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Mga illegal logger timbog ng DENR

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By Abante Tonite Last updated Sep 17, 2021



Apat na illegal logger ang naaresto ng Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service (ELEPS) ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa Tabuk, Kalinga noong Setyembre 2.

Ang operasyon ay pinangunahan ng DENR-ELEPS kasama ang Kalinga Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources, DENR-Cordillera Administrative Region, at DENR's Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force (AILTF) na naging dahilan ng pagkakakumpiska ng ilegal na pinutol na puno ng acacia, at chainsaw.

Ang mga naaresto na sina Vincent Dalanao, Archie Cadalina, Victor Manyaw, at Fioni Tamaw ay sasampahan ng kasong paglabag sa Section 77 ng Presidential Decree 705 o Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines, at Section 7(4) ng Republic Act 9175 o Chainsaw Act.



DENR to hold 'clean-up bubble'

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by [Joseph Pedrajas](#)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will be conducting on Saturday a "clean-up bubble" to mark the International Coastal Cleanup Day.

"Clean-up bubble" is an activity wherein participants from the DENR office will be grouped into 10 to clean up the vicinities of Manila Bay, particularly at Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park, Manila Bay's Dolomite beach and in Navotas City, among other places.

Other participants, meanwhile, will also be tasked to clean their homes and immediate surroundings, whose activities must be documented through videos or photos. They are members of various institutions or volunteers who signed for the program but are unable to go out.

"Clean-up bubble" is inspired by the national government's pandemic response wherein people or areas are divided into groups or "bubbles" to limit the spread of COVID -19.

"Despite the restrictions and challenges brought about by the COVID -19 situation, the DENR remains committed to lead and take part in environmental activities aimed to educate more people to actively take steps on the proliferation of wastes in the coastal areas," DENR Sec. Roy Cimatu said in a statement.

The activity will also be limited to participants who are fully vaccinated for two weeks already and are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms.

The observance of the 2021 International Coastal Cleanup Day is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 470, Series of 2003. In this year's event, DENR will adopt the UNESCO (In addition, the activity is limited to participants who are fully vaccinated two weeks before the activity and are not exhibiting any symptoms.

The observance of the 2021 International Coastal Cleanup Day is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 470, Series of 2003.

In this year's event, DENR will also adopt the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Ocean Decade Challenge 1 theme for 2021: "Understand and Beat Marine Pollution."

According to Cimatu, adopting the first Ocean Decade Challenge will "provide the people, particularly the new generation, a broader understanding of the land and sea-based pollution and their potential impacts to human health and ocean ecosystems."

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/09/16/denr-to-hold-clean-up-bubble/>



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30 bamboos planted in Mandaue's Green Corridor

By: Mary Rose Sagarino - Multimedia Correspondent - CDN Digital | September 17, 2021 - 06:48 PM



Mandaue City Mayor Jonas Cortes (6th from left) waits for the start of the bamboo planting activity in the city's Green Corridor in Barangay Subangdaku to mark International Coastal Cleanup Day and the World Bamboo Day, which will be celebrated on Sept. 18 yet. | Mary Rose Sagarino

MANDAUE CITY, Philippines — Thirty Maxima bamboos were planted on Friday, Sept. 17, in Mandaue City's Green Corridor to celebrate the International Coastal Cleanup Day and World Bamboo Day.

Mandaue City Mayor Jonas Cortes and officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) led the bamboo planting activity at the city's green corridor in Sitio Mahayag in Barangay Subangdaku.

According to DENR, bamboo is one of the fastest growing renewable resources in the world not only because it is a sustainable alternative to wood, but it is also an effective solution to climate change.

Bamboo absorbs greenhouse gases, insulates carbon dioxide from the environment and produces 35 percent more oxygen than its equivalent tree size.

The bamboo-planting activity, however, was done a day before the actual celebration of International Coastal Cleanup Day and the World Bamboo Day, which is celebrated on Sept. 18.

Regional executive director Paquito Melicor of the DENR-7, who attended the event together with other environment agency officials and personnel, also lauded the Mandaue City government for developing and maintaining the Green Corridor.

He said that the area was once an area full of informal settlers and unsightly garbage, but now it was transformed to these Green Corridor.



30 bamboos planted in Mandaue's Green Corridor

Melicor said clearing an area swarming of informal settlers was very challenging and was not an easy thing to do.

"In behalf of DENR, Mayor (Cortes) in behalf of Secretary Cimatu, we would like to thank you for this very very laudable work that you have done," said Melicor.

He also asked the city for documentation of the tranformation so that they would be able present it to other places and could be an inspiration to these places.

Cortes and Subangdaku Barangay Captain Ernie Manatad assured that cleanliness in the area would be maintained.

The Mayor is also asking the public to pitch in and do their part to maintain the cleanliness in the area.

He said that they would also be coordinating with nearby LGUs especially Cebu City as the upstream of the city's major rivers like Butuanon and Mahiga were located there.

Cortes said that the city would continue to implement projects that would beautify the city and rehabilitate the city's rivers.

Cebu City to hold wider coastal cleanup on Sept. 18

By: Dyrecka Letigio - Multimedia Reporter - CDN Digital|September 17,2021 - 07:00 AM



Coastal and river clean up in Cebu City on June 19, 2021. | Photo Courtesy of Cebu City PIO

CEBU CITY, Philippines — Cebu City is set to hold the 5th city-wide coastal cleanup on Saturday, September 18, 2021, in 21 major riverside and coastal areas.

Reymar Hijarra, the subcommittee chairperson for the Cebu City Coastal Management Task Force (CMTF), said that they had added new areas for the clean-up.

This includes a leg of the Kamputhaw river near the Carreta Cemetery and Blessed Sacrament Parish area. Other areas would be the usual clean-up sites such as the South Road Properties, the Tejero Creek, Lahug River, Guadalupe River, and others.

The areas that will be included in the clean-up are enumerated below:

Area	Barangay	Coordinates
Innodata	Mabolo	10.3179725°N 123.9196745°E
Tinago Tejero Bridge- Kamputhaw River	Tejero	10.299555°N 123.9063478°E
T. Padilla Market - Kamputhaw Bridge	T. Padilla	10.3036135°N 10.3036135°E
Ermita Coast	Ermita	10.2899994°N 123.8969913°E
Guadalupe River Mouth	Pasil	10.289737°N 123.8948319°E
Pasil Coast	Pasil	10.2893321°N 123.8949819°E
Sawang Calero	Sawang Calero	10.2898707°N 123.8911704°E
Pahina San Nicholas Brgy. Hall - Guadalupe River	Pahina San Nicholas	10.2944489°N 123.8939095°E
Brgy. Sambag I USC - South - Guadalupe River	Brgy. Sambag I	10.298975°N 123.88807°E
Sudlon Bridge - Kamputhaw River	Lahug	10.3285552°N 123.896967°E
Kinalumsan Br. II, Mambaling - Arabal River	Mambaing	10.2915785°N 123.8808878°E
Alaska, Mambaling	Mambaing	10.288191°N 123.8833601°E
Tisa Elementary School - Kinalumsan River	Tisa/Punta Prinsesa	10.2933075°N 123.8696844°E
Bulacao Upriver - Cabanalan I	Bulacao	10.280127°N 123.8422274°E
Jansen Church - Basak, San Nicolas	Basak, San Nicolas	10.2808179°N 123.8683574°E
Corner E. Jaca St. & White Road	Inayawan	10.265872°N 123.858791°E
SRP Tower	SRP	10.2864485°N 123.8869987°E
Il Corso Coast	SRP	10.2649649°N 123.8787472°E
Campanario Shoal	Snell Island	10.256952°N 123.8985136°E



Cebu City to hold wider coastal cleanup on Sept. 18

Area	Barangay	Coordinates
Carreta Cemetery (Eskina)	Careeta	10.3179725°N 123.9196745°E
Kamputhaw River - Blessed Sacrament Parish (White Gold House)	Tejero	10.299555°N 123.9063478°E

The coastal cleanup is scheduled quarterly every year in the hopes to increase awareness in the preservation of the major waterways in the city as well as remove as much garbage as possible from these waterways.

