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## DENR, PCG Team Up to Boost Marine Protection

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Biodiversity Management Bureau ([DENR-BMB](#)) OIC Director Natividad Y. Bernardino (2nd from left) and BMB Coastal and Marine Division chief Armida P. Andres (extreme right) with Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Commandant Admiral Artemio M. Abu and PCG Marine Environmental Protection Command Rear Admiral Robert N. Patrimonio (2nd from right and extreme left, respectively), present the signed Memorandum of Agreement between the two agencies for stronger marine protection. The landmark partnership seeks to strengthen conservation and [protection efforts in Marine Protected Areas](#) and maintain the balance and ecological integrity of the country's marine ecosystems. Among the streamlined agreements are the facilitation of capacity-building activities, enforcement of wildlife laws, and development of incidence-reporting mechanisms. The ceremonial signing, held at the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center, coincided with the global observance of World Oceans Day on June 8, 2022.

Source: <https://journal.com.ph/denr-pcg-team-up-to-boost-marine-protection/>



## DENR Echoes Call on Unified Actions on World Oceans Day

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Biodiversity Management Bureau ([DENR-BMB](#)) OIC Director Natividad Y. Bernardino calls on stakeholders to step up efforts to protect the marine environment from anthropogenic threats aggravated by the impacts of climate change during the observance of the United Nations' World Oceans Day on June 8, 2022 at the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center in Quezon City. Bernardino emphasized the importance of "collective commitment" towards [ocean protection to avert the rising environmental crises](#). The DENR-BMB celebrated World Oceans Day with the theme "Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean."

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## Sibugay Coastal Wetlands to be nominated to Ramsar

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Zamboanga Sibugay Wetlands. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

THE government will nominate the Sibugay Coastal Wetlands to the Ramsar List of Wetlands of [International Importance](#) as part of conserving its rich biodiversity and the cultural heritage of Zamboanga Sibugay's Subanens and other ethnic tribes.

The Sibugay Coastal Wetlands (SCW) will be [Philippines'](#) eighth on the Ramsar List when granted this recognition.

The listing will protect its rich wildlife which is home to 53 waterbird species — 37 migratory waterbirds and 11 threatened migratory waterbirds.

The [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR) is completing in the second quarter of 2022 the project "Establishing Knowledge on the International Importance of Sibugay Wetlands: A Means to Enhance Wise use of the Proposed Ramsar Site."

Sibugay Wetlands' 187,000-hectare area has been extensively planted with mangroves totaling 5,155 hectares. It has mudflats (bay mud) spanning 1,607 hectares.

"The mangrove forest plays a major role in the productivity of the wetland, especially for fisheries as well as roosting site for the largest Flying Fox population. Sibugay Wetlands serves as a staging, roosting, foraging and breeding grounds for various waterbirds including migratory species," according to DENR wildlife experts.



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As part of the conservation plan, DENR will empower the local communities on the sustainable use of the wetland and its resources. That will give them livelihood to keep them away from destroying such environmental wonder.

SCW also supports threatened species such as marine turtles, whale shark, sea cow and saltwater crocodile. The vast mudflat is home to a variety of oysters, scallops and other mullusks.

Other Philippine wetlands on the Ramsar List are Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Las Piñas Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area, Naujan Lake National Park, Negros Occidental, Coastal Wetlands Conservation Area, Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, and Tubataha Reefs Natural Park.



## PHL eagle 'Salagbanog' set for freedom



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Philippine eagle 'Salagbanog'

Rescued Philippine eagle "Salagbanog" or "Sarangani eagle" will be released on June 13, highlighting the Philippine Eagle Week celebration.

"As we commemorate our yearly observance of the Philippine Eagle Week, we are celebrating Salagbanog's return to his forest home after 18 months of rehabilitation, an opportune time that this young bird would reunite with its kind," said Acting Environment Secretary Jim O. Sampulna said in a news release.

With the theme, "Kapayapaan at Kalayaan: Ang Agila at Mamamayan, May Kaugnayan," the Philippine Eagle Week celebration was held from June 4 to 10 as mandated by Presidential Proclamation 79, series of 1999.

### Independence Day

According to Jayson Ibanez, Philippine Eagle Foundation's director for Research and Conservation, the date of the eagle's release on June 13, a day after the June 12 Philippine Independence Day, was determined after the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), local government units and PEF held a massive information, communication and education (IEC) drive, and consultations with residents of the six barangays within the release site.

"We talked to the communities and told them about the release, and appealed to them to help protect Sarangani [eagle]," he said.



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Ibanez told the BusinessMirror that IEC campaigns are conducted by the PEF every time they release a Philippine eagle.

He said the eagle’s release is symbolic of the country’s celebration of the Philippine Independence Day.

“The conservation clamor for Philippine Eagle is also that of lasting freedom for our National Bird. Freedom from human harm, freedom from shooting, freedom from hunting, freedom from deforestation that is destroying their homes. So I think it is not difficult to understand that like people, their way a life is freedom in the wild,” Ibanez said.

### ‘Fly Malaya Fly’

Besides Salagbanog’s release, DENR’s Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) has also prepared other activities, such as interactive storytelling of the book, “Fly Malaya Fly.”

The activity will be live-streamed to Singapore at the Holy Family School of Excellence, a Filipino-run school for expats.

Students can watch the activity as part of the DENR’s conservation efforts to instil in them the awareness and appreciation of the Philippine eagle.

On June 4 and 5, tour guides were stationed outside the Philippine eagle exhibit at Jurong Bird Park (JBP), which is home to “Sambisig” and “Geothermica,” a pair of Philippine eagles loaned to Singapore.

They provided information to the park’s visitors about the Philippine eagle, the plight of the bird and their daily activities, among others.

Philippine eagle keeper Justin Huang will also post on JBP’s official Instagram account to give information on the daily activities of the birds.

Videos of the Philippine Eagle Foundation’s conservation efforts and the arrival of the birds to Jurong Bird Park were shown across the park’s tram stations from June 4 to 10.

DENR-BMB OIC Director Natividad Y. Bernardino emphasized the role of Filipinos as “responsible citizens to usher in a new era of commitment to save our threatened fauna, especially our National Bird.”

“We need to stand up and chart our path that will lead us to the next level of truly understanding the plight of our national bird,” Bernardino said.

### Battle against loss of forest habitat

The Philippine eagle, with the scientific name *Pithecophaga jefferyi*, is considered a critically endangered species that is endemic to the country.



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“Salagbanog’s capture was a testament to the Philippine eagles’ continuing battle on the loss of its forest habitat and a chance for the bird to get back up on its feet, survive and live out freely, thereby carving its own niche,” he said.

“The battle for these birds is undeniably our own battle too,” Sampuna added.

### A ‘lucky’ survivor

Salagbanog was fortunate to have survived several attempts to its life, he said.

The eagle was rescued after being trapped with thorny rattan vines, while preying on a monkey at Salagbanog Falls in Barangay Ticulab, Maitum town, Sarangani province, on January 9, 2021.

An x-ray showed that a “big marble” was palpable under its skin, while a smaller pellet was detected on its right clavicle.

The marble was used in an improvised airgun as a bullet to shoot the bird.

The injuries inflicted on the bird also showed that the had probably occurred earlier and remained unnoticed until its capture.

Prior to Salagbanog’s release, a veterinarian checked its health that showed the bird was healthy and free from any disease.

