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2 people nabbed for illegal online selling of pangolins

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by [Aaron Recuenco](#)

Personnel of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) arrested two people for allegedly trying to sell pangolins through social media for P75,000 each

DENR Sec. Roy Cimatu said Rowena Pindot and Joel Quimado were collared in an entrapment in Pasay City after agents from the DENR's Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) were tipped about the online selling activity of the two.



photo: DENR

Seized from them were six live pangolins, consisting of five adult males and one adult female.

Pangolins are protected by the Philippine government under Republic Act RA 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Protection and Conservation Act of 2001.

Section 23 of RA 9147 states that collection of threatened wildlife including the by-products and derivatives shall be allowed only for scientific, or breeding or propagation purposes, and provided that only the accredited individuals, business, research, educational or scientific entities shall be allowed to collect for conservation breeding or propagation purposes.

Pangolins are being sold for their scales which are being used for traditional medicine and their blood and meat are being consumed for health benefits, although there are no scientific pieces of evidence to back these up.



photo: DENR

Cimatu then urged the public to heighten vigilance against illegal wildlife trade.

"The pandemic has spotlighted the lethal consequences of illegal wildlife trade to our ecosystem and the public health risks associated with it. We will not tolerate these activities. We are assuring the public that reports provided to the DENR will be acted upon promptly," Cimatu said.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/12/21/2-people-nabbed-for-illegal-online-selling-of-pangolins/>



Cimatu sa publiko: Pagbabantay vs illegal wildlife trade, higitan



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MANILA, Philippines- Upang protektahan ang environment at wildlife, nanawagan si Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu sa publiko na higitan ang pagbabantay laban sa illegal wildlife trade matapos maaresto ang dalawang pinaghihinalang wildlife traffickers sa Pasay City noong Disyembre 16.

Sa press release kinondena din ni Cimatu ang patuloy na wildlife trafficking activities kahit na may mga babala na ang illegal trade ay ang maaaring pinagmumulan ng zoonotic disease tulad ng COVID-19.

Sa isinagawang entrapment operation na pinangunahan ng DENR's Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) at Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force, naaresto ang dalawang katao na nakilalang sina Rowena Pindot at Joel Quimado matapos na tangkain ng mga ito na ibenta ang mga pangolin sa social media sa halagang P75,000 bawat isa o P4,500 kada kilo.

Kaugnay nito anim na buhay na pangolins na kinabibilangan ng limang lalaki at isang babae ang nasagip at dinala sa DENR-BMB's Wildlife Rescue Center sa Quezon City.

"The pandemic has spotlighted the lethal consequences of illegal wildlife trade to our ecosystem and the public health risks associated with it. We will not tolerate these activities. We are assuring the public that reports provided to the DENR will be acted upon promptly," ani Cimatu.

Sina Pindot at Quimado ay nahaharap sa kasong paglabag sa Republic Act (RA) 9147 o ang Wildlife Resources Protection and Conservation Act of 2001.

Samantala nakasaad sa Section 23 ng RA 9147 na: "collection of threatened wildlife including the by-products and derivatives shall be allowed only for scientific, or breeding or propagation purposes, and provided that only the accredited individuals, business, research, educational or scientific entities shall be allowed to collect for conservation breeding or propagation purposes."

Kaugnay nito bukod sa illegal logging, sinabi ni AILTF Executive Director at DENR Undersecretary for Protected Areas and Special Concerns Edilberto D. Leonardo na naatasan din sila na ipatupad ang environmental laws at hulihin ang lahat ng lumalabag at gumagawa ng illegal wildlife activities, illegal mining, kabilang din ang illegal discharge o dumping ng waste sa hangin, lupa at anyong tubig.



Mandato ng AILTF, na binuo noong 2011 sa pamamagitan ng Executive Order (EO) 23 na nagdedeklara ng “moratorium” sa pagpuputol at pag-harvest ng kahoy sa natural at residual forests, ang pagpapatupad ng Section 68 ng Presidential Decree 705 na inamiyendahan ng RA 7161 o ang Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines kung saan ay kasong kriminal ang kahaharapin sa pag-iipon at pangongolekta ng kahoy o iba pang produkto nang walang kaukulang lisensiya.

Noong Enero 30, 2021 nang ipag-utos ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte ang “revival” ng AILTF matapos ang naging pananalasa ng bagyo at pagbaha dulot ng bagyong Ulysses sa buwan ng Nobyembre 2020.