This Saturday, the Ocean Conservancy group will be helping the city, a first for the project that an international conservation group will be joining the activity.

Hijarra said the private organizations, the barangays, and the city government would still be volunteering personnel for the clean-up just like before.

The Department of Engineering and Public Works (DEPW) will be lending heavy equipment like backhoes to be deployed in river mouths and areas where the garbage has accumulated deep into the riverbed or seabed.

Volunteer divers will also be helping at the South Road Properties (SRP) offshore to monitor the coral reef and marine life in the area.

The city government hopes that volunteers will register for the clean-up as the city government will need the hand. The CMFT expects at least 3,000 volunteers.

Hijarra notes that volunteers must maintain the health protocols during the clean-up such as wearing masks and face shields. They must also bring their own sacks, gloves, and garbage picks.

Vice Mayor Michael Rama said there was a necessity to continue the coastal clean-up even if the city continued to be in a pandemic.

He said that this clean-ups would help in the general health of the city, which would be essential in fighting COVID-19.

"Dapat manglimpyo ta, pero bag-o ta manglimpyo, magpabakuna ta," he said.

(We should clean up but before that we should be vaccinated.)

Read more: <https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/400572/cebu-city-to-hold-wider-coastal-cleanup-on-sept-18#ixzz76kwugrXE>

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Volunteers clear Subic beaches of plastic wastes, storm debris

By Ruben Veloria September 17, 2021, 6:35 pm



COASTAL CLEANUP. Volunteers from locator companies, community groups and departments of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) participate in a coastal cleanup along the shoreline on Friday (Sept. 17, 2021). Collected were mostly plastic wastes and other debris that were washed ashore after the recent heavy rains. *(Photo courtesy of SBMA)*

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT – More than 200 volunteers from locator companies, community groups, and departments of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) fanned out to eight points along the shoreline here on Friday to collect plastic wastes and other debris that were washed ashore after the recent heavy rains.

SBMA Chairman and Administrator Wilma T. Eisma said the coastal cleanup is an annual event here among stakeholders in line with the International Coastal Cleanup Day observance, but the event was canceled last year because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

“This time, we allowed it but on condition that the activities be undertaken with strict observance of health and safety protocols,” Eisma said in a statement. “Despite the pandemic, there is still a need to protect the environment because a healthy environment is proven to be a big factor to the healing process, and we need that now more than ever.”

The SBMA Ecology Center, which organized the cleanup, assigned volunteers into 10-man teams deployed at onshore cleanup points along Waterfront Beach, San Bernardino Road, Triboa Bay Boardwalk, Tago Beach, and Nabasan Beach.

Others were dispersed to river deltas, while some underwater teams also dived on the bay to take out trash.

Ecology Center manager Amethya dela Llana said the waste collected by the various teams were sorted out and recorded to further study the extent of pollution along the coast and at Subic Bay.

Most of the trash washed ashore were plastic bottles, styrofoam cups and food packets.



Volunteers clear Subic beaches of plastic wastes, storm debris

Volunteers said they also collected a huge volume of disposable face masks along with rubber slippers.

The coastal cleanup also served to conclude the weeklong celebration of this year's "Biay Dagat", a mini-festival launched in 2019 to promote environmental protection and engage stakeholder support in ecological action. (PNA)



Environmental groups clean up Manila Bay on eve of International Coastal Cleanup Day

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Members of Earth Island Institute of the Philippines and the Nilad Metro Manila Environmental Network conduct a clean-up drive at the Las Pinas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA) at the Manila Bay on Friday, a day before International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day. The ICC Day, one of the world's largest volunteer efforts in the preservation and protection of waterways, is celebrated every third Saturday of September and aims to bring attention to issues concerning marine litter.

Mga face shield at face mask, kabilang sa mga nahakot ng isang grupo sa Manila Bay

By RadyoMaN Manila
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Nanawagan ang isang makakalikasang grupo sa gobyerno na ihinto na ang paggamit ng face shield sa gitna ng nararanasang pandemya.

Ginawa ng grupong Earth Island Institute (EII) ang pahayag kasabay ng isinagawa nitong clean up sa "freedom island" o mas kilala sa tawag na Las Pinas-Paranaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA) sa Manila Bay.

Ayon kay Trixie Concepcion, tagapagsalita ng grupo, maraming face shield at face mask ang nakahalo sa mga nakokolekta nilang basura.

Batay sa datos ng grupo, nasa 3.4-B na tonelada ng single used face mask at face shield ang nakokolekta kada araw sa buong mundo mula nang magsimula ang pandemya.

Aniya, tanging sa Pilipinas lang nire-require ang pagsusuot ng face shield at dahil nasa 110 milyon ang populasyon ng Pilipinas, ganito rin kadami ang basurang banta sa coastal waters.

Mas mainam aniya na ang mga hospital personnel na lang ang gumamit ng face shield.



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Ilang mga gamit na face mask at face shield ang nakolekta ng isang grupo na nagsagawa ng clean-up drive sa Manila Bay. | via Luisito Santos/
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LOOK: Authorities remove illegal fish cages in Cavite City

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by [Richa Noriega](#)

Authorities dismantled illegally established fish cages off the coastal waters in Cavite City recently, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) revealed Friday, September 17.



Authorities removed and dismantle illegally established fish cages off Cavite City on Thursday, Sept.16, 2021. (Photo courtesy of the PCG)



Authorities removed and dismantle illegally established fish cages off Cavite City on Thursday, Sept.16, 2021. (Photo courtesy of the PCG)

In a joint law enforcement operation, the PCG, Philippine National Police (PNP) Maritime Group, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and Cavite local government unit have pursued the operation to “promote a conducive and marine environmental-friendly ecosystem in the area.”

As part of the DENR’s Manila Rehabilitation program, the activity promoted rehabilitation, preservation, and restoration of Manila Bay,” the PCG noted.

The activity was held in response to the Supreme Court’s mandamus on Manila Bay (G.R. 171947-48), which orders the Coast Guard and concerned government agencies to clean up and rehabilitate Manila Bay.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/09/17/look-authorities-remove-illegal-fish-cages-in-cavite-city/>



'Dolomite beach', 'di na kasama sa popondohan next year — DENR

ni Jasmin Joy Evangelista | September 17, 2021



Sa iminungkahing P1.6 bilyong pondo para sa rehabilitasyon ng Manila Bay sa 2022, hindi na raw kabilang ang pagsasaayos ng 'dolomite beach', ayon sa isang opisyal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Nakalaan umano ang pondo para sa rehabilitasyon ng iba't ibang river systems na konektado sa Manila Bay.

