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DENR bats for faster mining application process

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has expressed commitment to improve the efficiency of the application process for priority mining projects, particularly in two areas in Mindanao.

During a consultative meeting on mining concerns in Northern Mindanao and Zamboanga Peninsula last May 5, DENR Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna emphasized the importance of expediting the mining approval process in these regions amid the country's continuing economic recovery from the pandemic.

"In our country's quest for economic recovery from the long recession caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the mining industry may well play a significant role. Our country has around 9 million hectares of land with high mineral potential, out of its total land area of 30 million hectares," Sampulna said in his speech read by Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs Ernesto D. Adobo Jr.

The meeting led by the DENR's Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) resulted in the identification of policy gaps and immediate actions from the DENR's Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) on several concerns of mining applicants and permit holders in Zamboanga Peninsula and Northern Mindanao.

Among the agenda discussed were the fast-tracking of issuance of environmental compliance certificates through simplified geological study by the EMB and the creation of a one-stop-shop to streamline mining applications by the MGB.

The faster process for issuance of area and dredging clearances by the DPWH and issuance of the Certificate of Non-Overlap and clarificatory meetings with the NCIP were also discussed.

MGB Director Wilfredo O. Moncano said that the aim to address the challenges in filing applications, securing certifications, acquiring permits, and operations of mining projects were mostly considered by the concerned agencies.

"There were some issues that cannot be addressed because these were not under the jurisdiction of the MGB and the other national government agencies that were present. We can bring these issues to the proper agencies. But, for the other issues, I believe we were able to come up with solutions on most of the problems raised in the consultative meeting," Moncano said.



The consultative meeting was also attended by Earth Tools and Development Corporation, identified by the MGB 10 as a mining priority project under Phase 1, which covers companies in the development and construction stage whose commercial operations are expected to become viable within six months.

Holcim Resources and Development Corporation and CEKAS Development Corporation, which are both mining priority projects under Phase 2, also took part in the meeting.

Companies under Phase 2 are those in the process of filing for declaration of mining projects' feasibility, including those in the advanced exploration stage.

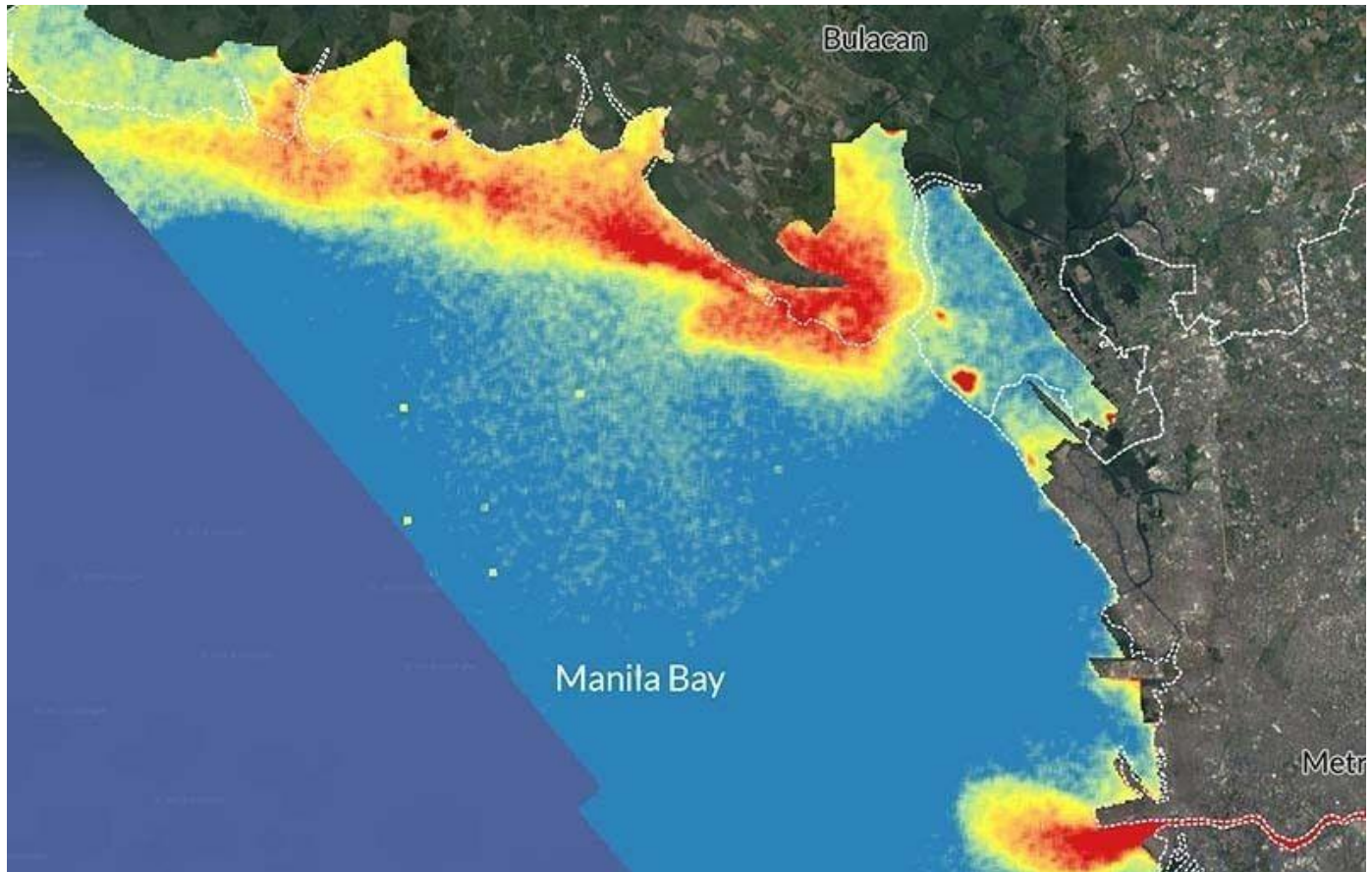
Other issues and concerns surrounding TVI Resource Development Philippines Inc.'s Balabag Gold and Silver Project and Canatuan Project and the Industrial Sand and Gravel permit holders in the Zamboanga Peninsula were also discussed.

Moncano said that apart from the prompt approval of permits, the meeting also aimed for the compliance of the Ease of Doing Business Law, improvement in the mines permitting system, faster development of the mineral sector, and increased production capacities of mines.



