cimatu](#) earlier ordered mining companies to establish their respective bamboo plantation sites within 20 percent of their active mine sites as part of their environmental preservation and protection efforts and in preparation for the expected significant increase in the demand for bamboo in the future.

"Philex has always embarked on responsible mining. This has allowed the company to gain recognition from the DENR and other environment certifying bodies in the various aspects of mining over the past several years," he said.

He said Philex will continue efforts preserving and protecting the environment within its tenement area until the end its mine life in 2024.

C. Visayas schools back campus-based biodiversity advocacy

By John Rey Saavedra November 9, 2021, 6:50 pm



Department of Education-Central Visayas regional director Salustiano Jimenez and Environmental Management Bureau-Central Visayas spokesperson Engr. Cindylyn Pepito. (Screenshot from DepEd-7 video)

CEBU CITY – The top education official in Central Visayas on Tuesday highlighted environmental preservation and conservation efforts in school campuses here as a way to inculcate care for the environment among public elementary and secondary school students.

Department of Education (DepEd)-Central Visayas regional director Salustiano Jimenez said during the Regional Climate Change Caravan school campuses are implementing various environmental programs to actualize school-based biodiversity development.

“Nowadays, DepEd in Central Visayas intensifies further our effort in restoring our environment and biodiversity restoration and conservation through forestation, gulayan sa paaralan at tahanan (vegetable gardening in schools and homes), integrated school nutrition model, information and education advocacy, integration of climate mitigation and reduction at the basic curriculum, biodiversity conservation program in collaboration with non-government organizations, like Soil and Water Conservation Foundation,” Jimenez said.

He added that the education sector believes that if various types of plants are planted within the school campuses, it will increase biodiversity development in the future.

The DepEd-7, he said, started to initiate an advocacy program called the “SAL on ECO-BIKER”, which stands for sustainable program for the environment, advocate Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 and the love of nature.

The program also encouraged environmental projects and promotion of bicycles as means of transportation.

Jimenez said the program also promotes conservation of natural resources as well as biodiversity conservation through outreach and interactive activities as well as educating people on the concept of "reduce, reuse, and recycle" and reforestation.

The DepEd-7 official said many species of the country’s flora and fauna are now threatened because of some people's apathy and irresponsibility towards the environment.



Cindylyn Pepito, Environmental Management Bureau-Region 7 spokesperson, said during the caravan that was featured over the social media platform that the concept of preservation and conservation must be taught to the young generation, stressing their future responsibility in taking care of the environment.

Pepito also noted that health is inter-related with the environment as the latter has a great influence over the people's well-being.

"You cannot detach health from environment so as environment from health. How we manage the so-called environment will greatly affect our health. Your health does not depend on your lifestyle or food intake alone but it is greatly affected by the quality of environment where you are in," she said.

Pepito said the environmental caravan at the DepEd-7 is part of the activities leading to the celebration of the 14th Global Warming and Climate Change Consciousness Week from November 19-25. **(PNA)**



PH to conduct study on proper management of marine mammals

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by [Charissa Luci-Atienza](#)

The Philippines will conduct a study on the proper management of marine mammals in the country, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) said.



Spotted dolphins in the Southern Tanon Strait area (Photo by Dr. Lemnuel V. Aragonés)

DOST Secretary Fortunato “Boy” T. de la Peña said the agency’s Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) has teamed up with the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman’s Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology (IESM) to implement the project seeking to protect the country’s marine mammals.

The project, entitled “Assessment and Mobilization of Research Initiatives on Philippine Marine Mammals (PHLMarMams)” is funded by the DOST-PCAARRD.

Also involved in the project are the Philippine Marine Mammals Stranding Network (PMMSN), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), and the NGO: Community-Centered Conservation (C3) PHL (for the dugong part).

“The project aims to have the proper management of marine mammal species including the documentation of their threats to address the problems systematically and to shine a light for these marine mammals and protect its wonderful world,” de la Peña said.

“In the Philippines, marine mammals’ exact status is largely unknown. Since there are limited studies conducted, people have less information on why it is important in our ecosystem.

The DOST chief cited the pressing need to protect the marine mammals as they are not only ecologically vital to their aquatic environments, but also to humans.

“Unfortunately, these animals are vulnerable due to their demanding biology long-lived, large size, mostly single live birth, and extensive pre-reproductive period resulting in low reproductive potential,” he said.

“In addition to these biological vulnerabilities, these animals are mostly threatened by overexploitation, by catching, changing climate, habitat degradation and loss, and on top of these is pollution. The amount of trash, especially plastics, floating in our seas which end up being washed ashore in different parts of the world is staggering.”

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/11/09/ph-to-conduct-study-on-proper-management-of-marine-mammals/>

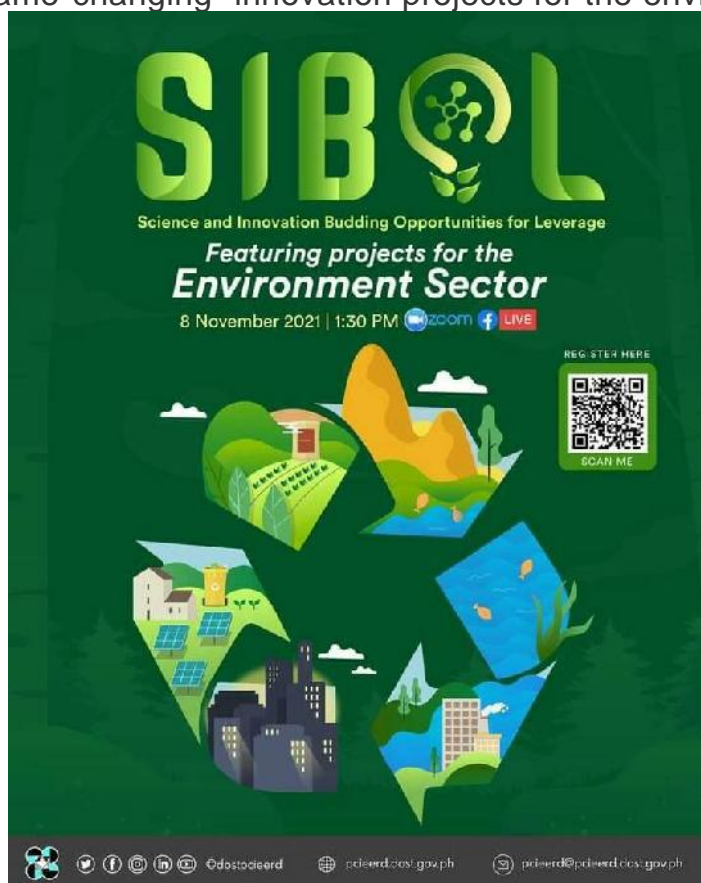


DOST-PCIEERD bares 8 eco-innovation projects for environment sector

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by [Charissa Luci-Atienza](#)

The Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-PCIEERD) took pride in presenting eight “game-changing” innovation projects for the environment sector.



(DOST-PCIEERD)

The projects were unveiled during the seventh edition of the Innovation Council’s Science and Innovation Budding Opportunities for Leverage (SIBOL) webinar series.

