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Unang bahagi ng Manila Bay beach enhancement project, 80 pct nang tapos - DENR

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Tiningnan ng mga taga-Department of Environment and Natural Resources at ilang bloggers ang rock garden sa tinatawag na dolomite beach sa Manila Bay, nitong Hunyo 16, 2021. ABS-CBN News

MAYNILA - Nasa 80 porsyento nang tapos ang phase 1 ng Manila Bay beach enhancement project kung saan bahagi nito ang kontrobersyal na pagtambak ng dolomite sand, ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) nitong Miyerkoles.

May habang 140 meters at kapal na 1 meter ang artificial white sand sa Manila Bay beach.

Ayon sa awtoridad, pinapatag na lang daw ito at hinihintay pang dumating ang mga panghuling batch ng dolomite.

Ipinagmalaki rin ni Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu ang paglinis ng tubig sa nasabing bahagi ng Manila Bay.

Mula sa milyon-milyon na most probable number o MPN per 100 milligrams na fecal coliform level ng tubig, bumaba ito sa 142 mpn noong Hunyo, at aniya, dahil ito sa dolomite.

"We were able to prove that it can clean the water. The water here is definitely cleaner than the water doon sa wala pang dolomite. Dito namin na-register yung 142, dito pinakamababa. It has a distinct character na finifilter niya yung water by itself," paliwanag ni Cimatu.

Pero aniya, hindi pa rin ito sapat para buksan ang Manila Bay sa publiko.

Bubuksan lamang daw ito at papayagang lumangoy dito ang publiko kapag naabot na ang 100 MPN na siyang ligtas o katanggap-tanggap na level.

Nagtanim rin ng 10 puno ng niyog o coconut trees sa may baywalk ang DENR.

Plano ng ahensya na magtanim dito ng 60 coconut trees at isa pang klase ng halaman.

Maglalagay din ng mga malalaking umbrella para sa publiko na nais maligo kapag pormal na itong binuksan.

BASURA SA TUBIG

Sa kaniyang pag-inspeksyon sa Manila Bay nitong Miyerkoles, natiyempuhan naman ni Cimatu ang mga basura sa tubig na pinaniniwalaan niyang inanod mula sa Cavite.

"I gave order already na yung aking Regional Director diyan, linisin din yung coastal nila sa Cavite. Kasi 'yun nga, 'pag lumaki yung alon, hihilain niya yung sa beach nila, pupunta dito.Karamihan 'yan, galing doon," sabi niya.





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"We will clean all the coast mula dito sa Paranaque hanggang doon sa may Ternate shoreline doon, tsaka yung river na bumababa. All the creeks in Tagaytay, papunta lahat dito sa beach dito. So ganun talaga kalawak yung dapat linisin," sabi ni Cimatu.

Samantala, sinabi ng Oceana Philippines na tila binalewala ng DENR ang panawagan ng iba't ibang environment groups na magsagawa ng environmental impact assessment bago ituloy ang pagtatambak ng dolomite.

"Natapos na sila, hindi pa nga sila gumagawa ng pag-aaral kahit na sinasabi ng iba't ibang grupo na dapat sana pag-aralan yung ginagawa nila. Pero parang di nakikinig yung ating goibyerno sa sinasabi ng mga tao," ani Oceana Philippines Legal and Policy Director Atty. Liza Osorio.

Dagdag pa niya, hindi rin masasabing dahil nga sa dolomite kaya bumaba ang fecal coliform level sa lugar.

"Kung ina-attribute nila yun directly sa dolomite, ano yung ebidensya nila? Kasi hindi naman natin directly na ma-attribute na ganun kadali. Hindi naman ganun kadali yung siyensya doon," ayon kay Osorio.

Hamon ng grupo sa DENR na magkaroon ng Manila Bay sustainable development plan kung saan mababawasan ang masasamang epekto ng matinding mga bagyo at pagbaha sa lugar.

Inaasahang matatapos ang beach nourishment project ngayong buwan o sa Hulyo.





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DENR: Manila Bay water quality continues to improve

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Visitors fascinated by the sight of the new Manila Bay (PNA photo by Rico Borja)

By Christine Fabro

Manila Bay recently posted its lowest fecal coliform level since the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) began rehabilitating the pollution-challenged water body.

DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu said during an inspection at the Manila Bay Beach Nourishment Project on Wednesday (June 16) that the fecal coliform bacteria level in Manila Bay stands at 142 mpn/100ml (most probable number per 100 milliliters), down from its pre-rehab record of 7.21 million mpn/100ml in 2019.

According to the DENR, the standard fecal coliform level in Manila Bay should drop to 100 mpn/100ml for it to become safe for swimming.

Cimatu said the current problem lies in the volume of trash that settles near the U.S. Embassy, which he suspects comes from Cavite.

He urged DENR-Calabarzon to ramp up its clean-up efforts to curb water pollution in Manila Bay.

Coconut tree planting activity

Part of the government's rehabilitation efforts for Manila Bay is the coconut planting activity at the Baywalk Area, Roxas Boulevard in Manila.

The DENR spearheaded this activity on Wednesday (June 16), and was joined by the Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Tourism, and Metro Manila Development Authority.

Sixty coconut trees were planted along the Manila Baywalk area, starting from the U.S. Embassy to Manila Yacht Club.

Last year, the DENR conducted a mangrove tree planting at Baseco Lagoon in Tondo, Manila as part of the Manila Bay rehabilitation program. – j/O

Source: https://ptvnews.ph/denr-manila-bay-water-quality-continues-to-improve/





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DENR eyes reopening of Manila Bay 'white sand beach' to public this July

By: Daphne Galvez - Reporter / @DYGalvezINQ

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MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is considering reopening the Manila Bay "white sand beach" to the public next month, Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said Monday.

Antiporda said the DENR is currently "fast-tracking" the clean-up and the beautification of the Manila Bay white sand beach, which is actually crushed dolomite – a type of limestone – that was extracted and shipped from Cebu province to cover the original black sand of the famous shoreline as part of the environment agency's 2019 Manila Bay Rehabilitation program to curb pollution in the body of water.

"The DENR is fast-tracking everything. Personal na pinangangasiwaan ng ating Kalihim Roy Cimatu. Based on the information na natanggap ng inyong lingkod, minamadali 'yan na maari na hanggang July na ma-open na 'yan or matapos na 'yang proyekto na 'yan," he said in a Laging Handa public briefing.

(The DENR is fast-tracking everything. That is being personally handled by Sec. Roy Cimatu. Based on the information I gathered, that is being expedited so that it may be opened in July.)

"Rest assured na ang taumbayan ay may makikitang malaking pagbabago at pag-ganda ng Manila Bay," he added.

(We assure the public that they will see a big change and beautification of Manila Bay.)

The Manila Bay white sand beach project stirred controversy last year as many have criticized it as a "completely absurd and highfalutin rehabilitation" effort; that it "would not do anything"; and the artificial sand could easily be washed out by storm surges or rising tides.

The DENR's 2019 Manila Bay Rehabilitation program was reported to cost P389 million, of which some P28 million was allocated for the dolomite overlay.

The national government rationalized the move, with DENR saying the white sand makeover will discourage people from throwing garbage in the area while Malacañang said the project will benefit the mental health of Filipinos during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DENR had to overlay a fresh layer of crushed dolomite in April this year after <u>storms</u> <u>"washed in" black sand over the artificial white sand beach</u>.

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Source: https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1445934/denr-eyes-reopening-of-manila-bay-white-sand-beach-to-public-this-july





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DENR, MMDA conduct coconut tree planting activity at Manila Bay

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As part of a national effort to rehabilitate Manila Bay, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Metro Manila Development Authority has on Wednesday (16 June 2021) conducted a coconut tree planting activity along the Baywalk Area.

DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu and MMDA General Manager Jojo Garcia spearheaded the tree planting campaign. (Lauren Ibanez/BENJAMIN CUARESMA/AI/MTVN)

Source: https://maharlika.tv/2021/06/16/denr-mmda-conduct-coconut-tree-planting-activity-at-manila-bay/?fbclid=IwAR2UTY2J4pj53cxUNwoyd6a6epgNo3pqFY-KzDJvufquMGfCW9z3v-auPNc





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PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB DUNGO JR. FOR THE DAILY TRIBUNE DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu and MMDA Undersecretary Jose Garcia lead the coconut tree planting rites along the Manila Baywalk.