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Jellyfish bloom seen in Boracay due to Habagat

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A jellyfish bloom was reported in the coastal areas of Boracay on Saturday, May 14, due to "habagat." (Photo courtesy of DENR)

By Katrina Gracia Consebido

A jellyfish bloom was reported in the coastal areas of Boracay on Saturday, May 14, due to "habagat," according to the Boracay Inter-Agency Rehabilitation and Management Group (BIARMG).

According to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), the occurrence of jellyfish presence in the shores is dependent on the direction of the wind within the months of May until September.

"Yesterday, the wind direction was southwest or habagat which was towards the White Beach. This caused the jelly fish to accumulate in the beach area," BIARMG General Manager Martin Despi said.

Director Evelyn Abad, BFAR Aklan Provincial Fisheries Office officer-in-charge, said that they are determining the species of the thumb-sized jellyfish that accumulated in the shores.

"We were able to get samples of the jellyfish to determine its species. They were very small and appear to be newborn jellyfish. These will be brought to our laboratory for testing on Monday," Abad said.

Meanwhile, BFAR advised the locals and tourists to avoid swimming in the affected areas. –
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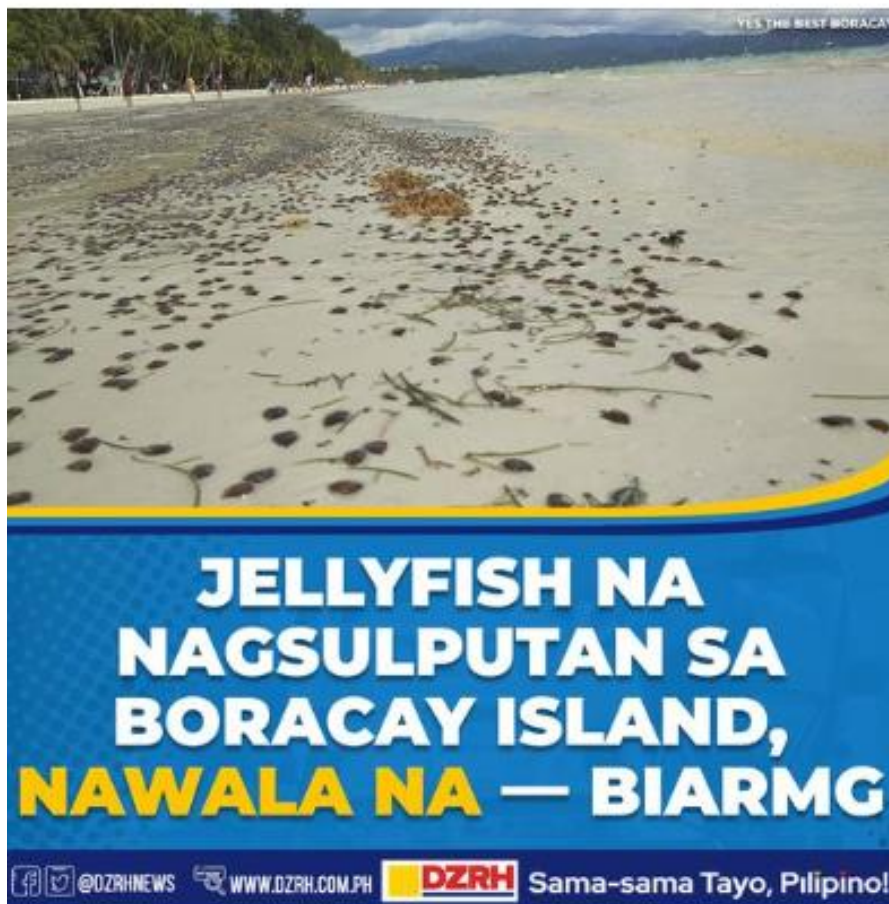


Wala na ngayon sa pampang ng Boracay Island ang mga nagsulputang jellyfish nitong weekend.

Ayon sa Boracay Inter-Agency Rehabilitation and Management Group o BIARMG, nakita ang mga jellyfish na kasinglaki ng daliri ng tao sa tatlong istasyon ng White Beach dakong alas-2 ng hapon noon Sabado.

Sabi ni BIARMG General Manager Martin Despi, nawala na rin agad ang mga jellyfish pagsapit ng alas-5 ng hapon noong Sabado rin dahil sa hanging habagat na ang direksyon ay patungo sa ka... See more

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Susuriin ang ilang sample ng mga dikya o jellyfish na napadpad sa Boracay nitong Sabado.

Saksi is GMA Network's late-night newscast hosted by Arnold Clavio and Pia Arcangel. It airs

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EcoWaste: Do away with ‘thank you’ posters

Rhodina Villanueva - The Philippine Star May 17, 2022 | 12:00am



Workers of the Manila Department of Public Services sort out election materials to be recycled yesterday.
Edd Gumban

MANILA, Philippines — After appealing to candidates to take down their campaign posters following the May 9 general elections, an environmental group yesterday asked winners not to hang plastic tarpaulins to thank their supporters.

“In lieu of tarpaulins, politicians can express their gratitude by joining cleanup activities, supporting recycling of campaign paraphernalia and by planting trees,” the EcoWaste Coalition said.

“The post-election cleanup has yet to be completed and yet we are seeing ‘thank you’ posters hanging everywhere. Enough of ‘tarpolitics,’ we are already drowning in plastics,” Aileen Lucero, national coordinator of Ecowaste, said.

Lucero said if all proclaimed winners in the elections would put up “thank you” tarpaulins, people may expect “another garbage overload.”

“We need to put a cap on the thoughtless use of tarpaulins, especially for political and other non-essential purposes, as these materials contain hazardous chemicals and are not easily recycled or disposed of,” she said.

Tarpaulins, which are often made of polyvinyl chloride or PVC plastic, may contain toxic chemical additives such as cadmium, lead and phthalates.

Laboratory tests commissioned by the EcoWaste Coalition and performed by SGS on six presidential campaign posters found cadmium in all the samples.

“As plastic tarpaulins are neither banned nor regulated, we can only appeal to politicians to control their penchant to ‘tarpolize’ anything and everything,” Lucero said.

According to EcoWaste, the unrestrained use of tarpaulins before, during and after the campaign should prompt authorities to regulate this type of waste.

“In future elections, let us be environmentally responsible and go plastic-free. No more tarpaulins,” the group said.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) said it is eyeing to issue show-cause orders against local government units, which have yet to remove campaign materials in public places.

DILG spokesman Jonathan Malaya said the department continues to receive reports of campaign materials that have not been removed one week after the elections. – Emmanuel Tupas

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2022/05/17/2181567/ecowaste-do-away-thank-you-posters>



Kalat sa halalan, basta na lang iniwan!

