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'World's most threatened marine ecosystems': Saving Asean's marine ecoregion

BYJONATHAN L. MAYUGA OCTOBER 10, 2021



Terns stop over the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, one of the internationally important wetlands in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway for migratory birds.

"Sadly, the Asean region's marine ecosystem is one of the world's most threatened in terms of coastal marine resources degradation. This has a profound impact on the planet and its inhabitants, inevitably threatening food security, local tourism, and global warming mitigation," said Ambassador Noel Servigon, the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to Asean.

Recognized as the heart of the planet's marine biodiversity, the Coral Triangle's most fertile part is shared by the Philippines with its Asean neighbors.



The webinar on marine biodiversity conservation in Asean is led by (top from left) ACB's Dr. Mary Kristerie A. Baleva and Clarissa Arida; and Desiree Maaño of DENR-BMB; (second row, from left) Antoinette Taus, founder of Communities Organized for Resource Allocation and webinar emcee; Dr. Theresa Mundita Lim, ACB executive director; and Ambassador Noel Servigon.

Servigon gave the statement at the recent webinar, "Marine Biodiversity Conservation in Asean: Current State and Ways Forward."

Co-organized by the Office of the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to Asean and the Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), the online event was held in line with the Philippines's Presidential Proclamation 316, declaring September as Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (Mana Mo, or your inheritance).

It highlighted Asean's rich and diverse marine resources, which serve as a unifying force that compels stronger regional cooperation among Asean member states.





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ACB Executive Director Dr. Theresa Mundita Lim noted that the region's marine ecosystems not only provide for the Asean citizen's socio-economic well-being and embody the ecological connectivity within and beyond the Asean, but also protect against the devastating impacts of climate change.

"The seas connecting Asean encourage the member-states to unite and forge stronger linkages in addressing the climate crisis and the pandemic we are currently in," Lim said.

"Thus, the protection and sustainable management of our biodiversity, our common natural heritage, serve as our compass as we set sail towards recovery," she added.

Lim underscored that "healthy mangroves, tidal flats, seagrass beds and coral reefs act as natural barriers against strong winds and storm surges and contribute to our resilience to rising temperatures."

Important network of MPAs

Asean boasts of a network of marine protected areas (MPAs), said Clarissa Arida, ACB director for Programme Development and Implementation.

Arida said during the webinar that the Asean region harbors one of the world richest marine biodiversity covering about 50 percent of the Earth's water surface and one-third of the total surface of the world.

It has a coastline of 173,000 km and covers one-third of the world's coastal and marine habitat. It also accounts for 17 percent of the world's fish production.

The region's coastal and marine habitats include coral reefs, mangroves, seagrass beds and seaweed beds, estuaries, sandy and rocky beaches, mudflats and other soft bottom habitats, she said.

Arida pointed out that by 2050 it is estimated that close to 500 million people will live in coastal and marine areas of the Asean region.

"With Asean's growing economies despite the current Covid-19 pandemic, the near-shore ecosystems have become more vulnerable to habitat change, overexploitation of resources, pollution and climate change," she said.

Marine debris pollution

"With pollution from land resources, the ecosystem services expected from coastal and marine protected area will not be able to sustain our fisheries," Arida warned.

Coastal and marine habitats provide breeding and feeding grounds for marine plants and animals. It also provides food and resources important to the livelihood of coastal communities.

Such ecosystem services can be adversely affected by marine debris pollution unless Asean member-states work together to address such threat.

Other services that may be affected include carbon sequestration, climate regulation, sediment protection, even maintaining nutrient cycles as well as cultural services, and areas for education, research and places of worship.

Asean Heritage Parks

Protected areas have proven to be an effective tool in the fight to sustain biodiversity and significantly contribute to human well-being and sustainable development.

Asean Heritage Parks (AHPs) is one of the flagship programs to address the threats to biodiversity, and protect coastal and marine habitats and resources.

"The AHP program recognizes the uniqueness, diversity, and outstanding values of our national parks in the region," Arida said.





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There are currently 50 AHPs, nine of them are marine, eight wetland and 33 terrestrial.

The nine marine AHPs are considered to be crucial in protecting and conserving unique migratory species, particularly migratory water birds.

They are the Kepulauan National Park, Wakatobi National Park, Lampi Marine National Park, Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, Ao Phang-Nga Mu Ko Surin Mu Ko Similan National Park, Hat Chao Mai National Park, and Mu Ko Libong Non-Hunting Area Mu Ko Ang Thong National Park, Tarutao National Park, and Baitu Long National Park.

Located in the Andaman Sea, the Hat Chao Mai National Park in Thailand is deemed to be one of the world's sites with high biodiversity. It is the first major dugong conservation zone in Thailand.

Meanwhile, described as the last intact seabird habitat is the Philippines's Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park. Also a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Heritage Park, it boasts of diverse coral species.

It is also home to more than 30,000 breeding seabirds and has the highest density of white-tip reef sharks in the world.

Shark survey conducted between June 27 to July 2, where a total of 18 underwater visual surveys were completed, saw exciting record-breaking events like a total of 534 shark and 18 ray encounters.

Meanwhile, unique but threatened are the mangrove species in Meinmahla Kyun Wildlife Sanctuary in Myanmar like kazano, madama, thame, thayaw, kambala and thinbaring, Arida said.

Also, unique animal species like wild dog, fishing cat, smooth-coated otter, sambar deer, ayeyarwady dolphin, spoon-billed sandpiper and brackish water crocodile can be found in this marine AHP.

Arida said there are also hog deer, small Indian civet, wild cats, tortoise and rock python in the area.

Threats to marine ecoregions

Marine ecoregions, or large marine ecosystems and open oceans, are mostly transboundary areas and these systems are often interlinked by a complex web of environmental, political, economic and security issues, such as that of Asean, Arida said.

Threats to these shared resources, she said, have cumulative and synergistic environmental impacts and underscore the need for integrated and multisectoral management approaches, such as in addressing marine debris pollution, an example of a transboundary issue that requires integrated regional cooperation.

As such, protecting and conserving Asean's marine ecosystem, particularly the marine AHPs, are of utmost importance and needs collaborative effort of Asean member-states.

Asean flyway network

One initiative in the Asean is the flyway network, which aims to protect and conserve migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

"Asean lies at the heart of the Asian-Australasian Flyway Network and migratory waterbirds use wetlands in this network," Arida said.

The ACB director said one of nine major migratory waterbird flyways around the globe, the Asian-Australasian Flyway Network is home to over 50 million migratory waterbirds.