The eight newly approved and commenced projects supported by the DOST-PCIEERD for the environment sector were the following:

-Drive Air ni Juan – Aluminosilicate Technology for Compact Air Purification (Dr. Bryan Alamani, University of the Philippines Diliman);

-Chemical Synthesis and Characterization of Conducting Polymer/Metal Nanoparticles Composites, and Their Application as a Chemiresistive Gas Sensor Array for H₂S and CO₂ (Dr. Karen Santiago, University of Santo Tomas)

-eAsia: Developing Green Degradable Polymers from Plant Based Oils and Investigation on Its Subsequent Functionalization and Utility as Heavy Metal Sequestrants (Dr. Ian Ken D. Dimzon, Ateneo de Manila University)

-DOST-JSPS: Preparation of Crown Ethers and Alpha-aminophosphonates Decorated Natural Fibers-based Hybrids Metal Ion Adsorbents by Fusing Multicomponent-reaction and Radiation-grafting of Polymers (Dr. Jordan Madrid, DOST-Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI))



-AQUADRONE: UAV Assisted Deployment System for Water Quality Monitoring (Assistant Professor Anthony James Bautista, University of Santo Tomas)

-Integrated Flood and Water Resources Management in ASEAN Basins for Sustainable Development (Dr. Orlando Balderama, Isabela State University)

-Project 1. Water for Tourism: A Science-Based Water Resource Monitoring and Management Planning Guide for Tourist Destinations in the Philippines (Dr. Maria Aileen Leah Guzman, Ateneo de Manila University)

-Hydrological Characterization of Boracay Island's Groundwater System and Nabaoy Watershed using Isotope and Nuclear-based Analytical Techniques (Engr. Raymond Sucgang, DOST-PNRI)

DOST-PCIEERD Executive Director Dr. Enrico C. Paringit took the opportunity to thanked the project leaders for coming up with eight new projects for the environment.

"We thank you for heeding our call to spur game-changing innovations as we steward our surroundings," he said.

He noted that over the past 11 years, they have invested more than P532 million in 146 projects "and today is an example of our commitment to continue our support for the environment sector."

"Of the outputs generated by the projects we supported, 51 percent have churned out policy recommendations for various public entities while 49 percent of them could be technologies for commercialization," Paringit said.

"For technologies that came out from the projects, 70 percent have been adopted by the private sector, 17 percent have spun off into private enterprises while 13 percent have been adopted by government agencies."

He cited the need for the country to implement such innovations to become environmentally resilient and better cope with the impacts of disasters and the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

The PCIEERD chief said the launch of the new projects is timely as the nation celebrates this November the National Environmental Awareness month.

"We are hopeful that these new projects will help the Philippine environment heal from the past damages and contribute to its protection and enrichment. As a leader and partner in enabling innovations, we will remain at the forefront of coming up with programs and projects that create positive change for the environment."

"We will be unwavering in supporting eco-innovations designed to solve the environmental issues of Filipino communities through research and development," Paringit said in closing.



UPLB professor, Australian associate discover new tree endemic to PH

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A new species of *Tristaniopsis* in the Myrtaceae family (of makopa, guava, and eucalyptus among others) has been discovered by a professor from the University of the Philippines – Los Baños (UPLB), the university said on Tuesday, November 9.



(Photo from *Telopea*, the Journal of Plant Systematics / MANILA BULLETIN)

UPLB said that Professor Edwino S. Fernando, alongside colleague Dr. Peter G. Wilson of the Australian Institute of Botanical Science, discovered the new tree species and that their findings were published as a journal article in *Telopea*, the Journal of Plant Systematics on October 29.

Tristaniopsis flexuosa, according to their data, is a small tree reaching to three meters tall and can only be found in the Philippines, particularly on Mount Redondo, Dinagat Island.

UPLB explained that it was named 'flexuosa' because of its distinct crooked branches and it does not show any clear affinities to any other Philippine species of the genus, showing the most similarity with a species from Borneo known as *Tristaniopsis elliptica*.

It was described as having relatively small leaves, with a smooth grey bark, which flakes to reveal a red-brown under-bark.

UPLB said that specimens of new species of plants and trees are deposited at the UPLB Museum of Natural History (MNH) Forestry Herbarium and Wood Collection.



UPLB professor, Australian researcher find new tree species endemic to PH

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MANILA - Researchers from the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and an Australian science institute have discovered a new species of tree in the Philippines.

According to UPLB on Tuesday, based on a published article in journal *Telopea* last month, professor emeritus and curator Edwino Fernando and Dr. Peter Wilson of the Australian Institute of Botanical Science found a new kind of *Tristaniopsis* in the Myrtaceae family.

The new species, *Tristaniopsis flexuosa*, is a small tree reaching three meters tall and is reportedly endemic, or can only be found in the country, particularly in Mt. Redondo, Dinagat Island.

The findings described the tree as having relatively small leaves, with a smooth gray bark. Underneath, the tree has a red-brown composition. It also has distinctly crooked branches, UPLB said.

The university said *flexuosa* does not show any clear similarities to other *Tristaniopsis* trees. *Tristaniopsis elliptica*, a species from Borneo, has the most similarities with the newly-discovered tree, it said.

Myrtaceae includes makopa, guava, and eucalyptus among others, according to UPLB.



Fiber sector seeks solons' aid in BSP pivot to plastic

BY JASPER Y. ARCALAS NOVEMBER 9, 2021



This file photo shows men weaving abaca by hand in a shop at a village in Santa Fe, Nueva Vizcaya. In its blueprint for the abaca industry, the Philippine Fiber Development Authority expects the country to regain its status as the world's top abaca producer through a substantial budget.

THE Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFida) has raised to lawmakers' attention its opposition to the Central Bank's plan to change the country's currency to polymer-based from abaca-cotton material.

PhilFida Executive Director Kennedy T. Costales gave to lawmakers, including Sen. Cynthia A. Villar, who chairs the Senate committee on agriculture and food, the agency's position paper on the Central Bank's proposed changes in the country's banknotes. Villar earlier filed a bill declaring Catanduanes as the country's abaca capital.

"We wanted to inform them of our position paper. We are not encouraging them to intervene but we leave that to their own volition," Costales told the BusinessMirror on Monday.

"We just want to inform them about the recent developments that may affect our abaca farmers. They should be informed about the wrongdoings of the Central Bank," Costales added.

Aside from Villar, Costales sent a letter also to Sen. Juan Edgardo M. Angara, who chairs the Senate Committee on Finance, as well as to Rep. Hector S. Sanchez of the lone district of Catanduanes, the country's top producer of abaca.

"Having abaca as a component in our paper money is a great source of pride among Filipinos as it is indigenous to the Philippines. This position paper is also in support of the numerous abaca farmers and their families who are dependent on abaca for their source of livelihood," Costales's letter to the lawmakers read.

Plastic over abaca

Costales said losing the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) market for abaca—despite it being a small fraction of the overall market of the natural fiber—could still harm farmers' income amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Costales said the BSP buys about 100 metric tons (MT) to 150 MT of the country's annual 65,000 MT production.

Furthermore, Costales said what is more worrisome is that BSP is sending a discouraging policy signal which is the use of plastics over biodegradable materials like abaca. Costales added that only foreign businesses will benefit from the shift to polymer, since the raw material will be imported instead of local Filipino farmers.

"The United States uses its own cotton on their dollar banknotes. Europe is doing the same. They are patronizing their own commodities and not shifting to plastics or polymers," he said.



“Countries like Australia use polymer in their banknotes because they do not have natural fiber resources. The point is, the BSP is promoting plastics rather than home-grown commodities,” he added.

Costales noted that as it is, the advancement of digital transactions amid the Covid-19 pandemic has already reduced the number of paper bills circulating in the economy.

Joint statement

In a joint statement, Catanduanes Gov. Joseph C. Cua and Rep. Sanchez said they “strongly oppose” the shift to polymerization of the country’s banknotes, calling for a “more elaborate” dialogue with industry stakeholders.

Cua and Sanchez took notice of BSP Deputy Governor Mamerto Tangonan’s claim that polymerizing banknotes will only have “minimal” impact on the abaca industry and will only displace about 210 to 481 jobs.

“This will still affect the livelihoods of our abaca farmers and further worsen their plight, especially those who are still recovering from the destruction of Super Typhoon Rolly,” they said.

“The abaca industry is the lifeline of Catanduanes and any adverse impact on its producers, be it minimal, is a cause for alarm,” they added.

‘Railroading’

Costales has been opposing the Central Bank’s plan to shift to polymer from abaca in the materials used in printing the country’s banknotes.

Costales endorsed PhilFida’s position paper about the issue in August to the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF), the Department of Agriculture’s consultative body.