### Sarangani: A stronghold of Philippine Eagle

Ibanez said through the initiative of the Maitum Mayor Alexander Bryan B. Reganit, Salagbanog has been renamed as “Sarangani eagle,” to represent the reputation of the province as a stronghold of Philippine Eagle population.

“So far, since the 1990s, we have rescued a total of five Philippine eagles from the forest of Sarangani. And we know of at least three Philippine eagle nesting sites in [the province],” Ibanez told the BusinessMirror in an interview via Messenger on June 8.

According to Ibanez, because of the support of various stakeholders, particularly the communities in Sarangani province, the release of Sarangani Eagle will be the sixth within the pandemic.

He credited the support of the LGUs, the private sector, especially, the private citizens, who he described as like the “crowd funding” that strengthens the PEF’s Philippine eagle rescue and rehabilitation effort.

### GPS tracker

Like all Philippine eagles previously released by the DENR and the PEF, Sarangani eagle will be monitored through a Global Positioning Satellite (GPS).

“In this release, the Sarangani Energy Corp. and Siguil Hydro Power Corp. are providing funds for the purchase of radio and satellite transmitters for Sarangani eagle,” Ibanez said.

“We cannot release Sarangani without a GPS tracker. That is the only way we can monitor the bird and know that it is alive,” he added.





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### ‘Help save PHL Eagle’

To those who continue to hunt birds of prey, particularly the iconic monkey-eating Philippine eagle, Ibanez made his appeal to help protect and save the eagle instead of risking prosecution.

He pointed out that hunting, harming, or harvesting of wildlife is illegal.

“We encourage wildlife hunters and those collecting biodiversity in the wild that there is an alternative. And that alternative is helping the nation preserve what remains of our natural resources,” he said.

“We have proven time and again that we can improve the lives of communities, including the hunters, through conservation. So we are encouraging them to participate in the conservation movement and see for themselves that it can actually help them with their other aspirations,” he said.

### Ecosystem indicator

The Philippine Eagle, an apex predator, is an ecosystem indicator, Sampulna said.

The presence of the Philippine eagle in the country’s forests, he said, speaks of a sustainable and rich environment.

“Therefore, as we let go of a national treasure to give one more bird a chance to be free again, it should remind us that wildlife, just like people, have to fulfill their roles for the sustenance of life on earth,” he said.



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Sa Barangay Taluya sa Glan, Sarangani, nakakolekta ang mga mangingisda ng aabot sa 11,764 crown-of-thorns starfish bilang pakikiisa sa Coral Triangle Day noong Hunyo 9.

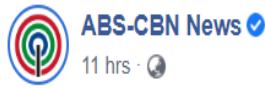
Ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office, nananatiling problema ang nasabing uri ng starfish dahil mapanganib ito sa coral reefs. Itinuturing itong coral predators.

Mula noong last quarter ng 2021, aabot na sa mahigit 150,000 crown-of-thorns starfish ang nakolekta sa Sarangani Bay. Ayon sa Sarangani Bay Protected Seascape, nagbibigay sila ng ayudang bigas sa mga makakakolekta ng maraming crown-of-thorns starfish.

Sa Boracay, sumama naman sa paglilinis sina Mickey at Minnie Mouse noong Hunyo 8, World Ocean's Day. Layunin ng aktibidad na mapanatiling malinis ang coastal area. (📷: DENR Soccsksargen; PAMO-SBPS; Astrophel Tabanera) | via Hernel Tocmo; Rolan Escaniel

BASAHING ang kaugnay na ulat: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/.../crown-of-thorns-starfish-kinokol...>





Na-rescue noong Mayo 30 ang isang green sea turtle matapos aksidenteng pumasok sa fishing net sa Barangay Lasang, Davao City.

Sa pagsusuri ng mga eksperto, may timbang na 315 kilo ang pawikan at habang 150 sentimetro. Pinakawalan din ito matapos madokumento at malagyan ng tag.

Samantala, nasagip noong Mayo 26 ang isang hawksbill sea turtle sa Barangay Tibpuan, Lebak, Sultan Kudarat.

Ayon sa Community Environment and Natural Resources Office, na-trap sa lambat ang pawikan pero agad ding na-rescue at pinakawalan.

May pinakawalan ding olive ridley sea turtle na na-trap sa lambat sa Barangay Cawit Extension sa Magallanes, Sorsogon Miyerkoles.

Ayon sa fisheries technologist ng Municipal Agriculture Office, nasa mabuting kondisyon ang pawikan na tinatayang nasa 50 kilo ang bigat.

Isang tarsier naman ang nakita sa gubat sa Barangay Katipunan, Arakan, Cotabato noong Hunyo 2.

Kuwento ng nagbahagi ng larawan na si Argie Mae Misamen, naglilinis siya ng damo at talahib nang makita ang isang tarsier. Ikinagulat niya ito dahil inakalang sa Bohol lamang makikita ito. (📍: Barangay Lasang; CENRO Kalamansig; Marion Alcantara) | via Hernel Tocmo; Karren Canon

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## Connecting collective actions for the future of the oceans



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Collective actions help keep marine biodiversity vibrant and thriving. This is manifested in the corals and other sea life in the deep waters of Apo Island of the Apo Reef Natural Park off Negros Island in the Visayas.

Oceans and seas may physically divide the Earth's land mass, but these bodies of water actually connect our lives, our biodiversity, and our natural heritage.

Consider the humble larvae: it may be miniscule in size but their dispersal and migration patterns are huge indicators of the health of marine ecosystems, the Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) said.

ACB Executive Director Dr. Theresa Mundita Lim said healthy marine ecosystems are an assurance that there is a consistent supply of larva of many species of fish and invertebrates.

She said Coral and fish larvae can be brought to far distances by ocean currents, demonstrating the ecological connectivity of habitats in every marine ecosystem in the planet.

Larval migration pattern also helps to pinpoint important areas that must be protected to ensure the survival of fish and invertebrates, and thus, the productivity of coastal and marine ecosystems.

"Unfortunately, the marine biodiversity in the oceans and seas is declining at an alarming rate," Lim said.

Ninety-five percent of reefs are threatened; while hard coral cover on reefs are declining at an average rate of 2 percent per year since the 1980s.

ACB said that this trend indicates that conservation and revitalization needs to be done in ensuring the sustainable use of marine ecosystems, considering its fragile state and the benefits we derive from its management.



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### Regional efforts for science-based support system

Facilitating the connection and cooperation among the 10 Asean member states is among the main thrust of the ACB, the region's center of excellence for biodiversity.

For 16 years, the organization has been pooling and providing support for the conservation actions in Asean, often in the form of capacity enhancement, experiential learning programmes, livelihood support and communication, education and public awareness activities.

One of the recent efforts undertaken by the ACB in cooperation with the Asean members was the consultation on the development of a regional science-based decision support system.

By determining the conditions, needs, and challenges in biodiversity information of the Asean, the ACB hopes to help harmonise access to biodiversity data through a cooperative and well-coordinated intergovernmental approach.

“Addressing the challenge of marine biodiversity loss would require better implementation and operationalisation of environmental policies, regulation, and enforcement,” Lim said.

“The response should be reinforced with apt institutional and technical capacity as well as ardent coordination and strong community support and involvement,” she added.

Lim pointed out: “Decision-making for conservation and management actions will be made more effective if key stakeholders are informed by accurate, reliable, and timely scientific information.”