"The P1.6 billion will comprise not for the dolomite, because budget for dolomite was already given to us during 2020 and 2019," ayon sa opisyal.

Ang pondo raw ay para sa rehabilitasyon ay gagamitin para sa paglilinis ng mga creek at estero.

Bagaman mayroon mga natuwa sa dolomite artificial beach, marami rin ang bumatikos sa naturang proyekto na umaabot umano sa P389-milyon ang pondo na ginawa sa panahon ng COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: <https://www.bulgaronline.com/post/dolomite-beach-di-na-kasama-sa-popondohan-next-year-denr>



Abandoned 'hot logs' seized in Maguindanao

September 17, 2021



PARANG, Maguindanao – Environment officials and the local police confiscated here on Thursday some 500 board feet of suspected illegally cut lumber.

The forest products were left unattended in Sitio Bliss, Barangay Nituan, Parang, Maguindanao.

“The lumber products were undocumented and abandoned, an indication these were illegally cut,” Forester Noroden Abdullah, community environment and natural resources and energy officer, said in an interview Friday.

He said members of the Maguindanao Provincial Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force responded to a report from civilians about the stockpile of abandoned illegally-cut forest products composed of naturally grown white and red Lauan species.

Abdulla said the seized forest products are now in the custody of the municipal police station for temporary safekeeping.

“The owner, once identified and arrested, will face charges for violation of Presidential Decree 705 otherwise known as the revised forestry code of the Philippines,” he said.

A total log ban has been in effect in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao since 2015. (PNA)

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/2165747740135352/posts/4475973069112796/?app=fbl>



BOC seizes 826 smuggled spiders

By [Robertzon Ramirez](#) (Philstar.com)

- September 18, 2021 - 12:00am



At least 826 spiders are prepared for inventory after being confiscated at the Central Mail Exchange Center on Tuesday by the Bureau of Customs, which posted the photo on Facebook yesterday.

STAR/ File

MANILA, Philippines — The Bureau of Customs (BOC) intercepted three packages containing at least 826 spiders during an operation at the Central Mail Exchange Center on Tuesday.

In a statement yesterday, the BOC said the packages, declared as containing figurines and medicines, came from Poland and were consigned to residents of Pasay, Parañaque and Batangas.

The bureau turned over 809 spiderlings and 17 adult spiders to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit.

The DENR is preparing charges against the consignees for violating the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act and the Customs Modernization and Tarriff Act.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2021/09/18/2127938/boc-seizes-826-smuggled-spiders/amp/>



Over 800 smuggled spiderlings, adult spiders intercepted by BOC

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by [Ariel Fernandez](#)

More than 800 spiderlings and adult spiders which were concealed in postal parcels were recently intercepted by the Bureau of Customs (BOC), authorities said Friday, Sept. 17.



Photo: BOC NAIA

The BOC's Port of NAIA and Environmental Protection Compliance Division (EPCD) said 809 spiderlings and 17 adult spiders were found hidden in three air postal parcels at the Central Mail Exchange Center in Lasay City last Tuesday.

Records showed that the subject postal parcels were declared as figurines and medicines. They all came from Poland and were consigned to certain residents of Pasay City, Parañaque City, and Batangas.

Upon physical examination, surreptitiously concealed small plastic vials wrapped in foil with cotton containing spiderlings and spiders were found by the authorities.

The smuggled arthropods were turned over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit (DENR WTMU) for proper handling.

Appropriate charges are being prepared against the consignees for violation of Section 1113 in relation to Section 117 of Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, as well as the Customs Modernization and Tarrif Act or RA 19863.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/09/17/over-800-smuggled-spiderlings-adult-spiders-intercepted-by-boc/>

826 spiders declared as figurines, meds seized in Pasay City

By Ferdinand Patinio September 17, 2021, 6:00 pm



(Photo from BOC-NAIA)

MANILA – The Bureau of Customs (BOC) Port of NAIA on Friday reported the seizure of some 826 spiders in three parcels in Pasay City.

In a statement, the bureau said a total of 809 spiderlings and 17 adult spiders were found inside air postal parcels at the Central Mail Exchange Center (CMEC) on Sept. 14.

It added that the parcels all came from Poland and were consigned to certain residents of Pasay City, Parañaque City, and Batangas.

The items were declared as figurines and medicines.

Upon physical examination, surreptitiously concealed small plastic vials wrapped in foil with cotton containing spiderlings and spiders were found.

The animals were immediately turned over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit (DENR WTMU) pursuant to Customs Administrative Order No. 10-2020.

Aside from the instituted seizure and forfeiture proceedings against the subject seized wildlife species for violation of Section 1113 in relation to Section 117 and Republic Act (RA) 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

The DENR is currently conducting case building for possible prosecution of the importer and co-conspirators for violation of RA 9147, while the Bureau Action Team Against Smugglers (BATAS), Legal Service of the BOC shall conduct parallel case build-up for possible prosecution of violation of Section 1401 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act.

The BOC-NAIA, together with the Environmental Protection Compliance Division (EPCD), intercepted the parcels. (PNA)



Dead whale washed ashore in Boracay

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by [Tara Yap](#)

ILOILO CITY – A dead whale was washed ashore in Boracay Island, the country's most famous beach destination in Malay town, Aklan province.

Ernesto Bandiola Cruz, a photographer and community volunteer, said the dead whale was discovered at Sitio Sugod of Manocmanoc village Thursday, September 16.

Cruz told Manila Bulletin in a phone interview that the whale, which was about the size of a boat that can carry 40 people, was already in the state of decomposition.



A dead whale washed ashore at a secluded part of world-famous Boracay Island. (Photo courtesy of Ernesto Bandiola Cruz/Manila Bulletin)

Cruz said that he was initially informed by Dennis Casimero that a whale was floating offshore as early as Wednesday afternoon.

But the dead whale was swept by the current to the shoreline that is allegedly part of the more than 20-hectare property of Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG), the Macau-based group that is proposing to construct a casino in Boracay.

Since the access road going there has been sealed off from the public, Cruz said he was able to go there by renting a small boat.

It was Cruz who informed both the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

Cruz said the whale will be buried somewhere near the site where it was found since transporting it elsewhere would be very hard.



Palawan pasok sa 'Top 25 islands' sa buong mundo



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Manila, Philippines – Muling nakapasok ang Palawan sa 'Top 25 islands' ng Travel + Leisure magazine's World's Best Awards.

Nasungkit nito ang pang-19 na ranggo na ibinase sa ratings ng mga mambabasa at may iskor na 88.63.

Nanguna rito ang Greek islands of Milos at pumangalawa naman ang Folegandros na sinundan ng St. Vincent at Grenadines, Madeira sa Portugal, at Andaman Islands sa India.

Sa Asya, panglima ang Palawan matapos ang Andaman Islands, Koh Samui sa Thailand, Bali sa Indonesia, at Maldives. RNT/FGDC

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/palawan-pasok-sa-top-25-islands-sa-buong-mundo/>



Maynilad, DoT partner for wastewater drive

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MAYNILAD Water Services, Inc. partnered with the Department of Tourism (DoT) on a wastewater management campaign to increase public awareness on environmental protection and sustainable tourism.