In September, no less than Agriculture Secretary William D. Dar wrote BSP Governor Benjamin E. Diokno, endorsing the PhilFida’s position paper as adopted by the PCAF through a resolution.

“The Committee [National Banner Program Committee on High Value Crops-Fiber Crops] believes that the BSP’s plan to shift to polymer banknotes will result in economic hardships for many Filipinos dependent on abaca farming,” read Dar’s letter dated September 13, a copy of which was obtained by the BusinessMirror.

“Moreover, shifting to polymer banknotes will also be more expensive since sorting machines in banks and other financial establishments will have to be modified,” it added.

Following Dar’s communication, the central bank set a dialogue with PhilFida which was scheduled last October 25, but was cancelled at the last hour, Costales lamented. The BSP rescheduled the meeting to the second week of January 2022.

Costales pointed out that the rescheduling was made in bad faith since the central bank announced on October 25th—the supposed date of their dialogue—that it will be pilot testing the polymer banknotes in the first half of next year.

“I am wondering why not schedule it this month? Or next month? We still have two months left this year. Why January?” he said.

Source: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/11/09/fiber-sector-seeks-solons-aid-in-bsp-pivot-to-plastic/>



200 mamamalakaya nagprotesta vs proposed reclamation project

SAGITNA ang walang tigil na ulan, nagtipon ang hindi bababa sa 200 mangingisda mula sa isang coastal barangay sa bayan ng Consolacion, sa hilagang bahagi ng lalawigan ng Cebu nitong Linggo, 7 Nobyembre, upang ipahayag ang kanilang pagkontra sa proposed reclamation project na itinutulak ng mga opisyal ng bayan katuwang ang isang pribadong consortium.

Nagtipon ang mga nagprotestang mangingisda mula sa Sitio Baha-Bah, sa Brgy. Tayud, sa dalampasigan dakong 6:00 am kahapon, dala ang mga poster gawa sa cartolina kung saan nila isinulat ang kanilang mga hinaing laban sa 235.8-ektaryang reclamation project.

Sa gitna ng kanilang protesta, nagsimulang bumuhos ang ulan pero hindi nagpatinag ang mga kalahok, kaya imbes umuwi ay sinamahan ng mga mangingisda mula sa mga lungsod ng Mandaue at Lapu-Lapu.

Nanguha ng shellfish at mga alimango sa dalam-

pasigan ang mga mangingisda bilang patunay na maraming yamang-dagat sa nabanggit na lugar.

Kalaunan, niluto nila ang mga tinipon at kinain para sa kanilang agahan.

Sa pag-aaral na isinagawa ni Dr. Filipina Sotto ng FBS-Environment and Community Research and Development Services, 'think tank' na nakabase sa Cebu at nakatuon sa mga isyung pangkalikaasan, sinabi niyang ang lugar ay sagana sa yamang-dagat kabilang ang 75 uri ng corals at pitong uri ng bakawan.

Nagbabala si Sotto sa hindi na maibabalik na pinsala sa yamang-dagat kung maisasaka tuparan ang proyektong tinaguriang "Seafront City."

Samantala, lumagda ang mga mangingisdang lumahok sa kilos-protesta ng hiwalay na petyson para kay Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na humihiling ipatigil ang proyekto.

Nabatid na ito ang ikatlong petyson ipinala ng grupo sa pangulo.

Nilagdaan ang unang

petyson ng higit sa 2,000 manggagawa ng hindi bababa sa pitong shipyard na maaapektohan ng naturang proyekto.

Gayondin, nagpadala ng petyson sa pangulo ang mga residente ng Brgy. Tayud, kabilang ang mga may-aring mga karinderya at boarding house, na ang kabuhayan ay nakapende sa operasyon ng mga shipyard sa lugar.

Sa pangatlong petyson, punirma ang mga mamamalakaya ng barangay para iprotesta ang proyektong maaaring makaapekto sa kanilang kabuhayan.

Ang naganap na kilos-protesta kahapon ay pangalawang aktibidad kontra sa proyekto sa loob ng isang buwan.

Noong 17 Oktubre, may 50 mangingisda mula sa kalapit na Sitio Bagacay ang nangisda sakay ng kanilang mga bangka upang pasinungalingan ang sinasabi ni Consolacion Mayor Johannes Alegado at ng kanyang inang si Vice Mayor Teresita Alegado, na walang isda sa lugar dahil sa mga shipyard.

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PH should adopt 'just transition' principles to fight climate change

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The [Asian Development Bank](#) headquarters in [Manila](#). TMT FILE PHOTO

A KEY initiative to emerge from this week's COP26 climate summit in [Glasgow, Scotland](#) actually happened on the sidelines just before the main conference opened: the [Asian Development Bank](#) (ADB) and other multilateral development banks (MDBs) adopted a joint statement committing to five "High-level Principles for a Just Transition" in climate funding. As a major client of ADB and other MDBs, the Philippines should, likewise, incorporate these principles into its own climate adaptation and energy transition policies.

In the joint statement, the MDBs outlined how they intend to support countries to move away from the use of fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and work toward climate resilience "in a way that shares the costs and benefits while supporting and protecting communities, industries and workers."

The statement added that the MDBs "will also work with national development banks and other financial institutions to develop financing and policy strategies, supporting a just transition that promotes economic diversification and inclusion."

The idea of a "just transition" was introduced in the 2015 [Paris Agreement](#), which established a goal of limiting the increase in global temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius over preindustrial levels. However, until now, the "just transition" idea has been largely an abstract aspiration; climate actors have recognized its importance but have not done much to incorporate it into policies and programs in a practical way.

The five principles for a just transition are rather broad, which is perhaps to be expected since they were formed as part of a global-level statement of intentions. They include: delivering climate objectives while enabling socioeconomic outcomes and building progress on Paris Agreement goals and the Sustainable Development Goals; support for countries to move away from GHG emissions-intensive economic activities through financing, policy and advisory activities, and knowledge sharing; mobilization and enhanced coordination of public and private finance for climate response; support for affected workers and communities to mitigate impacts and increase opportunities; and transparent and inclusive planning and monitoring with relevant stakeholders and affected groups.



What makes these principles more important now with the signing of the joint statement among the MDBs is that such statements rather quickly are translated into operating standards and guidelines. Every grant or loan created by an MDB has a list of safeguards and conditions attached to it, among which are explanations of how the corresponding project responds to key priorities such as environmental impact, gender concerns and — as will now be the case when climate-related projects are concerned — "just transition" principles.

It is, perhaps, easier to understand if one remembers that despite the developmental character of their work, MDBs are still banks in a business sense. They do not have a profit objective, but in terms of business processes and practices, they want to ensure that their transactions are consistent, efficient, relevant and properly address risks — just as any commercial bank would when extending a loan to a customer. ADB and other institutions will work with a client government or organization to craft a project proposal to satisfy the bank's checklist of priorities and requirements but usually, only to the extent of refining the proposal. After all, if too much intervention is required, the cost-benefit relationship suffers.

Thus, it is in the government's best interests to understand what prospective development partners like the MDBs expect to be addressed in a proposed project and make an effort to include those answers in its proposal. Now that the principles of just transition have been prioritized by the recent agreement of the MDBs, the Philippine government, which has made much of its climate response goals conditional on receiving external assistance, must include those principles in its climate strategy and policy, or risk losing out on some development aid.

Action on a just transition will deepen ADB's commitment to action on climate change, a key plank of ADB's Strategy 2030. ADB recently announced it is raising its ambition for 2019 to 2030 cumulative climate financing to \$100 billion, which will help DMCs achieve, and even increase, their Paris Agreement commitments to chart a fair and equitable path to net-zero, climate-resilient development.



Good climate action goals in COP26 need to be backed by results

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GLASGOW, Scotland – Good intentions on climate action need to be backed by results in negotiations and short-term actions, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said on Monday.