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ICYMI: Magtatanim ng 60 puno ng niyog ang Department of Natural Resources sa kahabaan ng Manila Bay bilang bahagi ng pagsasaayos sa sikat na pasyalan. Pinangunahan ito kahapon ni DENR Sec. Roy Cimatu kung saan 10 puno muna ang unang itinanim sa Manila Bay. #DZRHNationwide



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Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu and other officials inspected the artificial beach in Manila Bay on Wednesday.

On the same day, DENR and MMDA planted coconut trees along the baywalk area as part of their continuing activities and efforts for the clean-up and rehabilitation of Manila Bay.



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LOOK | Some officials inspect the dolomite beach in Manila Bay. The first phase of the beach nourishment project is expected to be completed by July. (via News5/Shyla Francisco)





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Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu chats with representatives of partner agencies and members of the media who strolled along the dolomite-covered beach of Manila Bay in Roxas Boulevard, Manila on June 16, 2021. PHOTO BY MIKE ALQUINTO





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Dolomite white

posted June 17, 2021 at 12:23 am by Norman Cruz



The Manila Bay beautification project continues with the installation of a rock garden and beach umbrellas at the dolomite beach area near the US Embassy along Roxas Boulevard. (Inset) Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu (right) leads the inspection of the ongoing rehabilitation and clean-up efforts on June 16, 2021.

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New attraction at Manila's 'dolomite' beach

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) personnel, together with some bloggers, check out the newly installed rock garden at the dolomite beach near the U.S. embassy on Roxas Boulevard in Manila City on Wednesday. Despite criticisms from certain sectors, the beautification project continues and is expected to be finished by the third quarter of the year, according to officials.

Source: https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/multimedia/photo/06/16/21/new-attraction-at-manilas-dolomite-beach?fbclid=IwAR3nIikRikRkSvgIGATnY-b4kn8YbWCfTJa4d32VeL9o3cQVDIOAAB8e_6g





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Artificial Manila Bay dolomite beach now has rock formations

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Personnel from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and bloggers walk around the artificial dolomite beach at Manila Bay near the US Embassy along Roxas Boulevard in Manila following the visit of DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu for a tree-planting activity on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. The beach now has rock formations too.

(Kiara Lauren Ibanez/BENJAMIN CUARESMA/AI/MTVN)

Source: https://maharlika.tv/2021/06/16/artificial-manila-bay-dolomite-beach-now-has-rock-formations/?fbclid=IwAR1FIWiht4I1rcy83Q3fg9hr5lrxjiDMKYBuIDvaOmuHf3aHxECV_SHyFMY





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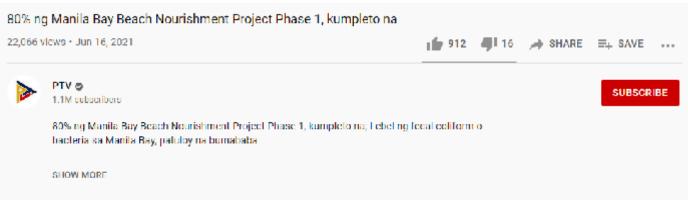






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Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu leads the ceremonial planting of coconut palms along Roxas

Boulevard in Manila as part of the beautification and restoration of the Manila Baywalk.

DENR must restore mangroves, seagrasses in Manila Bay instead of planting coconut trees — fishers

Gaea Katreena Cabico (Philstar.com) - June 16, 2021 - 5:07pm

MANILA, Philippines — An organization of fisherfolk called on the government to restore mangrove forests and seagrass beds instead of planting coconut palms along the shore of Manila Bay, which it said will have a "meager to no contribution" to the rehabilitation of degraded body of water.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources led the planting of coconut palms along the baywalk area in Roxas Boulevard as part of the agency's "continuing activities and efforts for the clean-up and rehabilitation of Manila Bay."

But fishers' group Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (PAMALAKAYA) said that while it is natural for coconut trees to grow in coastlines, the palms have "nothing to do with" addressing the bay's environmental degradation.

"Just because it's natural doesn't mean it is necessary and priority to restore the bay's ecosystem. Planting of coconut palm trees along the shores reflects the government's thrust on Manila Bay rehabilitation which is solely based on external beautification, rather than restoration of its marine and fishery resources," said Fernando Hicap, PAMALAKAYA national chairperson.

Philstar.com has reached out to DENR's Jonas Leones, who is the undersecretary for policy, planning and international affairs, but he has yet to respond as of posting. The story will be updated once he sends a response.

Coastal vegetation acts as natural barrier against natural and anthropogenic activities, with coconut trees known to withstand big waves.

Last year, the agency undertook a controversial beach nourishment project, using crushed dolomite rocks to "rehabilitate and protect" coastal resources in the area as well as to prevent erosion. The estimated cost of the project was P389 million, around P28 million of which was allotted for the overlaying of artificial white sand on the beach.

Restore mangroves

Rehabilitation efforts must focus on restoring mangrove forests and seagrasses, which are vital to the bay's ecosystem and biodiversity, PAMALAKAYA said. Mangroves and seagrasses serve as pollution filter, flood defense of coastal communities and habitats of fish





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"The DENR has completely lost touch with the reality by ridiculously envisioning a tropical paradise in Manila Bay when small fisherfolk and coastal residents actually need restoration of fishery resources for their livelihood and food security," Hicap said.

"Mangrove reforestation and seagrasses restoration are more relevant to the Manila Bay rehabilitation than the costly yet futile beach nourishment project," he added.

Environment officials have been saying the agency is not only focused on beautifying the baywalk but is also addressing problems in different tributaries and waterways of Manila Bay.





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Group: Government should focus on restoring marine resources of Manila Bay

BYJONATHAN L. MAYUGA JUNE 17, 2021



Members of the local government of Manila's Department of Public Services remove trash from Manila Bay during the coconutplanting activity of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on Wednesday.

The militant Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (PAMALAKAYA) chided the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as the agency led a coconut tree-planting activity along Roxas Boulevard as an added attraction to beach nourishment project along Manila Bay.

"Still absurd, trying hard, waste of public resources, and simply for aesthetics with a meager to no contribution to the rehabilitation of Manila Bay," Fernando Hicap, National coordinator of PAMALAKAYA said in a statement.



Department of the Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu and Edison Nebrija, MMDA Traffic Manager, lead the planting of coconuts as part of the DENR -led Manila Bay rehabilitation program planting activity held at the Roxas Boulevard bay area, in cooperation with the city government of Manila, Philippine Coconut Authority and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

According to Hicap, although it is natural for coconut palm trees to grow in coastlines, it has "nothing to do with" addressing the environmental degradation of Manila Bay.

"Just because it's natural doesn't mean it is necessary and priority to restore the bay's ecosystem. Planting of coconut palm trees along the shores reflects the government's thrust on Manila Bay a rehabilitation which is solely based on external beautification, rather than restoration of its marine and fishery resources."





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PAMALAKAYA has strongly criticized the beach nourishment project of the DENR and the Department of Public Works and Highways which involved the dumping of crushed dolomite to mimic the white sand beach of Boracay, the country's top tourist destination, in Malay, Aklan.

The former Anakpawis Party-list Representative slammed Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu for his alleged "misplaced priorities and taking the opposite track" of the Supreme Court's continuing mandamus to clean-up, restore, and rehabilitate Manila Bay.

"The DENR has completely lost touch with the reality by ridiculously envisioning a tropical paradise in Manila Bay when small fisherfolks and coastal residents actually need restoration of fishery resources for their livelihood and food security," Hicap, also a fisherman based in Cavite said.

Instead of coconut trees, the group proposed the restoration of mangrove forests and seagrasses that are vital to Manila Bay's ecosystem and biodiversity that serve as fish sanctuaries, pollution filter, and coastal communities' flood defense. Image courtesy of Roy Domingo

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/06/17/group-government-should-focus-on-restoring-marine-resources-of-manila-bay/





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Fishers' group frowns at coconut palms planted along Manila Baywalk

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THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) led the planting of coconut trees along Roxas Boulevard on Wednesday as part of the Manila Bay beautification project, an initiative that was frowned upon by a fishers' group.

