





DENR renews call for proper disposal of used face masks

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QUEZON CITY, May 10 -- As the pandemic continues, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has renewed its call to discard used face masks properly to prevent risks of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) transmission.

"Protection against COVID-19 goes beyond following the minimum health protocols and the use of face masks and face shields. Our responsibility extends to the disposal of these healthcare items which are potentially contaminated," said DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu.

The DENR chief also underscored the importance of responsibly discarding COVID-19 litter especially disposable face masks because these have now affected terrestrial and aquatic animals.

"We have seen that while face masks protect us, these have become the newest threat to animal life because of entanglement, and have added up to marine litter," Cimatu said.

Meanwhile, DENR Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units (LGUs) Concerns Benny D. Antiporda, himself a COVID-19 survivor, emphasized the participation of households in the proper segregation of used face masks from other solid wastes.

"We never thought that these healthcare wastes will end up in our doorsteps. Before, these items are just found in operating rooms of hospitals. So, let's put our used face masks in a separate container and properly label it as household healthcare waste, even specifically indicating it as face mask," he said during his guesting in the radio program "Ang Tinig Klima" last week.

"Let's do this so we won't jeopardize the lives of garbage collectors and whoever takes out trashes at home. If we will not practice this, and masks contaminate other solid wastes, these people will have the risk of getting infected by the virus and consequently infecting our own households in the end," he added.

Antiporda pointed out that LGUs have already been reminded to separate medical wastes upon collection for proper treatment in sanitary landfills.

During the program, Antiporda also urged the public against using unnecessary single-use plastics.

"Coffee stirrers can be replaced with biodegradable alternatives such as popsicle sticks. On the other hand, softdrinks are already in plastic bottles, so why use plastic straws? You're only adding insult to injury," Antiporda added.

Plastic coffee stirrers and plastic softdrink straws were declared as non-environmentally acceptable products by the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) in February 2021.

"I call on the businessmen producing these two plastic items to divert to other products much more necessary to the public instead," appealed Antiporda who is also the Alternate Chair of the NSWMC.

"There are some resistance from other government agencies but we will abide by the call of the President to ban unnecessary single-use plastics," he said. (DENR)

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DENR supports Duterte's plan to ban single-use plasticofficial

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DENR Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units (LGUs) Concerns Benny D. Antiporda said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) "will abide by the call of the President to ban unnecessary single-use plastics" despite of "some resistance from other government agencies."

This as the DENR reiterated its call for the proper disposal of face masks and faces shields, which are mostly made of plastic, to avoid the risks of transmission and help prevent the spread of the dreaded Covid-19.

"Protection against Covid-19 goes beyond following the minimum health protocols and the use of face masks and face shields," Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu was quoted in a statement as saying. "Our responsibility extends to the disposal of these healthcare items, which are potentially contaminated."

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Fresh batches of dolomite sand have been dumped at least twice in less than a month's time at Manila Bay's so-called "white beach" along Roxas Boulevard in Manila.



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Photos taken by Manila Bulletin lensman Ali Vicoy showed heavy equipment laying the crushed dolomite on the controversial artificial beach Monday, May 10.

A similar dolomite sand-layering also occured in Manila Bay last April 14, a Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) official who declined to be named confirmed to this reporter. Last month's activity took place even as the National Capital Region (NCR) grappled with a worrisome surge in coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases.

Reports said last week that an additional P265-million budget had been earmarked for the rehabilitation of Manila Bay's baywalk area. The dolomite beach is just a component of the project.

The amount is on top of the P389-million budget announced last year by the DENR for the rehabilitation works.



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Of the P389 million, the DENR used P28 million–aroud 6 percent of the original budget–for the acquisition and transportation of white-colored dolomite from Cebu, Undersecretary Jonas Leones told congressmen in September 2020.

Dolomite start out as rocks, but are crushed to form a sand-like consistency for the purpose of beautifying beaches. The resulting grains are heavier than actual sand and therefore cannot be washed away easily, the DENR has claimed.

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Masinloc-Oyon bay remains safe for recreation activities-DENR

By Carlo Lorenzo J. DatuPublished on May 10, 2021

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga, May 10 (PIA) -- Masinloc-Oyon Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape (MOBPLS) sustains its quality standards of water classification for protected waters and remains safe for recreation activities.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) disclosed that the 7,558-hectare marine protected area (MPA) located in the towns of Masinloc and Palauig in Zambales has passed the water quality parameters of containing an acceptable level of ammonia, nitrate, phosphate, total dissolved solids, and total suspended solids.

"The average fecal coliform level of the MOBPLS was 1.8 Most Probable Number (MPN)/100 ml, which was close to the minimum standard level of 1.1 MPN/100 ml," DENR Regional Executive Director Paquito Moreno Jr. said.

"To improve the fecal coliform level in this MPA, DENR regularly conducts coastal cleanup activities and strictly monitors the compliance of fish cage operators to standard stocking density," he furthered.

Information, education, and communication activities were also intensified to increase public awareness on the importance of marine resources and at the same time solicit community support for the protection of coastal ecosystems.



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This Month of the Ocean, DENR continues to urge the public to protect the major water bodies in Central Luzon including MOBPLS.

MOBPLS is the first and only MPA in Central Luzon under Republic Act 11038 otherwise known as the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018.

This marine ecosystem is home to rich and unique biodiversity including the hybrid mangrove Rhizophora x lamarckii, giant clam, mesophotic corals, large fishes, and the threatened bluespotted rabbitfish.

It is also the source of food and livelihood to coastal communities in Zambales. (CLJD-PIA 3)

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MGB-6 breaks ground for own office building

By Jaime S. CabagPublished on May 10, 2021

ILOILO CITY, May 10 (PIA) — The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office 6 will soon have its own office building.

MGB-6 OIC-ORD Raul A. Laput spearheaded the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the edifice to be constructed at Brgy. San Pedro, Molo, Iloilo City starting this year.

The event started with a prayer by Rev. Fr. Alex Apalit who also officiated the blessing of the site and the construction project.

Laput was joined at the ceremony by Iloilo City Councilor Allan Zaldivar representing Mayor Jerry Treñas, Department of Public Works and Highways Regional Director Lea Delfinado, Engr. Maria Lucila Piñero, chief of DPWH-6 Maintenance Division, project management and staff of KRJ Construction, DENR-6 Regional Executive Director Francisco Milla, EMB-6 Regional Director Atty. Ramar Niel Pascua, and Regional Division Chiefs and support staff of MGB-6.

The MGB-6 building will be constructed on a 787-square meter lot of the city government in Brgy. San Pedro, Iloilo City through a deed of usufruct agreement.

Based on the projection of the DPWH Region 6, the MGB-6 building will be completed in three years.

MGB National Director Atty. Wilfredo Moncano congratulated the employees of MGB-6 in a video message.

According to Moncano, the start of the building construction is a vital milestone for MGB-6 after years of waiting of having their own office building.

"As we anticipate the completion of this building, may it be a source of motivation for us to further commit ourselves in fulfilling our mandate and tasks as stewards of the extractive minerals industry, and in helping communities supported by the mining sector," he said.

He also looked forward to being physically present in Iloilo to join MGB-6 in celebrating its inauguration when the right time comes.

MGB-6 limited the number of people attending the event onsite in observance of safety and health protocols due to COVID-19. Employees joined the event through live streaming on Facebook.

Laput considered it a great blessing for MGB-6 to finally start the construction of its own office and thanked everyone who made this possible. (MGB-6/PIA6/ Photo by MGB-6)

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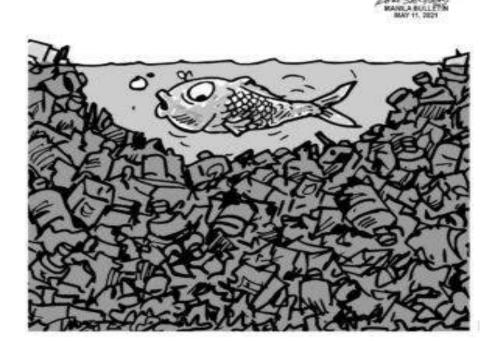


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PH quietly celebrates May as Month of the Ocean

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By virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 37 issued by President Joseph Ejercito Estrada in 1999, the month of May was declared as the Month of the Ocean (MOO). Perhaps preoccupied by the pressing demands of containing a still-raging pandemic, the government's current observance of May as the Month of the Ocean is understandably muted and low-key.