Ayon kay Leonardo, ang AILTF ay nagsagawa na ng 46 na operasyon simula nang una nilang trabaho noong Hulyo na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa 61 katao at pagkakumpiska ng P10 milyong halaga ng “undocumented forest products” kabilang na ang mga ipinagbabawal na wildlife species at P3-million halaga ng fossilized clamshells (*Tridacna gigas*) na kilala rin sa tawag na taklobo. **Santi Celario**

Hakbang para mabawasan ang polusyon, dapat seryosohin ng gobyerno

By [RadyoMaN Manila](#) -Dec. 21, 2021 at 10:56am



Umapela si Presidential Aspirant Senator Manny Pacquiao sa pamahalaan na seryosohin ang panawagan ng United Nations Climate Change Commission na gumawa ng kongkretong hakbang para mabawasan ang polusyon.

Binanggit ni Pacquiao ang naging babala ng United Nations Climate Change Commission noong 2007 na ang bansa ay isa sa mga tatamaan ng malalakas na bagyo at ito ay nangyayari na sa kasalukuyan at hindi na ito puwedeng takasan.

Ayon kay Pacquiao, ang Pilipinas ay laging tinatamaan ng malalakas na bagyo na epekto ng climate change, kaya mahalagang gumawa ang gobyerno ng kagyat na galaw para maihanda ang bansa sa Bagyo at iba pang kalamidad.

Kaugnay nito, sinabi ni Pacquiao na kailangang isulong ng pribadong sector, civil society ang enhanced tri-partite effort para masiguro ang proteksiyon ng kalikasan at maitulak ang sustainable development.

Ayon kay Pacquiao, dapat balikatin ng pamahalaan lalo ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang responsibilidad para mabigyan solusyon at masusing pansin ang pagkawasak ng kalikasan para magpatuloy sa pag-unlad ng bansa.

Ang pribadong sector naman ayon kay Pacquiao ay dapat lamang na maglagay ng puhunan sa green “projects” para magkaroon ng trabaho alinaunod sa probisyon ng Philippine Green Jobs Act of 2016.

Dagdag ni Pacquiao, ang civil society naman ay dapat magkaroon ng community-based management programs na ambag nila sa kalikasan.

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SC resolution on government inaction on plastic pollution hailed

BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA DECEMBER 20, 2021



In File Photo: Plastics compose most of the waste at the Taytay Materials Recovery Facility in Barangay Muzon, Taytay, Rizal.

Environmental groups on Monday welcomed the Supreme Court's issuance of a Writ of Kalikasan and a Writ of Continuing Mandamus against plastic pollution on December 7, 2021.

The SC resolution granted the petition filed by 52 individuals and groups led by ocean conservation advocacy nongovernment organization Oceana Philippines in October this year, assailing the inaction of the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) in coming up with a list of non-environmentally acceptable products and packaging (NEAPP) as mandated by Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act 20 years after its enactment.

"We congratulate the civil society petitioners and laud the Supreme Court for its immediate action, which we believe will obligate assigned agencies to do their utmost best to release the NEAPP list that should have been issued 20 years ago. It's high time to decide on environmentally acceptable products and packaging amid the plastic waste and chemical crisis that imperils food safety and security, human health and the environment now more than ever. This will hasten our nation's quest toward a zero waste and toxic-free circular economy," Aileen Lucero, National Coordinator, EcoWaste Coalition, said in a news statement.

Environmentally acceptable pertains "to the quality of being reusable, biodegradable or compostable, recyclable and not toxic or hazardous to the environment" as stated in the garbage law.

The SC Writ of Kalikasan and Continuing mandamus now compels the NSWMC, a multi-agency body to implement the NEAPP provisions of RA 9003.

Section 29 of RA 9003 mandates the NSWMC to prepare a list of non-environmentally acceptable products one year after the law has taken effect, while Section 30 bans commercial establishments from selling or conveying products placed, wrapped or packaged in non-environmentally acceptable packaging after the phase-out period. Oceana Philippines said in the same statement that the SC's decision was "a huge first step to change mindsets and embed the protection of our ocean."

"This is indeed a very special case that merits the attention and needed action from every Filipino," Atty. Gloria Estenzo Ramos, vice president of Oceana Philippines said.



“This sets a solid foundation and precedent upon which we can build our collective efforts to battle the plastic crisis that continues to threaten our natural world including our ocean, food security, livelihood and health,” she added.

In welcoming the SC resolution, Mark Peñalver, executive director of the Davao-based Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability (IDIS) and one of the petitioners said for his part IDIS saw how plastic pollution affects our watersheds and our water sources and endangers wildlife and their habitats. IDIS, along with our partners, was successful in lobbying for the regulation of single-use plastics in Davao City.”