The wetlands along the network is crucial for the survival of these long-distance flyers as they journey from the northern Arctic breeding grounds of Russia to the nonbreeding grounds of Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand.





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A shared responsibility

Desiree Maaño, Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Section chief of the Biodiversity Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-BMB), presented at the webinar Asean's approaches and strategies in building constituencies to sustain conservation efforts.

According to Maaño, the common threats to marine biodiversity are illegal wildlife trade as well as illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing by locals.

"We have shared fish stock, common concerns on maritime trade and security, and even threats. Thus, we also have a shared responsibility among the member-states to protect our oceans," she explained.

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LRMC adopts 2 hectare-site in Ipo Watershed for reforestation

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LRMC employee-volunteers participate in tree planting during the company's sixth anniversary celebration.

THE private operator of Light Rail Transit-1, Light Rail Manila Corp. (LRMC), pushes on with its sustainability journey by taking part in the fight against climate change and its impact.

LRMC has adopted a 2 hectare-site (equal to 800 trees) with one year maintenance as part of its support to the Plant for Life, the annual program of its MVP Group sister company, Maynilad Water Services Inc. (Maynilad).

Plant for Life was established in 2007 with the goal of annual planting 10,000 trees during the rainy season in Ipo Watershed in Bulacan.

Prone to denudation due to illegal logging, forest fires and kaingin deforestation, the 7,250-hectare watershed is the source of 90 percent of Maynilad's raw water.

Reforestation is crucial to secure its water supply, as well as ensure the quality and quantity for its service areas in Metro Manila. To date, Maynilad has already planted over 550,000 trees in Ipo Watershed, sequestering over 9,200 tons of carbon dioxide.

The support of LRMC for the adopted site includes hauling of seedlings, site clearing, hole digging, out-planting, firebreak establishment, weeding among others.

As part of the company's sixth anniversary celebration, several LRMC employee volunteers participated in tree planting in September at Sitio Balagbag, Norzagaray, Bulacan.

"Sustainability is a business imperative for LRMC. As one of the cleanest and greenest high-volume modes of transport, rail is definitely part of the solution in creating sustainable lifestyles and economies. At LRMC, we are taking it a step further through initiatives such as this that promote environmental stewardship and partnership with local communities, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Gabay Kalikasan advocacy of the MVP Group," LRMC President and CEO Juan F. Alfonso said.

Malaruhat, kupang and batino trees are among the endemic tree species planted in the adopted site.

It is aimed to address the following objectives: reduce sedimentation, protect watershed resources, reduce turbidity of water, ensure sustainable water source, and integrate carbon sequestration. The reforestation effort is anchored on the UN Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action) and Goal 15 (Life on Land).

Gabay Kalikasan is one of the six Gabay Advocacies for a Sustainable Philippines launched by the Metro Pacific Investments Corp. and other MVP Group companies.





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These advocacies encapsulate the group's efforts to attain the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for Filipinos: Livelihood, Youth and Leadership, Environment, Community Work, Health and Sports, and Education.

LRMC has been a long-term advocate of sustainability, having established the Live for the Rivers Movement coalition in 2016 together with various local government units and partners.

The coalition seeks to address the river pollution along the Estero de Tripa Gallina in Pasay City through extensive cleaning, rehabilitation and production of Vetiver Grass and Mabuhay Balls.

LRMC also performs regular clean-up activities in communities near LRT-1, such as the Liwasang Bonifacio in Manila.

As part of its Bikeways Program, LRMC has installed bike racks in all stations and worked with the Pasay local government unit for bike lanes in support of active mobility.

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/10/10/lrmc-adopts-2-hectare-site-in-ipo-watershed-for-reforestation/





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Negros Or. dive haven to go 'zero waste'

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Dauin town, the scuba diving and resort capital of Negros Oriental province, envisions the adoption of a municipality-wide zero waste policy in keeping with its thrust of being a sustainable tourist destination in Central Visayas.

The municipal government led by Mayor Galicano Truita recently held a coastal cleanup which involved local officials, employees, security personnel, barangay volunteers and tourism stakeholders under the Dauin Resorts Association and the Negros Oriental Dive Association.

The event, which had some 150 participants from eight barangays, also had a simultaneous underwater cleanup by volunteer scuba divers from the Philippine National Police and from the Bureau of Fire Protection.

The cleanup was part of the observance of the International Coastal Cleanup Day, and included an educational component which integrated the environmental, waste management and upcycling initiatives within the municipality.

The coastal municipality takes pride in its rich ridge to reef ecosystem because of its forested uplands and lush marine life.

According to Truita, Dauin's new environmental direction is inspired by the citation received by its main tourism spot, Apo Island, which was recently awarded as the country's first "zero waste" island barangay by the Zero Waste Cities Project (ZWCP) because of its community-based upcycling livelihood projects.

The ZWCP is an initiative of GAIA Asia Pacific and 10-member collaborators from India, Indonesia and the Philippines, and is funded by the Plastic Solutions Fund.

The project encourages solid waste management at the grassroots level, enabling waste reduction policies, and creating income opportunities in the handling and processing of recyclable materials.

The island currently has four purok-level material recovery facilities which integrate solid wastes into construction aggregates, resort furnishings and decorative items.

One of the country's sought-after scuba diving sites, Apo boasts of a robust marine biodiversity with lush coral gardens, sea turtles, school of jacks and other aquatic resources.

The 74-hectare island is also recognized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as a Protected Seascape and Landscape.





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In 2019, the area also bagged the prestigious seventh Para El Mar Awards as the most outstanding marine protected area under the government's National Integrated Protected Areas System.

Named by *Sport Diver Magazine* as among the world's top 100 diving spots, Apo is habitat to over 650 fish and 400 coral species, from tiny bubbles to huge gorgonian sea fans and brain corals.

Taking its Earth-friendly way of life a notch higher, the island village is pilot testing the use of organic shampoos and body wash, lime soap bars, organic liquid laundry and dishwashing solutions to gradually eliminate plastic waste sachets.

The social enterprise is a partnership with Silver Reef Dive Resort (SRDR) and Plastic Life Sucks which will supply refillable pump bottles and biodegradable bathroom and washing essentials.

SRDR is a prime mover of the Dauin Resorts Association and the Dauin Tourism Board.

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/10/10/negros-or-dive-haven-to-go-zero-waste/





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ILOG-PASIG GUMANDA PERO HINDI NILINIS

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HINDI sapat ang pagandahin ang makasaysayang Ilog Pasig. Ang dapat dito, linisin.