This year's observance of Month of the Ocean is doubly significant. It marks the start of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development from 2021 to 2030. The Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) headlines its alignment by adopting the theme of the UN's decade-long observance, The Science We Need for the Ocean We Want. Key challenges have been identified for each year of the decade.

For 2021, the theme is: "Understand and beat marine pollution."

Two local environmental groups, namely the EcoWaste Coalition and Oceana Philippines, have weighed in by announcing the key findings from a report on Aquatic Pollutants in Oceans and Fisheries prepared by the International Pollutants Elimination (IPEN) network along with the National Toxics Network (NTN) of Australia.

The report points out that chemical pollution – more than over-fishing – is the bigger culprit since it "compromises reproduction, development, and immune systems among aquatic and marine organisms." Hence, these advocates are pitching for "global and local action that will prevent and control chemical and waste pollution from all sources, which is making the ocean ecosystems sick and incapable of meeting the huge demand for fish."

The report said that "overfishing is not the sole cause of fishery declines," and that pollutants including industrial chemicals, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, heavy metals, plastics and microplastics "have deleterious impacts to aquatic ecosystems at all trophic levels from plankton to whales."





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The report authors warned that the impacts scientists have identified are likely to grow in the coming years and will be exacerbated by a changing climate, noting that "the global seafood industry, and the livelihood and survival of millions of artisanal fishers and communities who depend on seafood, are at a crossroads."

Last March 23, Dr. Deo Florence Onda, a microbial oceanographer who is associate professor and deputy director for Research of the Marine Science Institute (MSI) in the University of the Philippines Diliman, became the first Filipino and one of the first two human beings to make the first manned descent into Emden Deep. Located in the Philippine trench, Emdem Deep is approximately 34,100 feet or 10,400 meters. The explorers made touchdown at 10,045 meters deep.

Dr. Onda validated the IPEN's findings. He said that while the submersible that carried him and his fellow explorer, American undersea explorer, Victor Vescovo, were making their descent, he saw some floating plastic bottles and other debris.

Let this Month of the Ocean observance signal a timely call for action lest the country descend to the depths of fishery and aquatic life decline.





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CEBU, Philippines — While Cebu City makes do with a makeshift material recovery facility, its neighboring cities have established a few as part of their baby steps to comply with the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (R.A. 9003). But the road to full compliance remains long and winding.

Lapu-Lapu City has one centralized MRF in Barangay Soong, which was established way back in 2010 under the tenure of CENRO head Roderico Tagaan.

The facility's main product is organic compost, though plastics are also incorporated with other materials for eco-bricks and footpaths.

Tagaan said that aside from Soong, there is another MRF in Agus, but it is more of a sorting area of recyclables. Other than the two, no other MRFs could be found in the city.

There are no immediate plans to introduce and put up an MRF in the island barangays as there are reportedly no resources for it, aside from the fact that most of the wastes produced there are biodegradable and only a few recyclables.

But the Commission on Audit noted that the city still lacks revenue-generating plans and strategies for saleable materials from its MRF.

With this, the commission said the city has been deprived of additional funds from sale and utilization of the facility.

The city has an existing Executive Order No. 2020 for its "no segregation, no collection" policy that took effect last April 1, 2020, but according to zero waste advocates, this has not been properly implemented.





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"Wala man gyuy ma-perfect ani. Kami, kuwang pud mig manpower to check everything, that is why ang mga barangays are asked to educate residents to segregate," said Tagaan.

Barangay Soong used to have a dumpsite but it has been closed and is undergoing rehabilitation in consonance in the approved safe closure and rehabilitation plan.

However, Lito Vasquez, Visayas coordinator of Break Free From Plastic (BFFP)-Philippines, said they still receive complaints that the facility is still being used as it still emits foul odor.

Tagaan explained that this is because the city government has made it into a transfer station of collected garbage to its hauler, ARN.

Tagaan hopes the city would procure more garbage trucks for them to have a direct line to ARN's private sanitary landfill like what Cebu City and Mandaue City are doing right now.

"We are dependent on the contractor's haulers," said Tagaan.

The city also regulates the use of single-use plastic every Wednesday and Saturday and bans plastic straws courtesy of Ordinance No. 15-003-2019 but again, the implementation has not been stringent.

Tagaan said they lack manpower to monitor everything.

A feasibility study on a possible WTE plant in the city is in the works, but Tagaan said he doubts it will push through unless other LGUs will collaborate with Lapu-Lapu for its public private partnership (PPP).

"One of the hindrances is mahal ang WTE and they need at least 500 tons of garbage a day para di sila maalkansi ang facility while ang atong LGU without segregation, maka-produce rag 250 tons a day," shared Tagaan.

Mandaue City

Mandaue, for its part, has at least four MRFs, according to ABC president and Subangdaku barangay captain Ernie Manatad. The four are in Subangdaku, Canduman, Pagsabungan and Jagobiao.

Subangdaku, the pilot area for waste diversion (reusing, recycling), has produced different products, implemented cash for trash program, among others, paving the way for livelihood opportunities for less fortunate residents.

Manatad shared they also have a so-called "banking system" in the purok level.

"We distributed passbook to all households by purok where they record the garbage delivered to our MRF, recyclables, biodegradable then at the end of the year, they get patronage refund and also a share of it goes to the purok for their own funding," he said.





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Manatad admitted that the establishment of MRF used to be only for compliance, but he was happy to note that they were able to pull it off. He said this also enabled them to save funds as the amount of waste each barangay in Mandaue could dump in the landfill is limited.

"Kiluhon baya. Og mosubra mi sa among quota nga pwede ilabay didto, mpbayad biya mi, ang barangay ang mobayad," he said, adding that he understands that not everyone has the space required of an MRF.

"Problem gyud sa HUCs is space. We don't have the space kay naay uban naa untay bakante, but the people around usually has a perception that and MRF baho. Mao gyud ni challenge sa HUCs," he added.

There was also a proposal to have a clustered or centralized MRF for the city's 27 barangays at the previous Umapad dumpsite. But with some issues that remain unresolved, the project has been set aside.

According to COA, Mandaue City's 10-year SWMP has been approved by DENR. The problem is, the said city had not prepared a Solid Waste Management Board's Accomplishment Report. Thus, projects may not be properly implemented, assessed and monitored to ensure sustainability and achievement of the goals of ecological solid waste management program.

The LGU's Solid Waste Management Board is expected to adopt measures to promote and ensure the viability and effective implementation of solid waste management programs in its component barangays.

COA also stated that the city is expected to adopt specific revenue-generating measures to promote the viability of its Solid Waste Management Plan.

Other cities in Cebu

DENR-EMB data showed that the likes of Bogo, Naga, Danao and Toledo have their 10-year SWMP already approved, but these plans need to be revisited to suit new developments and address other concerns.

Talisay City is hoping to finally get DENR's nod for its 10-year SWMP with the centralized MRF in the Tapul landfill expected to be finished by the end of this year by its private partner, said Talisay CENRO's Lagrimas Abarquez.

Other revisions of the plan are also needed, including handling special wastes from COVID-19 and the rehabilitation of its open dumpsite.

Just like other cities, Talisay is also faced with problems in solid waste management and in establishing their own MRFs because of scarcity of land for such use.

It was, however, learned that Barangay San Isidro has expressed interest in building one.

Abarquez is hoping that once the city's centralized MRF will be finished, they will also be able to strictly impose the "no segregation, no collection" policy.





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Currently, Talisay has a temporary MRF at the City Hall where water bottles are converted as ecowaste traps for rivers and the "Basura ko, panginabuhian ko", their version of the trash-for-cash". Instead of cash, though, the barangays or schools get rice and school supplies depending on the amount of plastic bottles turned over.

Conclusion

Two decades after RA 9003 came into effect, the national government and environmental advocates continue to hope for a genuine change in the mindset of the LGUs and its people in general, not only for show or compliance.

The collect-dump practices of LGUs have been found to be unsustainable.

The LGUs' violation of the mandates under RA 9003 can be grounds to invoke Section 52 of RA 9003. Accordingly, "any citizen may file an appropriate civil, criminal or administrative action in the proper courts/bodies against any public officer who willfully or grossly neglects the performance of an act specifically enjoined as a duty by this Act or its implementing rules and regulations."

However, lawsuits can be avoided if LGUs take a serious and genuine concern to problems in solid waste.

Vasquez said there are two crucial steps that are needed before the collection of solid waste -- solid waste avoidance and volume reduction.