Fisherfolk organization Pamalakaya, in an emailed statement, described the activity as "absurd, trying hard, a waste of public resources, and simply for aesthetics with a meager to no contribution to (the) rehabilitation of Manila Bay."

Pamalakaya National Chairperson Fernando L. Hicap said, "Just because it's natural (for coconut palm trees to grow on coastlines) doesn't mean it is necessary... to restore the bay's ecosystem. Planting of coconut palm trees along the shores reflects the government's thrust on Manila Bay rehabilitation which is solely based on external beautification, rather than restoration of its marine and fishery resources."

The group said the DENR should instead focus on planting mangrove and seagrass, which serve as fish sanctuaries, pollution filters, and can protect communities against flooding.

"Mangrove reforestation and seagrasses restoration are more relevant to the Manila Bay rehabilitation than the costly yet futile beach nourishment project," Mr. Hicap said.

According to a PTV4 report, the DENR's artificial white sand beach project along the bay is 80% complete.

The coconut planting project was supported by the Manila City government, Philippine Coconut Authority, and the Metro Manila Development Authority. — **Angelica Y. Yang**

Source: https://www.bworldonline.com/fishers-group-frowns-at-coconut-palms-planted-along-manila-

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DENR, pinuri ng CHR sa pagpapasara ng mahigit 300 open dumpsite



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MANILA, Philippines – Pinuri ng Commission on Human Rights (CHR) ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) dahil sa pagpapasara ng 335 open dumpsites sa buong bansa.

Ayon kay CHR spokesperson Jacqueline de Guia, ipinapakita ng waste management kung paanong pinahahalagahan ng bansa ang dignidad ng tao.

Aniya, bahagi rin ito ng pagprotekta sa karapatan ng mga taon.

"While national and local interventions during the pandemic are largely focused on protecting lives and economies, management of waste is also essential to minimize long-term risks to human and environmental health," saad niya.

"People's health, food and water safety, housing, and overall well-being can be negatively affected by improper disposal of waste and hazardous materials," dagdag niya.

Sa pagpapasara ng mga open dumpsite, ipinatupad ng DENR ang Republic Act (RA) No. 9003 o Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 na nagmamando sa mga lokal na pamahalaan na maabot ang 25-percent waste reduction sa pamamagitan ng pagtatatag ng isang solid waste management plans na nakabase sa 3Rs — reduce, reuse at recycle. **RNT**

Source: https://www.remate.ph/denr-pinuri-ng-chr-sa-pagpapasara-ng-mahigit-300-open-dumpsite/





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DENR crafting \$4m project on Benham Bank

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Conservation International are now preparing the design of a \$4-million project to be funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to conserve and protect the Benham Bank and sustain its near pristine condition.

The proposed five-year project, titled Philippine Rise Integrated Conservation for Enduring Legacies through Ecosystem Support Services (PRICELESS), will be financed under the 7th Replenishment Cycle of the Global Environment Facility (GEF-7).

It will be executed by the DENR in partnership with Conservation International and Rare Philippines, both non-government organizations.

GEF-7 will provide a \$4 million grant, with an expected co-financing from the Philippine government, conservation partners, and other key stakeholders in the Philippine Rise Region.

GEF-7 PRICELESS aims to address the need to ramp up and build capacity to protect and manage the waters, reefs, and natural resources in the Philippine Rise Marine Resource Reserve (PRMRR).

The PRMRR is composed of the Benham Bank and its surrounding waters, being the first National Integrated Protected Areas System Marine Protected Area (NIPAS MPA) in the country's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

Given the vast, offshore areas in the Philippine Rise, the project also aims to strengthen coordination and partnership between the DENR, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Navy, among many others.

It has been a long way since the discovery of pristine coral reefs, expansive seaweed (Caulerpa sp.) meadows, and other benthic habitats lying 40-80 meters beneath the surface in the Benham Bank.

It was the result of the first two inter-agency expeditions in 2014 and 2016 of the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute (UP MSI), UP Los Baños, and the DA BFAR.

These habitats are a haven for marine biodiversity in the Philippine EEZ -- the Pacific Bluefin Tuna (Thunnus orientalis) and the Big eye Tuna (Thunnus obesus) both classified as "vulnerable" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species.

Found there too are the billfish, butterflyfish and other commercially important fish, rays, and schools of sharks.

Alongside the discovery of the rich biodiversity of the Benham Bank was the granting, acceptance, and recognition by the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf of Philippines' Extended Continental Shelf in the Philippine Rise.

The PRMRR was also declared as an Ecologically and Biologically Significant Area or EBSA by the Convention on Biological Diversity back in 2016, granting the area the international recognition it deserves.





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However, it is through the issuance of Presidential Proclamation No. 489 in 2018 that PRMRR is being managed and operated.

The DENR has initiated that the PRMRR be declared a full-fledged NIPAS Marine Protected Area.

DENR's effort to upgrade its status as a NIPAS MPA started with multiple Management Planning and interim PAMB (Protected Area Management Board) meetings from 2018 to 2021, leading up to the upcoming deliberations of a proposed PRMRR Bill through the House Committee for Natural Resources.

There is much more to be discovered in the depths of the Philippine Rise, from its marine biodiversity, geological history, and full potential to provide ecosystem services, food security, for Filipinos all over the country.

The reefs, habitat, and biodiversity there, while still in the near pristine condition when they were first discovered must be closely monitored to observe any changes.

PRMRR should be given stronger protection given the growing interest brought about by its rich fisheries resources and other possible threats from climate change and unsustainable fishing practices.

The PRICELESS Project is indeed something to look forward to and will play a critical role in strengthening the PRMRR's status as a NIPAS MPA.

Its Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) should be constituted to secure the sustainable management and protection of the fisheries and natural resources in the entire Philippine Rise Region for the benefit of present and future generations.

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Del Pan Bridge area of Pasig River found to have high fecal coliform level

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A PORTION of the Pasig River under the Del Pan Bridge in Manila has been found to have extra high amounts of fecal coliform, based on a water quality test conducted by the monitoring team from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Philippine Coast Guard.

Documents from the DENR showed that the fecal coliform count in the river hit 17 million most probable number per 100 milliliters (MPN/100 mL). The DENR standard for Class C waters or those used for boating or fishing stands at only 200 MPN/100 mL.

The DENR explained that water bodies with high levels of fecal coliform or waste found in humans and animals implies improper sanitary waste disposal. It added that this indicates contamination of human or animal waste from various residential and commercial areas.

The DENR-Coast Guard joint team conducted the monitoring test to look for possible sources of water pollution.

Among the possible polluters include domestic waste from informal settlers and traditional sailing boats called batil. — **Angelica Y. Yang**

 $Source: \ https://www.bworldonline.com/del-pan-bridge-area-of-pasig-river-found-to-have-high-fecal-coliform-level/?fbclid=IwAR2mk1LFvi1uEc-TWpT5Tu4RcUTcLhXydLrlmv-z8MTa0qejfzOlKaqXpHM$





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Pawikan returning to nest in Davao's Cleanergy Park

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The Aboitiz Cleanergy Park continues to prove itself as a sea turtle or "pawikan" haven with the discovery of two new nests last June 11.

One was laid by a previously rescued and rehabilitated pawikan, while the other by a new pawikan. There are now a total of nine nests found in the park in the first half of 2021 alone.

An eight-hectare ecological preserve and biodiversity conservation site, the Aboitiz Cleanergy Park is located along the coast of Punta Dumalag, Matina Aplaya, Davao City.



PAWIKAN HAVEN. Two new pawikan nests were discovered at the Aboitiz Cleanergy Park, an eight hectare ecological preserve and biodiversity conservation site in Punta Dumalag, Matina Aplaya, Davao City. AEV photo

AboitizPower subsidiary Davao Light and Aboitiz Foundation Inc. manage the park.

Since its launch in 2014, the park has become home to almost 100 endemic migratory bird species, marine species, and at least three critically endangered pawikan species like the Hawksbill turtle, Green Sea turtle, and Olive Ridley turtle.

The returning pawikan identified as "Turtle Cleanergy" is a female pawikan previously rescued from the park's mangroves last February 2017.