At the start of the second week of negotiations at the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the WWF expressed optimism for an agreement on key issues, following a week of serious progress in negotiations and critical announcements.

The organization declared that political leadership is the essential ingredient to ensure COP delivers on demands.

Commenting on the summit's week one results, WWF Global Lead Climate and Energy and COP20 president Manuel Pulgar-Vidal underscored the need for specificity on key commitments to boost the credibility of the COP discussions in light of the demand from protestors for climate action during a 10,000-strong protest on Saturday.

"This past Saturday, a record number of people marched through Glasgow demanding action, not words from leaders. Unless they hook promises into short-term action and make real progress in the negotiations, they will face a credibility crisis," he warned.

Pulgar-Vidal urged ministers to show the world their leaders are taking the problem seriously by making decisions on key issues, including climate finance.

"The ambition gap must be closed as soon as possible. Science requires it, and the world is watching," he said.

Mark Lutes, WWF Climate and Energy Senior Climate Policy Advisor, reiterated that ministers have a lot of work to do this week across several issues.

"They will need to provide strong political leadership to steer the COP to complete the Paris Agreement rulebook and ramp up ambition and implementation," he said. (*Anadolu*)



As climate damage mounts, poor nations press wealthy to pay up

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By Andrea Januta and Simon Jessop



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GLASGOW – Poor nations are pressuring their wealthy counterparts at the U.N. climate summit to pay up for the mounting damage being caused by global warming, pointing to increasing powerful storms, cyclones, droughts and floods afflicting their people.

The campaign being waged at the U.N. climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland seeks hundreds of billions of dollars per year more for climate-vulnerable economies even as they struggle to access some \$100 billion pledged by world powers years ago.

Those previously promised funds, meant to help developing nations transition off fossil fuels and adapt to the future realities of a warmer world, were offered in recognition that poorer countries are least responsible for climate change.

“We’ve been too slow on mitigation and adaption, and so now we have this big and growing problem of loss and damage,” said Harjeet Singh, an advisor with Climate Action Network, who is involved in the negotiations on behalf of developing countries.

He said negotiations so far were focused on including language about “loss and damage” in the official text of the summit agreement, a request that he said was facing resistance from the United States, the European Union and other developed countries worried by the potential costs and legal implications.

Asked whether the European Union should consider a loss and damage fund separate from funding for mitigation and adaptation, Juergen Zattler, head of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, said he believed the question was premature.

“I don’t think the discussion is at that stage yet,” he told reporters at the Glasgow summit. “We do not know yet what loss and damage actually is, how it is different from adaptation. We are poking in the dark here.”

EU climate policy chief Frans Timmermans told reporters the bloc supported efforts to “get money where it needs to be as quickly as possible” but that work still needed to be done to get the details right.



A representative of the U.S. delegation at the conference did not respond to a request for comment.

Climate-vulnerable countries have been raising the issue of who should pay for climate damage since the earliest international talks on global warming decades ago, before the impacts of global warming were seen as a current threat.

Economists now estimate the costs of damage from climate change-related weather events could be around \$400 billion per year by 2030. A study commissioned by development agency Christian Aid, meanwhile, estimated that climate damage could cost vulnerable countries a fifth of their gross domestic product by 2050.

“It has been a fight every time to get loss and damage to become a standing item at COP. We need to continue to hold the big emitting countries accountable,” said Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner, a representative of the Climate Vulnerable Forum representing nations disproportionately affected by global warming.

Singh, from the Climate Action Network said wealthy nations could acquire the funds, at least in part, by revoking subsidies and imposing fees on fossil fuel companies.

He added that without some financial assistance, the costs of damage from climate change could bankrupt fragile economies, hampering their ability to contribute to the fight against climate change. If financially ruined, for example, countries will further struggle to fund measures like switching off dirty coal.

“If your house is on fire, you first put out the fire. Not think about how to prevent fires 10 years from now,” he said. – **Reuters**

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UK, magbibigay ng 290 million euro sa mahihirap na bansa dahil sa climate change impact

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Magbibigay ang United Kingdom ng 290 million euro para matulungan ang mahihirap na bansa na makabangon mula sa impact ng climate change.

Sa ikalawang linggo ng UN climate change summit, tatalakayin kung paano susuportahan ang mahihirap na bansa gayundin ang reparations sa pinsala na dulot ng natural disasters.

Gagamitin ang nasa 274 million euro para matulungan ang Asian at Pacific nations para sa conservation at masiguro ang low-carbon development.

Ang 15 million euro naman ilalaan para suportahan ang developing countries habang ang nalalabing 1 million euro naman ay para gawing mas mabilis at epektibo ang humanitarian aid kabilang na ang pagtugon sa climate related disasters.

Nauna na ngang umapela ang mahihirap na bansa ng \$100 billion na pinansiyal na tulong na higit na apektado ng climate change.

Inaasahan din ngayong linggo na makikilahok si dating US President Barack Obama sa climate change summit para ibahagi ang naging progress limang taon ang nakalilipas mula ng maging epektibo ang Paris Agreement.



COP26: World headed for 2.4C warming despite climate summit – report

By Georgina Rannard

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A prolonged drought set up the conditions for fire in this forested area of Indonesia

Despite pledges made at the climate summit COP26, the world is still nowhere near its goals on limiting global temperature rise, a new analysis shows.

It calculates that the world is heading for 2.4C of warming, far more than the 1.5C limit nations committed to.

COP26 "has a massive credibility, action and commitment gap", according to the Climate Action Tracker (CAT).

The Glasgow summit is seen as crucial for curbing climate change.

But the prediction contrasts with optimism at the UN meeting last week, following a series of big announcements that included a vow to stop deforestation.

COP26 is expected to finish this week.

The projection comes as the UK's Met Office warns that a billion people could be affected by fatal heat and humidity if the global average temperature rises by 2C above pre-industrial levels.

The report by Climate Action Tracker looks at promises made by governments before and during COP26.

It concludes that, in 2030, the greenhouse gas emissions that warm the planet will still be twice as high as necessary for keeping temperature rise below 1.5C degree.

Scientists say that limiting warming to 1.5C will prevent the most dangerous impacts of climate change from happening.

The COP summit held in Paris in 2015 laid out a plan for avoiding dangerous climate change which included "pursuing efforts" to keep warming under 1.5C.

But when governments' actual policies - rather than pledges - are analysed, the world's projected warming is 2.7C by 2100, suggests Climate Action Tracker. The Tracker is backed by a number of organisations including the prestigious Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany.



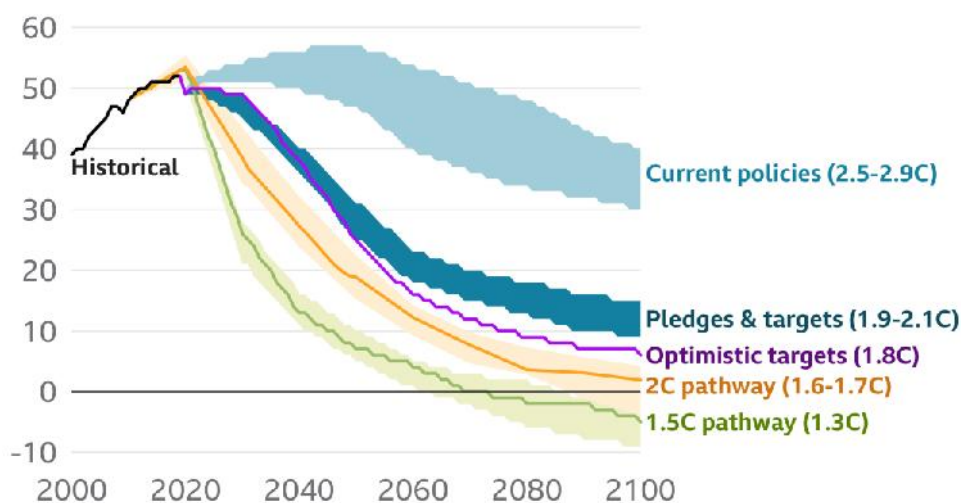
"This new calculation is like a telescope trained on an asteroid heading for Earth. It's a devastating report that in any sane world would cause governments in Glasgow to immediately set aside their differences and work with uncompromising vigour for a deal to save our common future," said Greenpeace International's executive director Jennifer Morgan.