### Cross-sectoral cooperation for biodiversity information

A series of online surveys, national consultations and regional discussions led by the ACB in collaboration with the government of Norway through the project, “Mobilizing Stakeholders to Inform the Development of a Science-based Decision Support System for Coastal Wetlands in the Asean Region,” which commenced late last year, underscored the importance of establishing an information support system that will cater to the wide range of needs of the different stakeholders.

Discussions around the information requirements highlighted that government institutions are more inclined to use the data for planning, decision-making, and reporting.

Research centers and the academe, on the other hand, emphasised the use of data for research, education, and the monitoring of physical conditions of ecosystems.

For nongovernment organizations and other sectors, these valuable knowledge are used for evaluating and monitoring initiatives.

“The ways forward for Asean biodiversity should be four-pronged, with the involvement of policy-makers, corporate sectors, conservationists and the general public,” said Christian Elloran, data specialist for the Biodiversity Information Management.

Elloran emphasised the role of effective data management, understanding how to bridge gaps, and implementing best practices in managing data as keys toward the efficiency of knowledge



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platforms, such as the Asean Biodiversity Dashboard, Asean Clearing-House Mechanism and the Asean Biodiversity Outlook.

Strengthened participation from various sectors can help ensure that biodiversity information databases are interoperable, accessible, understandable and reliable, ACB said.

### Collective action for the ocean

With the theme, “Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean,” the World Ocean Day celebration on June 8 highlighted the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration and synergies to enable more powerful and near-real time biodiversity target tracking.

ACB said fostering cooperation can help better identify and address critical emerging issues facing coastal and marine biodiversity in the Asean region.

“Indeed, just as our oceans and seas are interconnected, so must our actions be, to make the necessary transformation to a better and more resilient Asean,” Lim said.

“May we also take inspiration from this year’s Asean Summit theme, ‘Asean ACT: Addressing Challenges Together,’ as we enhance our efforts in protecting our coastal and marine biodiversity,” she pointed out.



## Dolomite beach, bubuksan sa publiko



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Muling bubuksan sa publiko ang Manila Bay Walk Dolomite Beach sa June 12 kasabay nang pagdiriwang ng Araw ng Kalayaan kaya naman puspusan na ang paghahanda para dito.

Pinipinturahan na ang mga bakod, tuloy-tuloy ang paglilinis, at pinapantay at inilalatag nang maayos ang mga buhangin habang nakahilera na rin ang mga ilalagay na bike rack at bollards.

Kahit nakasara pa at napakainit ng panahon, may ilang mga napunta na nais sanang mamasyal sa loob ng dolomite beach pero hindi sila pinayagan ng mga security guard kaya naman hanggang selfie at groupie na lang ang nagawa ng mga namasyal.

Magpupulong pa ang mga pulis para plantsahin ang latag ng seguridad at para malaman kung ilan ang ide-deploy nila.

Pero una nang nagpaalala ang Manila Bay Coordinating Office na ang muling pagbubukas ng beach ay para lamang sa pamamasyal, paglalakad at panonood ng sunset at hindi para sa pagligo doon.

Paalala rin ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na sa muling pagbubukas ng dolomite beach ay mahigpit pa ring paiiralin ang health protocols kontra COVID-19.



## Dolomite beach, bubuksan sa publiko

Mainam na magsuot ng face mask, at hangga't maaari anila ay dapat fully vaccinated na.

Nasa 1,500 hanggang 3,500 na katao ang papayagang makapasok sa tukoy na mga oras sa kahabaan ng 500-meter dolomite beach upang matiyak na masusunod ang minimum health protocols.





## Dolomite beach pinasyalan bago pa muling buksan sa publiko



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MANILA, Philippines- Isang araw bago muling buksan ang Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach sa Linggo, binisita ito ng mga mga tao upang kumuha ng larawan.

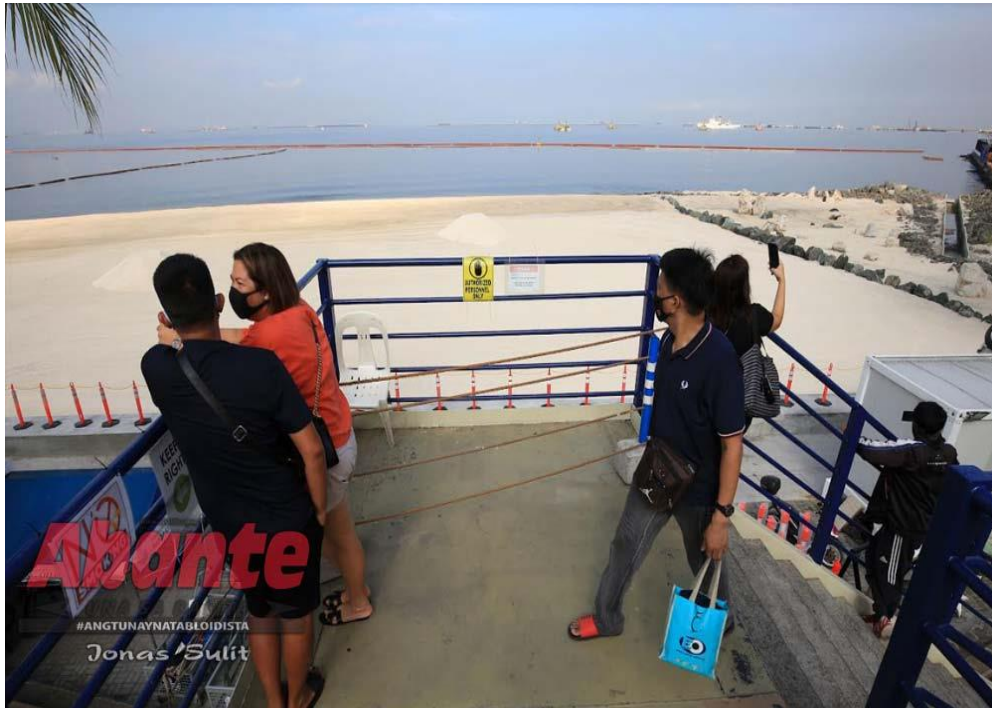
Inihayag nila ang pagkasabik sa muling pagbubukas sa publiko ng 500-meter “white sand beach,” na proyekto ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)..

Inanunsyo ng DENR na bubuksang muli anh dolomite beach sa Hunyo 12, kasabay ng pagdiriwang nv Independence Day at bago matapos ang termino ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte. **RNT/SA**



## Bawal swimming sa Dolomite Beach – DENR

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MAHIGPIT pa ring ipinagbabawal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang pagligo o paglangoy sa Dolomite Beach kasabay ng pagbubukas nito ngayong araw.

Sinabi ni DENR acting Secretary Jim Sampulna na delikado pa sa kalusugan ng tao ang kalidad ng tubig sa nasabing baybayin kaya hindi pa dapat itong pagliguan at paglanguyan.

Aniya, hindi pa naaabot ng kalidad ng tubig sa Dolomite Beach ang standard fecal coliform level para maging ligtas ito sa publiko.

Bubuksan aniya ito sa publiko para pasyalan lang at hindi para maging venue ng outing o swimming.

Source: <https://www.abante.com.ph/bawal-swimming-sa-dolomite-beach-denr/>



**NATION**

## DENR: Daily waste generation at 5.59 tons



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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga — The local government here revealed that the daily wastes generated nationwide has reached about 5.59 tons as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Central Luzon renewed its call to the public to do their part in the proper disposal and segregation of wastes.

