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E-waste recycling facility to be put up in Malabon City

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A man gathers e-waste by hand exposing him to hazardous and carcinogenic substances.

More than 50 million tons of electronic waste (e-waste) are generated each year and less than 20 percent is recycled, the UN Environment Programme said in 2019.

About 80 percent of e-waste either end up in landfills or being recycled, much of it by hand, in developing countries, exposing workers to hazardous and carcinogenic substances, such as mercury, lead and cadmium.

E-waste covers all electrical and electronic equipment and its components, now considered as one of the fastest-growing waste streams in the Philippines, according to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB).

To help address concerns over informal e-waste processing and its associated risks to the people and environment, Globe joined a multi-stakeholder partnership that will put up the country's second community e-waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) facility in Barangay Dampalit, Malabon City.

The facility is expected to be inaugurated by this November.

The local e-waste pickers, led by Samahan ng Magbabaklas, will be trained on proper handling and dismantling of e-waste to discourage unconventional and harmful means of recycling.

The TSD project aims to process at least 10,000 cathode-ray tube (CRT) or glass video displays from TV and computer monitors collected from nearby barangays, such as Longos, Malabon, and Capulong, Tondo.

Yoly Crisanto, Globe Chief Sustainability Officer and SVP for Corporate Communications, explained the importance of community partnerships for this advocacy.

"We aim to help address the growing concern on e-waste and ensure that local communities will not be adversely affected. This new facility will help the informal e-waste recyclers by protecting them from environmental and health hazards," she said.

Globe is providing fund support to construct the TSD facility. The company will also provide bins for additional e-waste drop-off points and facilitate the safe transport of non-CRT e-waste items to the DENR-accredited recycling facilities, co-develop communications and creative materials.

It will also introduce affordable financial and health services, such as GCash, G-Insure and KonsultaMD to identified informal e-waste pickers in Barangay Dampalit.





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Globe's involvement in the TSD project is part of the company's E-Waste Zero Program, which actively promotes the safe and responsible disposal of e-waste since 2014.

To date, Globe has collected more than 1.4 million kilograms of old and nonworking electronic devices from its corporate offices and key facilities, customers, and partners.

The TSD facility will be established by the DENR-EMB, through its project, "Implementation of PCB Management Programs for Electric Cooperatives and Safe e-waste Management."

It has funding from the Global Environment Facility and is jointly implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (Unido), the Integrated Recycling Industries Philippines, Ecowaste Coalition, Globe and Barangay Dampalit.

"Protection of the environment cannot be done by the DENR alone. We need partners such as private entities, international organizations, and even other government entities," said DENR Undersecretary Atty. Jonas Leones during the ceremonial signing of the agreement in June.

The Unido serves as the primary project proponent, ensuring end-to-end program implementation. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization, and environmental sustainability.

Customers who would like to support the program and help divert e-waste to proper recycling facilities may drop their e-waste in participating Globe stores nationwide or request free door-to-door hauling of e-waste.

Interested parties may visit Globe's Sustainability website https://www.globe.com.ph/about-us/sustainability/environment.html for complete information. Organizations wanting to partner with Globe may e-mail bridgecom@globe.com.ph.

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Ghost firm menaces Tayabas Bay

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A veritable phantom, a ghost of a firm threatens to despoil some 10 hectares of fishing grounds of Pagbilao, Padre Burgos, Agdangan, and Unisan towns in Quezon with a proposed seabed quarry project to provide, as claimed, landfill materials for the 318-hectare Manila waterfront Project.

Fisherfolk from the four municipalities has raised their hackles over the application for the seabed quarry project made by Palasyo Mineral Resources Inc., likely an offshore firm or even a dummy outfit to secure a permit with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Region IV.

The fishermen sent a letter to the MGB head office to ask about the PMRI application. To their consternation, they were told that such an application had already been received by MGB Region IV in December 2020. Yet, MGB Region IV records do not show that PMRI posted such an application request nor the firm even communicated with the regional office.

After being given the usual run-around, the fishers were later told that PMRI is going through the process of confirming the status of the areas to be covered by the seabed quarrying and securing clearances from the LGUs of areas to be covered by the project.

The fishers are similarly baffled by the lack of any document, notice, or scrap of information given to LGU agencies that would provide area status and clearances to PMRI.

Too, a Google search for a PMRI company profile, its operations, and officials yields no shred of information.

Another offshore firm, Silverquest Mining Resources Inc. (SMRI) is in a similar seabed venture to dredge mud, silt, sand, boulders from 2,124 hectares of seabed off the waters of Ternate and Naic in Cavite. SMRI said that a previous Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) done in 2007 has identified the San Nicolas Shoal (SNS) as a prime area for dredging. Thus, a Government Seabed Quarry Permit was issued to the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) in August of 2008.





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On top of the previous EIS, the firm is currently securing an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) from the DENR Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) to get the goahead for the seabed quarry venture. Getting an ECC is going through a wringer of procedures, focus discussion sessions with stakeholders to ensure every concern is addressed, apprehensions eased, and demands answered satisfactorily. In short, an ECC is the veritable clean bill of health assuring that the undertaking would not cause the least harm to the environs, and to people.

"It also indicated no coral cover in the area except for some 2 percent to 4 percent coral cover in the Municipality of Ternate; the rest of the SNS quarry area has no coral communities," the ECC for SMRI noted.

Unlike SMRI, PMRI isn't laying its cards on the table, keeping Tayabas Bay fisherfolk and their LGUs in the dark and, just maybe, seething with rage and gnashing their teeth.

Environmentally retarded

Knowing their onions how pernicious seabed quarrying can be to the marine environs and its denizens, especially to fishing grounds that have provided livelihood to countless thousands of families, the Bureau of Fishery and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture has turned down all applications for seabed quarry projects, including PMRI's.

By mere numbers, fishing employs over a million Filipinos or about 3% of the nation's labor force. Seabed quarrying is capital intensive, with heavy equipment— of foreign make and technology— deployed in lieu of workers to leech-suck the seafloor and transfer the materials amassed to freight vessels, where more state-of-the-art equipment sort out the materials.

Mining and quarrying are lumped as one economic sector which, per Mines and Geosciences Bureau, contributed a niggardly 0.6% to the gross domestic product in 2021 while the fishery and aquaculture sector pitched in 2.7% to the GDP.

The nation hasn't learned its lessons from the S.R. Metals Inc. (SRMI) episode. SRMI in the guise of a small-scale miner threw an array of heavy machinery to extract nickel and cobalt ores and used barges to ship the ores to China. In just one year beginning 2006, SRMI had sold an estimated P2.8 billion— and exceeded the yearly 50,000-ton limit for small-scale mining operations many times over.

SRMI's 10-year ore extraction operations that began in 2006 had hauled out the equivalent of P28 billion in proceeds that have yet to see the scrutiny of revenue examiners. The mining outfit raked in billions but the LGU in whose geography the mine never earned a cent in tax revenues.

Woes came to worst—SMRI operations had denuded hundreds of hectares of forests, rendered barren farmlands with run-off tailings, and devastated Agusan del Norte fishing grounds into which the tailings went awash.

The impact of the SRMI episode points up one fact— the nation remains environmentally retarded.

Bottomline findings

While inland mine operations assuage stakeholders and LGUs with reforestation schemes to compensate for the loss of wildlife habitat and biodiversity, no token move is taken by seabed quarry operators to give a semblance of repair to the damage inflicted upon fishing grounds and spawning areas for marine life.





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"Whatever is taken from the seabed cannot be renewed," stresses Dr. Fernando Siringan of the UP Marine Science Institute.

Seabed quarrying has a ruinous impact upon shoreline stability, touches off death to coral reefs that are, in turn, spawning ground, sanctuary, and nursery for marine life— and in the long-term, loss of biodiversity, and livelihood of coastal populations, he explains.