The west zone water concessionaire signed an agreement with DoT on Thursday to launch the “Maynilad Kubeta PH X It’s More Fun in the Philippines” partnership.

Under the partnership, the DoT and Maynilad will award the “seal of good toilet-keeping” to 24 tourist destination such as parks, historical sites, and restaurants within the water provider’s service area.

“For establishments to be conferred the seal, their restrooms must be consistently clean and well-maintained, and equipped with basic fixtures and amenities, including a working faucet and flush, soap, and toilet paper,” Maynilad said in a statement.

“They also have to be compliant with government regulations on wastewater management via regular desludging of septic tanks, connection to Maynilad’s sewer network, or operation of law-compliant sewage treatment facilities,” it added.

The DoT will identify the nominees which will undergo document and physical audits led by Maynilad’s wastewater management team. The nominees who will pass the audit process will be awarded the seal that can renewed yearly.

“The seal affirms the importance of keeping toilets clean and comfortable for tourists and the general public and the need to comply with relevant laws and regulations regarding wastewater management. It also serves as a reminder to tourists and the public about responsible toilet use as part of promoting sustainable tourism,” Maynilad said.



Maynilad, DoT partner for wastewater drive

Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said the campaign is very timely as the pandemic highlights the importance of sanitation and hygiene.

“For tourism, public toilets are crucial. These should not be only clean, but also safe and comfortable for tourists to use. Simple as it may seem, but toilets could make or break a tourist’s travel experience,” she said.

Further, Ms. Romulo-Puyat highlighted the ASEAN Public Toilet Standard, which aims to guarantee that public toilets at tourist destinations in the region are clean, safe, and observes proper waste management.

“When Maynilad launched Kubeta PH back in 2016, we had one goal in mind — to bring conversations about proper wastewater management to the mainstream. We continue to raise wastewater awareness through this campaign, and this partnership with DoT will help us reach more people,” Maynilad President and Chief Executive Officer Ramoncito S. Fernandez said.

Maynilad provides water to Caloocan, Pasay, Parañaque, Las Piñas, Muntinlupa, Valenzuela, Navotas, Malabon, Manila, Makati, and Quezon City, as well as parts of Cavite province including Bacoor, Imus, Kawit, Noveleta, and Rosario.

Metro Pacific Investments Corp., which has a majority stake in Maynilad, is one of three Philippine units of Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd., the others being Philex Mining Corp. and PLDT, Inc.

Hastings Holdings, Inc., a unit of PLDT Beneficial Trust Fund subsidiary MediaQuest Holdings, Inc., has an interest in *BusinessWorld* through the Philippine Star Group, which it controls. — Revin Mikhael D. Ochave



Negros Oriental's Apo Island named as PH's 1st 'zero-waste' island barangay

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by [Joseph Pedrajas](#)

Apo Island in Negros Oriental has been recognized as the first "zero-waste" island barangay in the country.

Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA) Asia-Pacific regional coordinator Froilan Grate made the recognition Friday, September 17, and called the island's success as "unique."

"We want to recognize Apo Island for their amazing work on their Zero Waste journey. We want to acknowledge their hard work and to encourage them to sustain it and do more," Grate said.



GAIA Asia Pacific

Located in Dauin town, Apo Island gained the recognition after adopting in 2020 various waste management systems and practices introduced by War On Waste (WOW) Negros Oriental, a network of non-government organizations, academics, and individuals advocating proper waste management.

Among the systems and practices implemented in the village include the conduct of information campaigns to inform households about proper waste segregation at source, implementation of door-to-door segregated waste collection system, use of composting methods and establishment of a decentralized Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where organic wastes are composted and recyclables are aggregated for junk shop sale.

Aside from that, community members are also training on waste assessment and brand audits to identify waste composition and help design a waste management system that will work for the island.

Currently, Apo Island has seven waste workers and four MRFs. It has also implemented an ordinance regulating single-use plastics in the island.

"The community is proud of what they have achieved in their first year of adopting Zero Waste system and practices," Merci Ferrer, WOW Negros Oriental-Zero Waste Cities project manager, said.

However, despite efforts given by residents of the island, WOW lamented that they continue to face challenges caused by the inaction of its neighboring communities.



"Even if we keep the surroundings clean, because we live on an island, there are times when the strong winds and waves bring the trash from our neighboring towns and communities onto our shores," Mario Pascobello, a village leader, said.

"This is because our current comes from the northeast of the island. Sometimes, the garbage from those areas end up in our shoreline," he added.



Climate crisis more complex to solve



By Eireene Jairee Gomez

September 18, 2021

Greenpeace has warned that saving the planet from the current climate and environmental crisis has become more complex.

"With this 50th year (of Greenpeace) being celebrated, we have to remind ourselves that much work needs to be done. Greenpeace exists because this fragile Earth and the people who depend on a healthy planet deserve a voice. The world needs solutions. The world needs positive change. The world needs action. Greenpeace exists in many key battlegrounds, involving battles we cannot afford to lose," said Yeb Saño, executive director of Greenpeace Southeast *Asia*, during the *Pandesal Forum* titled "Environmental Issues in the *Philippines* and Asia" on Wednesday.

He mentioned the various challenges that the world is facing today, including the climate crisis, plastic pollution crisis, massive loss of the world's forests, severe decline of our fisheries, nuclear radiation and waste dangers, as well as the global health crisis, that has led to economic crisis in many countries across the globe.

Globally, about 4.8 to 12.7 million tons of plastic find their way into the oceans each year with Asia contributing to over 80 percent, according to the World Bank.

After China and Indonesia, the Philippines ranks as the world's third-biggest polluter with about 2.7 million metric tons of plastic waste generated each year, a report by the *World Wide Fund for Nature's* said.

While the Philippines is emitting only 0.3 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, the country is one of the most vulnerable to the harsh effects of climate change such as super typhoons, drought and the superheating of the oceans.

The Climate Change Finance and Disaster Risks had said that on a long-term basis, the Philippines is expected to incur P177 billion (\$3.6 billion) per year in losses to public and private assets due to typhoons and earthquakes.

"We do not need to trouble ourselves why this is happening in our time, but what we need to decide is what to do with the time that has been given us. I believe that among many, we have been given that time," Saño said.

"I'd like to believe that joining hands with Greenpeace and supporting our mission, and taking action every single day of your lives, is what you have decided to do with the time given you. We are not few. We are many, among millions of people from every corner of the globe who care about people and the planet, and who make the work of Greenpeace possible," he added.

Also on Wednesday, the group called on the national government to regulate plastic production and enact a strong ban on single-use plastics and non-environmentally acceptable products as part of urgent climate plans.

This, after Greenpeace released a report showing how consumer goods companies are driving the expansion of plastic production.



Climate crisis more complex to solve

The "The Climate Emergency Unpacked: How Consumer Goods Companies are Fueling *Big Oil's* Plastic Expansion" also exposed business links between the world's largest brands and fossil fuel companies - some of which operate in the Philippines - and the lack of transparency around emissions from plastic packaging.

"It's clear that Nestlé, Coca-Cola, Unilever - all known brands in our country - and other consumer goods companies are not just responsible for plastic pollution but also play key roles in the fossil fuel industry's expansion and the climate crisis," *Marian Ledesma*, Greenpeace Zero Waste campaigner, said in a statement.