However, the world's outlook has improved since the Paris climate summit in 2015 when Climate Action Tracker estimated the policies put the planet on track to warm by 3.6C.

Climate Action Tracker blames "stalled momentum" from governments for limited progress towards cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

How the world is projected to warm by 2100

Past and projected emissions in gigatonnes of carbon dioxide



Source: Climate Action Tracker



It says new promises by the US and China to reach net zero have slightly improved its forecasting on temperature rises. But it concludes that the quality of most government's plans to limit climate change is very low.

Reaching net zero involves reducing greenhouse gas emissions as much as possible, then balancing out any remaining releases by, for example, planting trees - which remove CO2 from the atmosphere.

More than 140 governments have promised to reach net zero, covering 90% of global emissions.

But Climate Action Tracker says only a handful have plans in place to reach the goal. It analysed the policies of 40 countries and concluded that only a small number are rated "acceptable", covering a fraction of the world's emissions.

"If they have no plans as to how to get there, and their 2030 targets are as low as so many of them are, then frankly, these net zero targets are just lip service to real climate action," said Bill Hare, chief executive of Climate Analytics, one of the groups behind the Tracker.

The main driver of the gap between promises and projections is continued coal and gas production, the organisation concludes.

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Japan, once a leader on climate, under fire for coal use at COP26

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By Aaron Sheldrick and Yuka Obayashi



TOKYO, Nov 9 (Reuters) – More than 20 countries agreed to phase out coal power at the U.N. climate talks in Glasgow, but not Japan – a “leap backwards” for a country that once led the way on the Kyoto Protocol to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The pact was among a raft of pledges made at the COP26 summit in the last week. Japan, the world’s third-biggest importer of the dirtiest fossil fuel, declined to sign because it needed to preserve all its options for power generation, officials said.

Critics called that short-sighted, even as new the prime minister, Fumio Kishida, has agreed to step up other environmental measures.

“Despite Prime Minister Kishida pledging to direct increased funding to climate finance, we are disappointed that he failed to address the elephant in the room – Japan’s dependency on coal,” said Eric Christian Pedersen, head of responsible investments at Danish fund manager Nordea Asset Management.

The criticism highlights the shift in Japan’s circumstances. It led climate change efforts during the 1990s Kyoto Protocol era, but has been burning more coal and other fossil fuels after the Fukushima disaster 10 years ago left many nuclear plants idle.

Not phasing out coal has “positioned Japan to take a leap backwards by signalling thermal power plants can keep running based on new technologies that do not exist,” said Kiran Aziz, head of responsible investments at KLP, Norway’s largest pension fund.

China, the world’s biggest source of climate change-fuelling gases, did not sign the pact and President Xi Jinping did not attend the conference. The country has said it would reduce its use of coal for electricity by 1.8 percent over the next five years.

Japan has pledged billions of dollars for vulnerable countries and to support building infrastructure in Asia for renewables and cleaner-burning fuels. It has also cut targets for coal use and raised those for renewables.

“In Japan, where resources are scarce and the country is surrounded by the sea, there is no single perfect energy source,” Noboru Takemoto, an industry ministry deputy director, told Reuters. “For this reason, Japan does not support the statement” on coal.



The ministry said last year it would accelerate shutdowns of coal-fired plants by 2030, later setting minimum efficiency standards and requiring companies to submit annual updates on phase-outs.

But companies are resisting such plans, a senior executive at a major Japanese generator said. “It is being delayed and dragged out because a lot of companies are saying these units still work and are cheaper,” the executive said, adding that “a leadership push is needed.”

A Reuters survey of Japanese companies operating old coal power units, including Hokuriku Electric Power and Hokkaido Electric Power, showed that most of them have not decided schedules to shut them down.

Source: <https://www.bworldonline.com/japan-once-a-leader-on-climate-under-fire-for-coal-use-at-cop26/?fbclid=IwAR3bPRBhpQ9Qas9apiFyMjl4x56xS0GHndxaf25ebxvID1LJRvUdHIJK9Po>



These tipping points make climate scientists afraid

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by [AFP](#)

"We have so many points of no return."

By Marlowe Hood

Leaders may be going into the UN climate summit in Glasgow with the do-or-die goal of limiting global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius, but breaching that cap is not what keeps scientists awake at night.

The real disaster scenario begins with the triggering of invisible climate tripwires known as tipping points.

"Climate tipping points are a game-changing risk -- an existential threat -- and we need to do everything within our power to avoid them," said Tim Lenton, director of the Global Systems Institute at the University of Exeter.

What's a tipping point?

Anyone who has leaned back in a chair balancing on two legs knows there is a threshold beyond which you irrevocably crash to the floor.

That portal between two stable states -- in this case, an upright versus a fallen-over chair -- is a tipping point, and Earth's complex, interlocking climate system is full of them.

These temperature thresholds have potentially widespread impacts.

If temperatures rise enough to melt the ice sheets atop Greenland and West Antarctica, it could lift oceans more than a dozen metres (40 feet).

The Amazon tropical forest, upon which we depend to soak up carbon pollution, could turn into savannah.

Or shallow subsoil known as permafrost -- mostly in Siberia -- tenuously holding twice the amount of greenhouse gases already in the atmosphere could see those harmful emissions seep into the air.

"We have seen a number of tipping points already in coral reefs and polar systems, and more are likely in the near term," the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) said in a draft report on climate impacts, due out in February, obtained by AFP.

In most cases, reversing the changes set in motion would be beyond the grasp of humanity for many generations, if not millennia.

Why so scary?

One of the first scientists to unlock the secret of tipping points recalled suddenly understanding some 15 years ago why they were so ominous.

"It was an 'Oh Shit!' moment," Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, founding director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), told AFP in an interview.

"Planetary machinery -- the monsoon system, ocean circulation, the jet stream, the big ecosystems -- abounds with non-linear systems," he said, referring to the potential for abrupt, dramatic change.

"That means you have so many points of no return."



In Antarctica, more than half the ice shelves that prevent glaciers -- some larger in area than England and Scotland combined -- from sliding into the ocean and lifting sea levels are at risk of crumbling due to climate change.

"It is like uncorking a bottle, and we are uncorking them one by one," said Schellnhuber.

Earth-altering tipping points have different temperature thresholds. Scientists know these tripwires are there, but not exactly where they lie.

Even more unsettling is how easily our already belaboured efforts to eliminate carbon pollution could be overwhelmed by the changes we are setting in motion.

If thawing permafrost surrenders as much CO₂ as humanity stops emitting, we find ourselves fighting a war on two fronts: on top of the struggle to slash our own emissions we'd have to cope with those generated by the planet itself.

How many are there?

Scientists count about 15 significant tipping points in the planet's climate system. Some are regional, others are global, all are interconnected.

Those least resistant to global warming and closest to a point of no return are tropical coral reefs, the West Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets, alpine glaciers, Arctic summer sea ice and the Amazon forest.

Parts of the climate system more resistant to rising temperatures include the global currents that redistribute heat through the oceans, the Arctic jet stream, the Indian monsoon, El Ninos in the Pacific, and desertification in the Sahel.

While permafrost probably doesn't have a single temperature tripwire, the IPCC estimates it will release tens of billions of tonnes of CO₂ for every extra degree of global warming.

The last holdout would be East Antarctica's ice sheet, which holds 56 metres worth of sea-level rise.

Why are we hearing about them now?

The IPCC's most recent mega-report is the first to give tipping points more than a cursory mention.

"Abrupt responses and tipping points of the climate system... cannot be ruled out," the UN's climate science advisory body now warns.