“However, without clear guidelines from the National Government, the LGUs can only do so much within its authority. Thus, this case is of significant interest in our fight against the plastic crisis as this will set a precedent to future policies especially to the LGUs,” he pointed out.

“This decision by the Supreme Court reaffirms the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology,” he added.

IDIS is a nongovernment organization working towards the protection and sustainable management of the watersheds in South-Central Mindanao.

Two global studies on beached and recycled plastic pellets released last December 14 by the International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN), which counts on the EcoWaste Coalition and IDIS among its members, reveal the presence of toxic chemical additives and pollutants in plastics that pose multiple health threats to humans and the environment.

The health effects include causing cancer or changing hormone activity (known as endocrine disruption), which can lead to reproductive, growth, and cognitive impairment. Many of the toxic chemical additives have several other known health impacts, persist in the environment, and bio accumulates in exposed organisms, according to the studies.



3 kawatan huli sa pagpuslit ng narra

On Dec 21, 2021



Bumagsak sa kamay ng alagad ng batas ang tatlong lalaki na nakatakdang magpupuslit ng tinatayang mahigit 2,000 boardfeet na narra na isinakay sa isang elf truck sa bahagi ng Cabatuan road ng Brgy. San Fermin, Cauayan City, Isabela.

Kinilala ang mga suspek na sina Roland Dela Cruz, 28-anyos, may asawa, traysikel driver; Ronald Valerio, 35-anyos, magsasaka, walang asawa; at Jonathan Vicente, 42-anyos, may asawa na pawang mga residente ng Brgy. Villa Concepcion, Cauayan City, Isabela.

Sa ulat, 5:00 ng umaga, nang maglatag ng Anti-illegal Logging operation ang pinagsamang operatiba ng Cauayan City, RGSC Isabela, 2nd Isabela Provincial Mobile Force Company (IPMFC) at Provincial Intelligence Unit ng Isabela Police Provincial Office (IPPO) kung saan namataan ng mga otoridad sa kahabaan ng brgy. San Fermin ang elf truck na may plakang TMA-151 na minamaneho ni Dela Cruz.

Ayon kay PCapt. Grandeur Tangonan, Deputy Chief of Police ng Cauayan City Police Station nang busisihin ng kapulisan ang elf truck nabisto ang sakay na illegal logs na tinabunan ng nakasakong "ipa" at tinakpan ng tolda kung saan inaresto ang tatlong suspek dahil walang maipakitang mga kaukulang dokumento ng kanilang ibiniyaheng kahoy.

Ang mga nasabing kahoy, pagmay-ari ni Fred Cagurangan na nakatakdang i-deliver ang mga ito sa isang Furniture shop dito sa lungsod.

Nahaharap sa kasong paglabag sa PD 705 o illegal logging ang tatlong suspek.(Rey Velasco)

Source: <https://www.policefilestonite.net/2021/12/21/3-kawatan-huli-sa-pagpuslit-ng-narra/?fbclid=IwAR3N-7VbUIU3HzGjJfLiOO8EbCvsdf2ZYZAinV009uhMFz9gR7tzun4QaMS4>



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Tree-farming at hindi tree-planting ang dapat na porma ng national greening program ng bansa.

Ginawa ni dating Agriculture Sec. Manny Piñol ang pahayag sa harap ng problema sa pagbaha tuwing may kalamidad dahil sa nakakalbong kagubatan sa bansa.

Sinabi ni Piñol, iminungkahi na niya sa DENR na gawing pangkabuhayan ang pagtatanim ng puno para ganahan ang mga may-ari ng lupang sumabay sa programa. #SamaSamaTayoPilipino

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Pagtanimin natin ng kahoy ang tao, pagdating sa panahon na gusto niyang anihin ang kanyang kahoy, pahhirapan siya ng DENR. Kakailanganin pa niyang kumuha ng lisensya. Dapat yung ating approach should not only for environment protection, it should also be for economic consideration.

Ex-Sec. Manny Piñol
sa tree-farming bilang sagot sa malawakang pagbaha

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Be responsible stewards of the environment this Christmas – Bishop Ongtioco

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by [Christina Hermoso](#)

Cubao Bishop Honesto F. Ongtioco has called on the faithful to be responsible stewards of the environment this Christmas.



Bishop Honesto Ongtioco (CBCP image)

Christmas is about the birth of Christ who has entrusted to man His creations. As stewards of God's creations, mankind must take utmost care of the environment for the future generation, the Church leader said.

"This Christmas, let us think of how we can better take care of our environment and show respect for God's creations. Let us strive to nurture and enhance nature and our environment," Bishop Ongtioco said over Radio Veritas.