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Noong nakalipas na linggo nagbigay ng tatlong araw na taning ang Department of Local Government (DILG) para baklasin at linisin ang mga campaign materials na ginamit sa kampanya noong nakalipas na halalan.

Ngayon, isang linggo matapos ang halalan, marami pa ring lugar ang kasalukuyang nagdidilim pa rin sa mga ikinabit na campaign materials ng mga kandidato.

Kung tutuusin hindi lang ito, trabaho ng local government units (LGUs), kundi obligasyon ito ng lahat ng mga tumakbo sa halalan.

Kasi nga mukha nila ang mga nakabandera sa kung saan-saang lugar na ito na ikinabit ng kanilang mga supporters, sana naman eh magkusa o atasan na rin nila ang kanilang mga taga-suporta na tumulong sa paglilinis.

Huwag din itong iasa sa mga nanalo, maling katwiran na natalo ka kaya bahala na ang nagwagi na maglinis ng ikinalat mo.

Ganun din naman kung nanalo ka.

Huwag na tayong lumayo dito na lang sa Metro Manila, kung iikutin ang rehiyon, aba'y talagang makikita ang sangkatertba pang campaign materials.

Bagama't may kautusan na ang ilang LGUs na malinis na ito, pero hindi pa rin nakakasapat para sa madaliang paglilinis.

Kaya kailangan ang mga kumandidatong nanalo o natalo, eh magkusa na kahit 'yung mga mukha na lamang nila ang alisin at ipaligpit, malaking tulong na ito.

Ito kasi ang palaging nagiging sistema pagkatapos ng halalan.

Sana eh masanay na rin ang mga kumakandiodato na pagkatapos ng eleksyon kanya-kanyang ligpit ng kalat.

Ang masusumpungang hindi nakakatugon, eh kasuhan o pagmultahin.

Dapat may ngipin din dito ang mga kinauukulan para hindi laging ganito ang kalat pagkatapos ng halalan.



FROM TARPS TO BAGS

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Personnel of the Department of Public Safety of Manila City Hall show tarpaulins turned into bags, tissue holders and wallets on Monday, May 16, 2022. PHOTO BY RENE H. DILAN



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TARPAULIN MO, IRE-RECYCLE KO PROGRAM. Nag-umpisa nang i-recycle ng mga empleyado ng Department of Public Safety (DPS) ang mga binaklas na campaign posters at mga tarpaulin na ginamit nitong nakaraang eleksiyon upang gawing bag, tissue holder, at wallet sa DPS Office, Arroceros St., Ermita, Maynila. (BONG SON)

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Provincial board lifts ban on open pit mining in South Cotabato

By: [Bong S. Sarmiento](#) - [@inquirerdotnet](#)

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FILE PHOTO: Tribal communities within the Tampakan project area of Sagittarius Mines Inc. in South Cotabato, as seen in this photo taken on January 16, 2020, have consented to the opening of the mining project. —BONG S. SARMIENTO

KORONADAL CITY — The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of South Cotabato on Monday approved the proposal to lift the controversial ban on open-pit mining, removing the decades-long thorn in the throat of the \$5.9 billion (about P295 billion) Tampakan project, Southeast Asia's largest untapped copper-gold minefield.

Without objections from the SP members present, the plenary approved the amendment of the Environment Code on second reading, particularly the removal of the prohibition on open-pit mining.

The session was presided by board member Glycel Mariano-Trabado, in place of Vice Gov. Vicente de Jesus, who was on leave.

Present during the plenary session were board members Hilario De Pedro VI, principal author of the proposal to remove the ban on open-pit mining, Edgar Sambog, Dardanilo Dar, Noel Escobillo, Antonio Fungan, Eamon Gabriel Mati, Henry Ladot, Rolando Malabuyoc, Alyssa Marie Fale, and Rose Grace Achurra.

In a video taken during the recent campaign period and now circulating on Facebook, de Pedro, chair of the committee on environment and natural resources, told a campaign sortie here that he was "against open-pit mining."

De Pedro, the son of the late South Cotabato Gov. Hilario de Pedro III, had sought reelection during the May 9 polls but lost.

"We are doomed," said environmental activist Chinkie Peliño-Golle, a resident of this city, after the provincial board lifted the ban on open-pit mining.

Board member Ester Marin Catorce, who openly stood against the lifting of the open-pit mining ban, was not present during the session. She was designated acting governor as Gov. Reynaldo Tamayo was on leave.

Board members Ellen Grace Subere Albios and Jinky Avance-Samodal were also on leave.

Since 2010, the open-pit mining ban had hounded the giant Tampakan mining project, which had been pursued by Sagittarius Mines, Inc (SMI) since the early 2000s.



SMI earlier revealed in a study that the most viable way to extract the minerals was through open-pit mining. The Tampakan project has been touted as the largest undeveloped copper-gold minefield in Southeast Asia and among the biggest of its kind in the world.

It has the potential to yield an average of 375,000 tons of copper and 360,000 ounces of gold in concentrate per annum in the expected 17-year life of the mine. SMI has repeatedly vowed to employ “responsible mining” in the Tampakan project.

The Diocese of Marbel has been staunchly opposing the Tampakan project, which had claimed the lives of dozens of pro- and anti-mining advocates in the past three decades, on concerns over the environment, food security, and human rights.



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More universities join work for Mt. Apo's UNESCO Geoparks listing

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A MINDANAO White Eye bird is spotted by Sta. Cruz town's senior tourism officer, Julius R. Paner, during a biodiversity monitoring activity along Mt. Apo's Sibulan Trail in Davao del Sur in Aug. 2021. — JULIUS R. PANER

FOUR universities and the National Museum of the Philippines are working together for the profiling of flora and fauna at the Mt. Apo National Park, which will be used to support the goal of having the country's highest peak listed as a UNESCO Global Geo-Park (UGGp) as well as update conservation programs.

The data-gathering project is under the Biodiversity in Selected Mountain Ecosystems of Mindanao for Conservation and Sustainable Development program of the Central Mindanao University.

It is funded by the Department of Science and Technology and being undertaken in partnership with the University of the Philippines-Los Baños, Davao Oriental State University, and Davao Del Sur State College.

"The gathering of critical data for the said project will not only aid the generation of knowledge for MANP's (Mt. Apo Natural Park) conservation plans and programs but will also succor its application for recognition as a UNESCO Global Geo-Park (UGGp)," the Environment department's Davao regional office said in a statement.