While scientists have long been aware of the danger that tipping points pose, part of the problem has been the inability of climate models -- which are built to track gradual, linear change -- to anticipate the timing or impact of abrupt shocks.

"Just because tipping points are challenging to predict doesn't mean they can be ignored," Lenton said.

What is the ripple effect?

A new wave of research is focusing on how sudden shifts triggered by tipping points ripple across the climate system, leading to possible chain reactions.

Accelerating melt-off from the Greenland ice sheet, for example, is almost certainly slowing down the conveyor belt of ocean currents known as the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC).



This, in turn, could push Earth's tropical rain belt southward and weaken the African and Asian monsoons, upon which hundreds of millions depend for rain-fed crops.

Scientists cannot rule out the possibility that the AMOC will stall altogether, as it has in the past. If this happened, European winters would become much harsher and sea levels in the North Atlantic basin could rise substantially.

There are dozens of other ways in which facets of the climate system are intertwined.

What is a 'hothouse Earth'?

Earth's past tells us that continuing greenhouse gas emissions "could tip the global climate into a permanent hot state," according to the recent IPCC report.

Think of it as the ultimate tipping point: "hothouse Earth".

The last time atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ matched today's levels, some three million years ago, temperatures were at least 3C more and sea levels five-to-25 metres higher.

A combination of more carbon pollution and emissions from permafrost and dying forests "might set us on such a trajectory in little more than a century," said Jan Zalasiewicz, a palaeo-biology professor at the University of Leicester.

Johan Rockstrom, PIK director, said a 2C cap on warming was "not a social or economic choice, it is actually a planetary boundary".

"The moment that the Earth system flips over from being self-cooling -- which it still is -- to self-warming, that is the moment that we lose control," he told AFP.

What are economic risks?

Tipping points are not currently taken into account when assessing the economic risks associated with climate change -- but experts argue that they should be.

New York University economist Gernot Wagner earlier this year calculated the potential cost to society of major planetary tipping points.

Once Earth's potential for nasty surprises is taken into account, the dollar damage to health and the environment caused by each ton of CO₂ emitted today -- known as the social cost of carbon -- would increase by at least a quarter, he found.

In other words, the greater the risk, the higher the cost.

Any silver linings?

But there is potential for positive change too.

Just like social momentum helped to spur rapid transitions -- the ending of slavery, the dismantling apartheid in South Africa, or the push to legalise gay marriage in the US, for example -- so it might be with climate change.

From electric vehicles and green investments, to a global youth movement led by Greta Thunberg, a crescendo of change has experts wondering whether the world is turning the corner on climate.

Source: <https://manilastandard.net/mobile/article/369542>



Good COP, bad COP: UN climate meet praised and panned

By [Agence France-Presse](#) November 9, 2021

GLASGOW: The COP26 climate talks resuming on Monday (Tuesday in Manila) have, so far, unfolded on parallel planes with high-level announcements stage-managed by host country Britain during week one riding roughshod over a laborious [UN](#) process built on consensus among nearly 200 countries.

A dizzying blitz of pledges to curb methane emissions, phase out coal-fired power, stop overseas fossil fuel financing and halt deforestation would appear to have moved the dial towards the [Paris Agreement](#)'s most ambitious goal of capping global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels.

With a rise of 1.1 C to date, storms, heat waves and floods have become more frequent, intense and deadly.

An [International Energy Agency](#) (IEA) tally of the commitments, along with one by India to boost renewables and reach net zero by 2070, found they would hold warming to 1.8 C — not good enough, but way better than the "catastrophic" 2.7 C projected by the UN just last month.

[US](#) special envoy John Kerry, a 30-year veteran of climate geopolitics, said he "had never counted as many initiatives and as much money — real money — being put on the table."

But not everyone was equally impressed.

On the streets, climate activist [Greta Thunberg](#), leading a global protest march on Saturday, branded COP26 a "failure" and an exercise in greenwashing.

Several of the marquee pledges last week, while still significant, were considerably less than meets the eye, analysts pointed out.

"We've run the numbers — the IEA scenario still leaves an enormous emissions gap in 2030," researchers at Climate Analytics reported, highlighting the need to slash global emissions nearly in half within a decade to keep 1.5 C within view.

Two truths

Many frontline negotiators were not happy either.

"This first week is a disappointment," said Ahmadou Seborny Toure, chair of the G77-plus-China group, a negotiating bloc of more than 130 poor and developing countries, the largest in the UN climate forum.

"Most of our concerns are not truly or effectively being taken into account," the Guinean diplomat told [Agence France-Presse](#) in an interview.

Toure lambasted the failure of rich nations to cough up \$100 billion a year by 2020 — a pledge first made in 2009, and now postponed to 2023 — to help vulnerable nations decarbonize their economies and cope with climate impacts.

"After the subprime crisis in 2008, the US mobilized \$8 trillion — and that was just for one country," he said.



Many experts and negotiators commented on the stark contrast between the competing narratives and wondered if they could be reconciled during the home stretch of the talks, which run through Friday.

"We have two different truths here," said [Helen Mountford](#) of the [World Resources Institute](#).

"We've made much more progress in some ways than we could have ever imagined even a couple of years ago, but at the same time, we're nowhere near enough."

For [Laurence Tubiana](#), head of the [European Climate Foundation](#) and, as France's top negotiator, a main architect of the 2015 Paris Agreement, "Glasgow could become the city of two tales."

"One is of fantastic mobilization and progress," she told AFP.

"The other — which we see with the protests in the street — is that it's not really happening and companies are just cheating."

Deficit of credibility

"There is no mechanism for ensuring delivery, no capacity to check these claims," she added, noting that the flurry of pledges last week were made outside the framework of the UN talks.

"That is why I say greenwashing is the new climate denial."

UN Secretary-General [Antonio Guterres](#) raised a similar concern in launching the 13-days talks.

"There is a deficit of credibility and a surplus of confusion over emissions reductions and net zero targets," he said, announcing the creation of an expert group to measure the claims of non-state actors, whether local governments or multinationals.

The "two COPs" may well collide during a formal "stocktake" on Monday of the first week, in which countries and negotiating blocs will air their views and grievances.

Some will call for an accelerated timetable for revising voluntary emissions reduction plans, currently submitted every five years.

Many will point to a lack of progress on issues that have stymied the talks for years: an architecture for international carbon markets, setting up a common timetable for national carbon cutting pledges and a host of issues related to finance.

"It is too soon to know whether this is Glasgow half full or half empty," said [Alden Meyer](#), a senior associate at climate policy think-tank E3G.

"In the end, it has to be a balanced package. Nobody will come out with everything they want."



China's BRI contributes to climate change fight

By [Xinhua News Agency](#) November 10, 2021



Aerial photo taken on Aug. 19, 2020 shows wind turbines at the Jiucaiping scenic area in southwest [China's Guizhou Province](#). [XINHUA PHOTO](#)

XIAMEN: China's green action initiatives that encourage green infrastructure, energy, transportation and finance under the Belt and [Road Initiative](#) (BRI) framework will contribute to the global fight against climate change, a British expert has said.

"It is really important that the world powers not only change their policies domestically, but they all engage internationally and this need to be green as well. We start to see this happening," [Antony Froggatt](#), deputy director of Environment and Society Programme [Chatham House](#), a [London](#)-based think tank, told Xinhua.

The expert lauded China's decision not to build any more coal-fired power stations overseas.

"That is an absolutely clear example of where countries working together to develop clean energy resources," Froggatt said in [Glasgow, Scotland](#), where the 26th [United Nations Conference of Parties](#) on Climate Change (COP26) is going on.

In 2020, 57 percent of China's investment in BRI partner countries went to renewable energy projects, up from 38 percent in 2019.

As the world's largest developing country that has yet to finalize industrialization, China has announced that it will strive to peak carbon emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060, a move which Froggatt said "surprised many but welcomed by everyone."