The Church leader stressed that abuses done to the environment have resulted in destructive calamities that have claimed lives and destroyed properties such as typhoon Odette that severely affected several areas in the Visayas and Mindanao.

"We have not been taking good care of our environment. Illegal and destructive mining as well as illegal logging and deforestation are rampant and widespread. It is a call for all of us to properly care for our environment as stewards of God's creations," said Bishop Ongtioco.

"May love, unity and charity prevail this Christmas as we help each other recover from life's difficulties and trials," the prelate said.

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Turning trash into textile, plastic into planks

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Photo courtesy of The Plastic Flamingo

By **Brontë H. Lacsamana** and **Patricia B. Mirasol**

Environmental warriors are using green technology to transform plastic waste into sustainable products, such as yarn, bricks, and lumber.

Ahhyarn, a yarn product upcycled from bubble wrap left over from online shopping packaging, was the brainchild of six environmental and sanitary engineering (ENSE) students from the Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP) led by Vince A. Ilagan.

The yarn can be sold commercially to produce bags, pillowcases, stuffed toys, and the like, providing jobs for weavers in Metro Manila and nearby provinces, with pilot-testing being done at a barangay level.

A combination of the Filipino word “ayan” meaning “there” and “yarn,” Ahhyarn was given the City Environment and Natural Resource Office (CENRO) Choice Award and UnionBank UPBXcellerator Innovation Award.

The TIP team, composed of Mr. Ilagan, Analyn Balog, Aila Marie Bandola, Kim Nicolle L. Divina, Myrriel Sofia B. Mejia, and Ronniello A. Remudaro, was also named the waste management design champion of annual ideation event Climathon Pasig 2021.

With the help of Pasig’s local government and its machine shops, the six ENSE students are collecting, sorting, and processing bubble wrap into Ahhyarn, which was inspired by Adidas how the footwear brand turns [polyethylene terephthalate \(PET\) bottles into thread](#) for shoes.

What makes Ahhyarn different is that it is made from a low-density polyethylene (LDPE) that can jam hard plastic processing machines, said Mr. Remudaro, who hopes to develop a machine especially for LDPE.

Added Ms. Mejia: “We’re hopeful that this concept will alleviate somehow the plastic problem ... namely through solid waste management, even if it’s just in one city for now ... *Pero dapat mag-assemble, mag-tulong-tulong* [But we all have to assemble and help each other], in order to make a bigger impact.”



Courtesy of Green Antz Builders, Inc.

The students hope to implement their project in two years.

This year, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) said [only 30% of plastics](#) in the Philippines are recycled, with the unrecycled waste valued at around \$1 billion. In October, environmentalists [sued the government](#) for inaction on plastic pollution, namely the delay in releasing a list of non-environmentally acceptable products.

According to TIP, there are only around 3,000 environmental and sanitary engineers in the entire Philippines, compared to over 15,000 practitioners of other fields in engineering.

“I see in the ENSE students, faculty, and personnel that they are really into becoming environmental warriors and I really want to be part of that,” said Ms. Balog in the vernacular.

NOT EASY, BUT POSSIBLE

Like Ahhyarn, eco-lumber providers [Green Antz Builders, Inc.](#) (GA) and [The Plastic Flamingo \(The Plaf\)](#) are riding the wave of Filipinos’ heightened consciousness in upcycling.

“During the pandemic, GA saw an increase in waste from plastic packaging, but also an increase in public and commercial will to upcycle and divert more plastic away from the landfills and the oceans,” said Saar Herman, GA’s chief technology officer, in an e-mail to *BusinessWorld*.

GA uses plastic that would not otherwise be processed by regular waste collectors and recyclers (like complex plastic, or multi-layered, colored plastic), and upcycles these into products like eco-bricks, flood-resilient interlocking pavers, and eco-casts that replace traditional pre-cast walls.

The Plaf, meanwhile, gathers plastics from restaurants, companies, and consumers, and transforms them [through an extrusion machine](#) into building materials like waterproof planks.

“The pandemic may not be the sole reason as to why there is heightened interest [in upcycling], but it has proven to take a toll on people to learn about us, [the plastic problem](#), and how upcycling is already present and possible in the Philippines,” Allison V. Tan, The Plaf’s communications and marketing associate, told *BusinessWorld* in a separate e-mail.

“Turning plastics into planks is not at all easy, cheap, or doable,” Ms. Tan added, “but it is possible.”