Indigenous peoples in Mt. Apo, particularly the Bagobo Tagabawa communities, are also collaborating in the research program.

"The partnership shall also act as contribution to the greater body of knowledge for Mountain Ecosystems in Mindanao and the Philippines," the department said.

Mt. Apo's Protected Area Management Board is stepping up efforts this year for the application to the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Global Geoparks, a relatively new label ratified by member states in 2015.

Global Geoparks "are single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development," according to the UNESCO site.

There are currently 177 UNESCO Global Geoparks in 46 countries.



To be listed, a site must have an exceptional geological heritage while its management and conservation programs must involve local stakeholders. There should also be a system for educating visitors.

Mt. Apo, located in the Philippine southern island of Mindanao, is a dormant startovolcano with an elevation of 2,954 meters above sea level. It serves as a watershed and ecotourism destination. — **MSJ**



Yakult PH gives back to environment a tree planting activity

May 17, 2022



Photo shows (from left) Eduardo dela Rosa, Yakult Philippines Inc. (YPI) engineer; Michael Eric Ong, YPI vice president; Lorelai Dacu, City Local Environment and Natural Resources Office (Clenro) pollution control officer; engineer Lila Soquillo, Clenro officer in charge; Alberto Dy Sun, YPI president; Kirvy Villocillo, El Salvador City Engineering Office architect; Horoshi Suzuki, YPI executive vice president; and Francisco Perlas and Crayton Enot, YPI engineers. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

THE Yakult [El Salvador](#) plant is meant to fulfill the demand for the iconic drink and start the expansion of its production to the Visayas and [Mindanao](#). It targets to significantly increase the total daily product productions of both original Yakult and Yakult Light.

Last April 7, 2022, [Yakult Philippines Inc.](#) President [Alberto Dy Sun](#) led a tree-planting activity in partnership with the local government of El Salvador City, Misamis Oriental as part of the company's initiatives under its environmental commitment and corporate promise at the Tuburan Spring Ecopark, located in Zone 3, Poblacion, El Salvador City, Misamis Oriental, a day before the groundbreaking.



'Kwentong Kalikasan' features stories on forest conservation

May 16, 2022



Indigenous people and sub-urban people meet through the initiative. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

TO put a human face on the issues affecting our forests, the [Association of Young Environmental Journalists](#) (AYEJ), in collaboration with [Forest Foundation Philippines](#), has launched a new project that aims to highlight ecosystem restoration, preservation, and conservation through visual storytelling and video advocacy.

"Kwentong Kalikasan" is a video advocacy initiative that seeks to feature the stories and works of individuals, scientists, conservationists, champions and emerging advocates of forest landscapes through a video series in the hopes of multiplying, amplifying and creatively documenting the positive impact of forest conservation work.

The first component is a seven-episode TV-magazine show composed of a series of intimate indoor conversations featuring honest stories of Mindanaoans that cover topics like forest conversation, indigenous narratives, biodiversity, science, the environment, and everything in between.

The second component is a seven-part mini-documentary series that feature profiles of emerging advocates and personalities in the Bukidnon-Misamis Oriental area, zooming in on the human dimension of solutions-making in forest landscape issues.

Moreover, the project hopes to immortalize the work being done in forest conservation and the people behind it.

The episodes were launched in April until October twice-a-month on the official [Facebook](#) pages of AYEJ and Forest Foundation.

Following the rollout of videos, AYEJ will hold a Traveling Film Festival by the end of the year where it will screen the episodes in and around communities and schools in Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental.

AYEJ is an environmental development communication non-profit based in Cagayan de [Oro City](#) committed to enabling communities to be ecologically literate and proactive towards a more livable planet.

They have been doing capacity-building initiatives and knowledge product development with partners such as the [Department of Education](#)'s Disaster Risk Reduction and [Management Service](#), Internews, and the [US Embassy](#) in the Philippines.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/05/16/public-square/kwentong-kalikasan-features-stories-on-forest-conservation/1843757>



Zoonotic spillover is the apocalypse you'll be hearing about a lot

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THE TERM “zoonotic spillover” might sound either reassuringly geeky or deceptively innocuous — like a sticky mess involving a melted ice cream cone between the monkey cage and the aquarium. It refers, in reality, to one of the greatest dangers to humanity. As such, it is neither more nor less menacing than climate change, but a direct consequence of it.

The word “zoonosis” comes from the Greek for “animal disease.” It applies to pathogens that can jump both between critters and from them to us. HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, hopped to humans from chimps, for example. MERS, a respiratory virus, spread to us **from dromedary camels**. Ebola **probably came** from apes, monkeys, or bats, or all of them. In similar ways, we’ve imported hundreds of other ills from the wild kingdom — not least, SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), which we also picked up from bats.

What does this have to do with climate change? A lot. The more animals mingle — with other fauna or us — the more opportunities the pathogens they’re hosting have to travel, mutate, and spread. And global warming causes exactly such mingling.

As average temperatures rise, they change habitats. Wet areas become arid; cool or lush zones turn into deserts, and so forth. As a result, animals migrate out of their familiar surroundings and come in contact with many other species, most of which they’ve never encountered.

A team working with Colin Carlson, a biologist at Georgetown University in Washington DC, has now used some very fancy math to model the contacts and cross-species virus transmission we can expect. They’ve published the **results in the journal Nature**.

It makes for **frightening reading**. Both the mingling and the transmission are already well underway but will accelerate dramatically in our lifetime. Even in the most conservative warming scenario, for example, we can expect another 15,000 viruses to hop among 3,000 species of mammals in the coming decades. The main melting pots won’t be the regions near the polar north or south, as might be expected, but the higher elevations of Asia and Africa.

Mammals play a starring role in **this horror movie** mainly because they’re genetically close enough to us for their bugs to wreak havoc in our bodies. Bats present a particular threat because they can fly and are thus able to migrate farther and faster. Brazilian free-tailed bats, for example, have spread throughout the southeastern US in recent years.



Global warming also abets pathogens in many other ways. For example, it causes a thaw of the permafrost. That frozen ground in northern latitudes is a vast arsenal of ancient viruses, bacteria, and other nasties. The frost has kept them away from wildlife so long, animals and people no longer have any immunity to them. But now [they're coming out](#) of their icy vaults. There have been outbreaks of anthrax in Siberia recently, after spores wafted out of ancient reindeer carcasses previously sealed in the ice. We can expect much more of this sort of thing.