She was found exhausted and injured from forcing her way through the vegetation back to the sea after nesting. She was rescued, rehabilitated, and assessed for release by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region XI.

"Turtle Cleanergy" and a second female relative (a sister or a cousin) are believed to be the origins of several nests discovered in past years: one nest in 2014 and 11 nests in 2017.

These conclusions were based on tissue samples and DNA studies undertaken by students at the University of the Philippines Mindanao and Dr. Ruth Gamboa, a marine biologist from UP Mindanao.

A new pawikan was spotted laying eggs in the Aboitiz Cleanergy Park last June 9, 2021. She did not have an official tag but was named "Turtle Hope." She may be the origin of another nest that was discovered two weeks earlier.

Hawksbill turtles, the species to which Turtle Cleanergy and Turtle Hope belong, typically lay eggs in two-week intervals. Each female generally lays three to five nests each season; "Turtle Cleanergy" has laid three nests so far, and "Turtle Hope" has laid two.





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"The Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region XI (DENR XI) is in strong partnership with AboitizPower subsidiary Davao Light and Aboitiz Foundation for the Cleanergy Park, which has long been a safe nesting place and recovery area for rescued sea turtles," said Bagani F. Evasco, DENR Region XI Executive Director.

"We are grateful for the conservation efforts of Aboitiz through the park. It is truly a testament to their continued commitment to protecting and conserving the environment and the wildlife species around the area," Evasco added.

"The return of "Turtle Cleanergy" to the Cleanergy park is very timely as we celebrate the Philippine Environment Month. We are reminded to continue caring for, protecting, and conserving our environment and flora and fauna species found in them," the official added.

Pawikan are known to return faithfully to the same beach where they were born or previously nested.

"With the sea turtles coming back and laying eggs through the years, the Aboitiz Cleanergy Park has successfully lived up to its purpose of protecting and preserving the area and its flora and fauna, despite the daily environmental threats such as pollution and soil erosion," said Rodger S. Velasco, Davao Light President and Chief Operating Officer.

"We commit to continue our conservation efforts, and we are grateful for the invaluable support and partnership of DENR XI, the local government of Davao City, and our various stakeholders," he added.

Davao Light, the Aboitiz Foundation, DENR XI, and the Davao City LGU previously entered into an agreement for pawikan conservation efforts and identified the Aboitiz Cleanergy Park as Pawikan Rescue Center, in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water).

The regular returns of "Turtle Cleanergy" in the last seven years, along with the continual arrival of new pawikan such as "Turtle Hope," show that the conservation efforts of the Aboitiz Group have been fruitful and continue to contribute to the na

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TINGNAN: Glow in the dark na alon sa Davao del Sur

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Larawan mula kay Chingkai Dano

Namangha ang mga residente sa Barangay Dawis sa Digos City, Davao del Sur nang tila magliwanag ang mga alon sa kanilang baybayin nitong Martes ng gabi.

Ayon sa nagbahagi ng mga larawan na si Chingkai Dano, unang pagkakataon nilang nakita ito sa Dawis beach, kung saan nagmistulang glow in the dark ang mga alon.

Maaaring sanhi ito ng mga bioluminescent plankton na lumiliwanag sa dagat kapag ito'y nagalaw, ayon sa mga residente.

Nakatakdang magbigay ng paliwanag ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources ukol dito.

—Ulat ni Hernel Tocmo

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QC air quality sensors soon to dot hotspots of pollution

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by Rio N. Araja

Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte on Monday ordered the city's environmentalists to put up air quality sensors in pollution hot spots in a bid to strengthen the city's commitment to lessen air pollution.

Belmonte tasked the Environment Protection and Waste Management Department head Andrea Villaroman tocarry out the project after receiving eight units of air quality sensors and the "Roadmap for Quezon City's Air Quality Management Plan" from Clean Air Asia and C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group through its C40 Air Quality Technical Assistance Program.

The sensors will measure pollutants such as the most dangerous particulate matter 2.5 (PM 2.5) which comes from the emissions of cars, trucks, and industrial facilities.

Long-term exposure to this pollutant affects the residents' health as the particles travel deeply into lungs and blood streams and can worsen conditions such as asthma and heart disease.

"Quezon City is very grateful to C40 Cities and Clean Air Asia for their continuous assistance in capacitating city officials and technical staff in terms of developing a more comprehensive strategy to improve air quality in the city. Through these air quality monitoring sensors, we will be able to gather the city's air quality baseline data that will help us in planning and determining programs, projects and policies to reach our goal," Belmonte said.

"It contributes to the realization of our city's 14-point agenda, specifically agenda number 10, which is to build a livable, green and sustainable city," she added.

In two months, monitoring sensors will be placed in the "pollution hot spots" or areas with high public risk for air pollution exposure. Initially, the city has identified areas of Novaliches, Sto. Domingo and Quezon Memorial Circle as monitoring sites.

Deployment of the sensors will serve as the city's foundation in developing its air quality management system.

Historical data from ground and satellite-based measurements will be analyzed and the city will form air quality solutions which will become part of the Air Quality Management Plan of the Quezon City government.

"The comprehensive trainings which Clean Air Asia provided covered guidance on data analysis, visualization, and interpretation to help the government better communicate to the public what the air quality data means. These trainings would help the city sustain the air quality monitoring system," Clean Air Asia Deputy Executive Director Glynda Bathan-Baterina said.

In addition to the Roadmap, a range of knowledge products were also developed under the project that have bolstered Quezon City's air quality management capacity, providing guidance in developing, managing and operating its own local air quality monitoring network, and in establishing a sustainable air quality management system.

"Linking air quality monitoring and air quality management planning puts the city firmly on track to meet its commitments under the C40 Clean Air Cities Declaration. We are so pleased to have the opportunity to support Quezon City in its laudable air quality work," Helen Ho, Program Manager for Air Quality Technical Assistance of C40





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EDITORYAL - Pasig River, nangunguna sa dami ng plastic na sinusuka

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LABINGSIYAM na ilog sa bansa ang nagpaparumi sa karagatan dahil sa dami ng mga isinusukang plastic na basura. Nangunguna rito ang Pasig River na ang mga basura ay inaanod patungo sa Manila Bay. Pawang mga plastic na basura ang iniluluwa ng Pasig River dahilan para maging polluted ang Manila Bay.

Bukod sa Pasig River, nagluluwa rin ng maraming basura sa karagatan ang mga ilog ng Tullahan, Meycauayan, Pampanga at Libmanan. Ang mga ilog na ito ang nangunguna sa dami ng mga plastic na basura na isinusuka sa karagatan.

Ayon sa pag-aaral na isinagawa at nalathala sa journal Science Advance, nasa 1,600 ilog sa buong mundo ang nagko-contribute para ma-pollute ang karagatan. Ayon sa pag-aaral, 80 percent ng mga ilog ay nagsusuka ng mga basurang plastic na humahantong sa dagat. Kahit umano maliit ang ilog ay nakakapag-contribute ng mga basurang plastic. Walang tigil sa paglalakbay ang mga basurang plastic na pawang humahantong sa dagat..

Ayon pa sa pag-aaral, ang Pasig River ay nakakapag-contribute ng mahigit 356,000 metriko tonelada ng plastic na basura sa karagatan bawat taon. Ang Pasig River na may habang 27 kilometro ay nakapaikot na parang ahas sa mataong Metro Manila. Maraming bayan at lungsod ang nasa paligid ng Pasig River at ang mga ito ay nagko-contribute ng 63,000 tonelada ng basura bawat taon.

Problema ang plastic na basura sa Metro Manila. Nararapat nang magkaroon nang pangmatagalang solusyon ang local government units (LGUs) para mabawasan ang paggamit ng plastic. Sa Quezon City, ipinatutupad ni Mayor Joy Belmonte ang pagbabawal sa paggamit ng single-used plastic. Kamakailan, inilunsad niya na ang "trash to cash" kung saan lahat ng recyclelables na basura ay ipapalit ng pagkain at pera.

Gawin din sana ito sa lahat ng lungsod para ma-lutas ang problema sa plastic pollution.

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Green energy future may not be that easy or benign

By Yen Makabenta

June 17, 2021

First word

YOU cannot study and discuss the climate issue and the United Nations' ambitious climate agenda without facing at some point the phenomenon of green or renewable energy.