The social enterprise has thus far collected 60 tons of plastics — all to be upcycled — on behalf CMA-CGM, a Marseille-headquartered shipping and logistics firm. [It has committed to stop 120 tons of plastic waste](#) from entering Philippine waters in the said partnership.



Other partners of The Plaf include P&G, Mondelez, Coca-Cola, FedEx, and Adidas.

“We want to expand our collection network, hopefully also reaching provincial places for more people to practice proper disposal. We’re looking at having additional useful products made from plastic waste,” said Ms. Tan.

GA is likewise looking forward to international collaborations, including one with [Holcim's Circular Explorer](#) (the Swiss-based building brand's recycling watercraft), which is expected to start by early 2022.

Mr. Herman told *BusinessWorld* that another potential investor will allow the company to reach other geographies within Southeast Asia.

[In 2018, GA co-founder Rommel B. Benig told *BusinessWorld*:](#) “We want to be part of the Build, Build, Build campaign... We want that idea *kasi* [that] as we build, build, build, we clean, clean, clean.”

Single-use plastics (SUPs) account for more than 130 million metric tons of the plastic thrown away in 2019, [according to this year's The Plastic Waste Makers Index](#). SUPs also account for over a third of plastics produced annually; 98% are manufactured from fossil fuels.

Source: https://www.bworldonline.com/turning-trash-into-textile-plastic-into-planks/?fbclid=IwAR0sg5nfkqvxBTbTVhWYBePuXNrtwLQxtubWeoE2Gk_Z0FBweI2nsDoomSKw



5 things that matter for planet and people in this climate action plan

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With 9 out of 10 Filipino homes using or having a Unilever product, the Climate Transition Action Plan indeed matters not just for their families but also for the planet.

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MANILA, Philippines — Last November, the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) came to a close at Glasgow, Scotland with renewed commitments on climate action and more targets on emissions reductions. The 13-day summit was dubbed as the planet's "last best chance" to stop the worst consequences of climate change.

While governments are called to lead their nations in achieving their targets and shift to clean energy, private institutions are also at stake.

For centuries, the way businesses operate has consumed natural resources faster than these could regenerate, and has contributed significantly to greenhouse emissions.

Companies, multinational or local, cannot turn a blind eye anymore. In recent years, they have set up their own targets to help stop the planet from becoming 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer.

One such is **Unilever**, one of the biggest fast-moving consumer goods companies in the world, which has laid out its Climate Transition Action Plan ahead of COP26. The company also stepped up to raise questions and ask for actions from world leaders during the summit.

"In December 2020, we announced our **Climate Transition Action Plan**, which basically puts forward our ambitious emissions reduction target: zero emissions from our operations by 2030 and net zero across all our entire value chain by 2039," Ed Sunico, Unilever Philippines VP for Sustainable Business and Communications, said during the U-Talk webinar organized by Upsilon Sigma Phi.

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Here's what we need to know:

1. Shift to renewable energy

From Paris Agreement to COP26, climate action centers on emissions reductions with set methodologies and timeframe. The year 2030 must see significant decrease on CO2 emissions to stop global rise in temperature to 1.5 degree Celsius above industrial levels.

Unilever's Climate Transition Action Plan in line with this, as it commits to **eliminate emissions from operations by 2030**.



Locally, this has started already as Unilever began shifting to renewable energy. Since 2017, the company has been relying on 100% renewable grid energy, in partnership with other private companies.

He noted that more work needs to be done:

- Optimize energy demand through energy efficiency programs.
- Transition energy sources to renewable, not just in Unilever but in all its partners.
- Transition heating sources to renewable versus use of fossil fuel.
- Eliminate all remaining HFC (hydrofluorocarbon) refrigerants from all our cooling systems, replacing them with low global warming potential refrigerants.

2. Make its entire value chain sustainable

Apart from reducing its emissions from operations, Unilever will also halve the emissions footprints of its products by 2030. It is also calling its suppliers to halve their emissions in the same year.

The end goal is to achieve **net zero emissions across its value chain by 2030**.

To achieve this, Sunico shared that Unilever will embark on sustainable business practices from its raw and packaging materials to its logistics and distributions network. Some plans include:

- Establish Greenhouse Reduction Roadmaps for all key materials and ingredients.
- Reduce 40%-50% emissions in logistics by 2030.
- Shift its global car fleet to 100% electric or hybrid vehicles in 2030.
- Include travel distance optimization and use newer technologies for refrigerated deliveries.

3. Regenerate forests

Unilever is also steadfast in helping protect and regenerate nature. One of its most immediate commitment is to have zero deforestation by 2023 for its commodity crops such as palm oil, paper, soy and cocoa.