He said LGUs can start with banning single-use plastics (SUPs) to save up on public funds to collect and dispose of SUPs created by top plastic polluters.

As for volume reduction, a good waste diversion program can recover waste already generated.

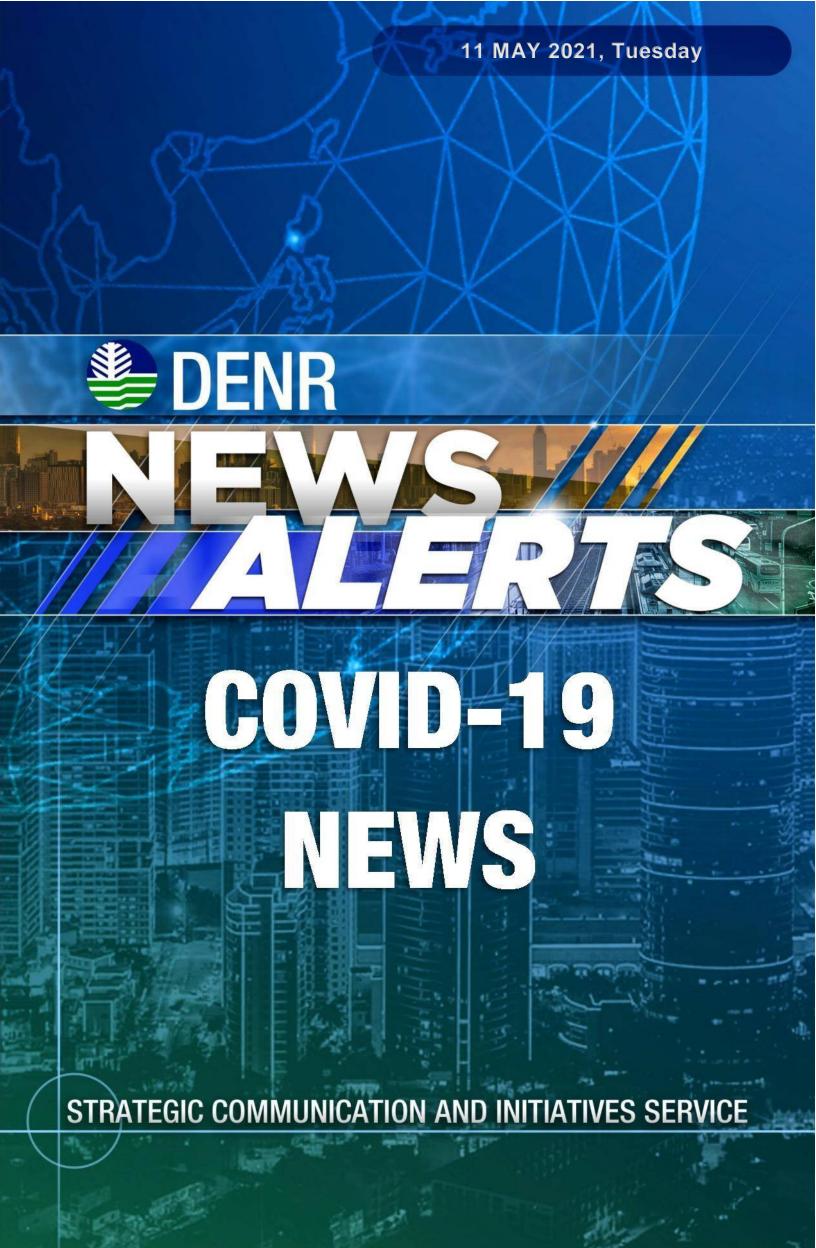
In the waste hierarchy, waste avoidance should be on top then reuse, reduce, recycle thus MRFs should really be established by the LGUs.

San Fernando City, Pampanga, for one, was able to attain a daily waste diversion rate of 81 percent and only 19 percent being disposed of in landfills using those measures.

A typical waste composition of an LGU is 50 percent or more biodegradable waste and more than 20 percent recyclables, which can be recovered through composting and recycling.

In the case of Cebu City, instead of 700 tons disposed to landfill daily, only 133 tons will then be brought to the landfill, saving not only on monetary costs of tipping fee, fuel, truck maintenance, and personnel salary and also improving health and environmental impact.

If San Fernando, Pampanga and other LGUs in the country are able to find ways and safe solutions to problems in solid wastes, why can't it be done here? — JMD (FREEMAN)







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Galvez asks Nayong Pilipino to OK mega jab hub amid environmental concerns

By Gaea Katreena Cabico (Philstar.com)

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Photo shows urban forest on Nayong Pilipino property.

MANILA, Philippines — The head of the government's vaccine strategy called on the Nayong Pilipino Foundation (NPF) to sign the agreement on the construction of a massive COVID-19 vaccination center on its property, which is seen to damage the existing ecosystem in the area.

In a statement Sunday, vaccine czar Carlito Galvez Jr. stressed the urgency in establishing a mega vaccination center at the Nayong Pilipino in Parañaque City as it "will help accelerate" the implementation of the government's vaccination campaign, which is moving slowly.

"This vaccination center brings us closer to our goal of inoculating at least 50 million Filipinos and achieving herd immunity this year," Galvez said.

Last month, the government's pandemic task force authorized the National Task Force against COVID-19 (NTF) to enter into an agreement with the NPF for the construction of the temporary inoculation center.

But the construction has yet to commence as the NPF board of trustees has yet to sign a memorandum of agreement with the NTF. Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea released a memorandum on May 4 directing the state-run park operator "to undertake any and all acts necessary to allow the Department of Health or the NTF to use the NPF property."

Death of existing ecosystem

In a statement on May 6, the NPF, a government-owned and controlled corporation, raised concerns about the establishment of the facility.





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It said the NPF property is a "thriving urban forest that hosts a variety of urban wildlife and is the last remaining grassland in the reclaimed area of Parañague."

The site of the planned vaccination center serves as a bird flyway network. It is also near the Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area, a protected area and a wetland site of international importance.

- "The abrupt cutting of close to 500 trees and other site works on the NPF property will kill the existing ecosystem. Once lost, it could take decades to recover this ecosystem," the NPF said.
- "A mega-vaccination facility that will destroy this ecosystem would be a disaster and a disservice to the residents of Metro Manila who need more green and open spaces," it added.

NPF executive director Lucille Karen Malilong-Isberto has already resigned, the Philippine Daily Inquirer reported.

The NPF also said the vaccination center close to a quarantine facility on its property may pose health risks, and questioned the propriety of allowing the ICTSI Foundation led by ports and gaming tycoon Enrique Razon Jr. to handle the construction of the facility.

Fate of trees or people's lives?

Galvez said it is "inappropriate for the NPF to equate the fate of 500 Ipil-ipil trees with the lives of hundreds of thousands if not millions of Filipinos."

"We would like to emphasize that the government deeply cares for the environment. But as the pandemic wreaks havoc on the lives of our people and our economy, we have to make the choice. 'Green and open spaces' will be useless if there will be no one to visit them," he said.

The vaccine czar also defended Razon, saying he offered to build the facility at no cost to the national government.

The Department of Tourism, in a statement issued last week, said environmental architect Jun Palafox Jr. is in charge of designing the temporary vaccine facility with minimal impact on the environment. It is envisioned to be similar to the mobile field hospital and drive-thru vaccination on Burnham Green in Rizal Park, Manila.

"We therefore call on the NPF to heed our call and sign the MOA as soon as possible. We can no longer afford to waste time. The future of our people and nation depends on it," Galvez said.



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Mindanao talks of efforts and initiatives to attain SDGs

By DOST Published on May 10, 2021

MANILA, May 10 -- Mindanao sustainability requires the collective and united efforts of all stakeholders, staying true to the aspiration and vision: "A Land for all, today and tomorrow", regardless of cultural and socioeconomic background where no one is deprived. To attain this, knowledge and responsible governance will be imperative.

With this, the National Research Council of the Philippines of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-NRCP), together with the DOST Mindanao Regional Offices (IX, X, XI, XII, CARAGA, and BARMM), held the two-day virtual Mindanao Regional Future Earth Philippines Community Mobilization Workshop on 26 and 28 April 2021.

The virtual gathering was aimed at stimulating discussions and planning towards a logical framework for the Future Earth Philippines Program. The Future Earth Philippines (FEP), a program led by National Scientist Lourdes Cruz, is inclusive and transdisciplinary that seeks to improve the country's capacity to attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Knowledge-to-Action Programs.