Climate change: UN warning over nations' climate plans

By David Shukman
Science editor
Published
6 hours ago



IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

Despite all the promises to take action, the world is still on course to heat up to dangerous levels.

That's the latest blunt assessment of the United Nations.

Its experts have studied the climate plans of more than 100 countries and concluded that we're heading in the wrong direction.

Scientists recently confirmed that to avoid the worst impacts of hotter conditions, global carbon emissions needed to be cut by 45% by 2030.

But this new analysis shows that those emissions are set to rise by 16% during this period.

That could eventually lead to a temperature rise of 2.7C (4.9F) above pre-industrial times - far above the limits set by the international community.

- [How do world leaders stop climate change?](#)
- [Climate report is 'code red for humanity'](#)

"The 16% increase is a huge cause for concern," according to Patricia Espinosa, the UN's chief climate negotiator.

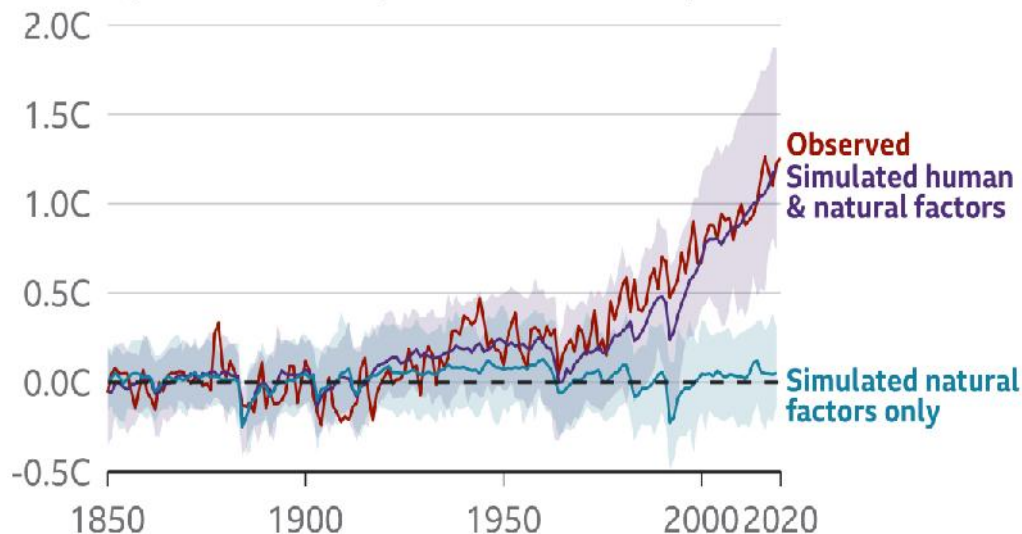
"It is in sharp contrast with the calls by science for rapid, sustained and large-scale emission reductions to prevent the most severe climate consequences and suffering, especially of the most vulnerable, throughout the world."



Climate change: UN warning over nations' climate plans

Human influence has warmed the climate

Change in average global temperature relative to 1850-1900, showing observed temperatures and computer simulations



Note: Shaded areas show possible range for simulated scenarios

Source: IPCC, 2021: Summary for Policymakers



It's a stark warning about the scale of the challenge faced at the COP26 climate conference, scheduled to take place in Glasgow in just over six weeks' time.

The central aim of the giant event is to keep alive hopes of limiting the rise in global temperatures by persuading nations to cut their emissions.

Under the rules of the Paris Agreement on climate change, countries are meant to update their carbon reduction plans every five years.

But the UN says that of 191 countries taking part in the agreement, only 113 have so far come up with improved pledges.

Alok Sharma, the British minister who will chair the COP26 conference, said nations that had ambitious climate plans were "already bending the curve of emissions downwards".

"But without action from all countries, especially the biggest economies, these efforts risk being in vain."

A study by Climate Action Tracker found that of the G20 group of leading industrial nations, only a handful including the UK and the US have strengthened their targets to cut emissions.

In another analysis, the World Resources Institute and Climate Analytics highlight how China, India, Saudi Arabia and Turkey - together responsible for 33% of greenhouse gases - have yet to submit updated plans.

It says that Australia and Indonesia have the same carbon reduction targets they did back in 2015 - while the Paris Agreement is meant to involve a "ratchet mechanism" of progressively deeper cuts.



Climate change: UN warning over nations' climate plans

And the study finds that Brazil, Mexico and Russia all expect their emissions to grow rather than to shrink.

For the poorest countries - most vulnerable to rising sea levels and new extremes of heat and drought - seeing a rapid fall in the gases heating the planet is a priority.

Sonam P Wangdi, chair of the Least Developed Countries group, said: "G20 countries must take the lead in quickly cutting emissions to mitigate climate change.

"These are the countries with the greatest capacity and responsibility, and it's well past time they step up and treat this crisis like a crisis."

There are hopes that China may revise its climate plans ahead of the Glasgow conference.

As the world's largest emitter, it has previously said it aims to peak its emissions by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060.

An announcement soon of more ambitious targets would give the talks a significant boost but there are no clues about when - or even whether - that might happen.

Glasgow climate summit at risk of failure, UN chief warns

September 17, 2021 | 2:09 pm



REUTERS

UNITED NATIONS — United Nations chief Antonio Guterres said a critical meeting on climate change later this year in Scotland is at risk of failure due to mistrust between developed and developing countries and a lack of ambitious goals among some emerging economies.

The UN COP26 conference in Glasgow aims to wring much more ambitious climate action and the money to go with it from participants around the globe. Scientists said last month that global warming is dangerously close to spiraling out of control.

“I believe that we are at risk of not having a success in COP26,” Mr. Guterres told Reuters in an interview at UN headquarters in New York on Wednesday. “There is still a level of mistrust, between north and south, developed and developing countries, that needs to be overcome.”

“We are on the verge of the abyss and when you are on the verge of the abyss, you need to be very careful about what the next step is. And the next step is COP26 in Glasgow,” he said.

Mr. Guterres and Britain’s Prime Minister Boris Johnson will on Monday host a meeting of world leaders on the sidelines of the annual high-level week of the UN General Assembly in a bid to build the chances of success at the climate conference, being held from Oct. 31 to Nov. 12.

“My objective and the reason why we are convening a meeting on Monday is exactly to build trust, to allow for everybody to understand that we all need to do more,” Mr. Guterres said.

“We need the developed countries to do more, namely in relation to the support to developing countries. And we need some emerging economies to go an extra mile and be more ambitious in the reduction of air emissions,” he said.



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Monday's meeting, which will be both virtual and in-person, will be closed to allow for "frank and open discussions" on how to deliver success in Glasgow, said a senior UN official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

US, CHINA NEED TO 'DO THEIR PART'

The world remains behind in its battle to cut carbon emissions and the pace of climate change has not been slowed by the global COVID-19 pandemic, the World Meteorological Organization said on Thursday.

Scientists said last month that unless big action is taken to cut emissions, the average global temperature is likely to hit or cross the 1.5-degree Celsius (2.7-degrees Fahrenheit) warming threshold within 20 years.

"Until now, I have not seen enough commitment of developed countries to support developing countries ... and to give a meaningful share of that support to the needs of adaptation," said Mr. Guterres.