Ito ang giit ng San Miguel Corporation (SMC) kasabay ng anunsiyo ng programang pinondohan ng bilyun-bilyong piso ng nasabing kumpanya sa layuning maiwasan ang pagbaha sa Metro Manila at mga baybaying lokalidad sa paligid ng Laguna de Bay.

Bilang pambungad, dalawang bilyong piso agad ang inihatag ng SMC sa programang linis-ilog sa pakikipagtulungan sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Sa ilalim ng nasabing programa, literal na hinalukay ng SMC ang Ilog Pasig na sakop ng Pandacan at Malakanyang kung saan tinatayang 54,000 metriko tonelada ang naiahon mula buwan ng Hulyo.

Nakatakda na rin umpisahan ang paglilinis ng daluyang tubig sa mga bahagi ng C-5 (Marikina River) junction, sa Manila Bay at maging sa Makati-Estrella area.

Sa datos ng DENR, lumalabas na ang dating 12.5 metrong lalim ng Pasig at Marikina River ay nasa pagitan na lang ng 1.5 hanggang 2 metro.

Makakatulong din ang paglilinis ng Ilog Pasig para sa pagbabawas ng siltation sa Laguna de Bay. Ang target – tatlong milyon metriko tonelada ng basura at putik mula sa Pasig River o ang katumbas na 50,000 metriko tonelada ng basura kada buwan sa susunod na limang taon.

"Sa paglilinis at pagpapalalim ng Ilog Pasig ay magpapataas ng kapasidad nito bilang daluyan ng tubig baha galing sa Marikina River na kadalasang napupunta sa Laguna Lake. Kung lilinisin natin ang mga ilog na yan, maaaring mabawasan ang pagbahang nararanasan ng

Marikina at maging mga lungsod at bayan sa Laguna tulad ng Calamba, San Pedro, Biñan, Sta. Cruz at Pila, sa Laguna tulad nung naranasan noong Bagyong Ulysses," wika ni Ramon Ang, president and vice chairman ng SMC.

Ang San Miguel ay magsasagawa rin ng river channel enhancement program para sa mga ilog na kasama sa Marilao-Meycauayan-Obando River System (MMORS) sa Bulacan.

"Kahit meron o walang PAREX ay lilinisin pa rin namin ang Ilog Pasig. Adbokasiya na namin ang water sustainability. Noon pa man ay naglilinis na kami ng mga ilog sa mga komunidad. Simula 2000 ay sinimulan naming ang paglilinis ng Tullahan para makabawas sa pagbaha at suportahan ang rehabilitasyon ng Manila Bay," wika ni Ang.

Ayon kay Ang, mahalaga ang paglilinis ng ilog upang di na maranasan pa ang malubhang pagbaha na naranasan ng Pasig at Marikina noong Bagyong Ondoy noong 2009. (CYRILL QUILO)

Source: http://saksingayon.com/nasyunal/ilog-pasig-gumanda-pero-hindi-nilinis/?utm_source=ReviveOldPost&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=ReviveOldPost&f bclid=IwAR1tasQQb9jeam4Gcu6EOo-o_A9sCqq-OOPtzE4GYEDwidG65vKFwxVVqew





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Saving Manila heritage: Pasig River Heritage Appreciation walk launched to oppose PAREX

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This October 2021 photo shows a member of artist-heritage advocacy group Renacimiento Manila in Jones Bridge, Manila.

Faceboo / Renacimiento Manila

MANILA, Philippines — For a group of artists and heritage advocates, Pasig River is a "cradle of rich heritage within the metropolis."

However, a proposed six-lane elevated expressway called Pasig River Expressway (PAREX) traversing 19.37-kilometers that is expected to rise over this treasured river is feared to impact heritage structures.

The controversial P95.4 billion project of San Miguel Corp. would cover the cities of Manila, Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasig and Taguig.

What are the potential heritage properties at stake?

Renacimiento Manila earlier estimated at least 40 important architectural treasures in a diverse range of styles, including Neoclassical, Art Deco and Neo-renaissance structures to be affected by this project. Some of these jewels are designed by renowned architects such as Tomas Mapua, Angel Nakpil, Juan Arellano, Jose Maria Zaragoza and Luis Maria Araneta.

Among the built heritage properties seen to be affected by this project are dozens more still existing historic bridges, industrial heritage and heritage districts, as well as government offices lying along the river banks.

These include the Walled City of Intramuros Malacañang Palace, among others. The group said that the Palace, now the official residence and workplace of the Office of the President, is the former country home of Spaniard Luis Rocha who was involved in the Galleon Trade.







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"This elevated expressway will reshape the landscape and rob the Tagalogs' (taga-ilog) of their cultural identity which is a Constitutional right," Renacimiento Manila said in April.

"It may preclude future plans to make the river and its banks a vibrant tourism spot, open public space, means of public transport that will enhance the sustainable quality of life of Manilenos," it added.

However, the PAREX project broke ground last September 24, just days after the SMC and Toll Regulatory Board signed the Supplemental Toll Operations agreement for this.

In view of this, concerned citizens, tax payers and organizations who disagree with the construction launched an online petition calling on SMC to terminate the project.

"PAREX will erase our people's bond with the river that is the cradle of our country's civilization and is a heritage resource of national significance," their joint statement and online petition read.

"We believe that PAREX will spell the death of the Pasig River and our people, heritage, mobility, economy, and environment. The project will violate the constitutional right of all Filipinos, including generations to come, to a balanced and healthful ecology," they added.

International non-government organization International Council on Monuments and Sites that works for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage place, likewise said PAREX "will worsen traffic, benefit only a minority, and kill the river, our heritage."

Meanwhile, as part of its commitment in the wider campaign to halt the PAREX, Renacimiento Manila on Saturday kicked off its Pasig River Heritage Appreciation walk that highlighted the heritage structures and sites that are believed to be affected by the thoroughfare.

The group said the route started at Plaza Lawton and proceeded to Jones Bridge, Plaza Moraga, Muelle Banco Nacional, Calle Escolta, Plaza Goiti, Santa Cruz Bridge and then back to Lawton.

Early this week, the group announced that it would be holding heritage walks of varying themes every Saturday morning for the whole month of October.







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"Knowing the cultural and historical significance of this area of the Pasig River is key in understanding why, in the lens of heritage advocates, it is important that PAREX never sees the light of day," Renacimiento Manila said in a Facebook post.

Lovers and defenders of Pasig River also held <u>#llogPasiglahin</u> event, a bike ride and ferry last October 2. They converged at the Escolta Ferry Station to ride the ferry to Guadalupe and go bike back to Escolta.