4. End use of plastic

Unilever also commits to address another pressing environmental concern: plastic pollution. As an FMCG, majority of its products rely on plastic packaging, hence it is committed to use better, less and no plastic.

Its action plan include:

- Make 100% of its packaging reusable, recyclable and compostable.
- Incorporate use of recycled plastic in its packaging.
- Reduce the use of virgin plastic by half.
- Collect and process more plastic packaging waste than what is sold to the market.



5. Fight hunger and malnutrition

Lastly, and most especially here in the Philippines, Unilever also vows to **help end hunger and malnutrition by addressing food waste.**

“We are actively participating with the government’s task force against hunger, and working with Rise Against Hunger, an NGO that institutionalizes food banking. This basically ensures that no food from the operations goes to waste and that we are able to save and use this for humanitarian efforts especially during calamities,” Sunico shared.

It also has long-time nutrition programs in the country such as the **Knorr Nutri-Sarap**. For almost two decades, the program has been educating Filipino families on nutritious eating and cooking through a 21-day nutrition plan.

Winning with purpose

For a long time, the climate crisis has been misunderstood as an environmental crisis. But it is also challenging and affecting lives and livelihood of people.

“In Unilever, we know the implication of climate change for our business and our consumers in general. It is a threat to our entire value chain from how we grow our raw materials, to whether there’s going to be clean water available for consumer to use with our products,” Sunico said.

According to the VP, climate change and social inequality are deeply connected.

“Climate change is also a social issue when it starts to impact the lives and livelihood of people in the society,” he said.

Ultimately, even if Unilever is a global company, it is very much a Filipino company with 95 years of history in the country.

Through the Climate Transition Action Plan’s roll out in the Philippines, Unilever is driven by its purpose to serve and to improve the lives of 100 million Filipinos.



Walmart sued for toxic waste dumping

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Rose De La Cruz
Columnist

Retail giant Walmart is being sued by the State of California for alleged toxic waste dumping of 159,600 pounds of toxic waste each year amounting to a million items. But the company refuted such a charge saying it is a responsible corporate system everywhere it operates.

The US state of California said it is suing Walmart for alleged unlawful disposal of millions of toxic waste items, the AFP reported.

The state said it had conducted 58 inspections of trash compactors at Walmart stores between 2015 and 2021 and found items that require special handling when they are thrown out, such as batteries, insect killers, cleaning supplies, electronic waste and confidential customer information.

"When one person throws out a battery or half-empty hairspray bottle, we may think that it's no big deal," California Attorney General Rob Bonta said in a statement.

"But when we're talking about tens of thousands of batteries, cleaning supplies, and other hazardous waste, the impact to our environment and our communities can be huge."

159,600 pounds of toxic waste

Based on Walmart's records, the state said the store illegally disposes of 159,600 pounds of toxic waste each year amounting to a million items.

The most-populous US state had in 2010 reached a \$25 million settlement with Walmart over similar hazardous waste disposal violations, but the attorney general's office said the issues continued.

In a statement, Walmart disputed the charges, saying that since 2010, regulators carried out 3,800 inspections of their stores and "have not imposed any fines on Walmart for violations of California's Hazardous Waste Control Law, demonstrating the effectiveness of our hazardous waste programs."

The company added that auditors have found that the trash in their compactors contains only 0.4 percent of the items regulators monitor, below the three percent statewide average.

"Walmart is a responsible corporate citizen in California and everywhere we operate," the company said.

Source: https://opinyon.net/business/walmart-sued-for-toxic-waste-dumping?fbclid=IwAR1XaP1GFU29fqVtDqrVu0B_NGDqfndTqoziEpyDQDiPd1GIInqRatnBhWU

State of calamity declared in six regions due to 'Odette'

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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President Rodrigo Duterte has declared a state of calamity in Mimaropa, Western Visayas, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Northern Mindanao, and Caraga - regions that suffered the wrath of Typhoon Odette. (FILE PHOTO)

Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, December 21) — President Rodrigo Duterte has declared a state of calamity in Mimaropa, Western Visayas, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Northern Mindanao, and Caraga - regions that suffered the wrath of Typhoon Odette.

In his weekly address aired Tuesday night, Duterte signed the declaration recommended by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC).

A state of calamity would allow local governments to tap their respective calamity funds to help typhoon-hit communities.

Duterte said the declaration would also allow price controls on commodities in devastated areas, as well as hasten rescue and relief efforts.

The NDRRMC has so far tallied 156 deaths, 275 injured, and 37 missing persons. However, only nine fatalities and two injuries have been validated so far. The agency also counted 1,113,373 individuals who have been affected by the storm - including 417,186 currently staying in evacuation sites.