Developing countries tend to be the most vulnerable to costly climate impacts, and the least resourced to deal with them. For years, they have been struggling to secure the funds to help them prepare for climate disruptions that rich nations pledged in 2009 to ramp up to \$100 billion annually.

So far, the money that has arrived has focused on emissions reduction rather than adaptation. Of the \$78.9 billion in climate finance transferred by rich countries in 2018, only 21% was spent on adaptation, OECD data shows.

When asked whether companies that develop carbon capture technology should have to issue patent waivers so those advances can be shared, Mr. Guterres said: "Any development in that area should be a global public good and should be made available to all countries in the world."

But he noted: "We have not yet seen results that confirm those technologies will be a key element to solve the problem."

Mr. Guterres played down the impact that the increasingly rancorous relationship between China and the United States — the world's two biggest emitters of greenhouse gases — will have on their cooperation on climate change.

"They are a multilateral issue," said Mr. Guterres. "So my appeal to both the United States and China is for each of them to do their part." — Mary Milliken and Michelle Nichols/Reuters



The planet is on a 'catastrophic' global warming path, UN report shows

By Rachel Ramirez, CNN

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Photos: Wildfires raging in the West

Flames from the KNP Complex Fire burn along a hillside above the Kaweah River in Sequoia National Park, California, on Monday, September 14.

(CNN)The planet is careening toward warming of 2.7 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels -- far above what scientists say the world should be targeting -- according to a [report on global emissions targets](#) by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Scientists have said that the planet needs to slash 45% of its emissions by 2030 to reach carbon neutrality by mid-century. But under current emissions commitments from countries there will be a 16% increase in emissions in 2030 compared to 2010 levels, according to the report.

That would lead the planet to warm to 2.7 degrees above pre-industrial levels, the report says.

Scientists have said global temperatures should remain below 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels to stave off the worse consequences of the climate crisis. [A UN report in August](#) showed global temperature is already around 1.2 degrees of warming.

In a statement about today's report, UN Secretary-General António Guterres called the planet's current path "catastrophic."

"This is breaking the promise made six years ago to pursue the 1.5-degree Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement," Guterres said. "Failure to meet this goal will be measured in the massive loss of lives and livelihoods."



The planet is on a 'catastrophic' global warming path, UN report shows

The report comes after a summer filled with climate change-fueled extreme weather around the world: While the Western US has been battered by wildfires, worsened by [unrelenting drought](#), flooding events and [hurricanes](#), [China](#) and [Germany](#) experienced deadly flooding events in July as Southern Europe battled [wildfires of its own](#).

Addressing leaders at the Major Economies Forum on Friday morning, Guterres said that the UN climate conference in November, during which world leaders will meet to discuss emissions targets, has a "high risk of failure."

"It is clear that everyone must assume their responsibilities," Guterres said.

In his statement about the report, Guterres urged all countries to submit more ambitious climate targets, or Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), that would create a more feasible pathway to 1.5 degrees. He also pressed developed nations to push forward with the decade-long, \$100-billion promise to support developing countries with their own commitments.

The NDCs create the foundation for nations to achieve the commitments of the 2015 Paris Agreement. They include information on targets, climate policies, and measures for reducing national greenhouse gas emissions. The NDCs also lay out the need for financing and technology to meet the targets.

According to the UN's [interim NDC registry](#), there are currently 191 parties to the Paris Agreement, all of whom have submitted their first NDCs. Eritrea is the only country that has not yet become a party to the Paris Agreement, but has submitted its own NDC. But only 59% of the parties have submitted new or updated NDCs, according to the UN.

"This report is clear: ambitious climate action can avoid the most devastating effects of climate change, but only if all nations act together," Alok Sharma, incoming COP26 President, said. "Those nations which have submitted new and ambitious climate plans are already bending the curve of emissions downwards by 2030."

"But without action from all countries, especially the biggest economies, these efforts risk being in vain," Sharma added.

During the Major Economies Forum -- a virtual and closed-door meeting with other world leaders on climate -- on Friday, President Joe Biden announced the United States and European Union have launched a global pledge to reduce emissions of methane -- a potent greenhouse gas -- by nearly 30% by the end of the decade.

Additionally, as part of the UN General Assembly in New York, the energy and climate ministers of Denmark and Costa Rica [announced](#) an effort to encourage countries to transition away from oil and gas production.

"We have the tools to achieve this target," Guterres said. "But we are rapidly running out of time."



Faroe Islands to reevaluate dolphin-hunting after outcry



By Agence France-Presse

September 18, 2021

COPENHAGEN, *DENMARK*: The *Faroe Islands*, an autonomous territory of Denmark, said on Thursday (Friday in *Manila*) it would take another look at the practice of dolphin-hunting after the slaughter of more than 1,400 of the mammals earlier this week sparked an outcry. "The government has decided to start an evaluation of the regulations on the catching of the *Atlantic* white-sided dolphins," the northern archipelago's prime minister, Bardur a Steig Nielsen, said in a statement. The comments come in the wake of an outcry over the culling of more than 1,400 dolphins on Sunday, in what was said to be the single biggest hunt in the *North Atlantic* islands. Traditionally, the Faroe Islands - which have a population of around 50,000 - hunt pilot whales in a practice known as "grindadrap," whereby hunters first surround the whales with a wide semicircle of fishing boats and then drive them into a bay to be beached and slaughtered. Normally, around 600 pilot whales are hunted every year in this way. But photos showing more than 1,420 Atlantic white-sided dolphins in a fjord near Skala in the center of the islands on Sunday sparked outrage on social media.

Court finds Indonesian President guilty in air pollution lawsuit

September 17, 2021, 4:53 pm



(Photo courtesy of Anadolu)

JAKARTA, Indonesia - An Indonesian court on Thursday ordered President Joko Widodo and Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan to improve the hazardous air quality of the capital.

The court found seven top officials, including Joko and Anies, guilty of environmental negligence in a civil lawsuit filed in 2019 by 32 plaintiffs.

The court said that the government failed to inform the public about the risks of air pollution.

It ordered the President to set national air quality standards to protect citizens and the environment.

The court also ordered the Jakarta governor to ensure compliance with environmental laws.
(Anadolu)



LPA to bring rains over parts of PH

By Ma. Cristina Arayata September 17, 2021, 9:18 am



(File photo)

MANILA – Many areas in Luzon and parts of the Visayas and Mindanao will experience rains due to the low-pressure area (LPA) embedded along the intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ), the weather bureau said on Friday.

Metro Manila, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Western Visayas, the Zamboanga Peninsula, Bangsamoro, Soccsksargen, Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Benguet, Ifugao, La Union, Pangasinan, and Camarines Norte will have cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms.

Flash floods or landslides are possible due to moderate to at times heavy rains, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said.

The LPA was last tracked 90 kilometers east southeast of Romblon, Romblon.

"It has a slim chance of developing into a tropical depression," Aldczar Aurelio of PAGASA said, adding that the LPA is forecast to exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility by Saturday.

Aurelio said the rest of the country would get isolated rains caused by localized thunderstorms.