Siringan suspects that the excuse plied out by PMRI in its request to secure a permit—to provide fill-in materials for the Manila Waterfront project—is likely a cover for what the seabed quarry intends to haul off a 10-hectare area.

He adds that research done on sites in Luzon's eastern seaboard shows that these areas yield black sand or magnetite, and rare metals like vanadium that are more precious than gold and platinum.

"Dredging the seabed for panambak isn't cheap," he cites.

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Illegal logging, talamak sa Mountain Province!

By Artemio Dumlao (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - September 12, 2021 - 12:00am

SINALAKAY ng National Bureau of Investigation-Cordillera noong Setyembre 3 ang apat na lugar sa Sabangan, Mountain Province at nakakumpiska ng 11,516 board feet ng natistis na pine trees na nagkakahalaga ng P535,516.00.

Sa bisa ng search warrants, natambad sa NBI operatives ang nakatambak na pine trees na ilegal na pinutol. Sinalakay din sa Bgy. Data ang mga furniture shop at display center na ang mga produkto ay mula sa mga itinumbang pine trees.

Tatlong personalidad ang kinasuhan ng NBI dahil sa paglabag sa Presidential Decree 705 (Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines).

Matagal na umanong negosyo ng tatlong persona-lidad ang pagpuputol ng pine trees.

Ang pagsalakay ng NBI ay sampal sa Philippine National Police, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, local government units at provincial government.

Malaking katanungan kung bakit NBI pa ang kaila-ngang mag-secure ng warrants at salakayin ang mga nagputol ng pine tree.

Bulag at bingi ba ang mga pulis sa Sabangan at Mountain Province?

E ang CENRO-Sabangan at PENRO-Mt. Province?

E ang governor, mayor at barangay officials, bulag at bingi rin dahil hindi nila nakita at narinig ang pagtumba ng pine trees sa pamamagitan ng chain saw. Pati pagtistis sa napakaraming pine trees hindi na rin nila nakita at narinig?

Magkano ba para maging bulag at bingi?

Kung patuloy na magiging bulag at bingi ang mga awtoridad, mauubos ang pine trees sa Mountain Province.

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ENDANGERED GREEN SEA TURTLE, NA-RESCUE!

Isang green sea turtle na na-trap sa lambat ang nasagip ng Philippine Coast Guard sa Barangay Sugod, Cajidiocan, Romblon kahapon.

Itinuturing nang endangered ang naturang pagong na may laking 108 centimeters at 96 centimeters na lapad.

Nakipag-ugnayan na ang PCG sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources ukol sa kalagayan ng green sea turtle.

COURTESY: PCG See Translation



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ACB joins Asian initiative on ecosystem restoration

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The thick forest-covered Mt. Singit in Janiuay, Iloilo.

Asia's forests have immense ecological, social and economic significance, spanning 549 million hectares, or 14 percent, of the total global coverage. The area provides vital ecosystem services and protection against climate impacts for 4.5 billion people living in the region.

These ecosystems contribute to the spiritual, cultural and physical well-being of the people in Asia and the Pacific.

With the mounting pressures on biodiversity in recent years, conserving vital habitats and ecosystems have become an urgent priority.

Executive Director Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim of the Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) said that the economic benefits arising from the sustainable use of biological resources are vital in Asean's overall stability.

"Disruptions in these vital ecological processes can, therefore, result in substantial, even grave, impacts, affecting the security, health, and well-being of people and communities," Lim said.

The ACB joined the "International Symposium on Ecosystem Restoration for Green and Peace Asia," an online event held on August 18 that aims to develop a network among forest-related institutions in Asian region, policymakers and international organizations.

The symposium was organised by the Korean Society of Forest Science and the Institutes of Green Bio Science and Technology in Seoul National University.

It highlighted the successful cases and lessons from projects or programs on ecosystem restoration across Asia, including regional organisations, such as the ACB, and the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), which shared and discussed their respective greening strategies.

These reforestation initiatives contribute to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, a global call to rehabilitate and restore the world's vulnerable ecosystems.

Asean Green Initiative

Among the Asean's response to the global call for ecosystem restoration is the Asean Green Initiative (AGI), which was launched last August 6.

Led by the ACB and the Asean Secretariat, the AGI aims to recognize the best ecosystem restoration activities in the region that focus on a holistic and participatory approach in regenerating and conserving ecosystems and vital habitats for wildlife.





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The initiative encourages planting of at least 10 million native tree species across the 10 Asean member states (AMS) in a span of 10 years—or 10.10.10—in harmony with the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration.

"The 10.10.10 target is but a start to a collective greening movement in the region, and even beyond," Lim said.

She pointed out that "the meaningful collaboration and cooperation among development and dialogue partners" is essential in scaling up regeneration and restoration efforts.

Branching out across Asia

Following the symposium, the ACB and AFoCO met to discuss common areas of collaboration.

The capacity development for forestry and biodiversity conservation, mapping of degraded ecosystems and promotion of the AGI were among steps identified during the meeting.

The formation of a working group composed of representatives from the two regional organizations is in the pipeline to better flesh out the concept and plans for future partnership.

The ACB has likewise had initial talks for possible partnership with the Republic of Korea, particularly in coastal and marine conservation.

Lim said Korea's green growth policies may be synchronised with the ACB's efforts to mainstream biodiversity into various sectors, including business, industries and finance.

During the symposium, she underscored that nature-positive perspectives and processes in the economic and finance sectors would relieve the pressure of expansion and land use conversion that greatly impacts vast areas of forests and other vital ecosystems.

Restoring ecosystems is a massive global endeavour that would take a whole-of-society approach. Thus, cultivating these partnerships and forging sturdy cooperation within and beyond the Asean is vital in building back better and greener.

Besides ACB and AFoCO, other regional organisations, such as the Center for International Forestry Research and Mekong Institute, attended the international symposium, along with resource persons from Cambodia, Indonesia, South Korea, the Philippines, Mongolia, Vietnam and Uzbekistan who likewise shared their respective greening strategies.

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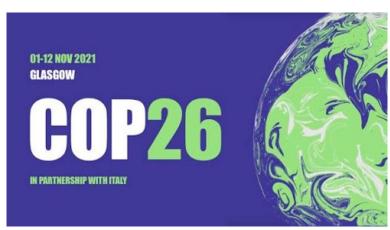




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PHL climate activists join international call for equitable, inclusive climate summit

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Filipino environmental activists joined the call of civil society groups around the world for an inclusive climate summit amid the worsening Covid-19 pandemic.

The activists joined over 1,500 civil society groups from 130 countries and members of Climate Action Network (CAN) in the call for a postponement of the substantive negotiations of the Conference of Parties 26 (COP26) of the 26th United Nations Climate Change conference allegedly due to the COP26 presidency and the UK government's failure to ensure a safe, equitable and inclusive summit, a Greenpeace news release said.

COP26 will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, in November. It is under the presidency of the UK.

Expressing concern that COP26 must be a platform where highly vulnerable communities and sectors are heard, Kyle Aboy, Filipino youth climate activist, supports the call to postpone COP26.

"The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] report released this year clearly demonstrates that climate change is a threat that needs transnational collaboration among countries. The Philippines, belonging to countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, must have inclusive representation, but the Covid-19 restrictions pose a great challenge in achieving this," Aboy said.

Greenpeace Philippines Climate Justice Campaigner Virginia Benosa-Llorin said, "The climate summit needs to be inclusive. Voices from the most vulnerable countries need not only be heard; they must be prioritized."

"Unfortunately, even while climate justice remains inadequately addressed in these talks, the crisis brought on by the pandemic has added another layer of injustice to their plight," Benosa-Llorin added.