'PAREX will not impact heritage'

Amid the uproar against the proposed expressway, tycoon Ramon Ang assured heritage advocates that SMC's PAREX would avoid the Intramuros area.

He denied an illustration of the supposed alignment of PAREX showing it runs alongside Intramuros circulating on social media.

This was posted by landscape architect and urban planner Paulo Alcazaren who listed down heritage sites and structures that would be affected by the proposed PAREX's first segment due to their proximity. He said these sites are protected by the Republic Act 1066 or the "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009."



"For the record, per the basic alignment developed in consultation with, and approved by the government, PAREX will not run on the Intramuros side, but on the other side, along Binondo," Ang was quoted as saying in a report of The STAR.

"Like many who oppose the project, we are also Filipinos who value our heritage sites, especially Intramuros, where we helped in the restoration of the Manila Cathedral a few years back," he added.

Based on the SMC's 2021 Project Description for Scoping of the PAREX project, the project size reads:

"The project entails the 19.37 Kilometer elevated highway that will run from west of Metro Manila, beginning at the areas of San Nicolas and Intramuros in Manila and terminates at around the C-6, with a connection to the South East Metro Manila Expressway vicinity in the Municipality of Taytay in the Province of Rizal."







San Miguel Corporation's project description for scoping - PAREX via Move as One Coalition

SMC also presented these plans during an online public consultation on July 14.

SMC Infrastructure Engineer Edgar Doña then noted the request of Renacimiento Manila's request to include heritage impact assessment for the project.

Under review

Meanwhile, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, a cultural agency of the country mandated to "manage, maintain and administer national shrines, monuments, historical sites, edifices and landmarks of significant historic-cultural value," has yet to release a comment on the PAREX issue.

"Regarding PAREX it is being reviewed na ng lawyer and for agenda ng NHCP board," NHCP's restoration architect Luisa Valerio told **Philstar.com**.

Pasig City Mayor Vico Sotto last week said he has also yet to express his opinion on the controversial project as he has only been seeing media reports about it.

"Right now they have yet to present it to us in detail so I will give a statement or express my opinion to the public when I know all the details of the project," Sotto said after he filed his certificate of candidacy for the mayoral post.

"Dapat i-present nila sa amin. Dapat magkaroon tayo ng malalim na konsultasyon sa iba't ibang stakeholder bago matuloy 'yung proyekto," he added.

In the meantime, different activities in relation to the opposition to the PAREX led by various organizations are still being conducted.

The online petition made on Change.org titled "Stop the proposed Pasig River Expressway! #NoToPAREX #IlogPasiglahin" has earned 9,335 signatures since late September. Ang in The STAR report said the issues raised by the public "can still be adjusted, based on inputs from government and stakeholders during the detailed engineering design stage."

Source: https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/10/09/2132973/saving-manila-heritage-pasig-river-heritage-appreciation-walk-launched-oppose-parex





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Bangko Sentral dangles tax exemptions to small-scale gold miners

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By Junex Doronio
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LAPU-LAPU CITY, Cebu – Who says the Philippines is a poor country?

No less than the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said as early as last year that it would shift to active gold trading amid rising prices of gold, which is considered a safe-haven asset during crises.

The BSP is now prodding small-scale miners to sell more gold to the country's central bank by offering them tax exemptions.

"We're looking at making our rates more attractive to small-scale miners," Joseph Norbert S. David, director of the BSP Mint and Refinery Operations Department told an online lecture on Friday.

He said much of the gold output comes from Baguio and Davao.

"We're also looking at minimizing the processing costs," the BSP official said.

David disclosed that gold sellers get 99% in advance payment.

He further bared that the remaining 1% "retention money" is settled once they complete the assaying of the gold.

David said he BSP is now considering increasing the advanced payment further and might also fast-track processing of payments to attract more small miners.

The BSP's gold holdings stood at \$9.148 billion as of end-August, 0.7% higher than in July but 24% lower year on year.

It was learned that a 2019 law exempted small-scale miners and traders from paying tax for gold sold to the BSP to strengthen the country's foreign exchange buffers.

According to the latest BSP data, the gross international reserves rose by 0.7% to \$107.96 billion as of end-August from a month earlier. (ai/mtvn)

Source: https://maharlika.tv/2021/10/09/bangko-sentral-dangles-tax-exemptions-to-small-scale-gold-

miners/?fbclid=IwAR0C9CiUyfqr2doYReOrwgq2KxJ_R4EvOn6d3bkdvkeGvfQ6OQLwvKW9ZZc





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TINGNAN: Mahigit 100 itlog ng pawikan ang nakita ni Johnny Manglugay at ng kaniyang mga alagang aso habang nagbabantay sa tabing dagat ng San Juan, La Union noong Oktubre 3.

Aniya, hindi na bago sa kaniya ang makakita ng itlog ng pawikan dahil matagal na siyang volunteer sa Project Curma, isang NGO na nangangalaga sa mga itlog ng pawikan.

Para kay tatay Johnny, importante na magkaroon ng pagmamahal sa mga pawikan.

"Gusto rin tumulong para dumami 'yong mga pawikan kasi baka may makakita hindi sinusurrender baka ulamin."

Ayon kay Bayan Patroller Carlos Tamayo, direktor ng Project Curma, inaasahang sa buwan ng Nobyembre mapipisa ang mga nakitang itlog.

Panawagan din niya na kung sakaling makakita ng mga itlog ng pawikan ay agad itong ipaalam sa mga kinauukulan. | via Cielo Gonzales, BMPM

BASAHIN ang kaugnay na ulat: https://news.abs-cbn.com/.../mga-itlog-ng-pawikan...



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Bringing life to Iloilo River

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Iloilo City agriculturists released more than 2,386 Bulgan fingerlings into the Iloilo River in Iloilo City.

In the previous months, the virtual world has witnessed the fruit of the city's efforts as the fisherfolks are to catch huge fishes.

Through the years, the Iloilo City government committed to create a sustainable city and initiate a sense of livelihood and leisure for Ilonggos. *Arnold Almacen, Iloilo City Mayor's Office*

Image courtesy of ARNOLD ALMACEN

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UN Human Rights Council takes on climate crisis

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In this file photo taken on August 18, 2020 a horse runs by a stall as flames from the Hennessey approach a property in the Spanish Flat area of Napa, California.

GENEVA, Switzerland — The UN Human Rights Council plunged into the climate crisis on Friday, recognizing the right to a clean environment and creating a special rapporteur on protecting rights threatened by climate change.