Can we do anything about all these threats? Only up to a point. We should certainly clamp down on deforestation — especially in the Amazon rainforest — which also forces species into involuntary contact with one another and us. And we should regulate and monitor wildlife markets, farms, and other places where species jostle up against one another.

Above all, we should prepare for future epidemics and pandemics now. For decades before COVID-19 arrived, various Cassandras told us to have a plan and make it global, but we largely ignored them.

But the most urgent and important effort to which we must [recommit](#) is the struggle against climate change itself. In the Paris Agreement of 2015, we collectively declared the ambition to keep global warming to a long-term increase of 1.5 degrees over temperatures in the 19th century. No chance. According to [new projections by meteorologists](#), we're likely to breach that threshold by 2026. From here on, every additional uptick on the thermometer also raises our risk of disease.

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MGB eyes probe on illegal Samar mining

Residents in Hinabangan town attested that clandestine mining operations have been ongoing for years now, with trucks seen hauling tons of ores during the night to an unknown destination

BY ELMER RECUERDO

TACLOBAN CITY — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) in Eastern Visayas are set to jointly investigate the alleged illegal mining operation in an old and believed to be an abandoned mining site in Hinabangan, Samar.

MGB-8 information officer Celeste Faith de la Cruz said that the agency is teaming up with DENR's Enforcement Division to look into the extent of the alleged illegal mining in the area and its impact to the environment especially that the site is within the Samar Island National Park, which is a protected area.

De la Cruz added that MGB-8 is waiting for the report from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) which conducted an operation which resulted in the arrest of six individuals who were attempting to transport P84-million worth of illegally mined pyrite ores from the area last 2 May, 2022.

The old mining site Bagacay Mine — a copper and pyrite mining area — was operated by Marinduque Mine Industrial Corp. from 1956 to 1985 and by the Philippine Pyrite Corp. from 1986 to 1992 before it was abandoned after the tailing breach spilled tons of heavy

metal-laced wastes downstream to Taft River.

While it was believed to be abandoned, residents in Hinabangan town attested that clandestine mining operations have been ongoing for years now, with trucks seen hauling

tons of ores during the night to an unknown destination.

NBI officer-in-charge director Eric Distor said the bureau received intelligence reports of unlawful extraction of high grade mineral, Ore Pyrite, from the mining site without

the required permit from the DENR prompting it to conduct the operation.

The operatives seized an estimated 56,000 kilograms of pyrite ore with an estimated market value of P84 million and arrested the six suspects.



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A noble initiative: the Tullahan rehab project

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By Melandrew T. Velasco

WITH the looming onset of the rainy season, focus must now be on the dredging of esteros and the rehabilitation of rivers to avert flooding in the metropolis and other urban centers in the Philippines.

Improper garbage disposal and tons of effluents discharged into bodies of water from factories and industrial plants result in water pollution, destroying marine lives, aesthetics and recreational values of the bodies of water.

While it is primarily the government's responsibility to ensure the problem of water pollution is addressed, the sad reality is public funds are not enough. Each of us must be involved in solving the problem of pollution in our country's bodies of water to bring drastic changes to their dismal state.

Filipinos are fortunate that tremendous effort is being exerted by many private companies and organizations to rehabilitate bodies of water. One of these companies is San Miguel Corporation (SMC).

SMC is an active partner of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in the latter's Adopt-an-Estero Program. DENR partners in the program undertake environmental improvement on the waterway they have adopted. Aside from regular clean-up activities and dredging of the waterway, they may also conduct information and education campaigns, community mobilization activities and training for stakeholders.

The program is one of DENR's priority initiatives and strategies relative to the continuing Supreme Court mandamus to

clean up Manila Bay. It was on March 14, 2019 when former DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu and SMC President and CEO Ramon S. Ang (RSA) signed the memorandum of agreement to formalize the partnership.

Spanning 27 kilometers from the La Mesa Water Reservoir in Quezon City to Centennial Park in Navotas City, the Tullahan-Tinajeros River System is a major tributary of Manila Bay. It is considered one of the most polluted waterways in Metro Manila. It traverses the cities of Malabon, Caloocan, Valenzuela and Quezon. It is the beneficiary of SMC's river rehabilitation initiative.

It is our shared responsibility.

Recently, SMC announced its initiative to rehabilitate the Tullahan River has gained ground. After months of cleaning major segments of the river system, it was reported that a hydrographic survey showed significant improvement in the river depth and carrying capacity. Silt and solid wastes were removed, making the flow of water from upstream unobstructed. This has resulted in less flooding in nearby areas.

This has provided relief to communities affected by flooding as a result of overflowing rivers that are filled up when downpours occur. "Essentially, what we've accomplished is to remove the silt and wastes that have made these rivers shallow and increase their ability to receive water from upstream channels, particularly during heavy rain or typhoon season, which is when severe flooding in many areas in Metro Manila occur," RSA

said.

RSA added that the Tullahan River's depths at areas along the 10-kilometer stretch the company's cleanup teams have worked on are now between three to five meters, compared to one to two meters previously.

SMC has removed 876,296 metric tons of silt and solid wastes from the Tullahan River and it hopes to reach one million metric tons by June. It has allotted Pnp1-billion budget for the program that was launched in 2020. The amount will include the cost for equipment acquisition.

SMC's river dredging and clean-up initiative has been lauded by DENR as Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampilna commended the conglomerate for its dedication in protecting and preserving the environment. "We are very grateful for our partnership in securing healthier and cleaner waterways for a better future," he said.

It will be recalled that on November

26, 2010, DENR inked a Memorandum of Agreement with San Miguel Foundation, the corporate social responsibility arm of San Miguel Corporation to clean up Metro Manila waterways. One of the focus areas of the Foundation is on the environment that includes river rehabilitation.

The agreement involved the environmental improvement of a 1.7-kilometer portion of the Tullahan River in Valenzuela City starting from MacArthur Highway to the Philippine National Railways bridge. The MOA also stipulated that SMC through SMF will undertake "expanded environmental improvement including including the dredging of portions of the Tullahan River from the MacArthur Highway all the way to Manila Bay."

Then DENR Secretary Ramon Paje called the partnership "a big boost to our adopt-an-estero program" as he emphasized that most of the water bodies in Metro Manila could no longer be restored by

the government alone.

The SMC initiative to promote environmental sustainability. It complements other flood mitigation efforts in Navotas, Malabon, Valenzuela, and Caloocan.