She said that people from poorer nations have always had a harder time representing their communities in the climate talks. Now, she added, with Covid-19 restrictions and quarantines, and inequitable access to vaccines, this has become even more difficult. The Philippines, for example, is in the UK's Covid-19 red list, and additional measures mean prohibitive financial costs.

CAN's statement outlines how the COP presidency has failed to provide safe and equitable access to COP26.





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The UK government is yet to provide Covid-19 vaccines to participants that have applied for them, and has failed to provide clarity around support for logistics and quarantine costs for delegates coming from a country on the UK government's red list.

Speaking from Amsterdam, Juan Pablo Osornio, senior political lead of Greenpeace International, said, "The COP presidency has failed to guarantee the safe and equitable participation of COP-26 delegates, especially people coming from countries that are disproportionately affected by Covid-19 and the climate crisis."

He said COP26 needs to be fair and accessible to deliver global climate justice. "Expecting already disadvantaged people to attend without access to vaccines, healthcare and financial support to overcome the risks of participation is not only unfair but prohibitive."

Greenpeace maintains that regardless of whether the COP goes ahead, ambitious action on climate is urgently needed. The longer governments delay to honor their Paris climate commitments, the harder it will be to achieve the 1.5°C target.

It added that every tenth of a degree of global heating is critical to human survival on this planet. The group is also calling for equitable access to vaccines globally, so that people can protect themselves from Covid-19 regardless of their social status or location.

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Razon's Prime Infra targets to launch wasteto-fuel project

Danessa Rivera - The Philippine Star September 11, 2021 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — Prime Infrastructure Holdings Corp. (Prime Infra) of businessman Enrique Razon Jr. eyes to complete feasibility studies that will launch its waste-to-fuel project in the country within the year.

The waste-to-fuel project under subsidiary WasteFuel Philippines – which is in partnership with US-based WasteFuel Global – is evaluating the feasibility of putting up a biorefinery in Luzon.

The project will convert over one million tons of municipal waste into 30 million gallons of low-carbon synthetic crude oil (syncrude) annually.

Targeted to be operational by 2025, the plant will convert municipal waste into green fuels, including aviation fuel.

"Our project is progressing well and continues through the various phases of feasibility, which we expect to be concluded this year. We are excited to launch this project that will both address the waste crisis and reduce carbon emissions from the transport sector," Prime Infra president Guillaume Lucci said.

The project's advancement comes as Prime Infra welcomed the investment of global shipping firm Maersk in WasteFuel Global. Prime Infra is a shareholder and has been part of the WasteFuel company since February.

"Prime Infra is incredibly pleased to have Maersk join WasteFuel Global. Maersk adds to the line-up of impactful shareholders working towards a greener and cleaner future of mobility," said Lucci, also a member of WasteFuel's board of directors.

Maersk's investment in WasteFuel follows the container shipping firm commitment to decarbonize its fleet.

"Collaboration and partnerships are key to scaling the production and distribution of sustainable fuels, and we look forward to doing exactly that with WasteFuel; exploring potential future green solutions not just for our vessels, but also for Maersk aviation and trucking activities," A.P. Moller-Maersk's vice president and head of decarbonization Morten Bo Christiansen said.

Maersk's investment will help WasteFuel develop biorefineries that will turn waste into low-carbon sustainable fuels.

"We're proud to have partnered with Maersk to usher in an era of more environmentally conscious sea transport. Our goal is for WasteFuel to reduce lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions by 90 percent compared to fossil fuels," WasteFuel's co-founder, chairman and CEO Trevor Neilson said.

In the Philippines, WasteFuel said the national capital region alone generates around 10,000 tons of municipal solid waste per day, equivalent to the weight of approximately 17 Airbus A380 planes.

"At WasteFuel Philippines, our goal is to turn waste into a valuable source of clean energy, thus improving waste management processes and reducing carbon emissions from transportation," Lucci said earlier.

NetJets, a leader in private aviation, has committed to purchase a minimum of 100 million gallons of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) from WasteFuel over the next 10 years.





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Utilizing the most effective technologies available, WasteFuel will produce fuels that burn up to 80 percent reduction in carbon compared to fossil-fuel based aviation fuels.

Neilson said the waste-to-fuel project would help solve the municipal waste problem and minimize methane emissions from landfills.

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Ilang baybaying dagat positibo sa red tide

By Chona YuSeptember 11, 2021 - 11:35 AM



Positibo sa red tide ang ilang baybaying dagat sa ibat-ibang bahagi ng bansa.

Ayon sa Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, may red tide sa Milagros sa Masbate; sa Dauis at Tagbilaran City sa Bohol; sa Carigara Bay sa Leyte; Dumanquillas Bay sa Zamboanga del Sur; Murcielagos Bay sa Zamboanga del Norte; at Lianga Bay sa Surigao del Sur.

Bawal kainin ang lahat ng uri ng shellfish o alamang sa mga nabanggit na lugar.

Gayunman, maari namang kainin ang isda, posit, hipon, at crabs basta't tiyakin lamang na sariwat at hugasan at lutuing mabuti.

Sinabi pa ng BFAR na kailangan din tanggalin ang kaliskis at hasang bago lutuin.

Samantala, ligtas na sa red tide ang baybaying dagat ng San Pedro Bay sa Western Samar; Matarinao Bay sa Eastern Samar; at Biliran Islands.

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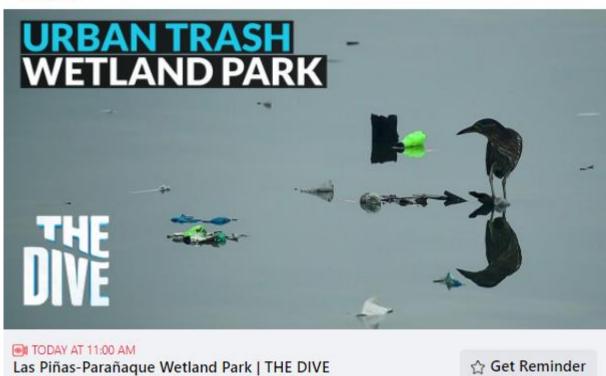
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Huge piles of urban trash in Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area are spoiling the beauty of its lush mangrove forest and migratory birds' habitat.

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Nature congress calls for protecting 30% of Earth, 80% of Amazon

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Paris, France — The world's most influential conservation congress passed resolutions Friday calling for 80 percent of the Amazon and 30 percent of Earth's surface — land and sea — to be designated "protected areas" to halt and reverse the loss of wildlife.



A woman walks past a partial replica of the Earth during the IUCN Congress in Marseille, southern France (Nicolas TUCAT AFP/File)

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), which is meeting in Marseille, does not set global policy, but its recommendations have in the past served as the backbone for UN treaties and conventions.

They will help set the agenda for upcoming UN summits on food systems, biodiversity and climate change.

Saving the Amazon

An emergency motion calling for four-fifths of the Amazon basin to be declared a protected area by 2025 — submitted by COICA, an umbrella group representing more than two million indigenous peoples across nine South American nations — passed with overwhelming support.

"Indigenous Peoples have come to defend our home and, in doing so, defend the planet. This motion is a first step," said Jose Gregorio Diaz Mirabal, general coordinator of COICA and a leader of the Curripaco people in Venezuela.

Over the last two decades, the Amazon has lost roughly 10,000 square kilometres every year to deforestation, much of it through fires set deliberately to clear land for commercial agriculture or cattle grazing.

This destruction combined with climate change, scientists have warned, could push the world's largest tropical forest irretrievably past a "tipping point" into a savannah-like landscape.

30% by 2030'

Another hotly debated measure that was accepted in a vote of IUCN members — government agencies, NGOs and indigenous people's organisations — says that 30 of the planet's land and ocean area should have protected status within a decade.

The zones selected must include "biodiversity hotspots" teaming with animal and plant life, and be backed up by rigorous monitoring and enforcement, the resolution says.