The United Nations' top rights body agreed a resolution on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, just weeks ahead of the COP26 summit.

It also agreed to appoint an expert on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change.

The rapporteur will be tasked with identifying how the adverse effects of climate change affected the full enjoyment of human rights, and making recommendations on how to prevent those effects.

The expert, with a three-year mandate, will have to report annually to the Human Rights Council and to the UN General Assembly in New York.

Forty-two countries on the 47-member council in Geneva backed the resolution creating a rapporteur.

Russia voted against it, while China, India, Japan and Eritrea abstained.

The resolution was proposed by the European Union, the Marshall Islands, the Bahamas, Fiji, Sudan, Panama and Paraguay.

In a joint statement, they welcomed the council's increased focus on the rights implications of climate change.

"Climate change is already having negative effects on the enjoyment of human rights across the globe and these effects are more acutely felt by persons in vulnerable situations," they said.

"The UN human rights system can and should be in a position to provide its contribution on such a critical topic at such a critical juncture."





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'Strong' message to COP

EU ambassador Lotte Knudsen said it sent a "strong signal" ahead of the COP26 summit, the UN Climate Change Conference, which is being held in Glasgow from October 31 to November 12.

"The Council's decision today has given those of us at the forefront of climate change the opportunity to deal with the existential threats that we have been concerned with," said the Marshall Islands' ambassador Doreen de Brum.

A second resolution, which "recognizes the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right", was adopted by 43 votes to zero, with four abstentions: China, Russia, India and Japan.

It said such an environment was "critical to the enjoyment of all human rights".

"Environmental degradation, climate change and unsustainable development constitute some of the most pressing and serious threats to the ability of present and future generations to enjoy human rights, including the right to life," the resolution said.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/world/2021/10/09/2132932/un-human-rights-council-takes-climate-crisis





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Pope, faith leaders issue carbon emissions appeal ahead of UN climate change meet

BYCATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY VIA CBCP NEWS OCTOBER 10, 2021



Pope Francis addresses participants in the meeting "Faith and Science: Towards COP26" at the Vatican's Hall of Benediction on October 4.

VATICAN—Pope Francis and religious leaders from across the world appealed recently for countries to "achieve net zero carbon emissions as soon as possible."

They made the appeal in a joint message signed in the Vatican's Hall of Benediction, which was decorated with plants to mark the occasion.

"The world is called to achieve net zero carbon emissions as soon as possible, with wealthier countries taking the lead in reducing their own emissions and in financing emission reductions from poorer nations," they said in the 2,000-word appeal signed by almost 40 faith leaders.

Pope Francis presented the signed text to Alok Sharma, president of the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), and Italy's Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio.

"It is important that all governments adopt a trajectory that will limit the global average temperature rise to 1.5°C [2.7°F] above pre-industrial levels," the leaders wrote.

"To achieve these goals of the [2016] Paris Agreement, the COP26 Summit should deliver ambitious short-term actions from all nations with differentiated responsibilities," they added.

Those present included Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople, the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, the grand imam of Al-Azhar.

They had gathered at the Vatican for the meeting "Faith and Science: Toward COP26," promoted by the British and Italian embassies to the Holy See.

The summit brought together religious leaders and scientists ahead of the climate change conference in Glasgow, Scotland, from October 31 to November 12.

The meeting saw brief addresses by faith leaders, as well as Alok Sharma.

"We need scientists, with their academic authority, to amplify further their voices in the public debate, and faith leaders to use their moral leadership to make the case for action," he said.

"This appeal does just that, with immense clarity and power... Forty faith leaders have come together, and working with scientists, have created a powerful call to action for the world."

For his part, Pope Francis said he had decided not to read his address aloud to leave for more time to hear from others.

In the written text of his address, which he shared with participants, he highlighted three concepts.





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"Openness to interdependence and sharing, the dynamism of love and a call to respect. These are, I believe, three interpretative keys that can shed light on our efforts to care for our common home," he said.

"COP26 in Glasgow represents an urgent summons to provide effective responses to the unprecedented ecological crisis and the crisis of values that we are presently experiencing, and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations. We want to accompany it with our commitment and our spiritual closeness," the pope added.

Pope Francis said earlier this month that he hoped to travel to Scotland to take part in the conference, depending on "how I feel," but his speech is already being prepared.

Francis has sought to galvanize efforts to protect the environment since his election in 2013. He issued the encyclical Laudato si' in 2015, ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris, which negotiated the Paris Agreement.

The Glasgow summit will encourage governments to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The pope issued an unprecedented joint message on the environment on September 7, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the symbolic head of the global Anglican Communion, and the Ecumenical Patriarch.

"As leaders of our Churches, we call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavor to listen to the cry of the Earth and of people who are poor, examining their behavior and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the Earth which God has given us," the leaders of world's three largest Christian communions said.

Last week, the pope urged young climate activists attending the Youth4Climate event in Milan, Italy, to recognize that "technical and political solutions are not enough" to foster harmony between people and the environment.

The religious leaders attending the recent event each poured a cup of soil into a potted olive tree that will be planted in the Vatican Gardens.

They included representatives of Shi'a Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism and Jainism.

In their joint appeal, they said: "Scientists have warned us that there might be only one decade left to restore the planet."

"We plead with the international community, gathered at COP26, to take speedy, responsible, and shared action to safeguard, restore and heal our wounded humanity and the home entrusted to our stewardship," the pointed out.

They appeal to everyone on this planet "to join us on this common journey, knowing well that what we can achieve depends not only on opportunities and resources, but also on hope, courage, solidarity, and goodwill."

They added: "In an age fraught with division and despair, we look with hope and unity to the future. We seek to serve the people of the world, particularly the poor and the future generations, by encouraging a prophetic vision, a creative, respectful, and courageous action for the sake of the Earth, our common home." **Catholic News Agency via CBCP News**

Image courtesy of Vatican Media

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/10/10/pope-faith-leaders-issue-carbon-emissions-appeal-ahead-of-un-climate-change-meet/





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Meat start-up focused on cutting food waste plots grocery debut

BYBLOOMBERG NEWS OCTOBER 9, 2021

<u>DO Good Foods</u>, a meat producer that uses recycled food waste to make supplemental animal feed, is poised to roll out its first product after securing a \$169- million investment from asset-management giant Nuveen.

The newly formed company used the capital to build a production facility in Pennsylvania that will process 160 tons of surplus food daily. With the plant now built, Do Good expects its chicken to hit supermarket shelves in January, with other types of meat to follow.