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NDRRMC: 156 reported dead from Typhoon Odette

By [Currie Cator, CNN Philippines](#) Published Dec 21, 2021 10:00:55 AM

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, December 21) — The reported death toll due to the wrath of Typhoon Odette (international name: Rai) has risen to 156, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said Tuesday.

However, only nine of these have been validated, the NDRRMC said. Majority of the fatalities listed were from Bohol and Cebu province with 68 and 54, respectively.

Bohol Governor Arthur Yap later told CNN Philippines that the province's death toll has climbed to 99, but this was not yet reflected on the NDRRMC report. Yap added that there are also 189 injured and 16 missing in Bohol.

In Dinagat Islands, there were 21 reported casualties, 116 injuries, and one missing person, according to Provincial Information Officer Jeff Crisostomo.

Deaths were also reported in Palawan, Iloilo, Guimaras, Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Bukidnon, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Agusan del Sur, and Butuan City.

The NDRRMC's tally is less than half of the number reported by the Philippine National Police.

In its latest count, the PNP said total deaths climbed to 375. It also said 515 individuals suffered injuries while 56 were missing.

Meanwhile, the NDRRMC said 275 people were logged as injured in Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental, Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental, and Butuan City. Two of the injuries have been validated.

Thirty-seven others were reported missing in Palawan, Negros Oriental, Agusan del Sur, Bohol, and Cebu.

NDRRMC Spokesperson Mark Timbal attributed the gap between their numbers and those of the PNP to their validation procedure, stressing "we want to make sure all details are verified and validated."

For its part, the PNP said its data is still subject to validation by the Office of Civil Defense, and the Interior and Social Welfare departments.

"All PNP units handling these data exercise due diligence and care to preclude possibilities of redundant or omitted [entries] that may compromise the accuracy of information," it added.

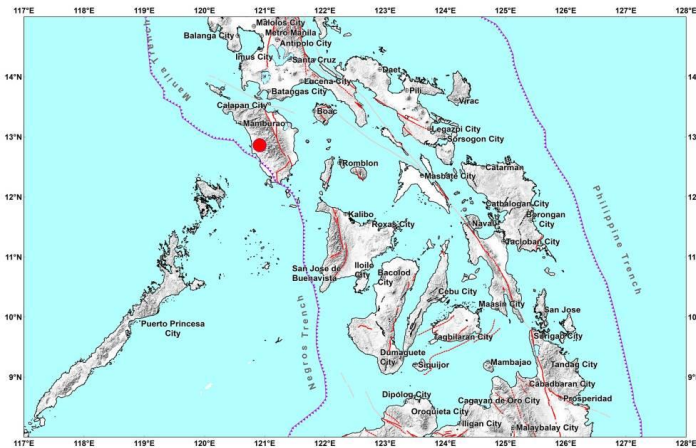
Typhoon Odette left the Philippine Area of Responsibility on Saturday afternoon after it battered the Visayas and Mindanao with nine landfalls.

Source: <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/12/21/NDRRMC-death-toll-Odette-156.html>



5.1-magnitude quake hits Occidental Mindoro

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The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) updated its bulletin noting that the earthquake that jolted Occidental Mindoro on Tuesday, Dec. 21 was recorded with a magnitude of 5.1 instead of 4.8 as reported earlier.

The epicenter of the said quake was traced 15 kilometers (km) northeast of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro.

Phivolcs likewise reported that the quake was “moderately strong” at Intensity IV in Sablayan and Rizal, Occidental Mindoro.

It was likewise felt as a “weak tremor” at Intensity III in Abra De Ilog, Santa Cruz and Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro; and Calapan City and Bansud, Oriental Mindoro.

Moreover, the earthquake was “slightly felt” at Intensity II in Makati City, Batangas City, and Baco, Oriental Mindoro.

Intensity I was also recorded in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro and Tingloy, Batangas.

The agency’s instruments also recorded the quake at Intensity IV in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro; Intensity III in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro; and Intensity II in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro; San Jose, Occidental Mindoro; and Batangas City.

An instrumental Intensity I was also felt in Tagaytay City, Cavite; Mulanay, Mauban, Gumaca and Dolores, Quezon.