Many scientists and conservationists advocated for an even more ambitious "half-Earth" target.





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"Passage of this motion sends a clear signal to world leaders that the '30 by 30' target, and respect for indigenous and local community rights, must be agreed to at COP15," said Campaign for Nature director Brian O'Donnell, referring to a UN biodiversity summit tasked with delivering a treaty next May to protect nature.

The pace at which animal and plant species are going extinct is 100 to 1,000 times the normal "background" rate, a widely accepted threshold for the kind of mass-extinction event that has only occurred five times in the last half-billion years.

Deep-sea mining

The IUCN's 1,400 members overwhelmingly approved a resolution recommending a moratorium on deep-sea mining and reform of the International Seabed Authority (ISA), an intergovernmental regulatory body.

Industry argued that the unattached rocks on the ocean floor some five kilometres below the waves are a greener source of minerals — manganese, cobalt, nickel — needed to build electric vehicle batteries. But scientists counter that seabed ecosystems at that depth are fragile, and could take decades or longer to heal once disrupted.

The measure passed with more than 80 percent of votes from government agencies, and 90 percent support from NGOs and civil society groups.

"The resounding Yes in support for a global freeze on deep seabed mining is a clear signal that there is no social licence to open the deep seafloor to mining," said Jessica Battle, lead of the WWF's Deep Sea Mining Initiative.

Climate change commission?

The major drivers of species decline and extinction are habitat loss, hunting for food, poaching for animal parts, invasive species and environmental pollution.

But climate change is starting to loom large as a threat to wildlife, leading members to vote in a motion for the creation of a climate change commission within the IUCN.

The aim is to "bring together the world's experts on climate change to help shape the agenda around species," said Craig Hilton-Taylor, head of the IUCN's Red List Unit.

"The climate and biodiversity emergencies are not distinct, but two aspects of one crisis," a draft version of the congress's final manifesto said.

Programmed extinction

On Friday, following intense and prolonged debate, the congress endorsed a motion on "synthetic biology" — an umbrella term for genetic engineering — that tilts towards those in favour of more research and experimentation.

One technology in particular that causes local extinction of a species, called gene drive, has divided conservationists.

Proponents say it is the best tool available to fight invasive species of rodents, snakes and mosquitos that have already wiped out dozens of species of birds and other vertebrates on island habitats. Opponents fear genetically modified animals could find their way to other continents, or share mutated genes with other species.

"There are obvious ecological risks and concerns regarding genetic modification of wild species", said Ricarda Steinbrecher, a geneticist working with the NGO Pro-Natura. Source: <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2021/09/11/nature-congress-calls-for-protecting-30-of-earth-80-o

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Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican leaders call climate crisis a 'devastating injustice'

BYCATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY VIA CBCP NEWS SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople (left), Pope Francis (second from left) and Anglican Archbishop Justin Welby (right) of Canterbury, England, attend an ecumenical prayer service with other Christian leaders at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy, in this September 20, 2016, photo.

VATICAN—Pope Francis, Archbishop Justin Welby, and Patriarch Bartholomew I released an unprecedented joint message recently, calling the climate crisis a "devastating injustice."

The three Christian leaders said that there would be "catastrophic consequences" for future generations unless the world took responsibility for environmental damage.

"The current climate crisis speaks volumes about who we are and how we view and treat God's creation. We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation, and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the Earth's resources than the planet can endure," their statement, issued on September 7, said.

"But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them."

"We serve a God of justice, who delights in creation and creates every person in God's image, but also hears the cry of people who are poor. Accordingly, there is an innate call within us to respond with anguish when we see such devastating injustice," they said.

The pope, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and the Archbishop of Canterbury signed the joint text on September 1. The message brought together the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion, respectively the world's largest, second-largest, and third-largest Christian communions.

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

The joint statement highlighted the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) taking place in Glasgow, Scotland, from November 1 to 12.

"As world leaders prepare to meet in November at Glasgow to deliberate on the future of our planet, we pray for them and consider what the choices [sic] we must all make," it said.

Pope Francis noted in an interview aired on September 1 that he hoped to travel to Scotland to take part in the conference.





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"It all depends on how I feel at the time. But in fact, my speech is already being prepared, and the plan is to be there," he said.

In their joint message, the pope, the patriarch and the archbishop said: "In our common Christian tradition, the Scriptures and the saints provide illuminating perspectives for comprehending both the realities of the present and the promise of something larger than what we see in the moment."

"The concept of stewardship—of individual and collective responsibility for our God-given endowment—presents a vital starting point for social, economic, and environmental sustainability."

They concluded: "All of us—whoever and wherever we are—can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation. Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment."

"This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it." *Courtney Mares/Catholic News Agency via CBCP News*

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Researchers complete first-ever detailed map of global coral

BYTHE ASSOCIATED PRESS SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



A shark swims on a reef in Ailinginae Atoll in the Marshall Islands in this August 2018

HONOLULU—Researchers have completed a comprehensive online map of the world's coral reefs by using more than 2 million satellite images from across the globe.

The Allen Coral Atlas, named after late Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, will act as a reference for reef conservation, marine planning and coral science as researchers try to save these fragile ecosystems that are being lost to climate change.

The group announced the completion of the atlas on Wednesday and said it is the first global, high-resolution map of its kind.

It gives users the ability to see detailed information about local reefs, including different types of submarine structure like sand, rocks, seagrass and, of course, coral.

The maps, which include areas up to 50 feet (15 meters) deep, are being used to inform policy decisions about marine protected areas, spatial planning for infrastructure, such as docks and seawalls and upcoming coral restoration projects.

"Our biggest contribution in this achievement is that we have a uniform mapping of the entire coral reef biome," said Greg Asner, managing director of the Atlas and director of Arizona State University's Center for Global Discovery and Conservation.

Asner said they relied on a network of hundreds of field contributors who gave them local information about reefs so that they could program their satellites and software to focus on the right areas.

"And that lets us bring the playing field up to a level where decisions can be made at a bigger scale because so far decisions have been super localized," Asner said. "If you don't know what you've got more uniformly, how would the UN ever play a real role? How would a government that has an archipelago with 500 islands make a uniform decision?"

The atlas also includes a coral bleaching monitor to check for corals that are stressed due to global warming and other factors.

Asner said about three quarters of the world's reefs had not previously been mapped in this kind of in-depth way, and many not at all.

The project began in 2017 when Allen's company, Vulcan Inc., was working with Ruth Gates, a Hawaii researcher whose idea of creating "super coral" for reef restoration was funded by the philanthropic foundation.





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Gates and Vulcan brought in Asner because of his work with the Global Airborne Observatory that had been mapping reefs in Hawaii at the time.

Allen, who said he wanted to help save the world's coral reefs, liked the idea of using technology to visualize data, so Gates connected the group with a satellite company called Planet, and Allen funded the project for about \$9 million.

The University of Queensland in Australia used artificial intelligence technology and local reference data to generate the layers on the atlas. Anyone can view the maps for free online.

Both Allen and Gates passed away in 2018, leaving Asner and others to carry on their work.

"Ruth would be so pleased, wouldn't she?" Asner said. "She would just be tickled that this is really happening."

He said about a third of the calls he is getting are from researchers who hope to use the maps to "be sure that their planning and their reef restoration work is going to have its max efficacy."

When Gates found out she was sick, she selected friend and colleague Helen Fox from the National Geographic Society to help communicate with conservation groups about how to use the tool.

"It really was a global effort," said Fox, who is now the conservation science director for Coral Reef Alliance. "There were huge efforts in terms of outreach and helping people be aware of the tool and the potential scientific and conservation value." **AP**

Image courtesy of Allen Coral Atlas. Greg Asner/Allen Coral Atlas via AP

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/09/12/researchers-complete-first-ever-detailed-map-of-global-coral/





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Chile starts biggest synthetic gas mining

By Xinhua September 12, 2021

SANTIAGO: <u>Chile</u> on Friday (Saturday in Manila) commenced in its southern region of Magallanes the construction of the largest project in <u>Latin America</u> to produce synthetic gasoline from green hydrogen.