The expert hailed China's efforts to develop green technology while building infrastructure and lifting about 100 million people out of extreme poverty over the past nine years.

"It is absolutely clear that china has done an amazing job in terms of lifting a huge percent of population out of poverty," he said. "It has built large amounts of infrastructure."

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/11/10/news/world/chinas-bri-contributes-to-climate-change-fight/1821631>

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Philippines sees 1,409 new COVID-19 cases, 14 labs without data

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Traffic officers inspect public utility vehicles along Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City on November 4, 2021 after the pandemic task force increased seating capacity in public transport to 70%

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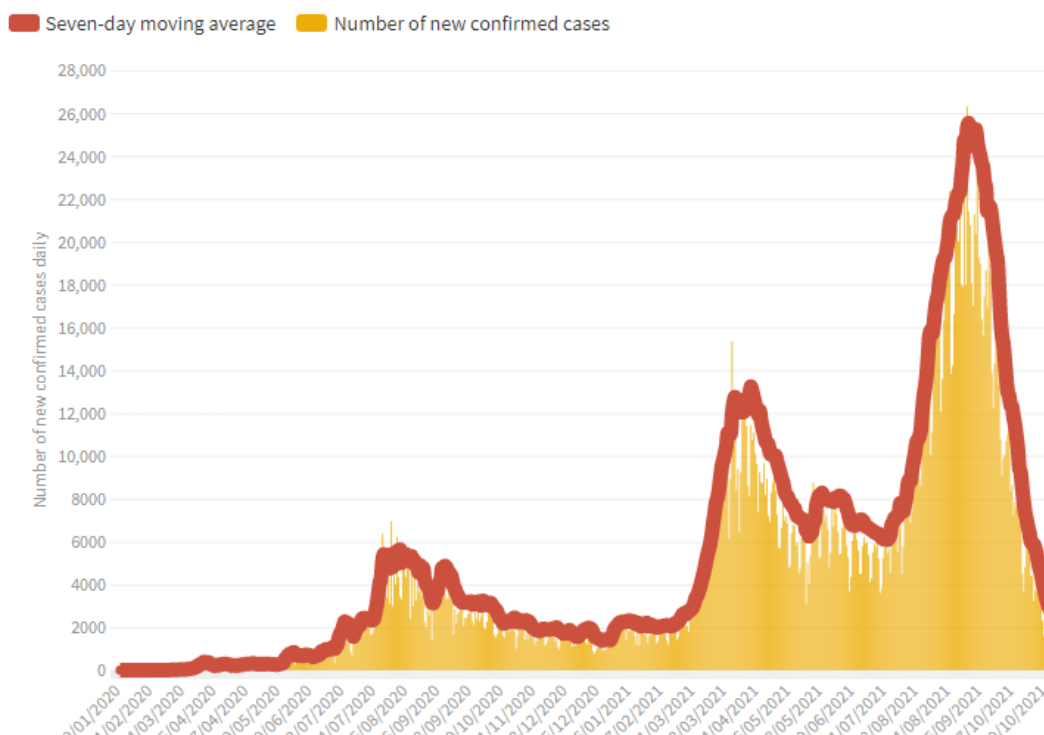
MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Health on Tuesday listed 1,409 new coronavirus cases, pushing the country's total to 2,806,694

Health officials said 1.1% of the Philippines' total caseload remain as active cases. They added 14 laboratories failed to turn in screening results.

"The lower deaths reported today is due to technical issues encountered with COVIDKaya," the agency said.

- **Active cases:** 30,544 or 1.1% of the total
- **Deaths:** 46, pushing the count to 44,567
- **Recoveries:** 2,941 bringing the number to 2,731,583

COVID-19 cases in the Philippines



Source: Department of Health • As of November 09, 2021, 4 p.m.



GDP grows in third quarter

- The Philippines' gross domestic product grew by [7.1%](#) in the third quarter of the year, with the economy avoiding a return to recession despite hard lockdowns.
- Health Secretary Francisco Duque III suggested that Metro Manila could be downgraded further to Alert Level 1 if COVID-19 cases in the capital region continue to be on the decline.
- An education official said [30 private schools](#) have been nominated to join the limited resumption of face-to-face classes this month.
- Manila Mayor Isko Moreno challenged the national government to take to court his executive order relaxing the use of [face shields](#) in the country's capital.
- The Philippines will get nearly 800,000 doses of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine this afternoon as a donation from Germany coursed through COVAX Facility.



Lowest new COVID-19 sa Pilipinas 'simula mid-February' naitala ng DOH

(Philstar.com) - November 9, 2021 - 4:13pm



Vehicle congestion as seen on Monday morning, Nov. 8, 2021 in Quezon City along EDSA, a major thoroughfare crossing cities of Metro Manila after the national pandemic task force IATF deescalated health restrictions in the region to Alert Level 2.
The STAR/Boy Santos

MANILA, Philippines — Nakapagtala ang Department of Health ng 1,409 bagong infection ng coronavirus disease, Martes, kung kaya't nasa 2,806,694 na sumatutal ang nahahawaan nito sa bansa.

Batay sa mga bagong nakalap na datos ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan, narito ang bagong mga pasok na datos para araw na ito:

- **Lahat ng kaso:** 2,806,694
- **Nagpapagaling pa:** 30,544, o 1.1% ng total infections
- **Kagagaling lang:** 2,941, dahilan para maging 2,731,583 na lahat ng gumagaling
- **Kamamatay lang:** 46, na siyang nag-aakyat sa total local death toll sa 44,567

Maynila nagmatigas sa non-mandatory face shield policy

- Ngayong araw naitala ang pinakakaonting bagong COVID-19 cases (1,409) simula ika-17 ng Pebrero, 2021. Gayunpaman, 14 laboratoryo ang hindi nagsumite ng kanilang datos kung kaya't hindi ito naisama sa talaan.
- Pinanindigan ni Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso ang kanyang executive order na nagtatanggal sa mandatory face shield policy maliban sa mga medical facilities, matapos itong palagan ng Palasyo dahil sa "hindi pagsunod sa proseso." Hamon ni Domagoso sa mga kumekwestyon sa kanya, [dalhin ang reklamo sa korte](#).
- Walang nakikitang mali si presidential spokesperson Harry Roque sa mga planong gumawa ng "[no COVID-19 vaccination, no Christmas bonus](#)" policy sa trabaho. Ito'y matapos sabihin ng Cebu City na ipagkakait nila ang nasa P20,000 bonus sa mga empleyado ng kanilang city hall na hindi magpapabakuna.
- Aabot na sa [30 pribadong paaralan](#) ang itinuturing na "kandidato" ng Department of Education pagdating sa mga nais lumahok sa pilot implementation ng in-person classes sa gitna ng COVID-19 pandemic.



- Umabot na sa [29.8 milyon](#) ang nakakukumpleto ng COVID-19 vaccine doses sa Pilipinas. Bahagi lang 'yan, 64.49 milyong gamot na naituturok na sa bansa sa ngayon.
- Sumampa na sa 249.74 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa buong daigdig, [ayon sa huling datos ng World Health Organization](#). Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang 5.04 milyong katao.

—James Relativo

Philippines reports 651 more Delta variant cases

By [Christian Deiparine](#)(Philstar.com) - November 8, 2021 - 12:30pm



Commuters queue for the carousel bus in Monumento, Caloocan on November 2, 2021

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine authorities reported 651 more cases of the hyper contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 on Monday from samples collected in past months.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said in a briefing that the Department of Health is doing retrospective sampling to trace the origins of the Delta in the country.

The latest run of whole genome sequencing had 748 samples that were collected from March to October this year.

Of that, Delta accounted for 87.03%, Alpha or the variant first identified in the United Kingdom with 22 cases or 2.94%, and Beta which originated in South Africa with 15 cases or 2.01%.

The Philippine Genome Center has now screened 17,292 samples with lineages. To date, total Delta cases in the country is at 5,982, Beta at 3,577, and Alpha at 3,128.