In the future, a rehabilitated Tullahan River system may provide alternate routes for transportation between Quezon City and Navotas, aside from flood mitigation and its contribution to a cleaner Manila Bay.

But the rehabilitation of the Tullahan River system entails the collaboration of all stakeholders, not just the national government, SMC, the local government units and the communities in nearby areas.

It is our shared responsibility. We must be involved.

Mr. Velasco has written at least 50 coffee-table books.



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BFAR to determine 'jellyfish' species in Boracay

By **CORY
MARTINEZ**

SAMPLES of jellyfish found ashore on the whole stretch of White Beach in Boracay last Saturday were taken for laboratory testing to determine their species.

Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Director Evelyn Abad of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Aklan Provincial Fisheries Office said the jellyfish were small and appeared to be newborn jellyfish.

The BFAR has also advised the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) in Region 6 to get samples in case of a recur-

rence and note the time these were observed.

According to the Boracay Inter-Agency Rehabilitation and Management Group (BIARMG), the presence of jellyfish in the whole stretch of White Beach was reported at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14.

By 5:00 p.m., the jellyfishes have washed away, and no recurrence was observed on Sunday morning.

According to the initial assessment of BFAR Aklan, the jellyfish is a natural occurrence in the coastal areas of the province from May to September and is dependent on the direction of the wind.

Meanwhile, Department of Environment and Natural

Resources (DENR) Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna said the BIARMG has coordinated with the BFAR Aklan regarding the incident.

"The safety of the public is our primary concern. We want to assure the locals and the tourists that the DENR, as chair of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force, is closely working with the BFAR as part of our responsibility in the rehabilitation of the island," Sampulna said.

BIARMG General Manager Martin Despi said thumb-sized jellyfish were seen in all three stations of the White Beach, particularly in the waters and on the beach area, and in An-

gol and Diniwid, but these were washed out in the late afternoon.

"Yesterday (Saturday), the wind direction was southwest or 'habaga' towards the White Beach. This caused the jellyfish to accumulate in the beach area," said Despi.

As of Sunday morning, May 15, Abad said that the team they sent reported that the White Beach, from stations 1 to 3, is clear of jellyfish and has almost no trace of Saturday's incident.

Despi, on the other hand, added that the lifeguards have advised tourists not to swim in the affected area should there be a recurrence.



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The Yakult El Salvador Plant is meant to fulfill the demand for the iconic drink and start the expansion of its production to Visayas and Mindanao. It targets to significantly increase the total daily product productions of both Yakult original and the Yakult Light.

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BASURA PALIT GROCERY

HINIKAYAT ng Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) ang publiko na may mga ipong karton, magazines at iba pang recyclable materials na ipapalit ito ng grocery items.

Ito'y sa pamamagitan ng programang Mobile Materials Recovery Facility (MMRF) 'Recyclables Mo, Palit Grocery Ko', kung saan may katumbas na puntos ang recyclable items. Ang MMRF ay isa sa proyekto kung saan kabahagi ang MMDA.

Layunin ng proyektong mabawasan ang pagbaha sa Metro Manila sa pamamagitan ng pagpapatupad ng iba't ibang programa ukol sa solid waste management sa mga komunidad.

Regular din na isinasagawa ang declogging operations ng mga tauhan ng MMDA Flood Control and Sewerage Management Office sa mga panguhahing drainage na barado at puno ng basura na nagiging sanhi ng pagbaha.

Aniya, kailangan na alisin ang lahat ng klase ng basura, putik at burak na bumabara sa mga drainage at estero para matiyak na tuluy-tuloy ang pagdaloy ng tubig. *(G Pleñago)*



Water interruption sa 9 lugar sa MM at Bulacan hanggang June 1

Patuloy na magkakaroon ng kakulangan sa suplay ng tubig sa siyam na lugar sa Metro Manila at sa mga lugar ng lalawigan ng Bulacan hanggang Hunyo 1.

Ayon sa Maynilad Water, na extend nila ang off peak water interruption para maiwasan ang mabilis na pagkasaid ng imbak na tubig sa tanghali kung saan mataas ang demand sa suplay.

Ang mga lugar na patuloy na may water interruption ay sa ilang mga barangay sa Bulacan, Valenzuela, Parañaque, Pasay, Makati, Navotas, Manila, Quezon City, Malabon, at Caloocan sa Metro Manila.

Ang water interruption ay magsisimula ng alas -10 ng gabi hanggang alas-4 ng umaga.

Hiniling ng Maynilad sa publiko lalo na sa mga residente ng Metro Manila na magtipid sa paggamit sa tubig at 'wag mag-aksaya upang makatulong na maiwasan ang kakulangan sa suplay.

Hindi nakakaranas ng pag-uulan sa mga water shed sa mga dam ngayong tag-init lalo na sa Angat dam na source ng 90 percent ng tubig sa Metro Manila kaya't bumababa ang water level sa naturang dam na ugat ng kakulangan ng suplay ng tubig. (*Angie dela Cruz*)

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Philippines records 1,118 COVID-19 cases from May 9 to 15

By [Gaea Katreena Cabico](#)(Philstar.com) - May 16, 2022 - 4:24pm



People walk past the entry gates of a polling station at an elementary school during the presidential election in Manila on May 9, 2022.
AFP/Chaideer Mahyuddin

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines recorded 1,118 new COVID-19 cases and verified 16 deaths from May 9 to 15, the Department of Health said Monday.

The daily case average during that period was 160, which was 0.3% lower than a week earlier. Of the additional cases, 14 or 1.3% had severe and critical illness.

The DOH has recorded more than 3.68 million COVID-19 infections since the pandemic started in 2020.

There are currently 588 severe and critical admissions, which represent 10.6% of total COVID-19 patients in hospitals.

Data from the health department showed that 15.6% of 2,812 intensive care unit beds nationwide have been used, while 17.5% of 23,707 non-ICU beds have been utilized.

Of the 16 deaths verified during the past week, 10 occurred from May 2 to 15. Over 60,000 people have died in the Philippines since the beginning of the public health crisis.

According to the DOH, 68.6 million Filipinos—or 76.29% of the target population for vaccination—have been fully immunized against COVID-19. Of the figure, only 13.6 million have gotten booster shots.

Metro Manila and other parts of the country will stay under Alert Level 1 until end-May. This was announced following the detection of the BA.2.12.1 Omicron subvariant in the capital region and Palawan. DOH said there is no evidence suggesting the subvariant causes more severe disease.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2022/05/16/2181506/philippines-records-1118-covid-19-cases-may-9-15/amp/>



Philippines logs 588 severe, critical cases

Gillan Roper, ABS-CBN News

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People line up for swab test at a COVID-19 testing facility at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum in Manila on January 4, 2022. Jonathan Cellona, ABS-CBN News

MANILA (UPDATE) - The Philippines' health department said Monday that 588 or 10.6 percent of COVID-19 patients in hospitals were in severe and critical condition.