With an investment of \$51 million, the Highly Innovative Fuels (HIF) consortium's <u>Haru Oni</u> project will use wind power and carbon dioxide extracted from the atmosphere to produce 350 tons of crude methanol as well as 130,000 liters of e-fuel a year by the end of 2022, according to the company.

"This is the decade to make the economy carbon-free," said Chilean Minister of Energy and Mining <u>Juan Carlos</u> Jobet, who participated virtually in the groundbreaking ceremony. "Haru Oni's success will be Chile's success, as well as a decisive contribution to the global community," Jobet added.

HIF President <u>Cesar Norton</u> said the project "can radically change transportation's current sources of energy, providing clean fuels for automobiles and helping to decarbonize the planet."

The plant, which will take an estimated 11 months to build with a life span of 25 years, will cover approximately 3.7 hectares within Estancia Tehuel Aike, a livestock center in the regional capital *Punta Arenas*.

According to a study by Chile's <u>Energy Ministry</u>, the country's southernmost Magallanes and <u>Antarctica</u> region could produce 13 percent of the world's green hydrogen.

Official data showed that green hydrogen could help Chile reduce its greenhouse emissions by 17 to 27 percent to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

It could also help cut Chile's use of non-renewable energy sources by 10 percent by 2030 for a cumulative savings of \$15.2 billion and a reduction of 28.6 million tons of carbon dioxide.

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/12/news/world/chile-starts-biggest-synthetic-gas-mining/1814392

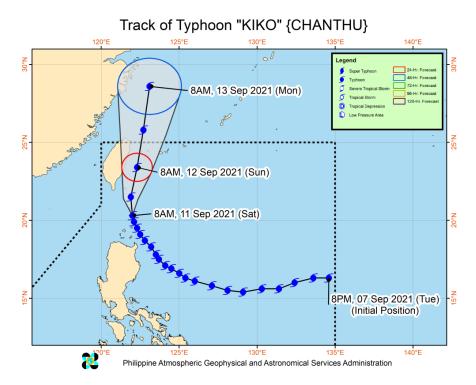




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'Kiko' slightly weakens after making landfall

By Arlie O. Calalo September 12, 2021



AFTER making landfall over Ivana, Batanes, Typhoon "<u>Kiko</u>" (international name: "Chanthu") has weakened slightly as it moved over the coastal waters of Itbayat, also in the province, said the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and <u>Astronomical Services Administration</u> (Pagasa) on Saturday.

Still, Signal No. 4 has been raised over Batanes while Signal No. 3 is up over the northeastern portion of the Babuyan Islands.

Pagasa said Signal No. 2 is up over the rest of Babuyan Islands while Signal No. 1 has been raised over the northern portion of mainland Cagayan (Santa Ana, Gonzaga, Lal-Lo, Gattaran, Lasam, Allacapan, Santa Teresita, Buguey, Aparri, Camalaniugan, Ballesteros, Abulug, Pamplona, Sanchez-Mira, Claveria and Santa Praxedes), the northern portion of Apayao (Flora, Pudtol, Luna, Santa Marcela and Calanasan) and the northern portion of Ilocos Norte (Pagudpud, Adams, Dumalneg, Vintar, Bangui and Burgos).

At 10 a.m., Kiko was located over the coastal waters of Itbayat, Batanes, moving north-northwestward at 15 kilometers per hour (kph), according to the 11 a.m. bulletin.

The typhoon's maximum sustained winds have decreased to 205 kph from 215 kph previously, and its gustiness lowered to 250 kph from 265 kph, said the state-run weather agency.

Likely to exit the Philippine area of responsibility (PAR) by Sunday evening, Typhoon Kiko will move generally northward, beginning Saturday evening, and will pass over the sea east of *Taiwan* without ruling out the possibility of landfall, the Pagasa bulletin said.

Outside the PAR, the typhoon will continue to move northward over the East China Sea, and further weakening will continue throughout the forecast period as Typhoon Kiko interacts with the rugged terrain of Taiwan.





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Over the next 24 hours, the typhoon will bring heavy to intense rains over Batanes, the bulletin added.

The Babuyan Islands, Cagayan, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Abra, Apayao and Kalinga will experience moderate to heavy with intense rain at times.

"[Typhoon] Kiko will continue to enhance the [habagat or] southwest monsoon, bringing rains over Metro Manila, the rest of Ilocos Region, and the western sections of Central <u>Luzon</u> and Southern Luzon in the next 24 hours," the bulletin concluded.

Policemen on standby

Meanwhile, Gen. <u>Guillermo Lorenzo Eleazar</u>, chief of the Philippine <u>National Police</u> (PNP), directed police forces in areas near the path of but not be directly within the trajectory of the typhoon to be prepared in case there was a need for PNP assistance amid the warning of the catastrophic effects of the weather disturbance.

"I have already instructed our police forces in adjacent areas that would not be affected by 'Kiko' to put on standby enough personnel and equipment for immediate response for worse-case scenarios," said Eleazar in a statement on Saturday.

"Patuloy ang monitoring ng inyong PNP sa maaaring maging masamang epekto ng bagyong 'Kiko' sa mga lugar na dadaanan nito (Your PNP continues to monitor the possible adverse effects of Typhoon Kiko in the areas it will pass through)," added Eleazar.

Eleazar said the organization continues to monitor the weather situation in areas where the typhoon was expected to bring torrential rains and gusty winds.

WITH REPORTS FROM CHRISTIAN CROW MAGHANOY

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/11/news/kiko-weakens-slightly-as-itmakes-landfall-over-batanes/1814357





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Kiko continues to move north; Batanes under Signal No. 2

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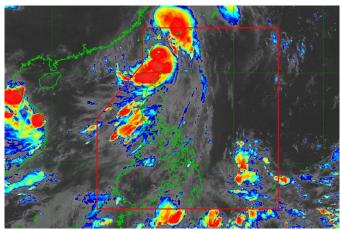


Photo courtesy of PAGASA

MANILA—Typhoon Kiko continued to move north and was over the sea east of Taiwan as of late Saturday night, according to weather bureau PAGASA.

PAGASA said in its 11 p.m. advisory that Kiko was 145 kilometers north of Itbayat, Batanes.

It had maximum sustained winds of 185 kilometers per hour (kph) near the center, gustiness of up to 230 kph, moving north northeastward at 15 kph.