DENR assistant regional director for Management Services Laudemir Salac said that with the accumulation of used masks and other personal protective equipment which are mostly non-biodegradable, there is really a need to segregate trash.

“Data from the Environmental Management Bureau shows that in the previous year, daily wastes generated nationwide reached about 5.59 tons. Of these mixed wastes, about 3.91 tons composed of both biodegradable and non-biodegradables; 1.39 tons are being disposed; while 279,920 kilos are residual wastes which should be disposed in sanitary landfill areas,” Salac said.

With this amount of garbage generated daily, Salac stressed the negative impacts it can cause to the environment if these wastes were not properly disposed and segregated, saying that one impact is water pollution.

Source: <https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2022/06/12/denr-daily-waste-generation-at-5-59-tons/>



## Employee volunteers hold underwater, seaside clean-up in Batangas

By [Shennah Romanillos](#)

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Plastic pollution remains one of the biggest environmental problems in the world. The excessive accumulation of plastic has negatively impacted animals and humans alike. It has also polluted the oceans which sustains humanity and has endangered marine life.



Nestlé [PH](#) employees conducted seaside and underwater clean-up to celebrate World Oceans Day.



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In the [Philippines](#), a market study of the [World Bank](#) showed the country generates 2.7 million tons of plastic waste every year, with estimated 20 percent ending up in the ocean. As such, the country is considered one of the top contributors to plastic pollution around the world.

With this in mind, Nestlé Philippines, in celebration of World Oceans Day, organized a clean-up dive and beach clean-up in Mabini, Batangas on June 3. It was conducted under "Nestlé Cares," a global volunteer program by which employees conduct activities that positively impact communities and the planet; and in partnership with marine conservation and social enterprise, Pure Oceans.

"Taking part in today's clean up activity together with my coworkers is a very fulfilling experience. Nestlé Philippines encourages us to live out our commitments to the environment in our own ways as Kasambuhay ng Kalikasan. No matter how big or small it may be, we can always do something to care for and preserve our planet for future generations," said employee volunteer [Natalie Grace Toralballa](#), Material Handling Lead of Nestlé PH Tanauan Factory.

Nestlé Philippines has taken significant steps to address plastic pollution. It is the first food and beverage company in the Philippines to transition to paper straw for ready to drink products. The company has also reduced the amount of plastic on product packaging. Nestlé PH has also developed and rolled out the Philippine's first Solid [Waste Management](#) education modules to 20,000 public schools across the country.

"Our vision at Nestlé is that none of our packaging, including plastics, ends up in landfill, oceans, lakes and rivers. We are working hard to deliver on it and help achieve a waste-free future. Among our commitments, 100 percent of our packaging will be recyclable or reusable by 2025. And we will reduce our consumption of virgin plastics by 1/3 also by 2025," Christine Ponce-Garcia, sustainability lead of Nestlé PH, noted.



## Synchronized clean-up drive sa Las Piñas ikinasa



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MANILA, Philippines- Itinakda ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Las Piñas ang synchronized clean-up drive sa Hunyo 24 na isang pamamaraan upang mapigil ang pagkalat ng sakit na dengue sa lungsod.

Ito ay napag-alaman kay Las Piñas City Mayor Imelda 'Mel' Aguilar matapos ang kanyang pagpupulong sa mga kapitan ng barangay at kanilang mga representante kabilang ang mga miyembro ng Health and Sanitation Office at City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) in para sa preparasyon ng pagsasagawa ng synchronized clean-up drive sa buong lungsod.

Ipinaliwanag naman ng mga doktor ng City Health Office (CHO) na pinamunuan ni Dr. Juliana Gonzalez sa mga lumahok sa nabanggit na pagpupulong ang pagpapanatili ng 4S — Search and destroy, Seek early consultation, Self-protection measure, at Say No to indiscriminate fogging — na pamamaraan para makaiwas sa pagkalat ng dengue sa lungsod.

Sa pagpapaliwanag ng CHO ay ipinagpatuloy naman ni Las Piñas dengue coordinator Dr. Norberto Tiu Aguilar ang pagpapaliwanag sa mga residente kung ano ang dengue, papaano nakukuha ang sakit na ito ng isang tao, at kung papaano maiiwasan ang pagkalat nito sa lungsod.

Nanawagan din si Aguilar sa mga punong barangay na hikayatin ang mga konstituente sa kani-kanilang lugar na nasasakupan na makibahagi sa isasagawang synchronized clean-up drive na gaganapin sa Hunyo 24 na sisira sa pinamumugaran ng mga lamok na nagdudulot ng sakit na dengue. **James I. Catapusan**

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/synchronized-clean-up-drive-sa-las-pin-as-ikinasa/>



## Globe, WWF team up for climate education

By [Richmond Mercurio](#) (The Philippine Star)

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**MANILA, Philippines — Globe Telecom Inc. has teamed up with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines to promote climate education to the public.**

The partnership seeks to encourage Filipinos to learn more about how they can care for the environment and take part in climate action through Camp Kalikasan, an online digital resource center where Filipinos can learn the basics of how to combat climate change.

“Globe recognizes that raising environmental awareness is a critical component to drive environmental conservation and sustainable practices,” Globe chief sustainability and corporate communications officer Yoly Crisanto said.

“Through Camp Kalikasan, we hope to impart the importance of environmental stewardship and sustainability, and educate the public on how they can contribute to climate action in their own way,” Crisanto said.

The online digital resource center features multimedia content such as animated videos, films, stories, digital modules, quizzes, puzzles, and games designed for students and the youth.

The web-based platform also includes credible resource materials to help teachers integrate environmental topics into their subjects.

It likewise has interactive activities that students can do with their parents and teachers.

Globe said the collaboration with WWF Philippines is part of the company’s commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

WWF Philippines has been working as a national organization of the WWF network since 1997.

It works to improve Filipino lives by crafting solutions to climate change, providing sustainable livelihood programs, and conserving the country’s richest marine and land habitats.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/business/2022/06/12/2187705/globe-wwf-team-climate-education/amp/>



## Addressing climate change should be prioritized – NEDA

[Louise Maureen Simeon](#) - The Philippine Star

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Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Karl Chua emphasized that solutions to climate change need to be placed at the heart of economic planning in the Philippines. Doing so would help the country achieve the Ambisyon Natin 2040, which is the long-term vision and aspirations of the Filipino people for themselves and for the country in the years to come.

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MANILA, Philippines — Adapting and mitigating the worsening impacts of climate change should be prioritized in socioeconomic planning to achieve the country’s long-term vision.

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Chua maintained that addressing the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution has become the government’s development challenge.

“If we are to eradicate extreme poverty in the Philippines by 2040 and hand down a better planet, climate change adaptation and mitigation need to be placed at the heart of socioeconomic planning,” he said.

Greenhouse gas emissions, declining health of terrestrial and marine ecosystems and pollution and waste are among the problems that countries are facing that impact economic growth.





## Addressing climate change should be prioritized – NEDA

Chua said the National Economic and Development Authority or NEDA has proposed that the next Philippine Development Plan should have a theme of “saving our planet, saving our country.”

To address environmental problems, the government formulated the Philippine Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production to provide the guiding framework towards the shift to sustainable and climate-smart practices and behaviors across sectors.