To climate change proponents and environmentalists, green energy is the incontrovertible answer for the world once it is stripped of fossil fuels, as envisioned in their agenda of radical reform.

Renewable energy is usable energy derived from replenishable sources such as the sun (solar energy), wind (wind power), rivers (hydroelectric power), hot springs (geothermal energy), tides (tidal power) and biomass (biofuels).

At the beginning of the 21st century, about 80 percent of the world's energy supply was derived from fossil fuels, such as coal, petroleum and natural gas. Fossil fuels are finite resources; most estimates suggest that the proven reserves of oil are large enough to meet global demand at least until the middle of the 21st century.

The climate movement seeks to replace all fossil fuels with renewable energy as rapidly as possible.

Not surprisingly, such a transition from the present to a green energy future is not as easy or benign as it looks on paper. And green energy is not as clean as claimed.

There is plenty of research and analyses putting in doubt the wisdom and feasibility of the world's transitioning to a green future,

I want to call attention to recent reports in the international media on green energy and its promise to deliver mankind to a green and clean future. Three articles are especially noteworthy:

- 1. "The idea of green growth is flawed" by Michael Joy (Asia Times, May 28, 2021).
- 2. "Green energy is a waste of human life, freedom and the environment," by H. Sterling Burnett (Epoch Times, June 8, 2021).
- 3. "Biden's 'green bank' is a government spigot" by Paul H. Tice, (Wall Street Journal, May 23, 2021).

Idea of green growth is flawed

Michael Joy in the Asia Times article contends that green growth and environmentalism are inherently incompatible. Here are key excerpts from his article:

"As countries explore ways of decarbonizing their economies, the mantra of 'green growth' risks trapping us in a spiral of failures. Green growth is an oxymoron.





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"Growth requires more material extraction, which in turn requires more energy. The fundamental problem we face in trying to replace fossil energy with renewable energy is that all our renewable technologies are significantly less energy-dense than fossil fuels.

"This means much larger areas are required to produce the same amount of energy.

"Early this year, data from the European Union showed renewable electricity generation has overtaken coal and gas in 2020. But previous research argued that to replace the total energy (not just electricity) use of the UK with the best available mix of wind, solar and hydroelectricity would require the entire landmass of the country. To do it for Singapore would require the area of 60 Singapores.

"I am not in any way denying or diminishing the need to stop emitting fossil carbon. But if we don't focus on reducing consumption and energy waste, and instead fixate on replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy, we are simply swapping one race to destruction with another.

"The carbon causing our climate problem today came from fossilized biology formed through ancient carbon cycles, mostly over the 200 million years of the Mesozoic era (ending 66 million years ago) ...

"To make renewable energy, fossil energy is needed to mine the raw materials, to transport, to manufacture, to connect the energy capture systems and finally to produce the machines to use the energy.

"The new renewable infrastructure requires rare earth minerals, which is a problem in itself. But most of the raw materials required to produce and apply new energy technology are also getting harder to find...

"Globally, despite building lots of renewable electricity infrastructure, we have not yet increased the proportion of renewable energy in our total energy consumption....

"If we carry on with life as usual - the underlying dream of the 'green growth' concept - we will end up destroying the life-supporting capacity of our planet.

"The green growth concept is part of a broader and long-running trend to co-opt the words 'green' and 'environmentalist.'

"The two concepts - green growth and environmentalism - are inherently incompatible."

"Traditionally, environmentalists included people like Rachel Carson, whose 1962 book Silent Spring alerted Americans to the industrial poisons killing birds and insects and fouling drinking water, or environmental organizations like Greenpeace saving whales and baby seals... Environmentalism had a clear focus on saving the living world.

"Now environmentalism has been realigned to reducing carbon emissions, as if climate change were our only impending crisis."

Built on human misery and waste

H. Sterling Burnett contends that green energy is built on human misery and mountains of toxic waste. He wrote:

"The obsession of climate activists to control the weather 80 years from now, to fight the totally non-existential threat that is modest climate change, has led them to push for ever greater amounts of green energy technologies, which are built on human misery and literally mountains of toxic waste.





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"Asians and Africans, many of them children, are being enslaved and dying in mines, refineries and factories to obtain the minerals and metals required for the green energy technologies Democrats are mandating. Yet, the politicians and their supporters don't seem to care.

"Amnesty International and numerous media outlets have conducted research and reported stories showing most of the cobalt required for the batteries needed for President Joe Biden's big electric vehicle push comes from small mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Cobalt is a necessary metal in the rechargeable batteries that power almost every electronic device in the world today, including cellphones, laptop computers, tablets, electric vehicles, and the magnets used in wind turbines.

"The DRC produces more than half of the cobalt used today - more than all the other countries in the world combined...

"It's not just batteries for electric cars and battery backup for solar and wind industrial facilities that are built on slavery and human misery. Research from Sheffield Hallam University in the United Kingdom reports that a single province in China produces 45 percent of the polysilicon that makes up solar panels, the majority of which are assembled in China. The polysilicon and solar panels are produced by Uighur Muslims under a huge forced-labor regime.

"'Solar panels are in huge demand because of climate change,' the BBC reported on the study. 'The global production of solar panels is using forced labor from China's Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang province. ... The [polysilicon] is obtained under a massive system of coercion.'

"Cobalt and polysilicon are just two of the myriad minerals, metals, and composites underpinning all modern electronics for which the world depends on China and other oppressive regimes. Unless the Biden-Harris administration, and the heads of other developed countries change course, child and slave labor will become even more prevalent, because each and every green energy technology they're pushing for depends on these minerals and elements.

"Then there's the huge waste problem being created by the push for green energy.

"Huge amounts of earth must be mined to extract the sparsely spaced minerals and elements needed to create the batteries powering electric cars, as well as providing supplementary power when the wind isn't blowing or the sun not shining. The refining of these minerals produces a toxic sludge that poisons adjacent and downstream peoples and environments."

Biden's 'green bank' just a govt spigot

Finally, Paul H. Tice's report in the Wall Street Journal blasts wide open Biden's case for a federal green bank. He wrote:

"As lawmakers debate the size and scope of President Biden's proposed infrastructurerelated stimulus plan, not enough attention is being paid to some of the details. Consider the roughly 1 percent of the \$2.3 trillion spending package designated to create a 'Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator,' which would 'mobilize private investment' in the 'clean energy economy.'

"Cut through the greenspeak, and the administration is proposing to establish a bank with a direct line to the US Treasury that would serve as a permanent financing conduit channeling tax money to support and subsidize politically favored clean energy projects.