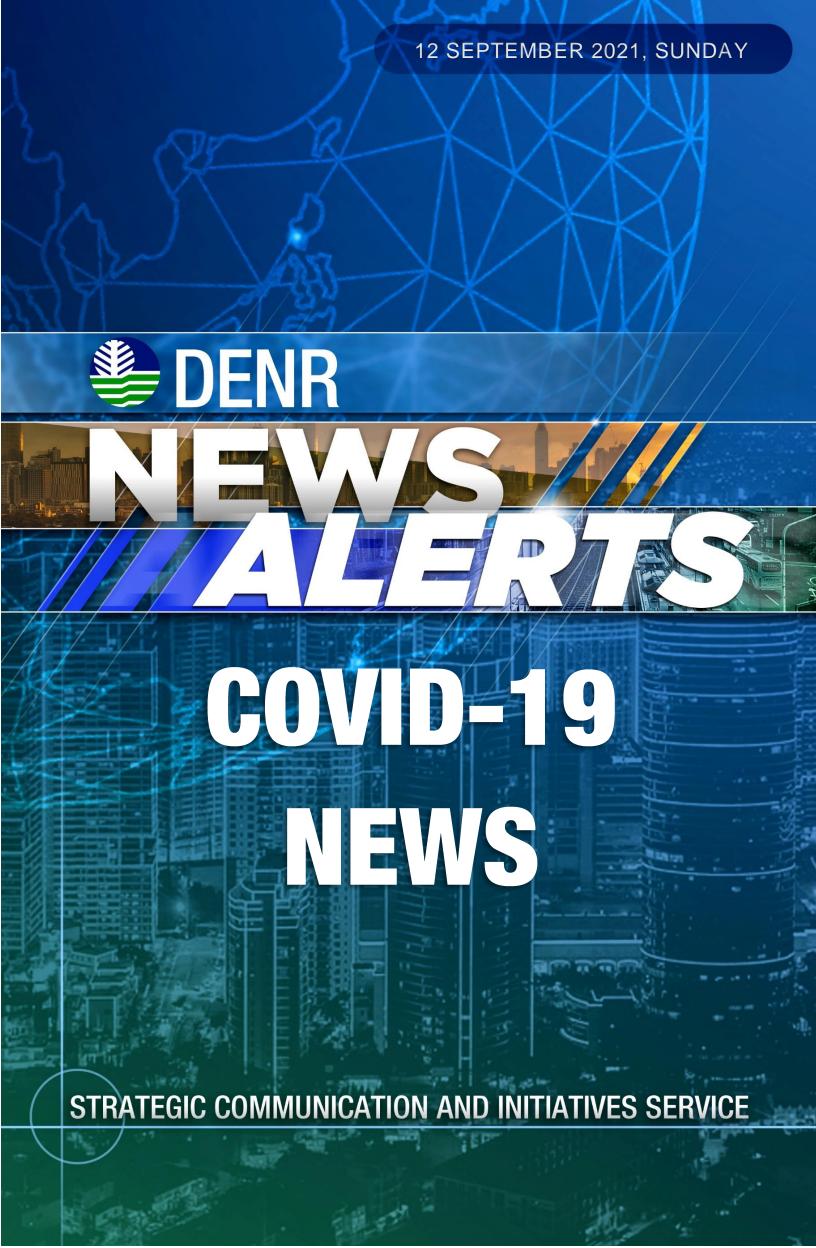
Storm Signal 2 was up in Batanes, while Babuyan Islands were under Storm Signal 1.

It was expected to bring heavy to intense with at times torrential rains over Batanes. Moderate to heavy rains were expected over Babuyan Islands, the northern portion of mainland Cagayan, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Abra, Apayao, and Kalinga.

Kiko was seen to enhance the southwest monsoon, bringing monsoon rains over Metro Manila, Ilocos Region and Cordillera Administrative Region, and the western sections of Central Luzon and Southern Luzon in the next 24 hours.

The typhoon was expected to leave the Philippine Area of Responsibility on Sunday afternoon or evening.

Source: https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/09/12/21/kiko-continues-to-move-north







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Philippines logs new record-high 26,603 COVID-19 cases

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At least 700 market vendors line-up to receive their first dose of the Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine at the Bayombong public market in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya on Sept. 6, 2021.

The STAR / Victor Martin

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines logged once again its highest number of daily coronavirus cases since the pandemic began with health authorities reporting Saturday 26,303 new infections, pushing the total to 2,206,021.

- Active cases: 185,706 or 8.4% of the total
- Recoveries: 16,013, bringing the number to 1,985,337
- Deaths: 79, or now 34,978 in total

Duterte threatens to cut gov't dealings with Red Cross

- President Rodrigo Duterte <u>threatened to end all government transactions</u> with the Philippine Red Cross, which Sen. Dick Gordon chairs, unless they allow themselves to be audited by state auditors.
- The threat comes as Gordon, who also chairs the Senate Blue Ribbon committee, continues to lead the investigation into the government's spending for pandemic supplies.
- Among the transactions that may be affected should Duterte make good on his threat is the partnership between the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. and the PRC for COVID-19 testing, which has brought down the cost of tests from the humanitarian organization to the cheapest in the market.
- Duterte also <u>refused to categorically advise against</u> the use of ivermectin for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19, even as he acknowledged that there is scant evidence to support it for this use.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/09/11/2126456/philippines-logs-new-record-high-26603-covid-19-cases

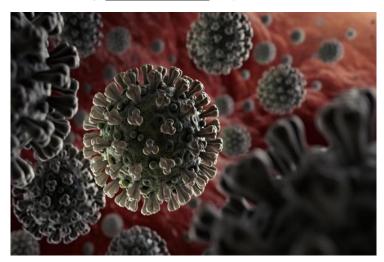




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GUMALING SA COVID-19 SA BANSA, MAHIGIT 1.9M NA

written by Gilbert Perdez September 11, 2021



SUMAMPA na sa mahigit 1.9M ang bilang ng mga gumaling sa COVID-19 sa Pilipinas.

Ito'y makaraang makapagtala ang Department of Health o DOH ng higit 16K recoveries sa nakalipas na 24 na oras.

Sa nasabing bilang, halos 186,000 na ang mga aktibong kaso.

Pero nagkaroon naman ng 26,303 na bagong impeksiyon kaya't sumirit na sa higit 2.2M ang bilang ng mga tinamaan ng coronavirus sa bansa.

Halos 35,000 na ang death toll kasunod ng pagpanaw ng 79 na pasyente.

Source: https://www.dwiz882am.com/index.php/gumaling-sa-covid-19-sa-bansa-mahigit-1-9m-na/

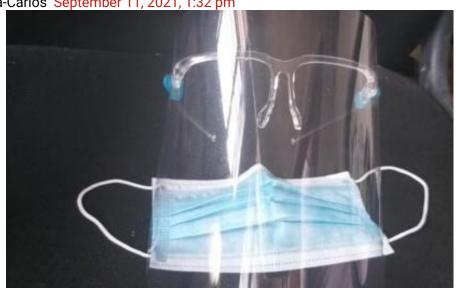




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Face shield gives 'premium' protection vs. Covid-19: Duterte

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos September 11, 2021, 1:32 pm



(PNA file photo)

MANILA – President Rodrigo Duterte has reminded the public to continue wearing face shields saying it could provide "premium" protection against the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

"You have to continue using it (face shield). Mabuti na lang iyan (That's good). I mean, [you will have] a little amount of protection in addition to the mask which will be provided by the face shield," Duterte said in a taped Talk to the People delivered Friday night but aired Saturday morning.

Duterte issued the statement amid debates on the effectiveness of face shields in preventing the spread of Covid-19.

While wearing a face shield could not provide "complete" protection, it could still control Covid-19 transmission in the country, Duterte said.

"Mas makatulong ito kaysa tanggalin natin (It will help us more because if you drop its use), you will remove premium of protection. [You will have] not really complete protection but the premium that it will provide by wearing face shield," he said.

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) on Dec. 14, 2020 issued Resolution 88, mandating all persons to wear full-coverage face shields on top of face masks in all public spaces to reduce the transmission of Covid-19.

However, Duterte in June this year ordered the public to wear face shields in hospitals.

Duterte later decided to keep the IATF-EID's policy on the mandatory use of face shields in public places, considering the presence of the more transmissible Delta coronavirus variant.

A recent study by the *Lancet*, a leading international medical journal, found that wearing a mask can decrease the risk of catching Covid-19 by 78 percent.

The result of the study also showed that the risk of transmission is cut by 85 percent if a face shield is worn in addition to the mask.





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On Sept. 7, the World Health Organization (WHO) said it is untimely to talk about changing the current policy on the use of face shields in the Philippines, given the spike in Covid-19 infections.