This is targeted to facilitate green recovery by integrating circular economy approaches to attain the Sustainable Development Goals.

“The country will be hard-pressed to address pollution and shift to sustainable consumption and production if there is a large scale of inequality in the country, where the poor cannot afford to eliminate, for instance, the tingi culture,” Chua



## Asian countries: Make climate finance pro-poor, equitable, people-centered



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BALI, Indonesia—Governments and civil society groups from South and Southeast Asia signed an agreement to enable inclusive, gender equitable, and human rights-based climate and disaster financing for vulnerable nations.

“Worsening climate change impacts, particularly episodic extreme weather events, are threatening no less than the long-term economic viability of developing countries,” said Sönke Kreft, executive director of the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative, in a recent workshop hosted by the Manila-based international think tank Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (ICSC), a news release said.

“Climate and disaster risk finance and insurance [CDRFI] is thus central to the response to such an existential threat by making urgently needed resources available and by providing more inclusive and responsive services. Through CDRFI, countries can develop stronger, more coordinated climate change and disaster strategies,” Kreft added.

The workshop was held under the Multi-Actor Partnership (MAP) project on climate and disaster risk finance. It is in the context of the InsuResilience Global Partnership, a global initiative that aims to protect essential sectors from climate change and disasters risks and by promoting stronger ties between governments, civil society groups, academia, and the private sector.

Participants represented government agencies and civil society groups in the Philippines, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka.



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“We recognize that the systemic problems of society will be further exacerbated by climate impacts, both rapid and slow onset events,” said the country representatives in a joint agreement,” which served as the output of the three-day regional workshop, days after the conclusion of the Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction of the United Nations.

The joint agreement added: “We also recognize that these impacts, though encompassing, will disproportionately affect people depending on their levels of vulnerability.”

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in its latest physical science report, said extreme weather events will be more prominent in the region—particularly stronger tropical storms in Southeast Asia, and more frequent and intense heat waves in South Asia—making initiatives like CDRFI all the more crucial.

According to the agreement, “From the resource sessions, country presentations, and workshops, it is clear that even if we have a gargantuan task ahead of us, we remain positive that successful risk layering and management can be pushed through a concerted effort of various stakeholders. We all have a role to play to start this process, no contribution is too small.”

Sara Jane Ahmed, founder of the Financial Futures Center and advisor to the Vulnerable 20 (V20) Group of Ministers of Finance, cited the way CDRFI tools are being developed under the Group of 20+ and V20 InsuResilience Global Partnership.

Its aim is to protect 500 million poor and vulnerable people by 2025 against physical climate shocks, including the Sustainable Insurance Facility and the Global Risk Modelling Alliance, she said.

“Smart premium subsidization and access to risk analytics are key ingredients to build markets that can help manage climate-fueled risks, drive investments, and build prepared institutions in a highly effective way and to encourage a system that delivers resilience, climate justice, and prosperity, to economies and vulnerable communities,” she added.

“The pandemic has shown us opportunities and the limits of conventional approaches. Taking a few steps back has allowed us to see what we can do together, driven by the opportunity to more responsive and effective ways to collaborate,” said Angelo Kairos Dela Cruz, deputy executive director of ICSC, who leads the implementation of MAP in the Philippines.

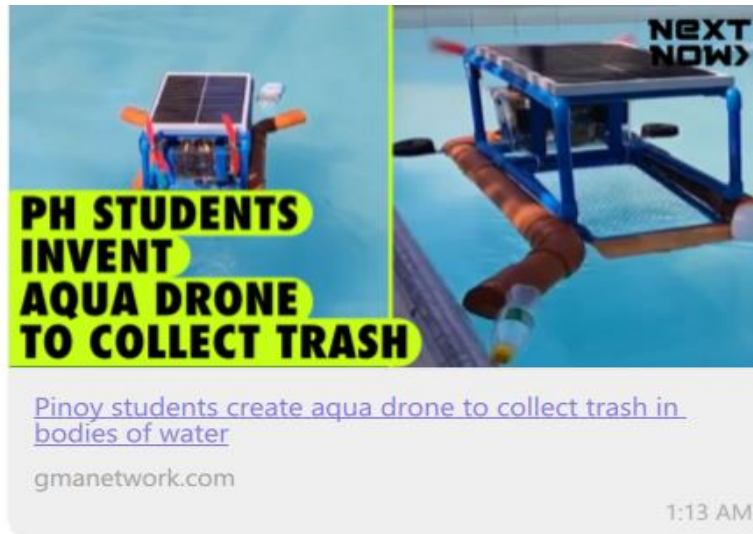
Dela Cruz added: “We certainly hope to reach more countries in the following years as we deepen our engagement with Indonesia, Vietnam and Thailand.”

“We are looking at different country systems to understand and advance what works and how initiatives can be scaled up and replicated regionally and globally. This is an opportunity for our common enterprise to take on more responsibilities and roles in Asia,” he said.



## Pinoy students create aqua drone to collect trash in bodies of water

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A group of Filipino students created a drone that can float on water to collect trash in seas, lakes, and rivers.

Called the Ocdron, the aqua drone is the thesis of Jean Michel Gomez, Allain Vincent Gaspar, Mel Ivan Magsino, and Christian Gaspar, who study software engineering at iAcademy.

The drone is powered by solar energy and controlled using a mobile app. Aside from collecting trash, the device releases lime powder to balance the pH level of the water.

According to the group, they developed the aqua drone after noticing that there are more cleanup drives on land than in bodies of water.

They also said their device is cheaper than other waste pickup drones, so hopefully it can be used by more people.

—MGP, GMA News

Source: [https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/scitech/technology/834641/pinoy-students-create-aqua-drone-to-collect-trash-in-bodies-of-water/story/?fbclid=IwARobS5wOoFnTV55Ut8vG5\\_7axccBsWVNltKNQXJKE6J\\_45mEMvKTEVZRok](https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/scitech/technology/834641/pinoy-students-create-aqua-drone-to-collect-trash-in-bodies-of-water/story/?fbclid=IwARobS5wOoFnTV55Ut8vG5_7axccBsWVNltKNQXJKE6J_45mEMvKTEVZRok)



## Patay na Megamouth shark, natagpuan sa Sorsogon

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*Kuha ng BFAR Bicol*

Isang patay na Megamouth shark ang natagpuan ng mga mangingisda sa dalampasigan ng Barangay Bagacay, Gubat, Sorsogon nitong Sabado.

Ayon sa tagapagsalita ng Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources-Bicol na si Nonie Enolva, nocturnal o aktibo ito sa gabi at napakabagal lumangoy kaya posibleng ang ilang oras na pagkaka-trap sa lambat ang sanhi ng pagkamatay nito.

Sa tantiya ni Enolva na hepe rin ng Fisheries Resource Management Section ng BFAR-Bicol, nasa 15-talampakan ang haba ng Megamouth, kaya maituturing na itong adult.

Bagamat isang deepwater shark, gentle giants na maituturing ang mga Megamouth dahil wala pang naiulat na banta ito sa tao.

Hindi rin umano matiyak ng mga eksperto ang conservation status nito dahil bihirang makita.

Dahil minsan lang makita ang mga Megamouth, nais ni Enolva na i-preserba sana ito para magamit sa awareness campaign.

Ikatlong pagkakataon na ito na may napadpad na Megamouth shark sa Bicol sa loob ng halos 13 taon.