Meanwhile, light to moderate winds and slight to moderate seas will continue to prevail over the entire archipelago. *(PNA)*

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DOH: ICU beds nationwide now 77% occupied

By JOAHNA LEI CASILAO, GMA News
Published September 17, 2021 7:08pm

The intensive care unit beds nationwide and in the National Capital Region (NCR) remain at high risk, according to data from the Department of Health (DOH).

Based on the latest bulletin, around 77% of the total 4,300 ICU beds in the country are occupied while 79% of the 1,500 beds in NCR are in use.

High risk means occupancy rate is more than 70% but less than 85%.

Meanwhile, the country's ward beds are also at high risk.

Data showed that 73% of the 15,900 ward beds in the Philippines are being utilized while 74% of the 4,400 ward beds in NCR are in use.

Isolation beds nationwide are also nearing high risk with 68% of the total 20,800 beds in use. Around 64% of the 4,500 isolation beds in NCR are occupied.

According to the DOH, 57% of the total 3,300 mechanical ventilators in the country are being utilized while 62% of the 1,100 mechanical ventilators in NCR are in use.

The Philippines has [logged](#) a total of 2,324,475 confirmed cases, of which 2,100,039 have recovered and 36,328 have died.—LDF, GMA News

Source: <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/nation/803700/doh-icu-beds-nationwide-now-77-occupied/story/>



Philippines sees 20,336 new COVID-19 cases, active cases at 188,108

(Philstar.com)

- September 17, 2021 - 4:01pm



Residents of Dagat Dagatan Navotas City who are on the waiting list receive the Social Amelioration Program budget from the local government unit on Sept. 16, 2021

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities on Friday reported 20,336 more coronavirus cases, pushing the country's total to 2,324,475.

Today's figures saw a huge increase in active cases or up by 10,162 from the 177,946 on September 17. The Department of Health said four laboratories did not turn in screening results.

- Active cases: 188,108 or 8.1% of the total
- Recoveries: 10,028, bringing the number to 2,100,039
- Deaths: 310, or now 36,328 in total

Travel curbs in 4 countries

- The pandemic task force barred entry of travelers from four countries it put in its "[Red List](#)" starting September 19 until end of the month.



Philippines sees 20,336 new COVID-19 cases, active cases at 188,108

- DOH called on Comelec for [alternative means](#) for COVID patients to vote in the May 2022 polls, such as conducting it virtually for the infected.
- More vaccines arrived in the Philippines: [661,200](#) doses of AstraZeneca, while a [million](#) more Sputnik V doses are seen to be delivered this month.
- In the capital region, the MMA chief said 63% or [6.2 million](#) of the eligible population are now fully vaccinated for COVID-19.



EDITORIAL - Outside the bubbles

(The Freeman)

- September 18, 2021 - 12:00am



There is now a push by some airlines to allow greater mobility to people who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

In a report in Philstar.com, presidential adviser for entrepreneurship Joey Concepcion said airline owners approached him with suggestions on how to revive air travel, which will also benefit our sagging tourism industry.

In particular, the airline company owners asked to ease travel restrictions for fully-vaccinated individuals. They also asked that the multiple requirements for domestic destinations be removed, as well as the long quarantine period required for those coming home on international flights.

This is actually a good idea, letting the fully-vaccinated individuals avail of some "privileges", for lack of a better term. However, we must also take care not to discriminate against those who have not been fully vaccinated.

It is so easy for those who have been fully vaccinated to make bubbles for themselves and leave those who have not been fully vaccinated outside of it.

Remember that a mayor in Cebu once proposed prohibiting unvaccinated individuals from entering their public market? It was a proposal that drew howls of protest. In a city in Metro Manila, a mayor also proposed putting up yellow ribbons in houses of people infected with COVID-19 as a way of warning others to stay away, and to signify that the residents of that house shouldn't be allowed outside.

Again, it should be mentioned that many are still not fully-vaccinated not because of their own fault. Many people, especially those in provinces outside the National Capitol Region and the other favored areas, still have not received their vaccine supply. Some are still waiting for their first shot while others have yet to be called up for their second.



EDITORIAL - Outside the bubbles

Even Cebu, the second-richest province in the country, has yet to vaccinate most of its population. According to a report, as of September 15, 2021, only 782,526 individuals out of the 3.6 million eligible population in Cebu have been fully vaccinated.

In most cases it is no longer a matter of vaccine hesitancy, but of a lack of vaccines.

Many are still not vaccinated, but not for lack of trying. If authorities want to make bubbles for the fully-vaccinated, it should not be directed at making those who haven't gotten their shots yet feel disadvantaged.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/the-freeman/opinion/2021/09/18/2127994/editorial-outside-bubbles/amp/>



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**Covid-19
Situation and Response**

DENR-CO COVID-19 Monitoring



Data on COVID-19 include reported cases of DENR employees (Permanent, Contract of Service/Job Order, Support Staff (Triumph/Security)) as collected by the Contact Tracing Team of DENR Central Office.

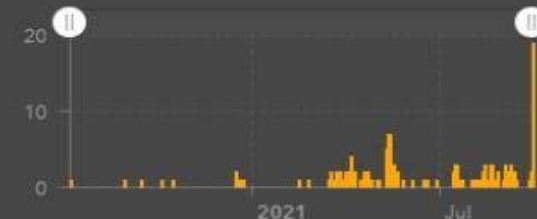


% COVID-19 Confirmed Cases in DENR-CO



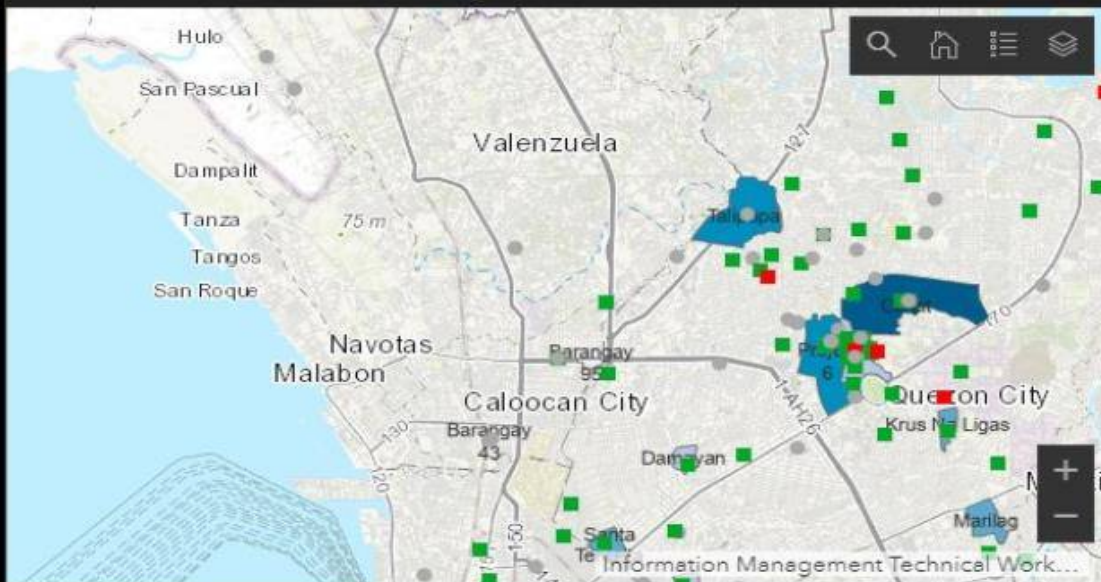
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Daily Confirmed Cases