The figure is lower than the previous week's 611 severe and critical patients who comprised 11.9 percent of COVID-19 hospital admissions at the time.

A total of 438 or 15.6 percent of 2,812 intensive care unit (ICU) beds for COVID-19 patients were occupied as of Sunday, according to the Department of Health's latest bulletin.

From May 9 to 15, the country recorded 1,118 new COVID-19 cases or an average of 160 per day, which is 0.3 percent lower than the cases reported from the previous week.

Of the additional infections during the week, 14 were severe and critical.

The number of new cases is the lowest logged in a single week in more than two years or since March 23-29, 2020 when the country logged 1,032 infections, according to the ABS-CBN Investigative and Research Group citing DOH data.

It is also the sixth straight week that cases logged weekly remained below 2,000, the research group said.

During the past week, the DOH said it verified 16 more COVID-related fatalities, citing late encoding of death information. Twelve of those occurred this month.

It is the lowest weekly death toll in more than two years or since the week of March 16-22, 2020 when the DOH logged 13 deaths, the ABS-CBN IRG said.

Some 68 million or 76.29 percent of the eligible 90 million population in the country have been fully vaccinated against the respiratory disease, of whom 13.6 million have received their booster shots.

The DOH urged the public to get their booster shots as these prevent severe and critical diseases, citing as examples those who contracted the highly transmissible BA.2.12.1.

"We cannot be complacent at this point. Ang ibang bansa pumuputok ang mga kaso because of these sublineages," Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said.



(COVID cases in other countries increase due to these sublineages.)

The entry of new variants of concerns in Metro Manila might raise the number of hospital and intensive care unit admissions, the DOH earlier said. The BA.2.12.1 is not a variant of concern or a variant of interest yet, Vergeire said.



Metro Manila, 85 other areas under Alert Level 1 until May 31

By Azer Parrocha [May 16, 2022, 8:00 am](#)



(File photo)

MANILA – Metro Manila and 85 other areas will remain under the lowest Alert Level 1 classification from May 16 to 31, Malacañang announced Sunday night.

Acting presidential spokesperson Martin Andanar said the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) approved the new classification on Saturday.

Also placed under Alert Level 1 during the same period are the following provinces, highly urbanized cities (HUCs) and independent component cities (ICCs):

For Luzon: Abra, Apayao, Kalinga, Mountain Province, and Baguio City in the Cordillera Administrative Region; Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, and Dagupan City in Region 1; Batanes, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, and City of Santiago in Region 2; Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Angeles City, and Olongapo City in Region 3; Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, and Lucena City in Region 4-A; Marinduque, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, and Puerto Princesa City in Region 4-B; and Region Albay, Catanduanes, and Naga City in Region 5.

For the Visayas: Aklan, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo, Bacolod City, and Iloilo City in Region 6; Siquijor, Cebu City, Lapu-Lapu City, and Mandaue City in Region 7; and Biliran, Eastern Samar, Southern Leyte, Ormoc City, and Tacloban City in Region 8.

For Mindanao: Zamboanga City in Region 9; Bukidnon, Camiguin, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Cagayan de Oro City, and Iligan City in Region 10; Davao City in Region 11; and Surigao del Sur and Butuan City in Caraga.

The following component cities and municipalities will likewise be placed under Alert Level 1 without prejudice to those component cities and municipalities already under Alert Level 1 pursuant to IATF Resolutions No. 165-G, 166-A, 167-A, and 167-C (s. 2022):

For Luzon: Kiangnan, Ifugao in Cordillera; and Balud, Masbate and Irosin, Sorsogon in Bicol Region.

For the Visayas: Calape, Bohol; Garcia Hernandez, Bohol; San Isidro, Bohol; San Miguel, Bohol; Alcoy, Cebu; Borbon, Cebu; Oslob, Cebu; Pilar, Cebu; Santander, Cebu; Tudela, Cebu; Bacong, Negros Oriental; Dauin, Negros Oriental; Valencia (Luzarriaga), Negros Oriental; and Zamboanguita, Negros Oriental in Central Visayas; and Tarangnan, Samar and Zumarraga, Samar in Eastern Visayas.



For Mindanao: Mahayag, Zamboanga del Sur; and Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay in Zamboanga Peninsula; Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat in Soccsksargen; and Upi, Maguindanao in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Meanwhile, the following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs will be placed under Alert Level 2 from May 16 to May 31 without prejudice to their respective component cities and municipalities which may be under a different Alert Level classification:

For Luzon: Benguet, Ifugao in Cordillera; Quezon Province in Calabarzon; Occidental Mindoro, and Palawan in Mimaropa; and Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Masbate, and Sorsogon in Bicol Region

For the Visayas: Antique and Negros Occidental Western Visayas; Bohol, Cebu Province, and Negros Oriental in Central Visayas; and Leyte, Northern Samar, and Western Samar in Eastern Visayas.

For Mindanao: City of Isabela, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte, and Zamboanga Sibugay in Zamboanga Peninsula; Lanao del Norte in Northern Mindanao; Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Oriental, Davao de Oro, and Davao Occidental in Davao Region; General Santos City, North Cotabato, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, and South Cotabato in Soccsksargen; Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, and Surigao del Norte in Caraga Region; and Basilan, Cotabato City, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Alert Level classifications of component cities and municipalities under IATF Resolution Nos. 165-G, 166-A, 167-A, and 167-C (s. 2022) not otherwise affected by this Resolution will remain in effect until May 31, 2022. **(PNA)**



No case increase seen to warrant change in alert level: OCTA

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor May 16, 2022, 3:09 pm



(PNA photo by Robert Alfiler)

MANILA – The OCTA Research Group said Monday there are no threats of increase in Covid-19 cases so far to warrant a downgrade in the current alert level of Metro Manila and other areas.

In a televised public briefing, OCTA Research fellow Dr. Guido David said the country's positivity rate is 1.1 percent and reproduction rate is 0.6 percent.

"Hindi pa siya tumataas to greater than one, so we're still okay. Pati 'yung hospitalization rate, mababa pa rin naman (It has not gone up to greater than one, so we're still okay. The hospitalization rate remains low as well)," he said. *"Wala naman tayong nakitang threat o area na may threat na tumataas ang kaso sa ngayon (We have not seen any threat or area with threat of increasing cases at the moment)".*

Metro Manila and 85 other areas are under Alert Level 1 until May 31.