In its updated bulletin issued at 1:38 p.m., Phivolcs said that the quake was aftershock of the magnitude 5.3 earthquake event that occurred in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro on Oct. 3, 2021. (Charie Mae F. Abarca)

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DOH logs 168 new COVID-19 cases, excluding data from 24 labs

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#) Published Dec 21, 2021 4:30:14 PM



The Department of Health reported 168 new COVID-19 cases, the lowest since May 2020, but the number did not include data from 24 laboratories. (FILE PHOTO)

Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, December 21) — The Department of Health reported 168 new COVID-19 cases, the lowest since May 2020, but the number did not include data from 24 laboratories.

It's the lowest daily case count since 163 new infections were logged in May last year.

Of the 168 new cases, 159 (95%) occurred within the past 14 days or from Dec. 8 to 21. The regions with the highest number of new infections in that period were Metro Manila with 47 (30%), Calabarzon with 27 (17%) and Western Visayas with 16 (10%).

The nationwide tally is now at 2,837,719. Of this number, 9,384 are active cases or currently sick patients — 3,406 are in moderate condition, 3,289 have mild symptoms, 1,804 have severe symptoms, 508 have no symptoms, and 377 are in critical condition.

The death toll rose to 50,794, or about 1.79% of the infection count, after ten more people lost their lives to the disease. From these ten fatalities, six (60%) occurred this month, two (20%) in November, and one (10%) each in August 2021 and May 2020. The belated reporting is due to late encoding of information to the COVIDKaya data storage system, the DOH explained.

Meanwhile, 372 others got better, raising the survivor tally to 2,777,541, or 97.9% of the country's COVID-19 total.

Of the 24 non-reporting laboratories, four did not operate on Dec. 19 while 20 did not submit data. The DOH explained that 13 of the facilities experienced internet and electricity problems due to the impact of Typhoon Odette. Two of the non-operational laboratories also submitted an official notice to the DOH of their closure. The DOH also said that the seven laboratories that were not affected by the typhoon shall receive show cause orders.

The positivity rate, or percentage of tested people with positive results, stood at 0.9% based on 22,964 tests reported on Dec. 19.

The World Health Organization states that countries may reopen if they maintain positivity rates of below 5% for at least 14 days. But the presence of the more infectious Omicron variant keeps border restrictions tight.

Source: <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/12/21/DOH-case-bulletin-December-21-2021.html>



PH cuts waiting time for COVID-19 booster shots to 3 months

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, December 21) - Those fully vaccinated against COVID-19 would now only need to wait at least three months before they can get their booster shots after the government approved the shorter interval on Tuesday, Health Secretary Francisco Duque confirmed to CNN Philippines.

Duque said the Food and Drug Administration approved the reduced waiting time, which was previously set at a minimum of six months.

“The FDA grants the amendment on the administration of a booster dose, at least three months after the second dose of a primary 2-dose vaccine, and at least two to three months after primary 1-dose vaccine is given,” FDA Director General Eric Domingo said in a letter addressed to the Department of Health.

Domingo said the decision of the agency's vaccine experts panel was based on evidence submitted by health experts, the threat of the Omicron variant, and other nations' adoption of a similar strategy to mitigate the possible effects of Omicron.

According to Duque, operational guidelines on this shortened interval have yet to be released.



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

0.3%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
9,384

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

97.9%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,777,541

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.79%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
50,794

MGA BAGONG KASO **168**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **372**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **10**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,837,719**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING DISYEMBRE 19

DATOS NGAYONG DISYEMBRE 21
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG DISYEMBRE 19

0.9%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
NAGPOSITIBO

22,964

BILANG NG
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HALOS
40.5%
ANG MILD AT
ASYMPTOMATIC
NA KASO!

D UMISTANSYA NG
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ANG PISIKAL NA
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KABUANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (3.5K TOTAL BEDS)
22% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (19.5K TOTAL BEDS)
23% Utilized

WARD BEDS (12.4K TOTAL BEDS)
11% Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
11% Utilized

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PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (1.2K TOTAL BEDS)
21% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.6K TOTAL BEDS)
20% Utilized

WARD BEDS (3.7K TOTAL BEDS)
17% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
12% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

508 Asymptomatic

3,289 Mild

3,406 Moderate

1,804 Severe

377 Critical



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Ugaliing mag-disinfect ng kamay gamit ang alcohol lalo na kung tayo ay nasa pampublikong sasakyan. **Panataliing nakasuot ang facemask, at ang physical distancing ng bawat isa.** Ang mga simpleng gawaing ito ay mabisang sanggalang natin laban sa COVID-19. Kasabay nito ang ating pagiging alisto sa mga sintomas. Sa oras na makaramdam ay agad makipag-ugnayan sa **BHERTS** o sa **One COVID Referral Center** na maabot sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**, para sa karampatang gabay.

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
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