Ang unang naitala ay noong 2009 sa Donsol, Sorsogon at pangalawa sa Pio Duran, Albay noong 2015. - **ulat ni Jonathan Magistrado**

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Namataan sa isang resort sa Barangay Tuno, Tibiao, Antique ang itinuturing na isa sa mga "pinakamatangkad" na bulaklak sa mundo. Uroy kung tawagin ng mga taga-Antique ang amorphophallus. (📷: Shiela Jane Setias/Darling Mountain Resort) | via Rolen Escaniel

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Spotted in a resort in Barangay Tuno, Tibiao, Antique is considered one of the "tallest" flowers in the world. This is what the Antiques call amorphophallus. (📷: Shiela Jane Setias/Darling Mountain Resort) | via Rolen Escaniel Related report: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/life/06/16/20/look-flower-that-towers-over-8-foot-spotted-in-masungi-georeserve>

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## DENR: Daily waste generation at 5.59 tons

BY MAR SUPNAD

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga – The local government here revealed that the daily wastes generated nationwide has reached about 5.59 tons as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Central Luzon renewed its call to the public to do their part in the proper disposal and segregation of wastes.

DENR assistant regional director for Management Services Laudemir Salac said that with the accumulation of used masks and other personal protective equipment which are mostly non-biodegradable, there is really a need to segregate trash.

“Data from the Environmental Management Bureau shows that in the previous year, daily wastes generated nationwide reached about 5.59 tons. Of these mixed wastes, about 3.91 tons composed of both biodegradable and non-biodegradables; 1.39 tons are being disposed; while 270,020 kilos are residual wastes which should be disposed in sanitary landfill areas,” Salac said.

With this amount of garbage generated daily, Salac stressed the negative impacts it can cause to the environment if these wastes were not properly disposed and segregated, saying that one impact is water pollution.





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## Dolomite Beach bubuksan na ngayon Independence Day

Isang araw bago ang muling pagbubukas ng tinaguriang Dolomite beach sa Manila Bay, dinagsa na ito ng marami dahil sa pananabik na muling mapasyalan.

Mayroon pang mga magka-pamilya na dala ang kanilang mga anak ang sumilip at nag-selfie sa 500 metrong artificial beach na proyekto

ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Ayon sa DENR, ngayong araw (Hunyo 12) kasabay sa pagdiriwang ng Araw ng Kalayaan muling bubuksan sa publiko ang Dolomite beach.

Nauna nang naging kontrobersiyal ang nasabing proyekto sa mga isyung

ibinato ng ilang environmental group at eksperto na ang nag-alala tungkol sa mga diumano'y panganib nang durog na dolomite sa kapaligiran.

Nanindigan ang DENR na ligtas ang dolomite sand na ginamit para sa man-made beach. *(Ludy Bermudo)*



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### Bawal swimming sa Dolomite Beach - DENR

MAHIGPIT pa ring ipinagbabawal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang pagligo o paglangoy sa Dolomite Beach kasabay ng pagbubukas nito ngayong araw.

Sinabi ni DENR acting Secretary Jim Sampulna na delikado pa sa kalusugan ng tao ang kalidad ng tubig sa nasabing baybayin kaya hindi pa dapat itong pagliguan at paglanguyan.

Aniya, hindi pa naabot ng kalidad ng tubig sa Dolomite Beach ang standard fecal coliform level para maging ligtas ito sa publiko.

Bubuksan aniya ito sa publiko para pasyalan lang at hindi para maging venue ng outing o swimming.



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## Climate resiliency needs global paradigm shift

The Philippines urged nations to shift the global paradigm to effectively address the climate crisis to speed up resilience, achieve sustainable development and strengthen environmental protection.

At the plenary session of the Stockholm+50 International Meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, Climate Change Secretary Robert

Borje urged nations to go beyond "Build Back Better" and choose to "Build Right at First Sight."

Borje pointed out that global resources committed to climate change adaptation available for developing nations were diminishing and necessitated a change in approach.

He stressed that in order to optimize limited financial

resources, there is a need to prevent disasters and that it is important to get efforts right at "first sight," noting that planning, political will and best available science and technology would be crucial.

"We must go beyond build-back-better. With limited resources available, let us choose to 'Build Right at First Sight: Avert disasters.' Work smart, have adequate resources, and anchor policies and programs on universally accessible climate science and technology," Borje emphasized.

He likewise called on ramped up assistance by the developed countries as developing nations like the Philippines continue to grapple with the impacts of climate change.

"For those who are most responsible for climate change, with the most resources, you need to do more. This is climate justice," Borje said.

"Let me say this loudly and clearly – this should not be a choice but an obligation. Justice requires this. Our collective moral fiber should be outraged if we cannot deliver climate justice," he underscored.



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FINANCE Secretary Carlos Dominguez III and Asian Development Bank Deputy Director General Winfried Wicklein exchange loan documents for the country's climate change adaptation and mitigation programs.



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## Connecting collective actions for the future of the oceans

**O**CEANS and seas may physically divide the Earth's land mass, but these bodies of water actually connect our lives, our biodiversity, and our natural heritage.

Consider the humble larvae: it may be minuscule in size but their dispersal and migration patterns are huge indicators of the health of marine ecosystems, the Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) said.

ACB Executive Director Dr. Theresa Mundita Lim said healthy marine ecosystems are an assurance that there is a consistent supply of larva of many species of fish and invertebrates.

She said Coral and fish larvae can be brought to far distances by ocean currents, demonstrating the ecological connectivity of habitats in every marine ecosystem in the planet.

Larval migration pattern also helps to pinpoint important areas that must be protected to ensure the survival of fish and invertebrates, and thus, the productivity of coastal and marine ecosystems.

"Unfortunately, the marine biodiversity in the oceans and seas is declining at an alarming rate," Lim said.

Ninety-five percent of reefs are threatened, while hard coral cover on reefs are declining at an average rate of 2 percent per year since the 1980s.

ACB said that this trend indicates that conservation and revitalization needs to be done in ensuring the sustainable use of marine ecosystems, considering its fragile state and the benefits we derive from its management.

### Regional efforts for science-based support system

FACILITATING the connection and cooperation among the 10 Asean member states is among the main thrust of the ACB, the region's center of excellence for biodiversity.

For 16 years, the organization has been pooling and providing support for the conservation actions in Asean, often in the form of capacity enhancement, experiential learning programmes, livelihood support

and communication, education and public awareness activities.

One of the recent efforts undertaken by the ACB in cooperation with the Asean members was the consultation on the development of a regional science-based decision support system.

By determining the conditions, needs, and challenges in biodiversity information of the Asean, the ACB hopes to help harmonise access to biodiversity data through a cooperative and well-coordinated intergovernmental approach.

"Addressing the challenge of marine biodiversity loss would require better implementation and operationalisation of environmental policies, regulation, and enforcement," Lim said.

"The response should be reinforced with apt institutional and technical capacity as well as ardent coordination and strong community support and involvement," she added.

Lim pointed out: "Decision-making for conservation and management actions will be made more effective if key stakeholders are informed by accurate, reliable, and timely scientific information."

### Cross-sectoral cooperation for biodiversity information

A SERIES of online surveys, national consultations and regional discussions led by the ACB in collaboration with the government of Norway through the project, "Mobilizing Stakeholders to Inform the Development of a Science-based Decision Support System for Coastal Wetlands in the Asean Region," which commenced late last year, underscored the importance of establishing an information support system that will cater to the wide range of needs of the different stakeholders.