The forthcoming chicken line will help cut grocery waste while enabling "everyone to be part of the solution," said Justin Kamine, Do Good's cofounder and co-chief executive officer. The chicken will be priced "well below" the cost of organic, he said.

The Bedminster, New Jersey-based company aims to tackle issues of food spoilage by collecting excess groceries that can't otherwise be donated from a network of supermarkets, hauling them to a nearby facility and converting the food into feed. That then ends up in animal diets in the meat supply chain.

As much as <u>40 percent of the food produced</u> in the US is never eaten. Most of that goes to landfills, generating emissions that contribute to climate change. By some estimates, food waste produces <u>about 8</u> percent of all human-caused greenhouse gases. While people's homes are the largest source of waste, supermarkets, restaurants and other businesses account for about 40 percent, food-loss nonprofit ReFED estimated in 2016.

The company's first production facility, in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, will process food collected from 450 supermarkets within about a 200-mile radius. The plant can make enough feed for 25 million chickens annually, and will divert approximately 4 pounds of surplus grocery food from landfills per chicken.

Do Good plans to build 20 such facilities by 2025.

Sam Kass, chief strategy officer at Do Good Foods and the former chef and senior policy adviser on nutrition to then-President Barack Obama, says he was attracted to the company because of its growth potential. "I saw the chance to do something really at scale."

While reducing food waste in grocery stores and the environmental footprint of livestock feed are important goals, assuming that the activities of a company like Do Good are sufficiently sustainable "presents a few red flags," said Jennifer Molidor, senior food campaigner at the Center for Biological Diversity. Chicken production itself comes with an <u>environmental cost</u>, said Molidor, who'd like to see more done to prevent supermarket waste in the first place.

The company is awaiting certification through the Global Animal Partnership on animal welfare standards, but did not name any environmental benchmarks that the chicken production would meet.

Kass defended the model, saying that his company's efforts complement retailers' work to end food waste. He added that humans aren't going to give up eating meat.

"The reality is people are going to eat animal protein," he said. "We see here an opportunity to provide a fundamentally better product."

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/10/09/meat-start-up-focused-on-cutting-food-waste-plots-grocery-debut/

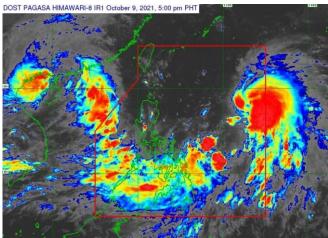




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Maring keeps strength, interacts with Nando

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Tropical Storm Maring maintains its strength as it interacts with Tropical Depression Nando, state weather bureau PAGASA said.

Maring's eye was estimated at 745 kilometers east of Catarman, Northern Samar or 840 km east of Southern Luzon.

In its 5 p.m. weather bulletin, PAGASA said that Maring packed maximum sustained winds of 85 km/h near the center, gustiness of up to 105 km/h, and a central pressure of 992 hPa.

It is moving on its eastward track at 20 km/h.







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PAGASA said that from Saturday through Sunday morning, moderate to heavy rains are possible over Western Visayas, Occidental Mindoro, and Palawan including Kalayaan, Calamian, and Cuyo Islands.

Light to moderate with at times heavy rains are also possible over Bicol Region, Caraga, Oriental Mindoro, and the rest of Visayas.

Under these conditions, isolated to scattered flooding (including flash floods) and rain-induced landslides are possible especially in areas that are highly or very highly susceptible to these hazard as identified in hazard maps.

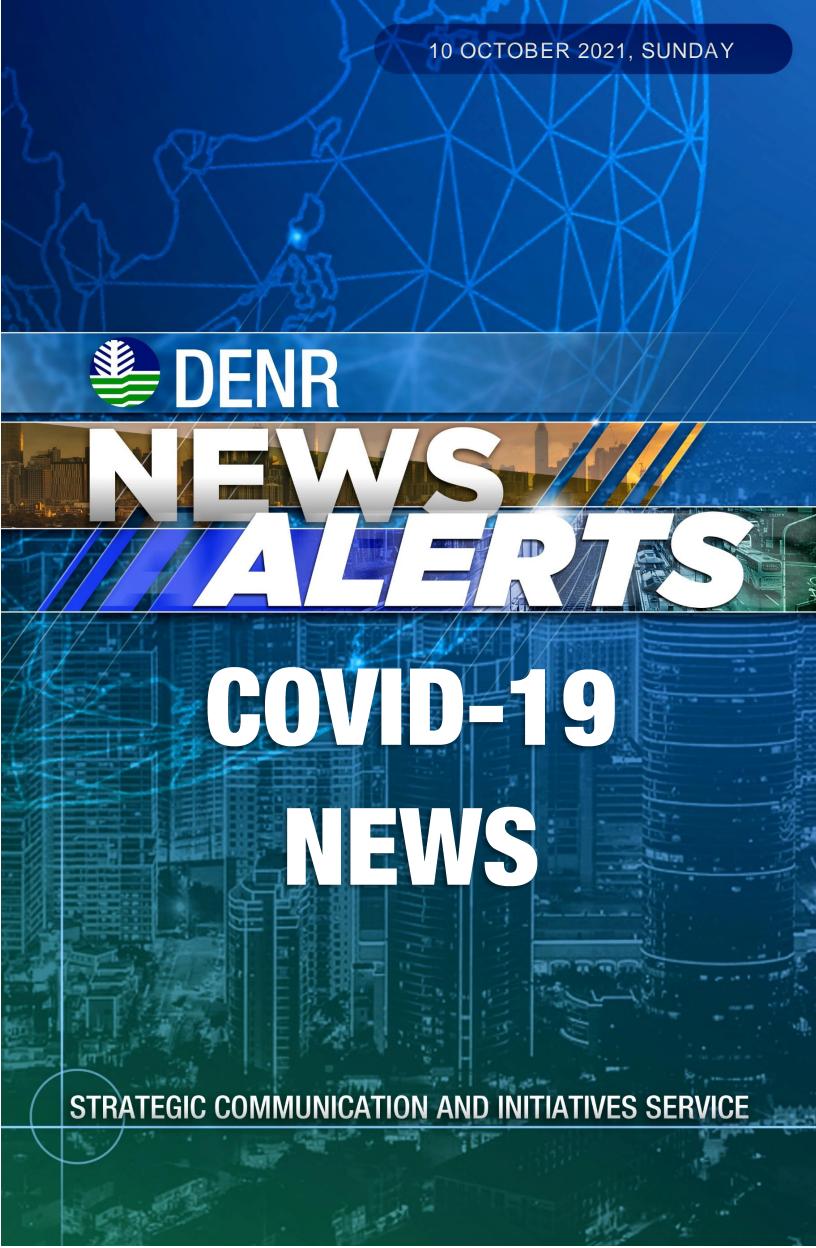
But due to the expansive wind field of the tropical storm and the Southwesterly winds, occasional gusts reaching strong breeze to near gale in strength may still be experienced over Eastern and Western Visayas, Caraga, Catanduanes, Albay, and Sorsogon even in the absence of a wind signal.