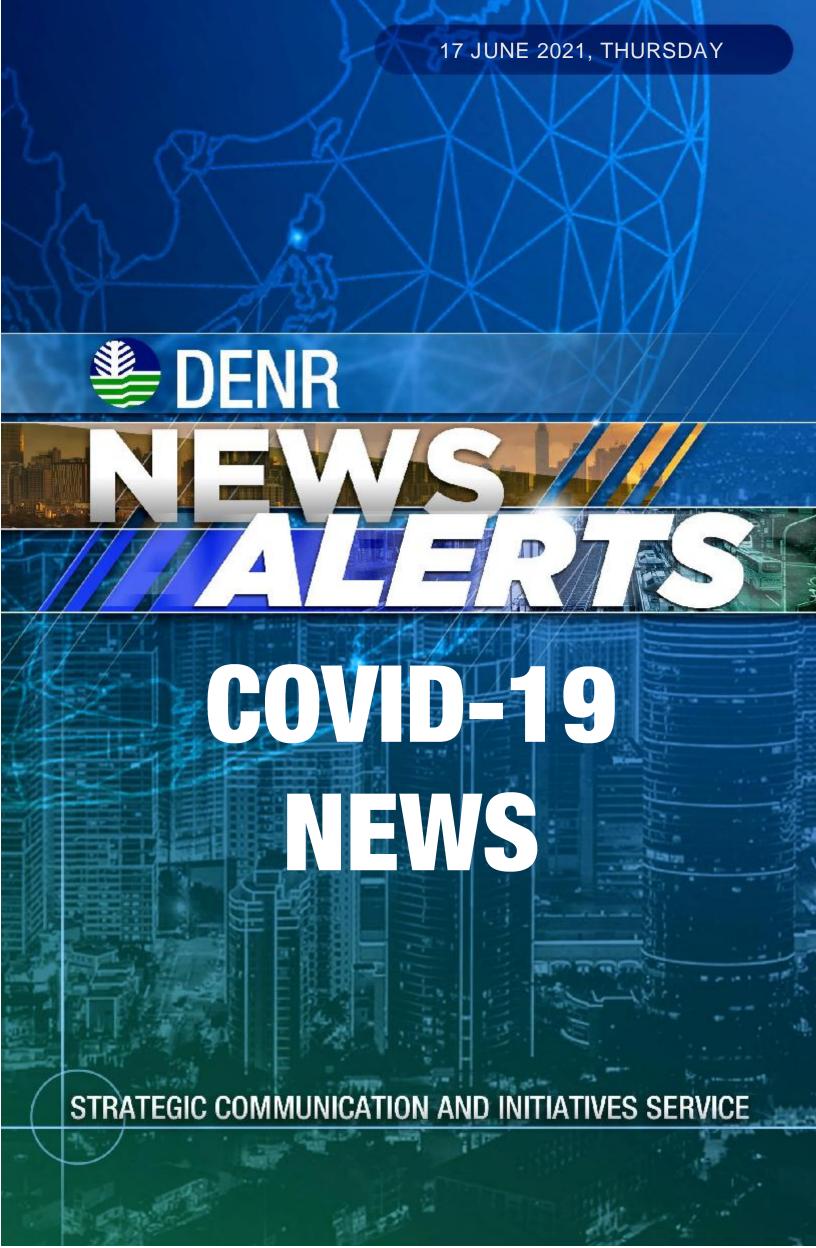


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"Competing bills are already working their way through both houses of Congress to set up such a new federal entity, variously referred to as a 'United States Green Bank' and a 'National Climate Bank.' Since Democratic lawmakers are effectively negotiating with themselves, the bidding has started higher than the White House's request - \$50 billion up front and \$100 billion over time under one Senate version. The potential cost to the American public of such a green government spigot could easily increase nearly 40-fold over the \$27 billion currently penciled into Mr. Biden's American jobs plan.

"In the Democrats' imagining, a federal green bank's core capital-providing business would include such high-risk activities as taking non-controlling private-equity stakes in green energy ventures and funding research on new breakthrough clean technologies."

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BREAKING: Kaso ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas, higit 1.33-M; 5,414 and bagong naitala

By Angellic JordanJune 16, 2021 - 04:09 PM





UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

lpinapaalala sa lahat ang halaga ng ating mahusay na pagsunod sa lahat ng ating mga intervention laban sa COVID-19. Bukod sa pagsuperta sa ating pambansang pagbabakuna, paigtingin natin ang ating pagsunod sa ating

Prevent-Detect-Isolate-Treat-Reintegrate, o PDITR, Strategy, Bahagi dito ang ating Personal Protective Measures, na dapat nating nagagawa ng mahusay sa lahat ng oras at lugar. Sa oras na makaramdam ng sintomas ng COVID-19, agad tayong makipag-ugnayan sa ating BHERT3 o One COVID Referral Center upang mabawasan ang pagkakataong magkahawaan. Maaabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa 1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333.

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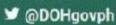
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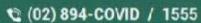


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Mahigit 5,000 muli ang panibagong napaulat na kaso ng Coronavirus Disease o COVID-19 sa Pilipinas.

Sa huling datos ng Department of Health (DOH) bandang araw ng Miyerkules (June 16), pumalo na sa 1,332,832 ang confirmed cases ng nakakahawang sakit sa bansa.

Sa nasabi kasing bilang, 56,170 o 4.2 porsyento ang aktibong kaso.

Sinabi ng kagawaran na 5,414 ang bagong napaulat na kaso ng COVID-19 sa bansa.

91.4 porsyento sa active COVID-19 cases ang mild; 4.0 porsyento ang asymptomatic; 1.36 porsyento ang moderate; 1.9 porsyento ang severe habang 1.3 porsyento ang nasa kritikal na kondisyon.

Nasa 158 naman ang napaulat na nasawi.

Dahil dito, umakyat na sa 23,121 o 1.73 porsyento ang COVID-19 related deaths sa bansa.

Ayon pa sa DOH, 7,637 naman ang gumaling pa sa COVID-19.

Dahil dito, umakyat na sa 1,253,541 o 94.1 porsyento ang total recoveries ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas.

Source: https://radyo.inquirer.net/294707/breaking-kaso-ng-covid-19-sa-pilipinas-higit-1-33-m-5414-ang-bagong-naitala





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Patay sa COVID-19 sa bansa sumipa sa 22,963 ngayong mga kaso nasa 1.32-M

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Police, nurses, food delivery riders and other frontliners from various fields wave flaglets as they are commended for being the modern day Pinoy Heroes in the pandemic during the 123rd Philippine Independence Day flag raising ceremony at the SM City Masinag in Antipolo, Rizal on June 12, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — Nakapagtala ang Department of Health ng 5,389 bagong infection ng coronavirus disease, kung kaya nasa 1,327,431 na sumatutal ang nahahawaan nito sa bansa.

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

- Lahat ng kaso: 1,327,431
- Nagpapagaling pa: 58,063, o 4.4% ng total infections
- Kagagaling lang: 6,667, dahilan para maging 1,246,405 na lahat ng gumagaling
- Kamamatay lang: 118, na siyang nag-aakyat sa total local death toll sa 22,963

Anong bago ngayong araw?

- Nasa 304 kaso na unang iniulat na "gumaling na" ang kinumpirma naman ng DOH na may COVID-19 pa rin, habang 65 naman sa mga nauna nang nai-report na nagrecover ang patay na pala matapos i-validate ng gobyerno.
- Nangako ng <u>hindi pa natitiyak na rami ng AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines ang Japan sa Pilipinas</u>, bagay na kinumpirma ng kanilang ambassador sa bansa na si Koshikawa Kazuhiko. Wala pang petsa kung kailan darating ang doses, sinabi niyang ipadadala ito "sa lalong madaling panahon."
- Inilinaw naman ni presidential spokesperson Harry Roque ang pagkakaiba ng "GCQ with restrictions" ng Metro Manila at Bulacan kumpara sa "GCQ with heightened restrictions" sa Rizal, Laguna at Cavite, bagay na ipatutupad simula bukas hanggang ika-30 ng Hunyo.
- Ilang atletang Pilipinong maglaro sa Tokyo Olympics naman gaya nina EJ Obiena ang <u>nagdadalawang-isip</u> kung magpapaturok pa ng bakuna laban sa COVID-19, kahit na isang buwan na lang ang nalalabi bago ang event. Ayon sa kanyang amang si Emerson, pinag-aaralan pa nila kung maisisingit ito sa oras o kung makaaapekto ang side-effects nito sa performance ng anak.





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- Lunes ng gabi nang ipaalala ni Food and Drug Administration director general Eric Domingo na <u>magsisimula na ang clinical trials ng Department of Science and Technology pagdating sa bisa ng ivermectin laban sa COVID-19</u>. Nais na kasing malaman ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte kung uubra ito sa nakamamatay na virus, lalo na't nakakukuha siya ng "maraming testimonya" pagdating sa bisa nito.
- Umabot na sa halos 175.7 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa buong daigdig, ayon sa huling datos ng World Health Organization. Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang 3.8 milyong katao.

—James Relativo





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7 milyong Pinoy na ang bakunado

By Gemma Garcia (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - June 16, 2021 - 12:00am



Ayon kay vaccine czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., sa pagdinig ng Committee of the Whole (COW) sa Senado na 7,045,380 dose ang naibigay mula Marso 1 hanggang Hunyo 14. AFP/Joseph Prezioso

MANILA, Philippines — Mahigit sa 7 milyon na ang nakatanggap ng bakuna kontra sa COVID-19 sa bansa.

Ayon kay vaccine czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., sa pagdinig ng Committee of the Whole (COW) sa Senado na 7,045,380 dose ang naibigay mula Marso 1 hanggang Hunyo 14.

Habang nakumpleto ang dalawang dose ng bakuna ng 980,471 medical frontliners, 486,945 senior citizens, 429,301 person with comorbidities at 7,067 essential workers.