Discussions around the information requirements highlighted that government institutions are more inclined to use the data for planning, decision-making, and reporting.

Research centers and the academe, on the

other hand, emphasised the use of data for research, education, and the monitoring of physical conditions of ecosystems.

For nongovernment organizations and other sectors, these valuable knowledge are used for evaluating and monitoring initiatives.

"The ways forward for Asean biodiversity should be four-pronged, with the involvement of policy-makers, corporate sectors, conservationists and the general public," said Christian Elloran, data specialist for the Biodiversity Information Management.

Elloran emphasised the role of effective data management, understanding how to bridge gaps, and implementing best practices in managing data as keys toward the efficiency of knowledge platforms, such as the Asean Biodiversity Dashboard, Asean Clearing-House Mechanism and the Asean Biodiversity Outlook.

Strengthened participation from various sectors can help ensure that biodiversity information databases are interoperable, accessible, understandable and reliable, ACB said.

### Collective action for the ocean

WITH the theme, "Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean," the World Ocean Day celebration on June 8 highlighted the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration and synergies to enable more powerful and near-real time biodiversity target tracking.

ACB said fostering cooperation can help better identify and address critical emerging issues facing coastal and marine biodiversity in the Asean region.

"Indeed, just as our oceans and seas are interconnected, so must our actions be, to make the necessary transformation to a better and more resilient Asean," Lim said.

"May we also take inspiration from this year's Asean Summit theme, 'Asean ACT: Addressing Challenges Together,' as we enhance our efforts in protecting our coastal and marine biodiversity," she pointed out.



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# Employee volunteers hold underwater, seaside clean-up in Batangas

BY SHENNAH ROMANILLOS

**P**LASTIC pollution remains one of the biggest environmental problems in the world. The excessive accumulation of plastic has negatively impacted animals and humans alike. It has also polluted the oceans which sustains humanity and has endangered marine life.

In the Philippines, a market study of the World Bank showed the country generates 2.7 million tons of plastic waste every year, with estimated 10 percent ending up in the oceans. As such, the country is considered one of the top contributors to plastic pollution around the world.

With this in mind, Nestlé Philippines, in celebration of World Oceans Day, organized a clean-up drive and beach clean-up in Mabini, Batangas on June 3. It was conducted under "Nestlé Cares," a global volunteer program by which employees conduct activities that positively impact communities and the planet; and in partnership with

marine conservation and social enterprise, Pure Oceans.

"Taking part in today's clean up activity together with my coworkers is a very fulfilling experience. Nestlé Philippines encourages us to live out our commitments to the environment in our own ways as *Kasambahay ng Kalkasan*. No matter how big or small it may be, we can always do something to care for and preserve our planet for future generations," said employee volunteer Natalie Grace Toralbulala, Material Handling Lead of Nestlé PH Tanauan Factory.

Nestlé Philippines has taken significant steps to address plastic pollution. It is the first food and

beverage company in the Philippines to transition to paper straw for ready to drink products. The company has also reduced the amount of plastic on product packaging. Nestlé PH has also developed and rolled out the Philippine's first Solid Waste Management education modules to 20,000 public schools across the country.

"Our vision at Nestlé is that none of our packaging, including plastics, ends up in landfill, oceans, lakes and rivers. We are working hard to deliver on it and help achieve a waste-free future. Among our commitment 100 percent of our packaging will be recyclable or reusable by 2025. And we will reduce our consumption of virgin plastics by 1/3 also by 2025," said Christine Ponce-Garcia, sustainability lead of Nestlé PH, noted.



Nestlé PH employees conducted seaside and underwater clean-up to celebrate World Oceans Day.



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## Meralco joins inter-agency Pasig River clean-up drive

Meralco provided a staging area at its Tegen Substation to temporarily store the water hyacinths removed from the waterways before they were hauled to Vitas Street, Tondo, Manila for proper disposal

To commemorate International Day of Biological Diversity, the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) recently participated in a special inter-agency clean-up activity in Estero de Provisor organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office (PRCMO).

The clean-up activity cleared the inlet surrounding Isla de Provisor in the City of Manila from overgrown water hyacinths which, when left proliferating, can cause flooding during the typhoon season as they restrict the natural flow of water through these vital waterways.

Meralco provided a staging area at its Tegen Substation to temporarily store the water hyacinths removed from the waterways before they were hauled to Vitas Street, Tondo,



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF MERALCO

MERALCO employee-volunteers clear the overgrown water hyacinths found along a portion of Pasig River near Isla de Provisor in Manila.

Manila for proper disposal. Meralco's social development arm, One Meralco Foundation, meanwhile provided tools such as rakes, rain boots, raincoats, gloves and masks and a heavy-duty truck that was used during the clean-up operation.

The Manila local government, the NCR-Regional Community Defense Group, Department of Public Works and Highways, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority and K Line Maritime Academy-Philippines also participated in the clean-up activity.

PRCMO Deputy Director Dr. Teodoro Lloydon C. Bautista expressed gratitude to the agencies and companies that participated in the activity. He said, "At the end of the day, it is not us who are going to benefit from this. It is your children, and your children's children."



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PRCMO Deputy Director Dr. Teodoro Lloydon C. Bautista (6th from left) leads the clean-up activity, which was joined by several Meralco employee volunteers from various offices, such as its Central Distribution Services, Sub Transmission Services, Malate Business Center and Organizational Safety and Business Continuity.



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## Katipunan tree center of Nova Freedom Day rites today

AN ancient "duhat" (Java plum) tree, renamed in 1980 as Katipunan tree, will be the center of the 124th Independence Day celebration in Barangay Kaligayahan, Novaliches today.

The event that will start with flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremonies at 7 a.m. will carry the theme "Pagsulong sa Hamon ng Panibagong Bukas" (Rise towards the challenges of a new be-

ginning).

The tree is located at the compound of the 75-year-old Metro Manila College (MMC), formerly the Novaliches Academy, the pioneer secondary and tertiary educational institution in the town now shared by neighbors Quezon City and Caloocan City.

The celebration will be under the joint sponsorship of the MMC management and the Knights of Columbus Fourth De-

gree - Saint Maximilian Ma. Kolbe Church in the said village.

Novaliches civic-religious leader Mario Malacad, past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus-Immaculate Conception Parish in neighboring Barangay San Agustin, said the event will mark the return of festivities after the 2020 and 2021 suspension caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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## Katipunan tree 'center' of Nova Freedom Day rites

AN ancient "duhat" (Java plum) tree, renamed in 1980 as the Katipunan tree, will be the center of the 124th Independence Day celebration in Barangay Kaligayahan, Novaliches today, June 12.

The event will start with flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremonies at 7:00 a.m. and will carry the theme "Tagsulong sa Hamon ng Panibagong Bukas" (Rise towards the challenges of a new beginning). The tree is located at the compound of the 75-year-old Metro Manila College (MMC), formerly the Novaliches Academy, the pioneer secondary and tertiary educational institution in the town now shared by neighbors Quezon City and Caloocan City.

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Novaliches civic-religious leader Mario Malacad, past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus-Immaculate Conception Parish in neighboring Bgy. San Agustin said the event would mark the return of festivities after the 2020 and 2021 suspensions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The heritage tree was renamed "Katipunan" to preserve the memory of the revolutionary society led by Andres Bonifacio and that of revolutionary heroine Melchora Aquino, also known as "Tandang Sora".