With the theme, "Synergizing Knowledge and Governance for Sustainable Development in Mindanao in the Age of Disruptions", the FEP Mindanao workshop highlighted the discussion on various topics such as biodiversity status, sustainable resource utilization, indigenous peoples (IPs) rights, the role of inclusive governance, local sustainability initiatives, and renewable energy production.

Mindanao's very own leaders, researchers, and advocates, including Senator Aquilino Martin "Koko" Pimentel III, Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) Secretary Manny Piñol, Governing Council of Lumad Mindanao People's Federation Chairperson TimuayJimidMansayagan, DOST-XI Regional Director Dr. Anthony Sales, DOST-NRCP members Dr. Sukarno Tanggol, Dr. MayongAguja, and Acd. Victor Amoroso, Vice Mayor (Del Carmen, Siargao) Alfredo Coro, and Mindanao Renewable Energy R&D Center Head Dr. Randell Espina set the context for the workshop through their significant inputs.

More than 80 participants from the academe, Local Government Units (LGUs), non-government organizations, indigenous peoples (IPs) representatives, and other sectors attended the said activity.

The DOST-NRCP said that the workshops were intended to guide the participants, particularly the LGUs, in identifying sustainability issues and subsequently, craft relevant solutions through researches and action plans aligned with the COVID-19 recovery program of the national government.

"FEP recognizes the need to localize approaches and strategies towards improving the country's sustainability and resilience, thus, the conduct of various seminar-workshops in the regional level," DOST-NRCP said in a statement.

Since 2018, FEP has organized a number of series of seminar-workshops with various stakeholders to capacitate them in championing sustainability. (DOST)

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Tagalog News: Kauna-unahang legislated multispecies marine hatchery sa CALABARZON, itatayo sa Quezon

By Carlo P. GonzagaPublished on May 10, 2021

LUNGSOD NG CALAMBA, Mayo 10 (PIA) --Nagsagawa ng groundbreaking ceremony ang Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) 4A at ang pamahalaang lokal ng Perez, Quezon para sa proyektong Multispecies Marine Hatchery site na itatayo sa Brgy. Villamazano Sur noong ika-6 ng Mayo 2021.

Ang nasabing hatchery ay ang kauna-unahang Multispecies Marine Hatchery site sa CALABARZON kung saan siyam (9) pang legislated hatcheries ang nakatakdang ipatayo sa iba't ibang bayan sa Lalawigan ng Quezon.

Bilang panimula, ang LGU kasama ang mga mangingisda, miyembro ng mga asosasyon at kooperatiba ay magpapalaki at mag-aalaga ng Bangus fingerlings upang mapunuan ang kakulangan sa semilya dahil sa pandemic. Ito rin ay upang matiyak na mayroon laging makukuhanan ng Bangus fry.

Maliban dito, ang proyektong ito ay naglalayon din na matugunan ang kakulangan sa kita ng mga komunidad mula sa industriya ng pang-pangisdaan.

Ang pagpapatayo ng multispecies marine hatchery ay alinsunod sa Republic Act (RA) 10945, Section 1, na nagsasaad na ang Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR), sa ilalim ng kanilang pangangasiwa, ay kailangang makapagtatag ng mga multispecies marine hatchery sa bansa.

Samantala, dumalo sa seremonya na matagumpay na naidaos sina Quezon 4th District Rep. Dra. Angelina Tan; Perez Mayor Pepito Reyes at Vice Mayor Ryan Panol; BFAR 4A Reg. Dir. Sammy Malvas; at BFAR Reg. 3 Reg. Dir. Wilfredo Cruz. (CPG, PIA-4A at ulat mula sa BFAR-4A FB Page)

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42 Cagayan farmers get own land titles in simple, 'under-a-tree' ceremony

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Forty-two agrarian reform beneficiaries in Cagayan now have their own farm lots after receiving land titles from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) on Monday, May 10.



LANDLESS TO LAND OWNERS — Forty-two farmers in Cagayan were given their own farm lots by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) on Monday, May 10. (Photo courtesy of DAR)

In a simple ceremony held under the shade of a tree in Solano, Cagayan, certificates of land ownership awards (CLOAs) were handed over to farmers from three villages in Solano town.

The land titles cover a total of 62.85 hectares (ha) of agricultural lands in barangays Padul, Pattaya, and Furagui.

Of the total land grant, 46.95 ha of it are located at Padul and Pattaya, while the remaining 15.90 hectares are in Furagui.

Municipal Agrarian Reform Program Officer (MARPO) Melvida Camayang said they chose to distribute the land titles in a very simple ceremony because "what really matters to them is how the beneficiaries would use them to change their lives for the better."

Under the "DAR-to-Door" program, CLOAs are delivered to farmer-beneficiaries at their doorsteps or farms, which is consistent with the agency's efforts to bring government services closer to the people.

Source: https://mb.com.ph/2021/05/10/42-cagayan-farmers-get-own-land-titles-in-simple-under-a-tree-ceremony/





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Manila community pantry accepts plastic bottles in exchange for groceries

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This community pantry not only aims to help those in need but also promotes recycling.



(Manila Public Information photo / MANILA BULLETIN)

Residents of Barangay 306 in Manila were urged to bring plastic bottles in exchange for grocery items at a community pantry set up by a barangay chairman to celebrate his birthday.

Barangay Chairman Joey Uy Jamisola of Barangay 306 in Manila decided to set up a community pantry in celebration of his birthday on Monday (May 10).

The residents who brought plastic bottles received one sack of rice, five eggs, four pieces of chicken portions, five sardines, vegetables, and one box of face masks.

All the collected plastic bottles will be donated to the Tzu Chi Foundation, a non-profit organization which is known for helping people in need.

Source: https://mb.com.ph/2021/05/10/manila-community-pantry-accepts-plastic-bottles-in-exchange-for-groceries/





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PILIPINAS IKA-2 SA MGA BANSA SA ASEAN REGION SA MAY PINAKAMARAMING NABAKUNAHAN VS. COVID-19

written by Lyn Aurora Legarteja May 11, 2021



Pumangalawa na ang Pilipinas sa ASEAN region sa usapin ng dami ng mga nabakunahan laban sa COVID-19.

Dahil dito, naungusan pa ng Pilipinas ang Singapore sa usapin ng vaccination rollout.

Matatandaan kasi noong nakaraang linggo, kung saan nasa ikatlong pwesto lamang ang Pilipinas, kasunod ang Singapore, habang nangunguna naman ang Indonesia.

Batay sa datos na iprinisenta Ni Vaccine Czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., lumalabas na nasa mahigit 2,409,235 na ang bilang ng mga Pilipinong nabakunahan kontra COVID-19.

Mula sa nabanggit na bilang, 451,270 dito ang nabakunahan na ng dalawang dose habang 1,957,965 naman ang naghihintay pa na mabakunahan ng ikalawang dose.

Samantala, ika-15 pwesto naman ang Pilipinas sa buong Asya, habang ika-apatnaput isa naman sa buong mundo.

Source: https://www.dwiz882am.com/index.php/pilipinas-ika-2-sa-mga-bansa-sa-asean-region-sa-may-pinakamaraming-nabakunahan-vs-covid-19/





Face mask arrest rules may be out this week

By Evelyn Macairan (Philstar.com)

- May 11, 2021 - 12:00am



In this July 15, 2020 photo, members of the MPD Station 3 round up some 37 individuals, including two minors, for violating the citywide curfew and not wearing of face mask ordinances as they spend the night at a basketball court in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The STAR/Miguel de Guzman, file

MANILA, Philippines — The guidelines on the arrest and detention of persons who are not wearing face masks might be finished within the week, Department of Justice (DOJ) Secretary Menardo Guevarra yesterday said.

He noted that the DOJ has already finished its share of the work in formulating the guidelines as he expressed hope that this would become ready for implementation also this week.

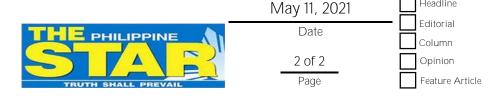
"The DOJis ready with its guidelines. We'll just have to coordinate with the DILG (Department of the Interior and Local Government) in the next couple of days," Guevarra said.

President Duterte ordered the Philippine National Police last May 5 to apprehend those who are not wearing their face masks properly. He also tasked both the DOJ and the DILG to prepare the guidelines amid continuing complaints of people disregarding the COVID-19 health protocol.