Like wise, PAGASA said that there is moderate to high likelihood that Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal (TCWS) No. 1 will be hoisted for some localities in Northern Luzon beginning Saturday night or Sunday morning in anticipation of the arrival of strong breeze to near gale conditions with higher gusts.

The highest possible wind signal for this tropical cyclone remains at TCWS No. 2.

Earlier, PAGASA said that due to the expansive wind field of Maring, the uncertainty in its interaction and possible merging with TD Nando, and the track and intensity forecast post-merger, there is a possibility that areas outside Northern Luzon may also be placed under TCWS and that a higher wind signal may still be hoisted within the forecast period. —LBG, GMA News

Source: <a href="https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/scitech/weather/806366/storm-maring-keeps-strength-interacts-with-td-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRR2TJJUXD7Z4urNU0iYIjWaWqYY-lando/story/?fbclid=IwAR2O7go4BKJopLUaMRA







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PH Covid-19 recoveries hit 2.5M: DOH

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora October 9, 2021, 7:35 pm



MANILA – The country's coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) recoveries has reached 2,508,387 on Saturday after the Department of Health (DOH) logged an additional 22,529 in the count.

This number accounts for 94.5 percent of the Philippines' total confirmed cases since the pandemic started in March 2020, now pegged at 2,654,450.

In its latest case bulletin, the DOH also said some 11,010 individuals were infected by the SARS-CoV-2, pushing the number of active cases to 106,558 or 4 percent of the overall case count.

Meanwhile, 273 new fatalities were recorded, raising the death toll to 39,505.

The current positivity rate is at 16.3 percent, based on the 56,475 individuals tested on October 7.

Of the active cases, 76.3 percent have mild symptoms, 13.9 percent are asymptomatic, 1.2 percent are critical, 2.9 percent are severe, and 5.64 percent are moderate.

The country is using about 70 percent of the 4,400 intensive care unit beds, including 56 percent of the 20,900 isolation beds and 56 percent of the 15,500 wards beds allocated for Covid-19 patients nationwide.

In Metro Manila, 1,005 or 67 percent of the total 1,500 ICU beds are in use as well as 46 percent of the 4,700 isolation beds and 53 percent of the 4,400 ward beds. (PNA)

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1156154





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COVID-19 cases in Philippines rise by 11,010

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Health workers wearing protective personal equipment line up as they wait for go signal to enter the Quezon City Jail for the scheduled COVID-19 vaccination of persons deprived of liberty on Oct. 8, 2021.

The STAR / Boy Santos

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines on Saturday logged 11,010 more COVID-19 cases, pushing the nationwide tally to 2,654,450.

- Active cases: 106,558 or 4% of the total
- Recoveries: 22,529, bringing the number to 2,508,387
- **Deaths**: 237, raising toll to 39,505

The Department of Health said two laboratories did not submit their data to the COVID-19 Document Repository System.

COVID-19 causes rise in depression, anxiety

- According to a study published in The Lancet medical journal, cases of depression and anxiety increased by more than a quarter globally during the first year of the pandemic.
- The government launched a raffle open to Filipinos vaccinated against COVID-19 in a bid to encourage more people to get jabbed.
- DOH Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said in a Laging Handa briefing that although hospital occupancy rates remain high, fewer people are getting admitted for COVID-19.
- More than 1.3 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine developed by Moderna arrived in the Philippines on Saturday.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/10/09/2132950/covid-19-cases-philippines-rise-11010





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COVID-19 causes steep rise in depression, anxiety — study

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A woman facing backwards.

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PARIS, France — Cases of depression and anxiety surged by more than a quarter globally during the first year of the pandemic, especially among women and young adults, a major study showed on Saturday.

In the first worldwide estimate of the mental health impact of COVID-19, researchers estimated that 2020 saw an additional 52 million people suffer from major depressive disorder, and an additional 76 million cases of anxiety.

These represent a 28- and 26-percent increase in the two disorders respectively, according to the study, published in The Lancet medical journal.

COVID-19 has claimed nearly 5 million lives since it emerged in late 2019, but experts say this is likely to be a vast underestimate.

Friday's study showed that the hardest-hit countries were saddled with the greatest mental health burden, with a strong link between high COVID-19 case levels, restrictions on movement, and elevated rates of depression and anxiety.

"Our findings highlight an urgent need to strengthen mental health systems in order to address the growing burden of major depressive disorder and anxiety disorders worldwide," said lead study author Damian Santomauro, from the University of Queensland's School of Public Health.

"Meeting the added demand for mental health services due to COVID-19 will be challenging, but taking no action should not be an option."

Analysing data collected across North America, Europe and East Asia researchers modelled the expected prevalence of depression and anxiety.

Had the pandemic not occurred, 193 million cases of depression would have been expected. This compared with an observed 246 million cases during 2020.

Similarly, for anxiety, models predicted 298 million cases of anxiety globally without COVID-19, when in fact the actual number of cases last year was 374 million.

The analysis showed that women suffered disproportionately, largely because pandemic measures exacerbated existing health and social inequality in most nations.





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Additional caring and domestic duties still mainly fall to women, and women are far more likely to be victims of domestic violence, which surged during the pandemic.