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Residence of affected personnel

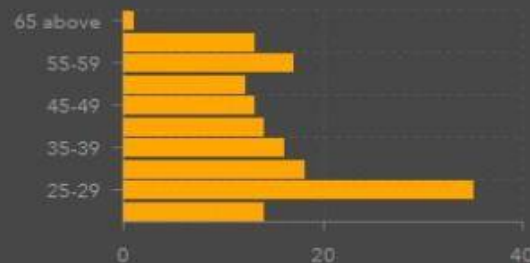


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Age Group by Sex



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Health Status



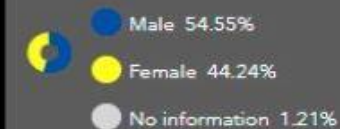
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DOH COVID-19

CASE BULLETIN # 552

SETYEMBRE 17, 2021

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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

8.1%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
188,108

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

90.3%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,100,039

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.56%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
36,328

MGA BAGONG KASO **20,336**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **10,028**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **310**

KABUUNANG BILANG NG KASO **2,324,475**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING SETYEMBRE 15
DATOS NGAYONG SETYEMBRE 17
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG SETYEMBRE 15

26.6%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
NAGPOSITIBO

75,766

BILANG NG
TINEST

HALOS
95.6%
ANG MILD AT
ASYMPTOMATIC
NA KASO!



KABUUNANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (4.3K TOTAL BEDS) **77%** Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (20.8K TOTAL BEDS) **68%** Utilized

WARD BEDS (15.9K TOTAL BEDS) **73%** Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.3K TOTAL VENTILATORS) **57%** Utilized

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (1.5K TOTAL BEDS) **79%** Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.5K TOTAL BEDS) **64%** Utilized

WARD BEDS (4.4K TOTAL BEDS) **74%** Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.1K TOTAL VENTILATORS) **62%** Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA
AKTIBONG KASO

Mild **87.6%**

8.1% Asymptomatic

0.6% Critical

1.3% Severe

2.49% Moderate



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Nais nating lahat na malampasang ligtas ang pandemyang COVID-19. Tungo dito, kritikal ang ating husay sa pagsunod sa **Minimum Public Health Standards** bilang ating pangunahing panangga laban sa pagkalat ng COVID-19. Kasabay nito, maging alisto sa mga sintomas, at agad na makpag-ugnayan sa ating **BHERTS** o **One COVID Referral Center** para sa karampatang gabay. Maabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**.

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



Ihanap ka namin ng lugar para mag-isolate o magpagamot, tumawag lang sa sumusunod:

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TEL NO: (02) 886 505 00



May tanong ukol sa COVID-19?
I-chat na si KIRA!

VIBER: Kira Kontra COVID by DOH
MESSENGER: Department of Health PH
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PAANO AKO MAKAKAIWAS SA COVID-19?



Magsuot ng mask at face shield



I-sanitize ang mga kamay



Dumistansya nang isang metro at limitahan ang pisikal na interaksyon



Siguraduhin ang magandang bentilasyon at air flow



Magpabakuna para sa dagdag na proteksyon.

Mag-ingat lalo na kung may kasama sa bahay na matanda, bata, sanggol, o mga may karamdaman!





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COVID-19 HOME CARE GUIDE

PART 1: PREVENTION



PROTEKTAHAN ANG ATING PAMILYA!

Hangga't maari, iwasang lumabas ng bahay kung hindi naman kinakailangan. Posibleng madala natin ang virus pag-uwi galing sa trabaho, sa grocery o palengke, o kung saan man tayo nagpunta. Kung kinakailangang lumabas, gawin ang mga sumusunod:

- Bantayan kung makakaramdam ng sintomas, at magreport o tumawag agad sa BHERT oras na magkaroon.
- Magdala lagi ng alcohol o hand sanitizer at extra mask.
- Bago pumasok sa bahay, mag-disinfect ng sapatos at iwanan sa labas kung maari.
- Maligo agad at magsuot ng malinis na damit bago makihalubilo sa mga kasama sa bahay. Ilagay agad ang sinuot na damit sa labahan.
- Sa bahay, i-sanitize ang mga kamay, dumistansya ng isang metro, at siguraduhing may bukas na bintana o pinto para sa daloy ng hangin at magandang bentilasyon.
- Linisin at mag-disinfect ng mga bagay na madalas hawakan tulad ng mesa, doorknob, kubeta, lababo, at mga gadget.
- Kung posible, bawasan ang exposure sa iyong pamilya, lalo na sa mga matatanda, bata, at mga may comorbidities.
- Kamustahin ang ating pamilya. Hikayatin ang pamilya na mag-exercise, kumain ng masustansyang pagkain, at matulog nang sapat.



PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN THE CURE!

Alagaan ang sarili at ang ating kapwa!

- Magpabakuna para sa COVID-19 para maiwasan ang malalang Impeksyon at paghahawa-hawa!
- Kumain ng masusustansyang pagkain tulad ng prutas, gulay, isda, at karne.
- Mag-exercise sa loob ng bahay ng 30 minutes kada araw.
- Magkaroon ng sapat ng tulog.
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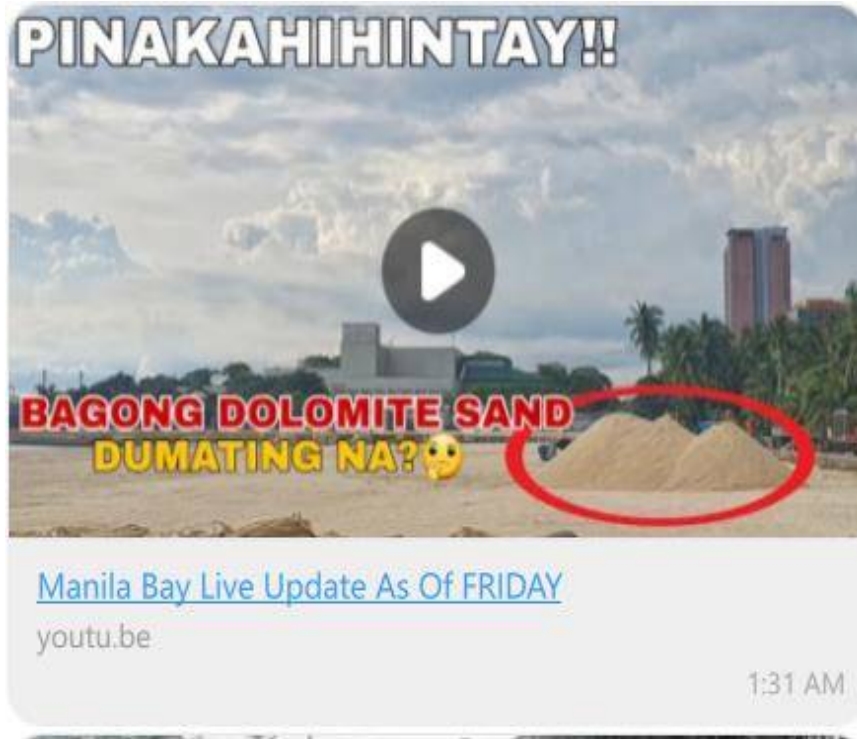
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