"Fully aware of the complications that may arise from effecting arrests of persons not wearing face masks where required, such as the problem of congested jails or detention centers, the President has directed the DOJ and the DILG to come up with guidelines for the proper enforcement of his latest directive," Guevarra earlier said.

To be covered by the guidelines are the manner, time and place of booking; detention and investigation to avoid overcrowding; and dealing with the increase in the number of cases for inquest filed before the offices of city prosecutors.





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Guevarra had said the directive of the Chief Executive would take effect immediately even if the DOJ and DILG have not yet finished drafting the guidelines since "existing laws and ordinances define the prohibited acts and impose the corresponding penalties therefor, and the relevant rules of court govern the procedure."

Meanwhile, Senate President Pro Tempore Ralph Recto reminded policemen yesterday to heed the "no-jail" order of PNP chief Gen. Guillermo Eleazar for violators of health protocols.

He also backed Eleazar's warning for the police not to maltreat, abuse or detain the violators, except for imposing the fines provided by local ordinances.

Any rush to arrest mandatory mask violators without setting up the holding and booking infrastructure would worsen jail congestion and the clogging of court dockets, Recto said.

He stressed that if the arrest is made to protect the health of the community and the individual, "then the purpose is defeated if violators are thrown into a jail where physical distancing is impossible."

"Where's the logic in catching someone for improperly wearing a mask when he would later catch the virus from his mask-less cellmates?" Recto said.

Eleazar said the persons arrested for not wearing face masks properly would be detained in the barangay or facilities offered by local government units instead of at police stations.

He also reiterated his order not to punish violators.

"We are also reminding our police that they are not allowed to punish, like that of forcing them to exercise. That's not allowed," he stressed.

Since the order was issued, the PNP has already warned 23,372 people, fined 9,144, subjected 1,223 to community service and 1,190 for inquest proceedings for various violations including non-wearing or improper wearing of face masks and shields, non-observance of social distancing and violations against the RA 11332.

The Department of Trade and Industry donated yesterday 50,000 face masks to the PNP so they could give these to detained individuals.

In a statement yesterday, Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said the DTI immediately committed to provide the washable face masks as part of the Libreng Mask Para sa Masa project, which aims to produce and distribute these to vulnerable sectors.

The project has, so far, given out 26,426,840 free masks to poor communities around the country.

"With the strict compliance of Filipinos, we can safely push for the reopening of low-risk, essential business activities while keeping communities safe from the threats of the pandemic. What we aim for, apart from the ongoing health initiatives, is to reverse the negative impact of the imposed lockdowns to our local micro, small and medium enterprises," Lopez said.

Both the Muntinlupa City government and the Metro Rail Transit Line 3 have committed to strictly enforce the quarantine protocols, including the wearing of masks outdoors. – Paolo Romero, Neil Jayson Servallos, Louella Desiderio, Ghio Ong

Source: https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/05/11/2097402/face-mask-arrest-rules-may-be-out-week/amp/





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WHO designates India variant as being of global concern

By STEPHANIE NEBEHAY AND EMMA FARGE Reuters Published May 10, 2021 11:45pm



The India variant or the B.1.617 variant is the fourth variant to be designated as being of global concern and requiring heightened tracking and analysis. The others are those first detected in Britain, South Africa and Brazil.

GENEVA, Switzerland - The World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday that the coronavirus variant first identified in India last year was being classified as a variant of global concern, with some preliminary studies showing that it spreads more easily.

The B.1.617 variant is the fourth variant to be designated as being of global concern and requiring heightened tracking and analysis. The others are those first detected in Britain, South Africa and Brazil.

"We are classifying this as a variant of concern at a global level," Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO technical lead on COVID-19, told a briefing. "There is some available information to suggest increased transmissibility."

Indian coronavirus infections and deaths held close to record daily highs on Monday, increasing calls for the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to lock down the world's second-most populous country.

The WHO has said the predominant lineage of B.1.617 was first identified in India in December, although an earlier version was spotted in October 2020.

The variant has already spread to other countries, and many nations have moved to cut or restrict movements from India.

Van Kerkhove said more information about the variant and its three sub-lineages would be made available on Tuesday.





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"Even though there is increased transmissibility demonstrated by some preliminary studies, we need much more information about this virus variant and this lineage and all of the sub-lineages," she said.

Soumya Swaminathan, WHO chief scientist, said studies were under way in India to examine the variant's transmissibility, the severity of disease it causes and the response of antibodies in people who have been vaccinated.

"What we know now is that the vaccines work, the diagnostics work, the same treatments that are used for the regular virus works, so there is really no need to change any of those," Swaminathan said.

WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that the WHO Foundation was launching a "Together for India" appeal to raise funds to purchase oxygen, medicines and protective equipment for health workers. -- Reuters





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(Image credit: Getty Images)



By Christine Ro11th June 2020

Recent visitors have left mounds of rubbish at public spaces and beauty spots across the UK and beyond. What's driving this behaviour?

<u>"We fear a littering epidemic as lockdown eases"</u>, warns the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. And indeed, Brits have embraced the opportunity to throng beaches and beauty spots in recent days. Images of the <u>mounds of rubbish left in their wake</u> have made headlines, <u>sparked outrage</u> and resulted in <u>pleas by local government officials</u> for visitors to stay away.

Research suggests that littering can be challenging to eradicate in the best of times – and these clearly aren't the best of times. So what is it about current circumstances that's driving this surge, and is there anything we can do to contain the problem?

The Covid-19 effect

In general, people justify littering by saying that bins are overflowing or too far away – although <u>others believe</u> the root cause is laziness or ignorance. In places where governments can't afford to pay for rubbish collection, like <u>informal settlements in Maputo, Mozambique</u>, literal walls of rubbish can result.

Like every other aspect of our everyday lives, rubbish and <u>recycling collection</u> has been disrupted in some places by the Covid-19 pandemic. <u>This context is crucial</u> because waste disposal depends on "social proof", or the copying of others' behaviour. "If you see a place that's full of litter and a mess, you're more likely to think that it doesn't matter," says coaching psychologist Stephen Palmer of the International Academy for Professional Development and University of Wales Trinity Saint David. "If you actually see someone dropping litter, you're probably more likely to drop litter yourself."





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Rubbish collectors in Paris in April. Some experts think the pandemic's intense psychological effects cause people to care less about littering (Credit: Getty Images)

There's a large body of research backing up this point. It partly explains why littering has been reported to be more common among young people and people with a weaker attachment to their communities. For these people, feeling part of a small group is especially important, and one way to express that is through defiance of broader norms. And it's especially awkward to hold onto an empty can for the recycling bin if mates have already thrown theirs to the ground.

The pandemic may also be having a psychological effect. It's natural that caring for the environment isn't top of mind right now, says Palmer. "Certainly, when people are stressed or distressed, they go into more all-or-nothing thinking." This can be useful for <u>dealing with high-risk situations</u>, but the upshot is that "the last thing on your mind is things like litter". And the people who are the quickest to head for the beach may not be the most cautious of people overall.

More picnics, more disposable goods

Lockdown rules have also transformed the way people socialise, which affects the rubbish they produce. Chris Coode is the deputy chief executive of Thames21, a charity that works with volunteers to maintain healthy waterways in London, for instance through Litter clean-ups and monitoring. Instead of meeting friends in pubs, restaurants and homes, Coode points out that now "you're getting people using the parks and open spaces in ways that they hadn't before... and in a sense haven't got the rhythm of the way that new socialising is like". He believes that people aren't necessarily being wilful or malicious when they discard pizza boxes and plastic cups in public, but are "using these spaces in ways they haven't before, and not thinking through the repercussions of their behaviour".





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Rubbish in Odessa Oblast, Ukraine in April. Litter like face masks, rubber gloves and hand sanitiser containers are common in the Covid-19 era (Credit: Getty Images)

It's not only *when* or *where* people are littering that has shifted, but also *what* they're littering. Gloves and masks are being chucked on the streets <u>in Canada</u> and <u>in Wales</u>, raising <u>concerns</u> that this could be an infection hazard in addition to being an environmental hazard.