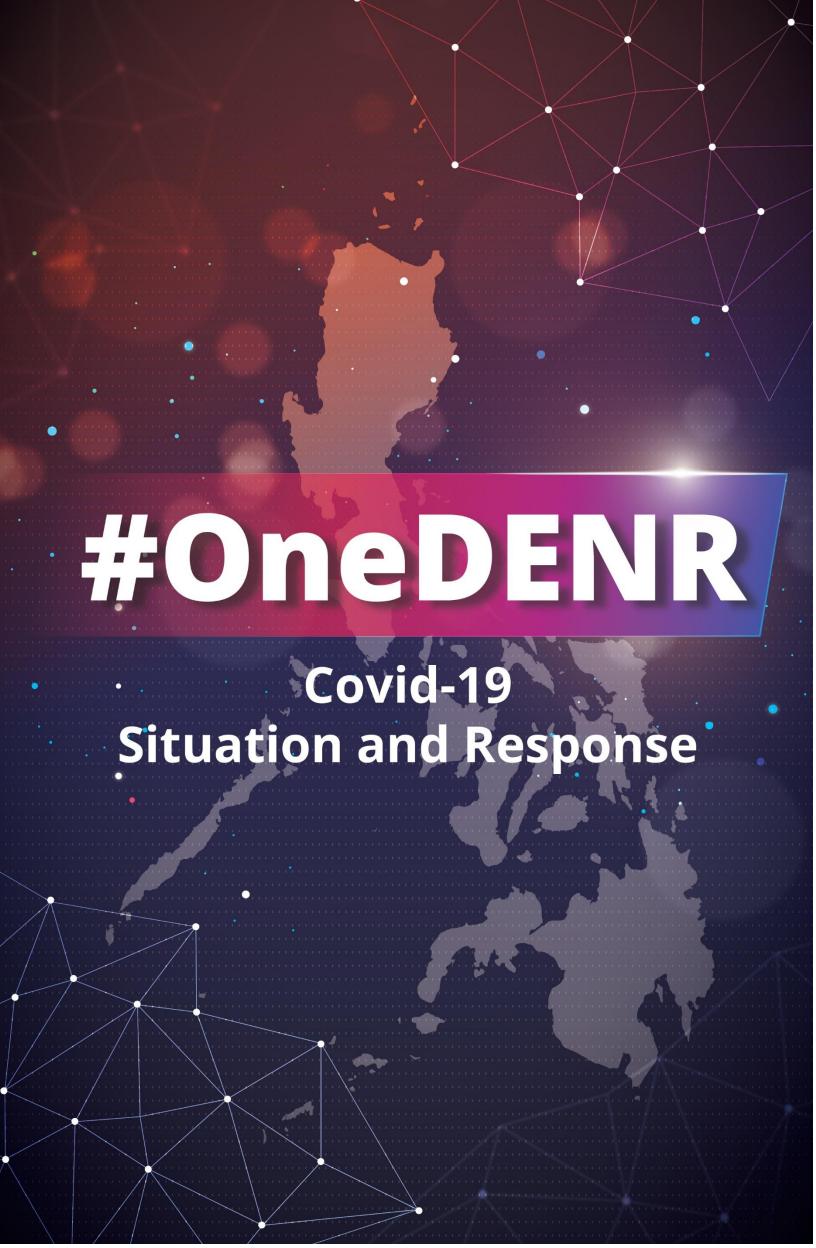
School and college closures restricted young people's ability to learn, interact with peers, and gain employment, leading to outsized mental health impacts among 20-24 year olds, the study showed.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing inequalities, and social determinants of mental health disorders, and the underpinning mechanisms to improve mental health in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic globally," said Alize Ferrari, from the University of Queensland.

"It is crucial that policymakers take underlying factors such as these into account as part of measures to strengthen mental health services."

Philippines' Department of Health urges people seeking professional support to get in touch with the National Center for Mental Health hotlines at **0917-899-USAP (8727)** or **899-USAP (8727)**; or its Mind Matters hotline at **09189424864**.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/lifestyle/health-and-family/2021/10/09/2132935/covid-19-causes-steep-rise-depression-anxiety-study







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MGA BAGONG KASO 11,010

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MGA BAGONG NAMATAY 273

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13.9% Asymptomatic

1.2% Critical

2.9% Severe

5.64% Moderate



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Makiisa tayo sa pagtiyak ng kaligtasan ng ating mga pamilya at komunidad. Sunding mabuti ang Minimum Public Health Standards upang makatulong na mapigilan ang mabilis na pagkalat ng COVID-19. Kasabay nito, agad na makipag-ugnayan sa BHERTS o sa One COVID Referral Center upang mabigyan ng karampatang gabay kung makaranas ng anumang sintomas. Maaabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa 1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333

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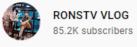
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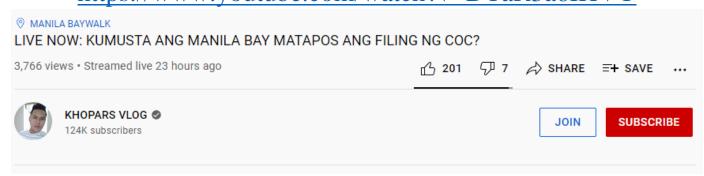




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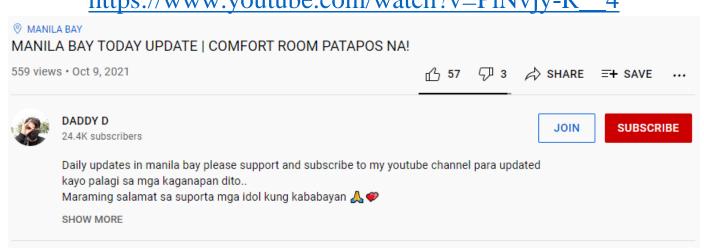




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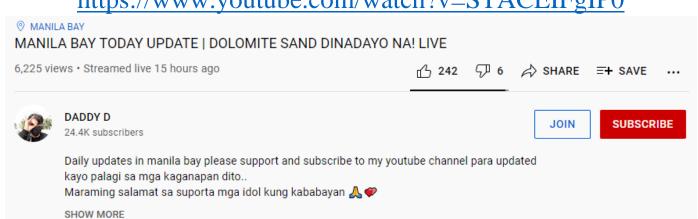




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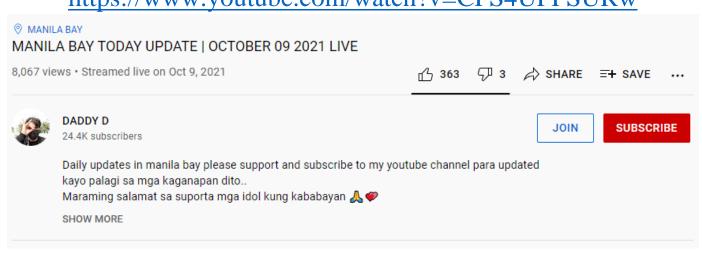




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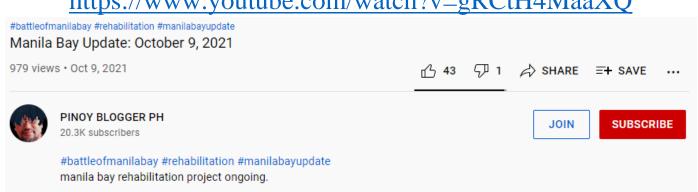




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