Vergeire said Delta remains the most common lineage detected in the country, making up 34.59% of the total samples sequenced.

Experts had attributed the recent surge in coronavirus cases in the country to the Delta, where five-digit additional infections were seen in weeks.

That uptick has since waned, and the government has eased restrictions including some for the first time since the pandemic hit, such as curfew in Metro Manila and the reopening of cinemas.

New cases from new variants

But as more curbs are relaxed, authorities are also detecting cases from new variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Vergeire said they detected the B.1.617.1 variant in a 32-year-old male from Floridablanca in Pampanga.

This variant, formerly known as the "Kappa" was still classified as a variant of interest by the World Health Organization when the local case was seen in June.



But the health official said the WHO has since downgraded it to a variant under monitoring by September.

Vergeire added the man had a mild case of COVID-19, and has recovered.

"Further investigation is being done by our regional epidemiology and surveillance unit in order to gather more information on this case," she said, "and there is strict monitoring of this case and the community."

DOH also reported another case of the B.1.1.318, or the variant under monitoring that was originally detected in Mauritius.

The agency detected the country's first case of this variant in [October](#), but the patient's samples were collected way back in March.

No further details were given on the new case of the said variant.



Duque: Alert Level 1 in NCR possible if cases continue to drop

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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FILE PHOTO

Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, November 9) — Metro Manila may ease to Alert Level 1 if the country's COVID-19 cases recorded per day drop to below 1,000, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said Tuesday.

The National Capital Region is under Alert Level 2 until Nov. 21.

"Depende 'yan. Titingnan nga natin ang numero, ang datos," Duque said in a Laging Handa briefing when asked whether NCR will be under Alert Level 1 or 2 until the holidays. "Posible na kapag below 1,000 tayo or 500 per day ay baka pwede nating ibaba pa ng Alert Level 1."

[Translation: That depends on our case numbers and data...It is possible that if our cases decline to below 1,000 or 500 per day, we can further downgrade Metro Manila's classification to Alert Level 1.]

Under the [Alert Level 1 guidelines as of Nov. 4](#), interzonal and intrazonal movement of all people is allowed, while all establishments may operate at full capacity as long as they comply with the minimum health standards.

The Department of Health (DOH) on Monday recorded 2,087 new COVID-19 cases, raising the total to 2,805,294. Of the total, 44,521 died, while 2,728,696 recovered, DOH noted.



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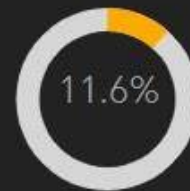
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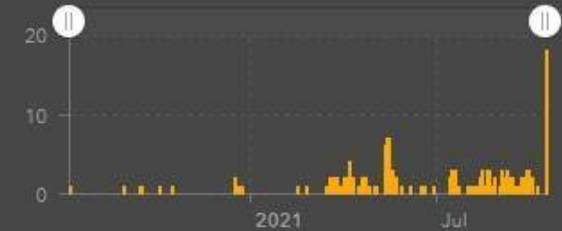


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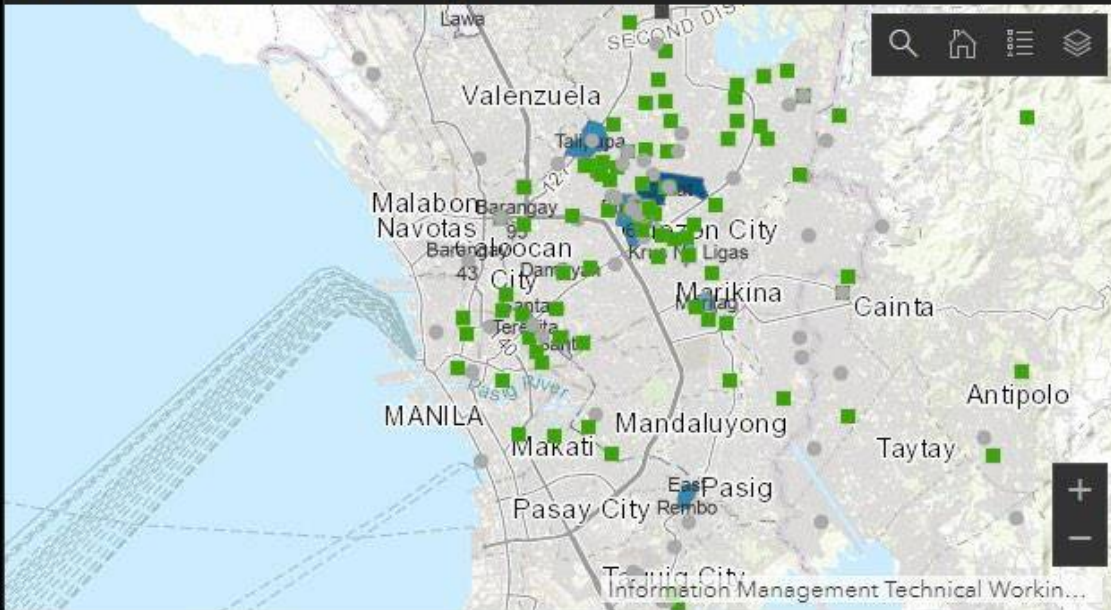
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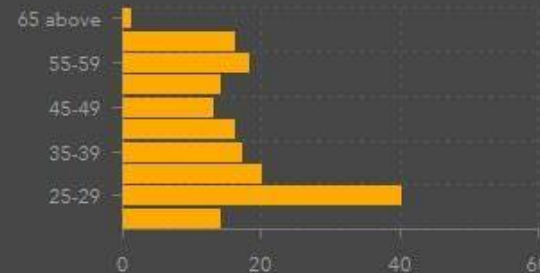
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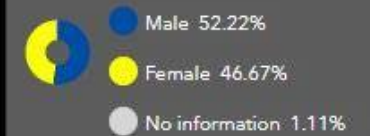
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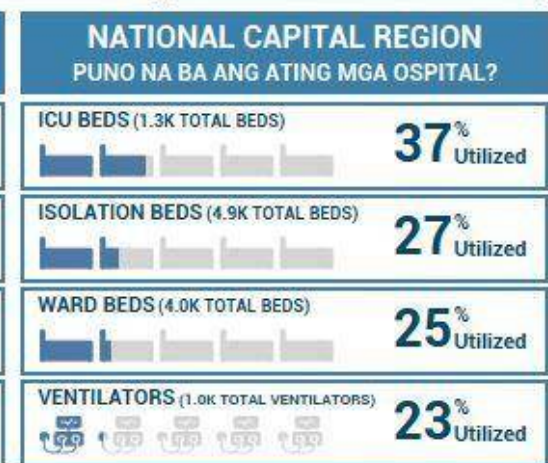
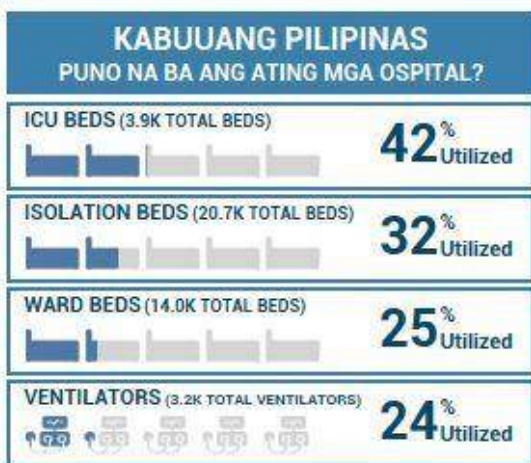


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Kasangga ng bawat isa laban sa COVID-19 ang patuloy at maayos na pagsunod **Minimum Public Health Standards**, at pakikiisa sa pambansang pagbabakuna. Kasabay nito ang ating pagiging alisto sa mga sintomas. Sa oras na makaramdam ay agad makipag-ugnayan 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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