Shadi Moqbel has also seen more PPE waste in Jordan. Moqbel, a civil engineer at the University of Jordan who <u>researches waste</u>, explains that some of the patterns we're seeing with the Covid-19 pandemic aren't new. "As a result of the pandemic, people tend to move towards using disposable items rather than regular reusable items. They don't want to get sick from using or touching something that might be used by others... We have seen it in previous outbreaks", such as H1N1 (swine flu). Then as well as now, people used more disposable plates and packaging material. And the closure of restaurants during the Covid-19 pandemic has led to a rise in food delivery and takeaway meals – which <u>has meant more plastic packaging refuse</u>.

Structural factors, short-term solutions

This is acute now because of the pandemic, but part of a larger historical trend towards disposability. Coode reports that along the Thames River in London, "the majority of the rubbish we're finding is single-use plastic waste". Likewise, in rural England, the <u>main types of litter</u> are fast-food packaging, confectionery wrappers and drinks bottles. Yet the move towards these types of portable, discardable packaging has been driven by manufacturers, who since World War Two have <u>found it more profitable</u> to produce single-use products compared to, for instance, the glass bottles that were previously used again and again.

Thus, some environmentalists argue that <u>individual litterers aren't the problem</u>, and the system of disposability needs to be tackled at its root. But it will be very challenging to move away from lightweight plastic packaging, and the alternatives will have





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<u>their own environmental trade-offs</u>. Glass bottles require more energy to transport, for instance, and plastic wrap can help reduce food waste.

Building a culture of waste awareness also takes sustained governmental action, which has helped turn Taipei, Taiwan <u>from a "garbage island" to a remarkably clean city</u>. Paradoxically, this involved a <u>reduction</u> of public bins, and more focus on other forms of rubbish collection and disposal.

In the short term, however, that doesn't help those of us whose blood begins to boil when we see cigarette butts and Styrofoam containers piled up next to an empty rubbish bin.

Cities have trialled a huge range of measures to reduce littering in the shorter term. As social marketer Yara Almosa and her colleagues at Australia's Griffith University have enumerated, these range from eyes painted at eye level on walls (to give the impression that litterers are being watched) to fines, labels on disposable items, the wafting of pleasant scents, verbal appeals, information about how common littering is and special rubbish bins that are attention-grabbing or fun to use. One of the most effective tools is also the simplest: good old-fashioned social_disapproval. So tsk-tsking, especially from a person in the same peer group as the litterer, can actually have an effect. Because we're such social creatures when it comes to activities like littering, it's useful to model responsible environmental behaviours.

Yet Thames21's Coode calls for more understanding, especially during this difficult time. "You only see what's left behind, you don't see what's taken away. It's easy to be outraged," he says, but "we are in a period of transition. It's an effort for everybody to help. Some people need more help."

But as coaching psychologist Palmer points out, in a world full of uncertainty, contributing to local cleanliness is an easy win: "At least litter is one thing we can all do something about."

Source: https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20200610-why-are-parks-full-of-litter-as-lockdown-eases





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Deforestation of Brazilian Amazon hits record in April

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Deforestation of the Brazilian Amazon hit a record last month, the government reported Friday with figures that belie President Jair Bolsonaro's pledge to crack down on such destruction.



In this file photo taken on August 07, 2020, aerial picture of a deforested area close to Sinop, Mato Grosso State, Brazil. - A total of 580.55 square kilometres were deforested in the Brazilian Amazon in April 2021, a record level for the month, according to official data released on May 7, 2021, defying President Jair Bolsonaro's promises to reduce deforestation. Florian Plaucheur / AFP

The area of the rainforest that was destroyed -- 580 square kilometers (225 square miles) -- marked a new high for the month of April and a 42.5 percent on-year rise, according to satellite monitoring by the Brazilian space agency INPE. Its data goes back to 2015.

The level for March was also higher than 12 months earlier, and followed two months of decline in the rainy season when logging activity decreases.

From January through April 29, however, the cutting of trees to provide lumber and clear land for agriculture was down 3.9 percent compared to the same period in 2020, INPE said.

The dry season, which peaks in July and August, is when most deforestation happens.

Records have been set in the past three dry seasons, INPE said.

The Amazon, the world's biggest rainforest, is considered vital to curbing climate change because of the carbon dioxide it absorbs from the atmosphere.

About 60 percent of the rainforest is in Brazil.

"Right now it is not possible to say what will happen but in 2021 there could be a fourth straight deforestation record," said the Climate Observatory, a group of 63 NGOs and social organizations.





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Bolsonaro, a far-right climate change skeptic, came to power in 2019 encouraging commercial exploitation of the rainforest and calling conservation groups "cancer."

However, last month he pledged to "eliminate illegal deforestation in Brazil by 2030," 10 years earlier than initially planned.

Environmental NGOs have expressed doubt that Brazil under Bolsonaro will live up to this pledge.

"In 2021 there is no federal effort to control deforestation," the Climate Observatory said.

The government agency that carries out inspections in the Amazon "is doing nothing" and the process of punishing violators has been halted, it added.

A study published last week by the journal Nature Climate Change said the Brazilian Amazon released nearly 20 percent more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere over the last decade than it absorbed.

This report shows humanity can no longer depend on the world's largest tropical forest to help absorb man-made carbon pollution.

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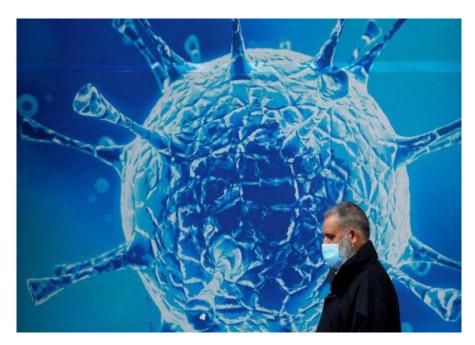




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G7 should invest \$10 trillion to stoke climate-friendly recovery, PM Johnson told

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FILE PHOTO: A man wearing a protective face mask walks past an illustration of a virus outside a regional science centre in Oldham, Britain August 3, 2020. REUTERS/Phil Noble

LONDON — G7 countries should invest \$10 trillion to stoke an investment-driven recovery that puts COVID-19 vaccines in arms and triggers a sweeping energy transformation to slow climate change, according to a report requested by Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

U.S. President Joe Biden is expected to join other Group of Seven leaders at a G7 summit chaired by Britain's Johnson in Cornwall, southern England, on June 11-13.

Founded in 1975 as a forum for the West's richest nations to discuss crises such as the OPEC oil embargo, the G7 will discuss what it perceives as the biggest threats: China, Russia, climate change, and the coronavirus pandemic.

Nicholas Stern, professor of economics at the London School of Economics, said in a report for Johnson that the G7 was a crucial opportunity for the West's richest economies to make a real change to the global economy.

- "The transition to a zero-emissions and climate-resilient world provides the greatest economic, business, and commercial opportunity of our time," Stern said in the report.
- "At the heart of the proposed vision for the economic response to the pandemic is a coordinated global program of investment for recovery, reconstruction, and transformation that can boost all forms of capital physical, human, natural, and social," Stern said.

G7 countries, he said, should set a collective goal to raise annual investment by 2% of GDP above pre-pandemic levels for this decade and beyond and improve the quality of investment – equal to about \$1 trillion per year in additional investment over the next decade.





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The G7 leaders should ensure a timely global roll-out of vaccines by immediately closing the \$20 billion funding cap of COVAX, a global program to provide vaccines mainly for poor countries.

After Johnson called for countries to do more than produce "hot air" rhetoric on climate, the report said the G7 should come up with credible ways to meet Biden's climate goals.

The G7 should commit to eliminating all fossil-fuel subsidies no later than 2025, lead a sweeping energy transition, end overseas support for fossil-fuel investments and consider a minimum corporate profit tax of 21%.