The WHO said it is also reviewing the Philippines' experience in wearing face shields as an additional layer of protection against Covid-19, as it is observed that its use has delayed the spread of the Delta variant in the country. (PNA)

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1153249





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QC urges national gov't to expand COVID vaccination coverage to include children

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Three kids playing on a seesaw. (Photo from Philippine News Agency)

The Quezon City government is requesting the national government to allocate or procure additional vaccines to include children.

Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte made the call after Philippine vaccine czar Carlito Galvez Jr. told the House of Representatives on Thursday (Sept. 9) that the Philippines is raising its vaccination target to 90% of the population to reach herd immunity as advocated by health experts because of the Delta variant.

She also cited a report from the City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit (CESU) that more than 12,000 minors in the city had COVID-19.

The mayor said that including children in the vaccination program is crucial since minors comprise 30% of the city's population.

"What health experts are now pushing for cannot be achieved in our city if we will not allow children or those below 18 years old to get COVID-19 vaccines, and help them as well from getting seriously sick from the virus," Belmonte said.

The latest data from CESU showed that as of Sept. 8, the city has recorded a total of 12,608 cases of COVID-19 among children aged 0 to 17.

Currently, 1,327 are active cases between Aug. 26 and Sept. 8. Of which, 48 cases are aged less than a year old; 597 are one to 10 years old, and 682 are 11 to 17 years old.

CESU confirmed that 122 residents at the Gentle Hands Orphanage tested positive, including 23 staff members and 99 youths age 18 years and below on Thursday. The orphanage has a total of 163 residents including both children and personnel, of which 143 were tested by CESU for COVID-19. Of those tested, 118 tested positive plus the four index cases bring the total positive cases to 122. Three male staff allegedly went out of the orphanage to get their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine last Aug. 13. Six days later one of the children developed symptoms.

Belmonte said the local government is ready to start inoculating children once it receives the guidelines or 'go signal' from the national government.





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"We understand that there is a vaccine shortage at the moment but once our country gets a regular supply of vaccines with FDA approval for vaccinating 17 and below we should consider this right away. We need to protect our children given that they are directly or indirectly exposed," Belmonte said.

"Sa ngayon, habang naghihintay tayo ng rekomendasyon mula sa national government, patuloy nating pinapalawak ang COVID response ng lungsod," she added, noting efforts such as expanded isolation facilities for children and families and expanded swab testing.

Further, Belmonte appealed to the public to report immediately to CESU if they know of anyone who is manifesting symptoms.

CESU can be reached via their official Facebook page and QC Contact Tracing HOTLINES 8703-2759, 8703-4398, 0916-122-8628, 0908-639-8086, and 0931-095-7737.

Source: https://ptvnews.ph/qc-urges-national-govt-to-expand-covid-vaccination-coverage-to-include-children/





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UN: Pandemic a worldwide wake-up call

posted September 12, 2021 at 12:00 am by AFP

The United Nations chief warned that the world is "moving in the wrong direction" and exhorted nations to take urgent action to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change.

"COVID-19 is a wake-up call, and we are oversleeping," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said at a press conference.

Speaking ahead of the UN General Assembly that kicks off in New York on Sep. 21, Guterres lamented that vaccine-manufacturing nations have been unable to ramp up production toward the goal of vaccinating some 70 percent of the world population by the first half of 2022.

"The pandemic has demonstrated our collective failure to come together and make joint decisions for the common good, even in the face of an immediate, life-threatening global emergency," Guterres said.

Earlier, the World Health Organization called on countries to avoid giving out extra COVID jabs until year-end, pointing to the millions worldwide who have yet to receive a single dose.

"I will not stay silent when the companies and countries that control the global supply of vaccines think the world's poor should be satisfied with leftovers," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told journalists.

Speaking from WHO's headquarters in Geneva, Tedros urged wealthy countries and vaccine makers to prioritise getting the first jabs to health workers and vulnerable populations in poorer nations over boosters.

"We do not want to see widespread use of boosters for healthy people who are fully vaccinated," he said.

The WHO called last month for a moratorium on COVID-19 vaccine booster shots until the end of September to address the drastic inequity in dose distribution between rich and poor nations.

But Tedros acknowledged there had "been little change in the global situations since then.

"So today I am calling for an extension of the moratorium until at least the end of the year," he said.

High-income countries had promised to donate more than one billion vaccine doses to poorer countries, he said – "but less than 15 percent of those doses have materialized."

"We don't want any more promises," he said. "We just want the vaccines."

But Tedros complained that while 90 percent of wealthy countries have hit the 10-percent mark, and more than 70 percent have already reached 40 percent, "not a single low-income country has reached either target."

He expressed outrage at a statement by a pharmaceutical industry organisation that the world's seven wealthiest nations, known as the G7, now had enough vaccines for all adults and teenagers – and to offer boosters to at-risk groups – and so the focus should shift to dose sharing.



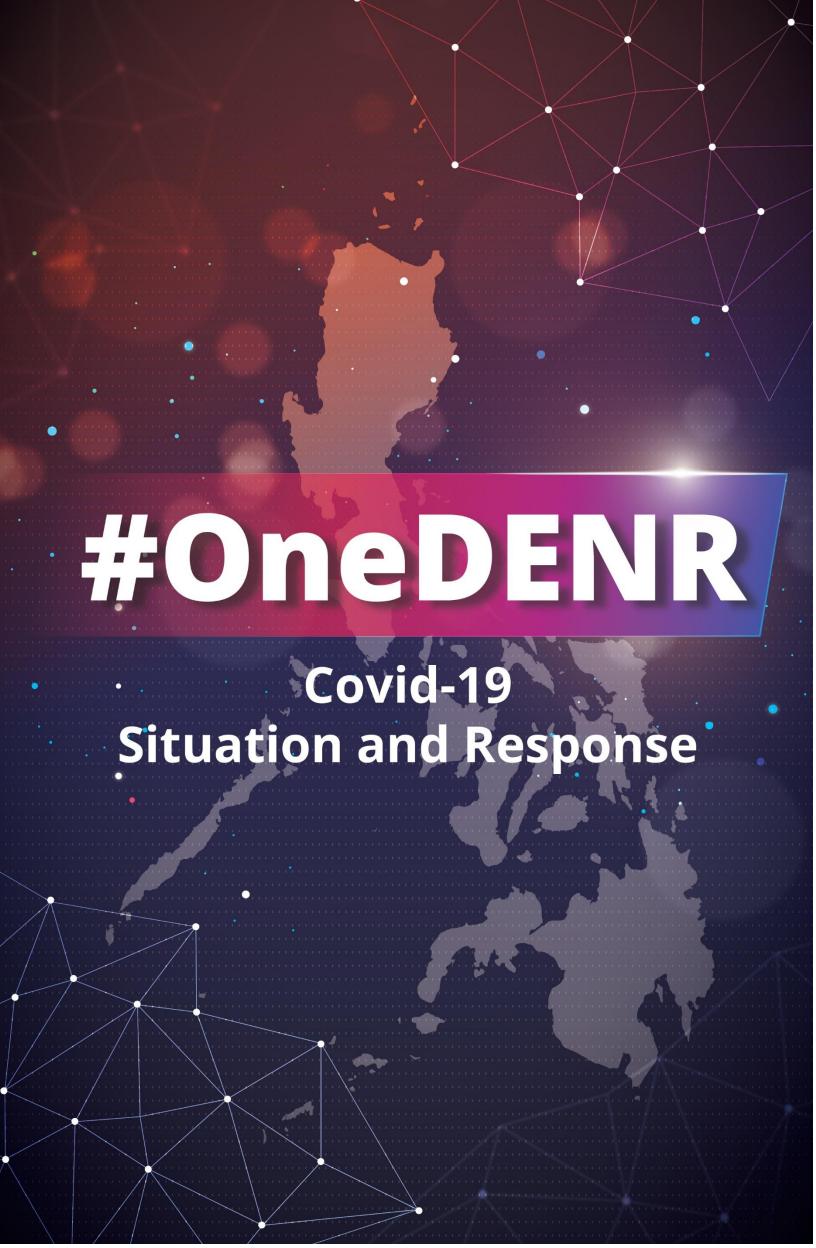


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"When I read this, I was appalled," he said.