When it was officially marked in April 1980 by

the former National Historical Institute (NHI), the old tree measured six meters in diameter at the base and about 50 feet in height.

The shade generated by its outspread branches used to be about 30 feet in diameter.

Due to its old age, its height is now reduced to about 25 feet, considering the gradual loss of many of its branches which had not regrown. The shade it generates also became smaller.

The NHI marker, now 42 years old, was signed by former NHI chair Esteban de Ocampo, the late MMC founder and president Dr. Mamerto Miranda, and then-Tree Preservation Foundation of the Philippines Inc. president Nicolas Lansingan. PNA



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# Masks remain; DOH asks LGUs to follow uniform health protocols

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora June 11, 2022, 4:19 pm

	 N95	 Surgical Mask	 Cloth Mask	 REwear Mask
Intended Use and purpose	Reduces wearer's exposure to particulates including small particles aerosols and large droplets (only non-oil aerosols)	Fluid resistant and provides the wearer protection against large droplets, splashes of bodily or other hazardous fluids. Protects the patient from the wearer's respiratory emissions	Not fluid resistant	Fluid resistant and provides the wearer protection against large droplets, splashes of bodily or other hazardous fluids. Protects the patient from the wearer's respiratory emissions
Breathability	Difficult	Breathable	Breathable (cotton-based)/ Non-breathable (synthetic-based); may get warm	Breathable; may get warm
Fit	Tight-fitting	Loose-fitting	Maybe loose-maybe close-fitting	Close-fitting
Reusability	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

(File photo)

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Saturday reiterated the mask mandate would remain and local government units (LGUs) should follow the uniform health protocol against the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

In a *Laging Handa* briefing, Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said the wearing of face masks is one of the most effective ways to stop coronavirus transmission.

Citing studies, Vergeire noted that other countries that have lifted their mask policies have eventually experienced a spike in their cases.

*"Gusto nating pigilan muna ang ganitong pangyayari sa ating lugar. Gusto natin na makita na stable tayo at manageable ang cases natin (We want to stop this from happening in the Philippines. We want our cases to be manageable first),"* she said.

*"(Ang) pagsusuot ng face mask ay kailangang kailangan pa rin natin. Alam natin na mayroon nang mga subvariants na pumasok sa bansa. Alam din natin na hindi pa ganoon kataas ang antas ng pagbabakuna sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa (The wearing of face masks is still recommended. We know that subvariants have already entered the country and the vaccination rate in other parts of the country is not yet that high)."*

The reiteration came after Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia issued an executive order making the wearing of masks optional in open spaces and well-ventilated areas in the province. (PNA)

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## COVID-19 cases sa Metro Manila tumataas

By Chona Yu | June 11, 2022 - 02:14 PM



Bahagyang tumaas ang kaso ng COVID-19 sa Metro Manila.

Ayon kay Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire, nasa 1.6 percent increase ang positivity rate sa mga nakalipas na linggo.

Pero paglilinaw ni Vergeire, hindi naman nakaaalarma ang pagtaas ng kaso.

Nasa low risk pa rin naman aniya ang Metro Manila.

Sinabi pa ni Vergeire na hindi rin tumataas ang kaso ng severe at critical patients sa mga ospital.

Sinabi pa ni Vergeire na ang mga bagong subvariant ng Omicron ng COVID-19 ang dahilan ng bahagyang pagtaas ng mga nagpo-positibo sa naturang sakit.

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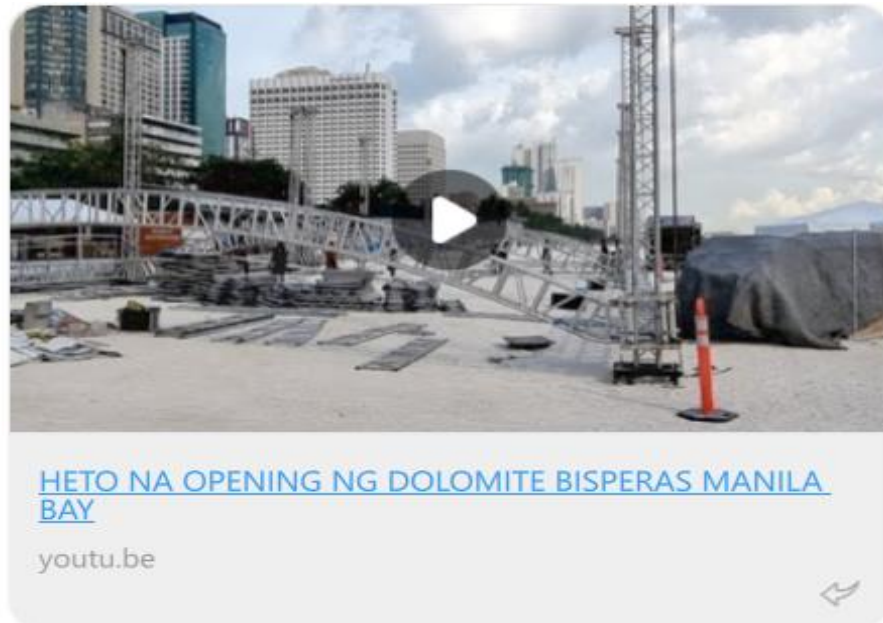
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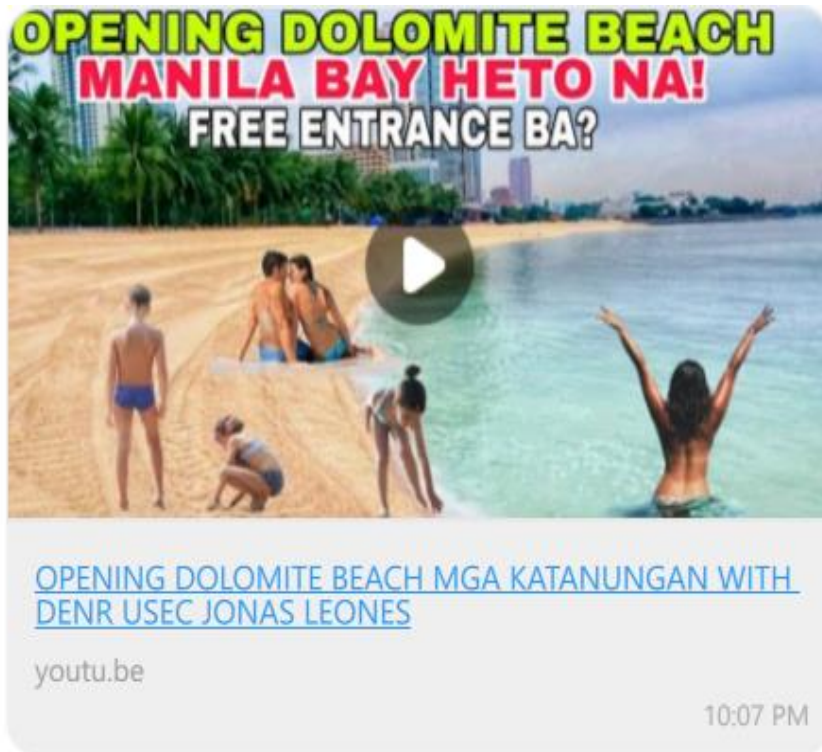
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