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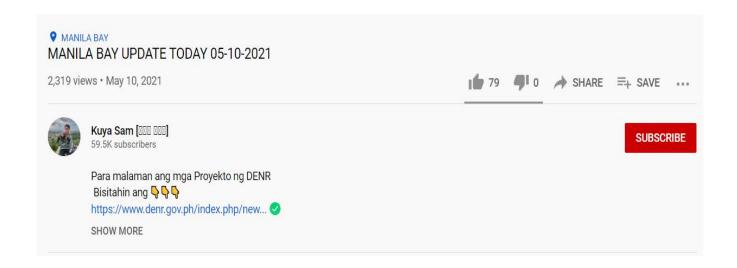




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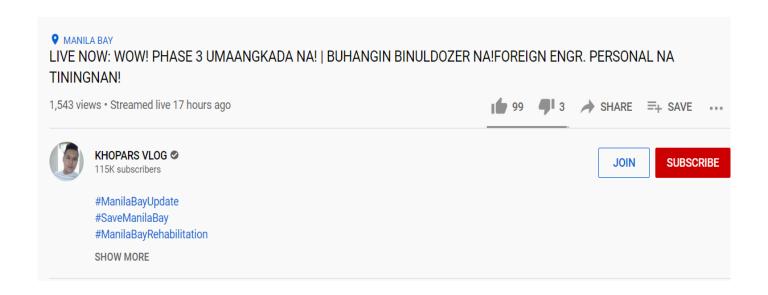




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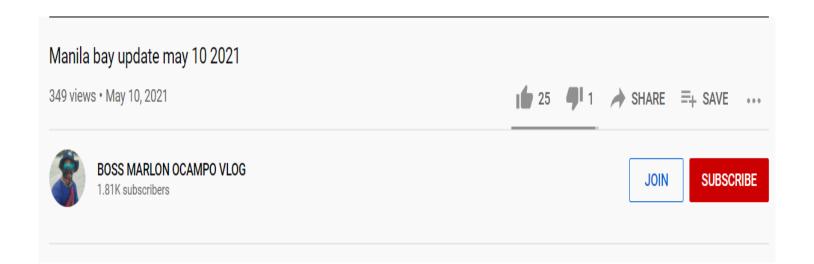




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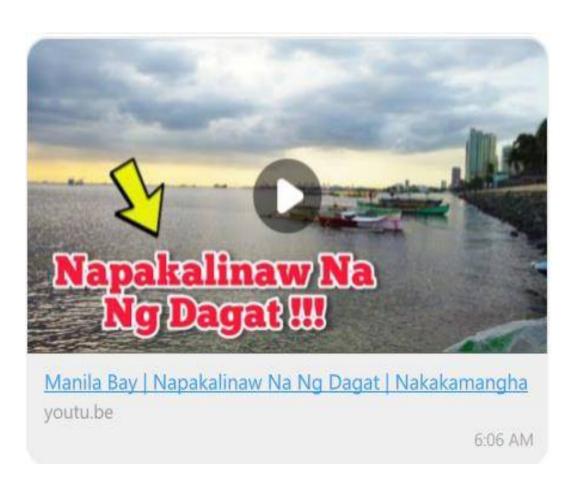
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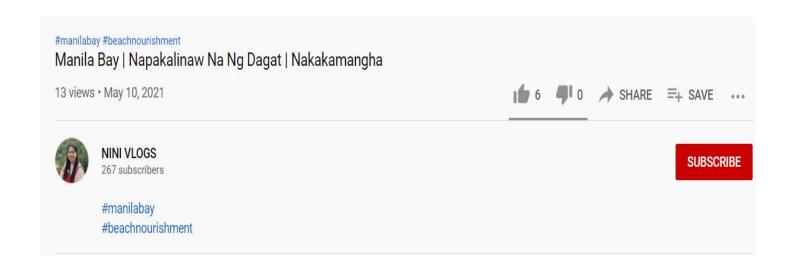




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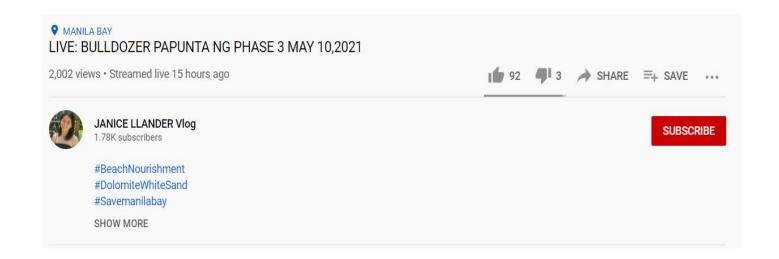




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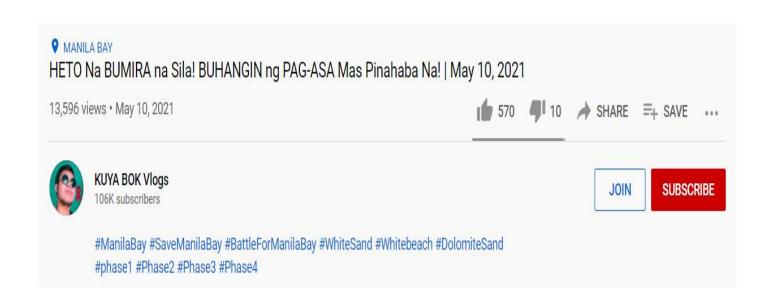




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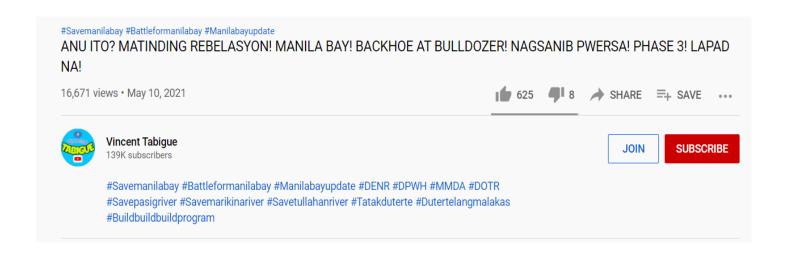




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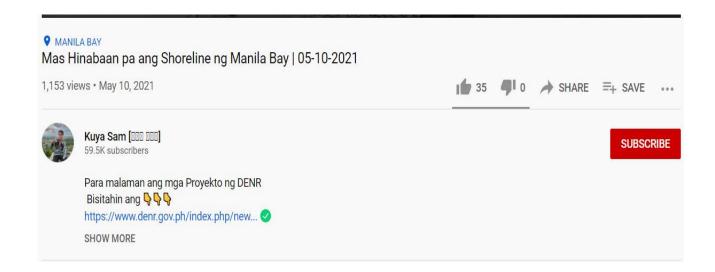




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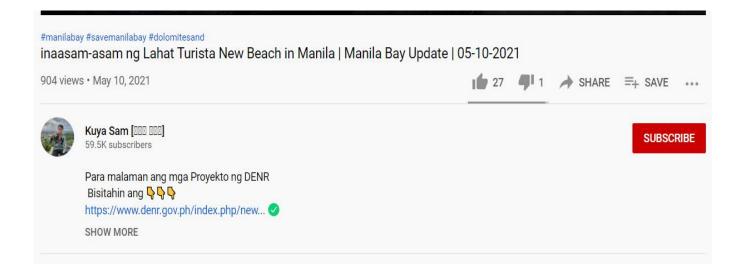




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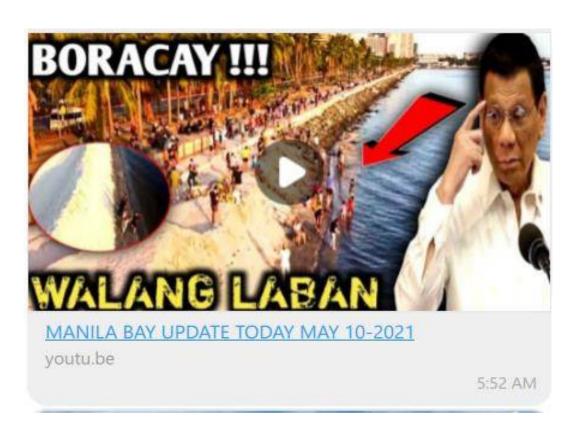
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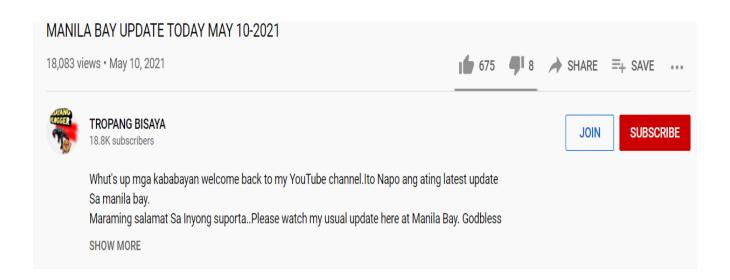