"In reality, manufacturers and high-income countries have long had the capacity to not only vaccinate their own priority groups, but to simultaneously support the vaccination of those same groups in all countries."

Source: https://manilastandard.net/mobile/article/364699







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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

8.4%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO 185,706 PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

90.0%

1,985,337

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.59%

34,978

MGA BAGONG KASO 26,303

MGA BAGONG GUMALING 16,013

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY 79

KABUUANG BILANG NG KASO

2,206,021

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING SETYEMBRE 9

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AYON SA REPORTS NOONG SETYEMBRE 9

27.6%

PORSYENTO NG MGA NAGPOSITIBO 75,688

BILANG NG TINEST HALOS

95.5%

ANG MILD AT ASYMPTOMATIC NA KASO!



KABUUANG PILIPINAS PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?



VENTILATORS (3.4K TOTAL VENTILATORS)

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56% Utilized

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?



VENTILATORS (1.2k TOTAL VENTILATORS)

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61% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

Mild 85.3%

10.2% Asymptomatic

0.6% Critical

1.3% Severe

2.56% Moderate



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Abot-kamay natin ang kaligtasan, kailangan lamang nating sundang mabuti ang ating Minimum Public Health Standards. Kasabay nito, iwasang manghula, at agad na makipag-ugnayan sa <u>BHERTS o sa One COVID Referral Center</u> sa oras na makaramdam ng anuang sintomas. Maabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa <u>1555</u>, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o 0919-977-3333.

Para sa iba pang pangangailangang medikal, puntahan ang http://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine upang malaman kung papaano maabot ang serbisyo ng ating Telemedicine Service Providers, at ang http://bit.ly/DOHHospitalHotlines para maabot ang ating mga ospital sa lalong mabilis na panahon.



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ECQ	Most Sectors: Not Allowed
ALERT 4	3C Activities: Not Allowed
ALERT 3	3C Activities: 30%
ALERT 2	3C Activities: 50%
ALERT 1	Full Capacity with MPHS

Sample Activities Listed with 3C's:

_	ALERT 1	ALERT 2	ALERT 3	ALERT 4
CLOSED or indoor	- /			
CROWDED	~	50%	30%	×
CLOSE CONTACT or activities wherein PPE & MPHS cannot be fully implemented	Safety Seal + MPHS Implementation	10% increase if with Safety Seal	10% increase if with Safety Seal	High risk activities not allowed

Restrictions on Movement and Work:

Other Provisions	ALERT 1	ALERT 2	ALERT 3	ALERT 4
Age Restrictions & Mobility	Movement of persons shall be allowed (except for reasonable restrictions on 3C's identified by the LGUs)	(except for reasonable re	ons shall be allowed estrictions based on age determined by LGUs)	Not allowed: • Below 18 yo • Over 65 yo • With comorbidities, immunodeficiency • Pregnant
Private Establishments	Full capacity. provided with MPHS	Minimal on-site capacity; work-from-home and flexible work arrangements		e and flexible work
Agencies & Instrumentalities of the Government	Full capacity, provided with MPHS	At least 50% on-site capacity	At least 30% on-site capacity	At least 20% on-site capacity

















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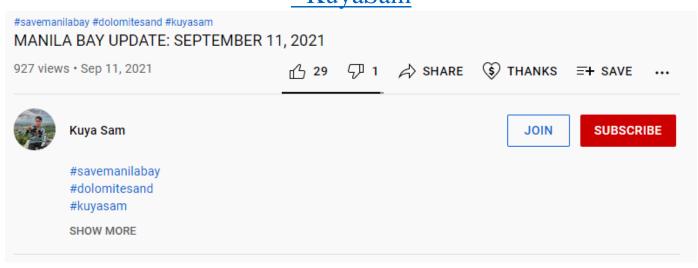




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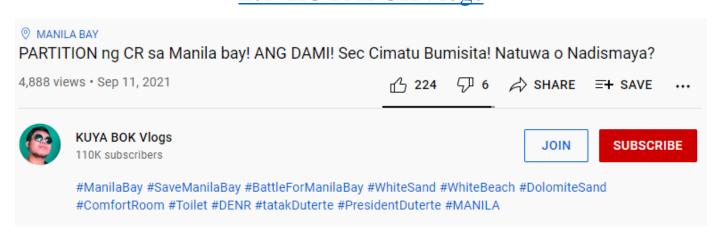




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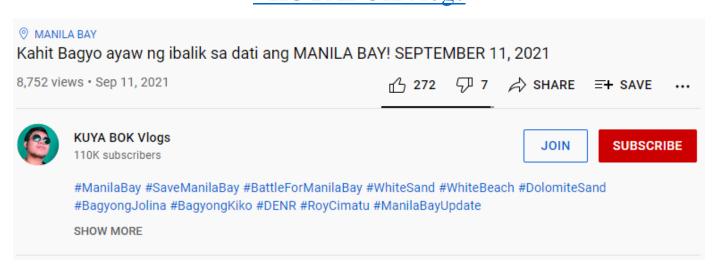




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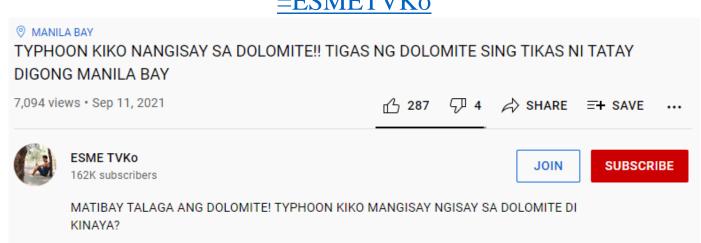




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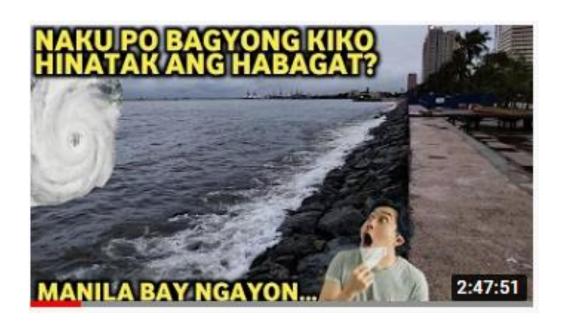


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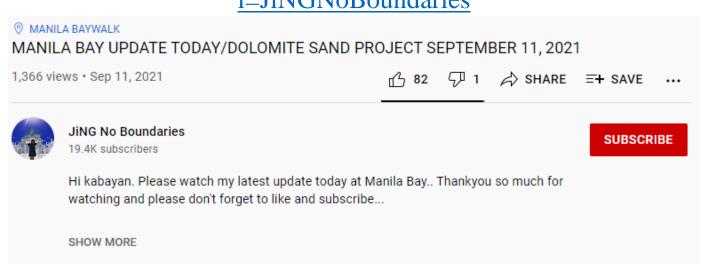




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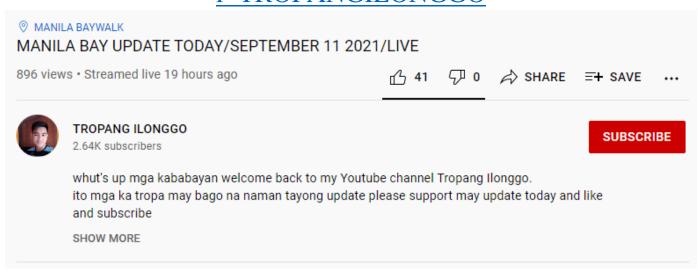




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