Mayroon namang 5,141,596 ang nakatanggap ng unang dose at sa kasalukuyan ay mayroong 3,944 vaccination sites sa bansa.

Nakapamahagi na rin umano sa mga vaccination site ang 10,374,850 COVID vaccine dose mula sa 12,705,870 suplay nito.

Sinabi rin ni Galvez na lampas na rin ng isang milyon kada linggo ang nababakunahang Filipino sa dalawang magkasunod na linggo.

Ngayong buwan ay inaasahang makakatanggap ng 6.4 milyong dose ng bakuna ang bansa.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/bansa/2021/06/16/2105767/7-milyong-pinoy-na-ang-bakunado/amp/





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This undated photo shows passengers at a public transportation wearing face masks and face shields, which had been made mandatory as a preventive measure against the COVID-19

The STAR/Michael Varcas

'Standing policy': DOH maintains use of face shield in certain spaces

(Philstar.com) - June 16, 2021 - 7:10pm

MANILA, Philippines — The health department on Wednesday sought to clarify the remarks of treatment czar Leopoldo Vega that face shields are not required outdoors, saying this has been the government's "standing policy."

Authorities have faced calls to drop its order on using face shields on top of face masks, but they have insisted that it provides additional protection against COVID-19.

"This has always been the standing policy," said Usec. Maria Rosario Vergeire in a statement, citing a Joint Memorandum Circular 2021-0001 that said face shields are to be worn only in "specific settings and situations."

Vega had told a Laging Handa briefing earlier today that individuals can opt to remove their face shields when outside, especially if it would obstruct the vision of those wearing it.

Per the DOH, face shields are required when in the following areas:

- enclosed public spaces
- schools
- workplaces
- commercial establishments such as, but not limited to, food establishments, malls, and public markets
- public transport and terminals
- · places of worship
- other public spaces wherein 1 meter physical distancing is not possible and if there is a gathering of more than 10 people at the same venue and time

Still, Vergeire added, that Resolution 88 of the pandemic task force and its omnibus guidelines for implementing the community quarantine in the country permit local governments to roll out stricter health measures.

Senators yesterday ordered the DOH to submit a list of countries mandating the use of face shields. Senate President Vicente Sotto III told Health chief Francisco Duque III to study scrapping their policy as soon as possible.

In the same hearing, Interior Secretary Eduardo Año said the non-wearing of face shields should carry no penalty in LGUs' ordinances. Such should only be imposed when not wearing face masks, violating social distancing, as well as on mass gatherings, he added.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/06/16/2105965/standing-policy-doh-maintains-use-face-shield-certain-spaces





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AYAW MAGPABAKUNA, BAWAL MAG-CFLI PHONF



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Magandang subaybayan natin ang mga nagaganap sa ibang bansa ukol sa coronavirus disease-19 o COVID-19 upang makapulot tayo ng aral at mailapat natin sa sarili o sa buong bansa.

Tingnan natin ang nagaganap sa Pakistan.

Masasabing matindi rin ang tama ng COVID-19 dito sa pagkakaroon ng mga biktima na kumakatok na sa isang milyon at patay na 22,000 na.

Natataranta ang mga awtoridad lalo't pinasok na ito ng India variant na alam na nating 40-60 porsyentong mas nakahahawa at mabagsik kumpara sa orig na virus at kahit sa United Kingdom variant.

Mabagsik ang India variant dahil naghalong UK variant at South Africa variant ito na nagbubunga ng severe o critical na kalagayan sa loob lang ng 3-4 araw ng nahawa hanggang sa maaaring mamatay ito.

Upang maharang nila ang paglala ng pandemya, ang pamahalaang lokal ng Punjab ay nagbabala na puputulan nito ng linya ng cellphone ang mga ayaw magpabakuna.

Giit ng mga awtoridad, tanging ang pagpapabakuna ang pinakamabisang panlaban sa pandemya at gustong nilang mabakunahan ang higit na nakararami bago lumala ang kanilang sitwasyon.

RASON SA PAG-AYAW SA BAKUNA

Sa pag-aaral ng mga awtoridad, nakalilikha ng takot sa bakuna ang mga mamamayan lalo't mga masasamang epekto ng mga ito ang nilalaman ng maraming balita, lalo na sa internet at social media.

Kakambal nito ang hindi sapat umanong pagpapaliwanag naman ng mga awtoridad ukol sa mabisa at ligtas na pagbabakuna.

Natatakot din ang iba dahil ginamit ang pagbabakuna noon para lang hanapin si Bin Laden na sa huli, ay napatay at alaga pala ng ilang opisyal mismo ng Pakistan.

Takot din sila sa bali-balitang may itinanim na computer chip sa mga bakuna para masubaybayan sila ng Central Intelligence Agency ng United States.

Pinaniniwalaan ding gamit lang ang bakuna para mabaog sila o para lang sa programang population control.





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Resulta?

Anak ng tokwa, hanggang 52,000 lang ang araw-araw na nagpapabakuna sa halip na 420,000.

Dahil dito, nakikita na ng Punjab government na hindi nila maabot ang herd immunity sa 75 milyon nitong mamamayan.

TODO ANGAL

Todo angal ngayon ang milyon-milyong may cellphone sa "no vaccine, no cellphone policy."

Ang cellphone na kasi ang higit na gamit ng mga mamamayan sa komunikasyon sa halip na mga laptop, desktop at iba pa.

Cellphone ang gamit nila sa pagpapadala o pagtanggap ng salapi, pangungutang at pagbabayad nito, transaksyon sa negosyo at iba pa.

Pati ang mga internet provider, nangangamba ring magkandalugi-lugi sila dahil mawawalan sila ng negosyo na pagbebenta ng mga load, wifi,sim card at cellphone.

Kung sakaling seryosohin at paiiralin umano gobyernong Punjab ang patakaran, marami umano ang mapapasama ang kalagayan, maging ang programang pambakuna.

PAGSIBAK SA LOCKDOWN BINAWI

Binawi na ni British Prime Minister Boris Johnson ang plano ng kanyang pamahalaan na sibakin lahat ng lockdown laban sa COVId-19 sa Hunyo 20, 2021.

Dapat sanang malaya na ang lahat na nakatira sa UK at bumalik sa normal at dating gawi nila, lalo't nabakunahan na ang nasa 50 porsyento ng kabuuang populasyon nito at kakaunti na lang ang nagkakasakit.

Dapat sanang babalik na ang face-to-face classes, hindi pagsusuot ng face mask at pagkakaroon ng social distancing, pamamasyal nang sama-sama kahit saan, social gathering nang walang curfew, inuman na katakot-takot sa mga club at bar, punuan na mga mall at lugar ng trabaho at transportasyon.

MABILIS NA PAGLAGANAP NG INDIA VARIANT

Ginawang rason ni Johnson ang muling pagdami ng may COVID-19 at gawa pa ito ng double mutant na India variant.

Natagpuan kasi nilang mahigit 90% ng mga ito ang dinadale ng India variant.

Ayaw makita ni Johnson na maranasan ng mga nasa kanyang bansa ang nangyayari sa India na umaabot sa 6,000 ang namamatay araw-araw at nasa 500,000 ang biktima araw-araw lalo na sa nitong nakaraang buwan.

Sa ginawang ito ni Johnson, may mga umaangal subalit kakaunti lang umano ang mga ito.

Bumabawi naman si Johnson sa pagsasabing, uubusin nila ang dalawang linggo hanggang isang buwan sa pagbabakuna ng mga dapat mabakunahan.

Paiigsiin na nga rin ang pagitan ng pagbabakuna sa walong linggo sa halip na 12 at higit pang linggo.

SA PINAS?

Ano-ano ba sa mga ginagawa sa mga bansang ito ang pupwede nating pulutin at pairalin sa mahal kong Pinas?