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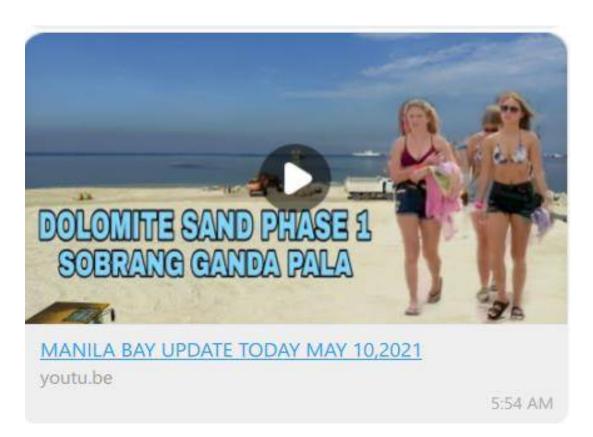
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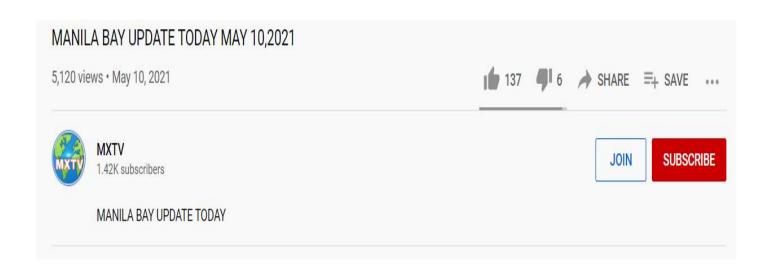




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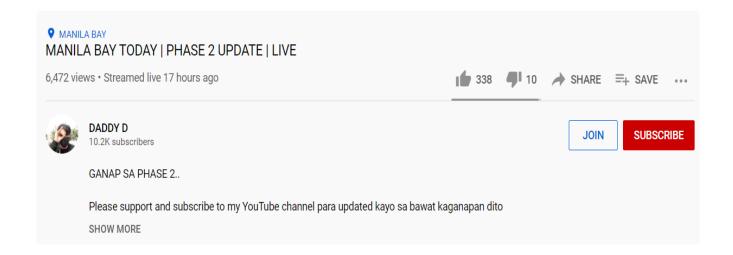




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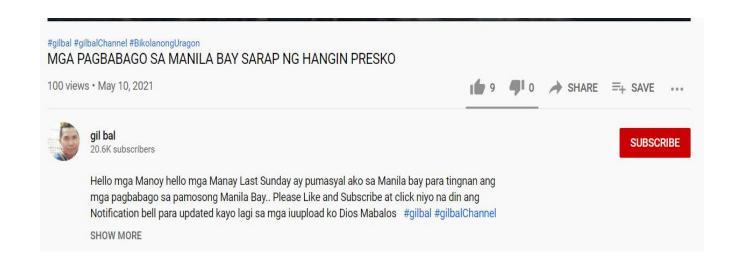




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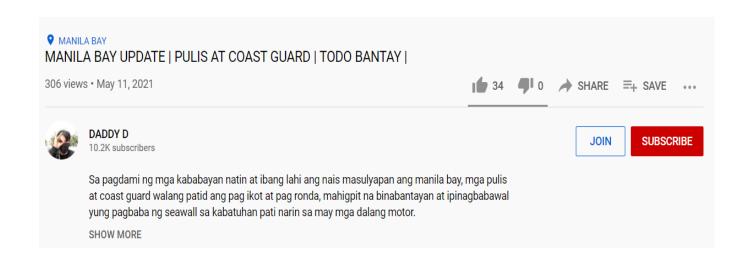




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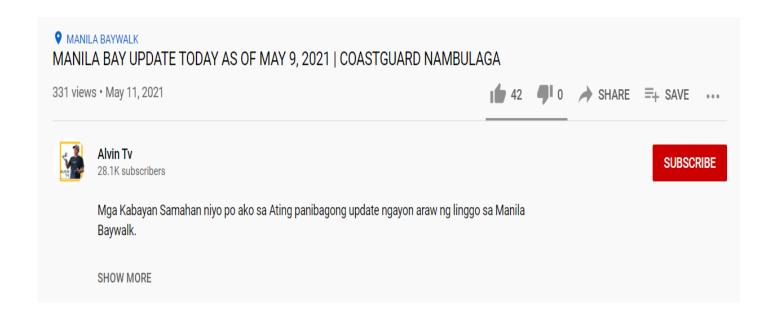




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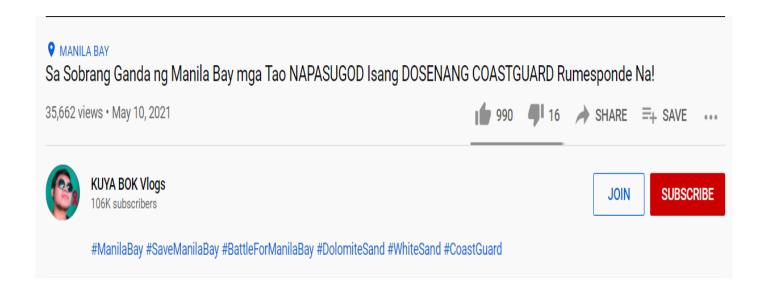




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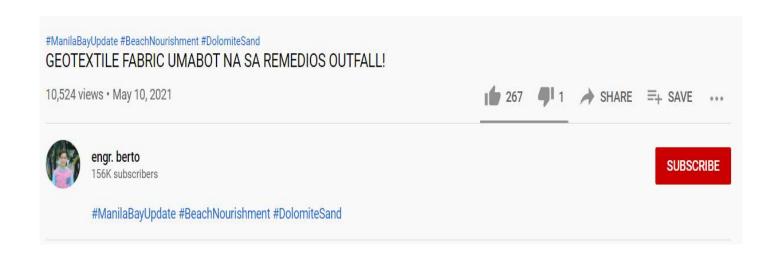




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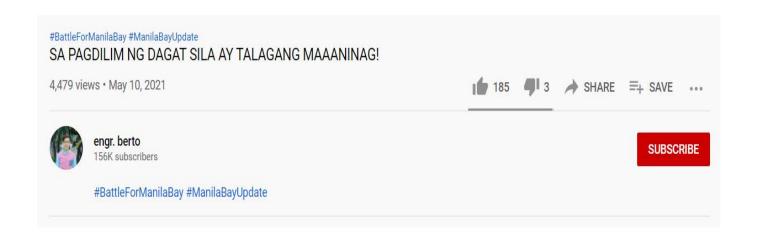




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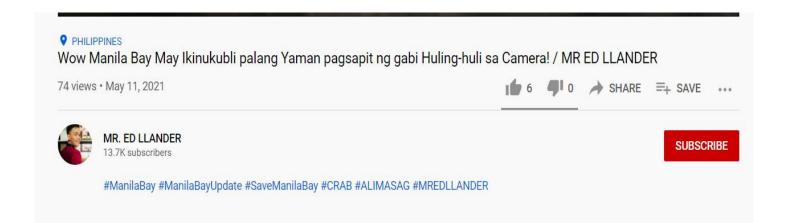




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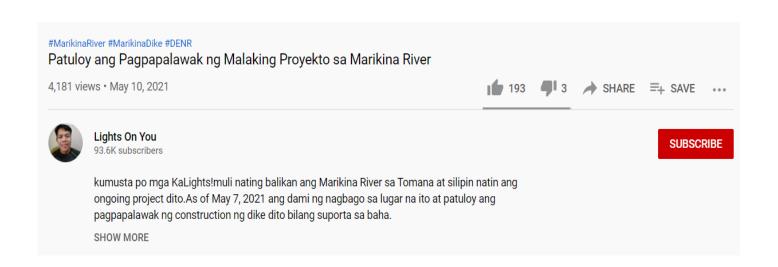




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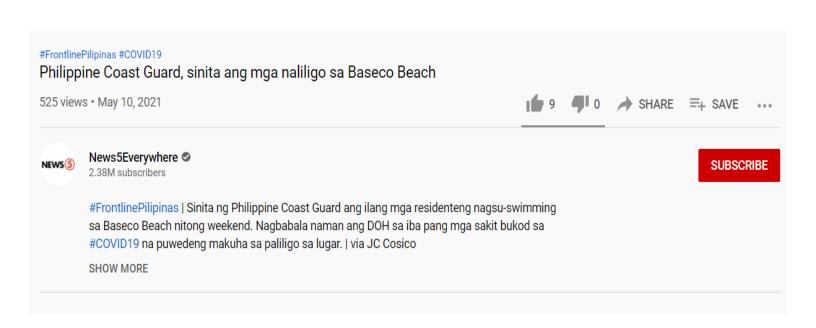




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