Since the campaign period started in February, the OCTA Research Group has not seen any "sustained increase" in Covid-19 cases. But there were sudden spikes that are considered small and clustering of cases.

David noted that the clustering of cases did not spread "maybe because the country's ball of immunity due to Covid-19 vaccines and natural immunity is still high".

However, these are not definite as cases could increase few weeks after the May 9 elections and with the detection of BA.2.12.1 Omicron subvariant in Metro Manila and Palawan.

In South Africa, the detection of the highly transmissible Omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5 caused an increase in the average daily cases – from 1,000 to 8,000 infections per day.

"Kung kukumpara natin sa situation sa bansa, ngayon nasa 200 cases per day pa rin tayo, so, kahit tumaas pa 'yan to 250, hindi 'yan significant. Pero kapag makakita tayo ng pagtaas sa 500, 400, definitely, magiging concerned na tayo at baka nagkakaroon na ng pagtaas ng kaso (If we'll compare the situation to our country, we're still now at 200 cases per day, so, even if it increases to 250, it's not significant. But if we see an increase to 500, 400, definitely, we'll be concerned that there's an increase in cases)," David said. **(PNA)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1174523>



No local transmission of Omicron BA.2.12.1 yet: DOH

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor [May 16, 2022, 7:22 pm](#)



MANILA – There is no indication yet of a local transmission of the Omicron subvariant BA.2.12.1 in the country, an infectious disease expert said Monday.

In a televised public briefing, Department of Health (DOH) – Technical Advisory Group member, Dr. Edsel Salvaña, said certain areas were placed under Alert Level 2 because they have not reached the minimum vaccination rate corresponding to their eligible population, not due to the detection of BA.2.12.1 cases.

However, Salvaña did not discount the possibility of local transmission as the subvariant is highly transmissible.

“Para masabi namin na meron talagang local transmission, lalung-lalo na iyong tinatawag na sustained local transmission, tinitingnan natin itong transmission chain niyan at makikita natin kung mati-trace pa natin (For us to say there is really local transmission, especially sustained local transmission, we look at its transmission chain and see if it can be traced),” he said.

Earlier, the DOH detected two local cases of BA.2.12.1 in the National Capital Region. Both had no international travel history.

Twelve other BA.2.12.1 cases were also detected from a tourist cluster in Palawan, 11 of them foreign nationals.

“Halimbawa, iyung sa Palawan, very clear naman [na] isang cluster iyon. Itong sa Metro Manila, iyung dalawa na BA.2.12.1, sinusuri po natin iyong contacts niyan at kung saan man nila nakuha (For example, the one in Palawan, it’s very clear that it’s one cluster. The two BA.2.12.1 cases in Metro Manila, we’re examining their contacts and where they got it). Is it abroad, is it something that was imported o mayroon ba talagang (or was there a) hidden community transmission?” Salvaña said.

The DOH assured the public that Covid-19 vaccines are safe and effective against the BA.2.12.1 subvariant and they help keep the health care utilization low and the economy reopening under Alert Level 1.

The following provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities are under Alert Level 2 until May 31, without prejudice to their respective component cities and municipalities which may be under a different Alert Level classification: Luzon: Cordillera



Administrative Region: Benguet, Ifugao; Region 4-A: Quezon Province; Region 4-B: Occidental Mindoro, and Palawan; and Region V: Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Masbate, and Sorsogon; Visayas: Region 6: Antique and Negros Occidental; Region 7: Bohol, Cebu Province, and Negros Oriental; and Region 8: Leyte, Northern Samar, and Western Samar; Mindanao: Region 9: City of Isabela, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte, and Zamboanga Sibugay; Region 10: Lanao del Norte; Region 11: Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Oriental, Davao de Oro, and Davao Occidental; Region 12: General Santos City, North Cotabato, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, and South Cotabato; Caraga: Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, and Surigao del Norte; and Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao: Basilan, Cotabato City, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi. **(PNA)**



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National COVID-19 Case Bulletin

May 16, 2022

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Healthcare Utilization

(as of May 15, 2022)

17.5%
Non-ICU Bed Utilization
4,141 out of 23,707 non-ICU beds used

15.6%
ICU Bed Utilization
438 out of 2,812 ICU beds used

588
Severe and Critical Admissions
10.6% of total COVID-19 admissions

Vaccination Accomplishment

(as of May 15, 2022)

76.29%
% Coverage of Target Population*

77.12%
% Coverage of Target A2 Population**

Fully Vaccinated Individuals
68,665,070
+227,272 vaccinated on May 9 to May 15
Individuals with Booster/Additional Dose
13,620,199
+165,332 vaccinated on May 9 to May 15

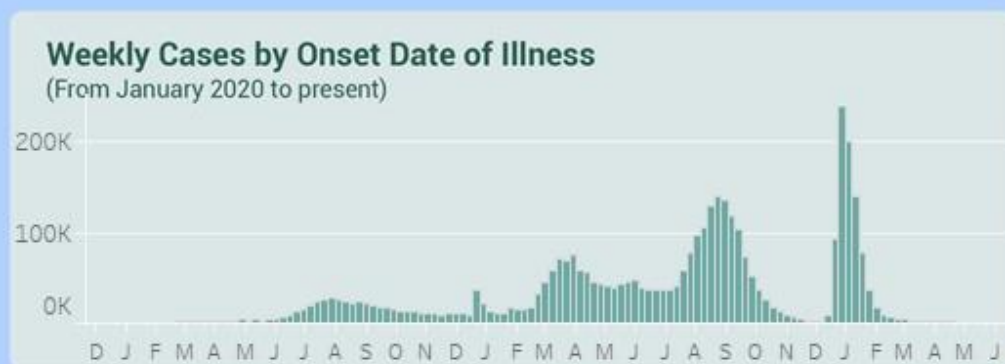
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New Cases
+1,118
Daily Average Cases = 160
(0.3% lower than cases on May 2 to May 8)
Severe and Critical Cases: **+14**
(1.30% of new cases)
Deaths Verified During The Past Week: **+16**
(10 deaths occurred on May 2 to May 15)



COVID-19 Cases

(as of May 15, 2022)



*Target population refers to 80% of the total population (90,005,357 individuals)
**Target A2 population refers to 85% of the total Senior Citizen population (8,721,357 individuals)

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
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