Source: https://www.remate.ph/ayaw-magpabakuna-bawal-mag-cellphone/







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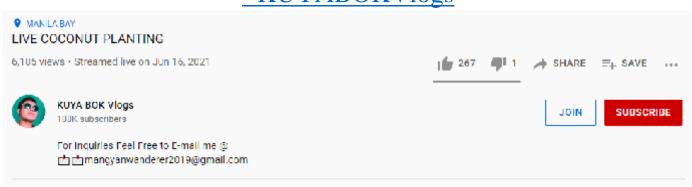




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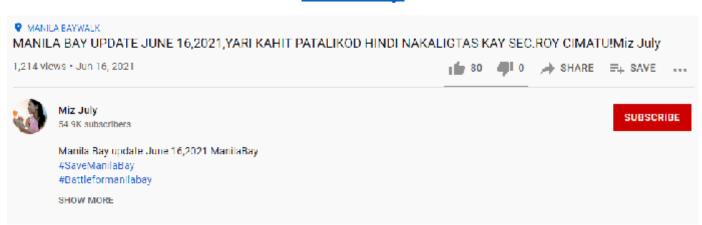




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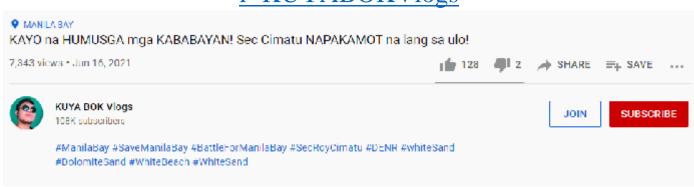




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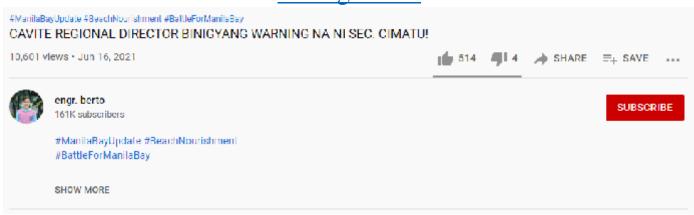




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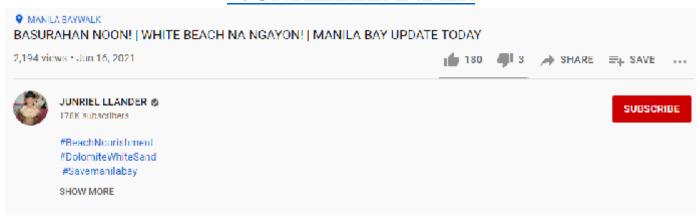




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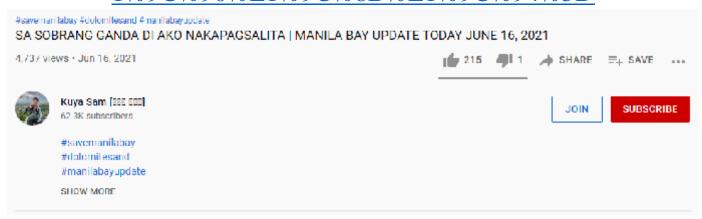




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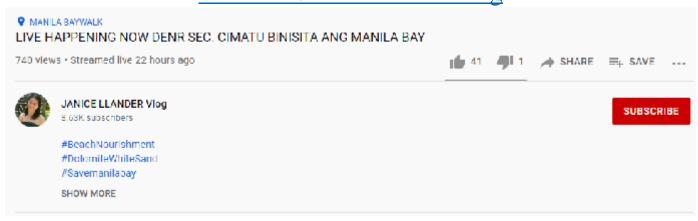




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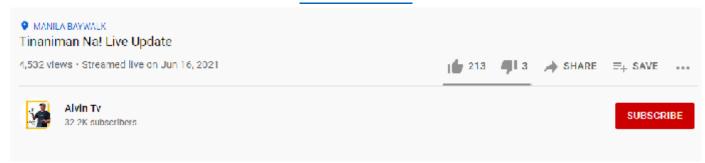




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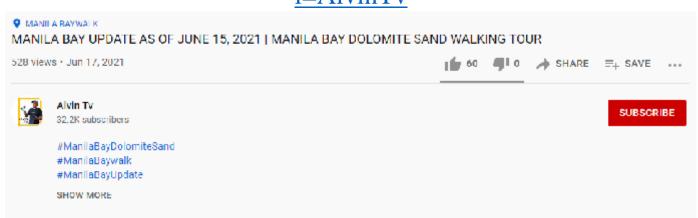




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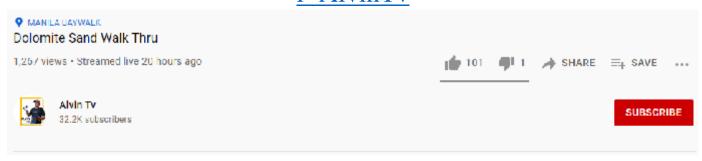




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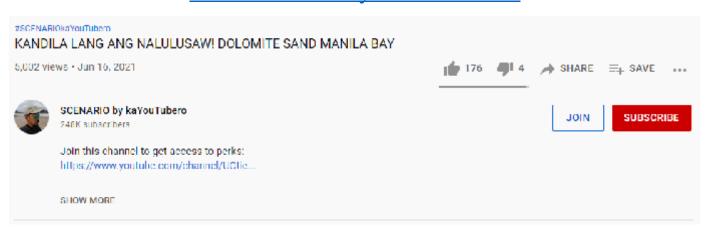




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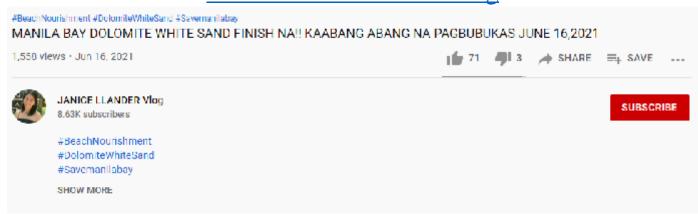




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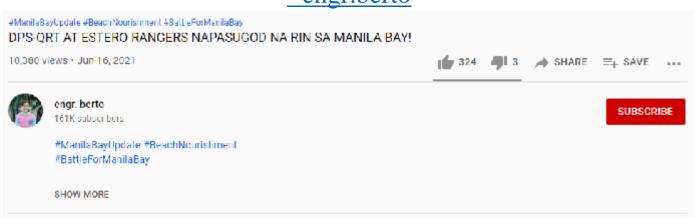




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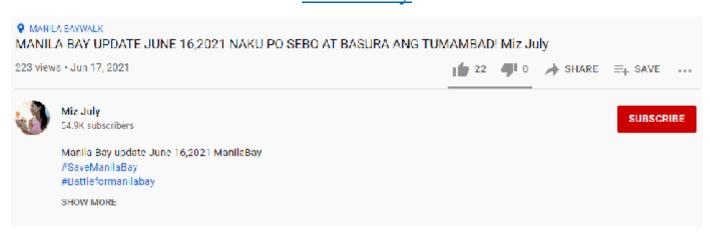




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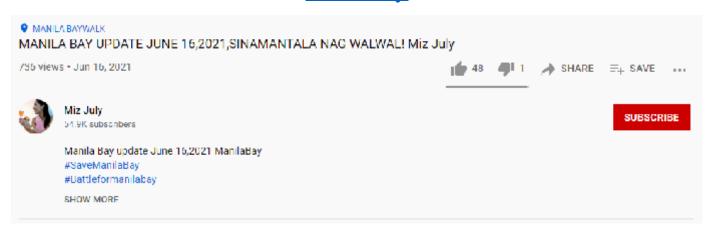






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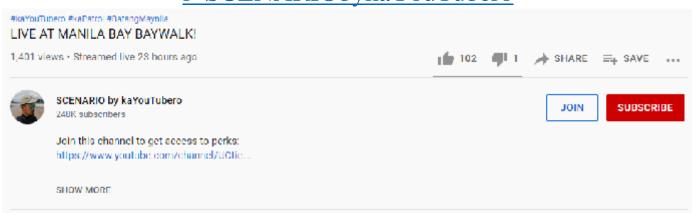




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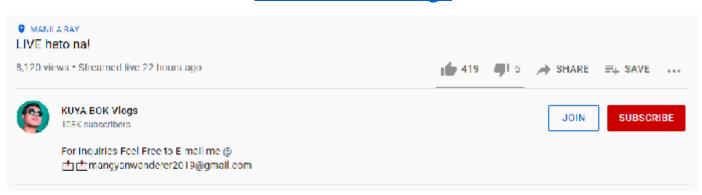




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