

22 JULY 2021, THURSDAY



**DENR**

# NEWS ALERTS

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE



## MARIKINA RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT

JUL 21, 2021, 4:10 PM

Danny Querubin  
Photographer

***Marikina City Mayor Marcelino Teodoro delivers a speech during the Marikina River Restoration Phase 2 Launching at Brgy. Santolan, Pasig City Wednesday (July 21).***

The project, which involves dredging the Marikina River, aims to solve the problem of flooding along its riverbanks. Also present during the event were Pasig City Mayor Vico Sotto; Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu; and Metro Manila Development Authority Chairman Benhur Abalos. (DQ)

Source: [https://opinyon.net/metro-manila/marikina-river-restoration-project?fbclid=IwAR34p5M7QQdX0o7KNbGxzD4LEObJAcqICRVeRAUZ8J6X-mRY62qA7YPM7\\_E](https://opinyon.net/metro-manila/marikina-river-restoration-project?fbclid=IwAR34p5M7QQdX0o7KNbGxzD4LEObJAcqICRVeRAUZ8J6X-mRY62qA7YPM7_E)



## Dolomite beach guwardiyado ng PNP

By Abante News Online — Last updated Jul 20, 2021

NEWS



Inatasan ni Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief General Guillermo Eleazar ang Manila Police District (MPD) na magdagdag ng mga tauhan upang masiguro na nasusunod ang minimum public health safety standards ng mga bumibisita sa dolomite beach sa Manila Bay.

"I have tasked the Manila Police District to deploy additional policemen in the area to ensure that persons who visit the beach observe minimum public health safety standards and follow quarantine protocols," pahayag ni Eleazar sa kanyang statement kahapon.

"Kailangan ng masusing pagplaplano at regular na monitoring sa lugar upang matiyak na hindi na maulit ang nangyari last year na hindi nasunod ang social distancing," dagdag pa ng opisyal.

Patuloy na dumaragsa ang mga bisita sa dolomite beach para sa soft opening nito at mananatili itong bukas sa publiko sa loob ng tatlong araw.

Matatandaang noong nakaraagn taon, bigo ang mga bumisita sa dolomite beach na sundin ang social distancing na nagresulta sa pagkakasibak sa isang opisyal ng MPD dahil sa kabiguan nitong ipatupad ang batas. (Edwin Balasa)



ABS-CBN News

TINGNAN: Sitwasyon sa "dolomite beach" sa Manila Bay sa kasagsagan ng walang humpay na pag-ulan Miyerkoles. #WeatherPatrol

BASAHIN ang kaugnay na ulat: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/.../dolomite-beach-sa-maynila...>



Arvin Royo, Regine Kuizon and 47K others

22K Comments 10K Shares



Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Cirilito Sobejana, in a virtual meeting on Monday with Palawan Gov. Jose Alvarez, chair of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development, acknowledged the need to turn Pagasa Island into a “logistics hub” to protect KIG’s biodiversity and the livelihood of its fishing communities.

Philstar.com/File Photo

## AFP backs island development in West Philippine Sea

[Michael Punongbayan](#) (The Philippine Star) - July 22, 2021 - 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — The military has vowed to give its full support to ongoing plans and efforts to develop and protect Pagasa Island and the entire Kalayaan Island Group (KIG) in the West Philippine Sea.

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Cirilito Sobejana, in a virtual meeting on Monday with Palawan Gov. Jose Alvarez, chair of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), acknowledged the need to turn Pagasa Island into a “logistics hub” to protect KIG’s biodiversity and the livelihood of its fishing communities.

“We are glad that we are on the same page on the future of the province of Palawan, that we view it as a strategic and critical national security frontier, particularly in the interests of ecological balance and sustainable development,” he said.

The AFP chief also lauded the initiatives of the Palawan provincial government to protect the nation’s interest through its proposal to declare the KIG as a protected area under the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (Republic Act 7586).

“We are at a point when we have to stick together as one nation and we are glad that the provincial government of Palawan is already on board,” Sobejana said.

Part of the discussion during the virtual meeting was the further development of Pagasa Island as haven for Filipino fishermen as well as a possible tourist destination.

Sobejana said such move will require expansion and construction of facilities that are aimed at sustaining an increase in economic activity in the island.

Present at the meeting were Teodoro Jose Matta, PCSD executive director; Maj. Gen. Rene Diaz, AFP deputy chief of staff for logistics, and Brig. Gen. Rene Raoul Rommel Honasan, assistant deputy for logistics.

Pagasa Island, one of the biggest islands of the KIG, hosts an entire village or barangay where soldiers maintain presence amid the country’s territorial issues with China.

The government is moving to further improve the island’s airstrip and ship facilities to make it a logistics hub for the AFP particularly the Philippine Navy. – **Pia Lee-Brago**

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/07/22/2114176/afp-backs-island-development-west-philippine-sea>

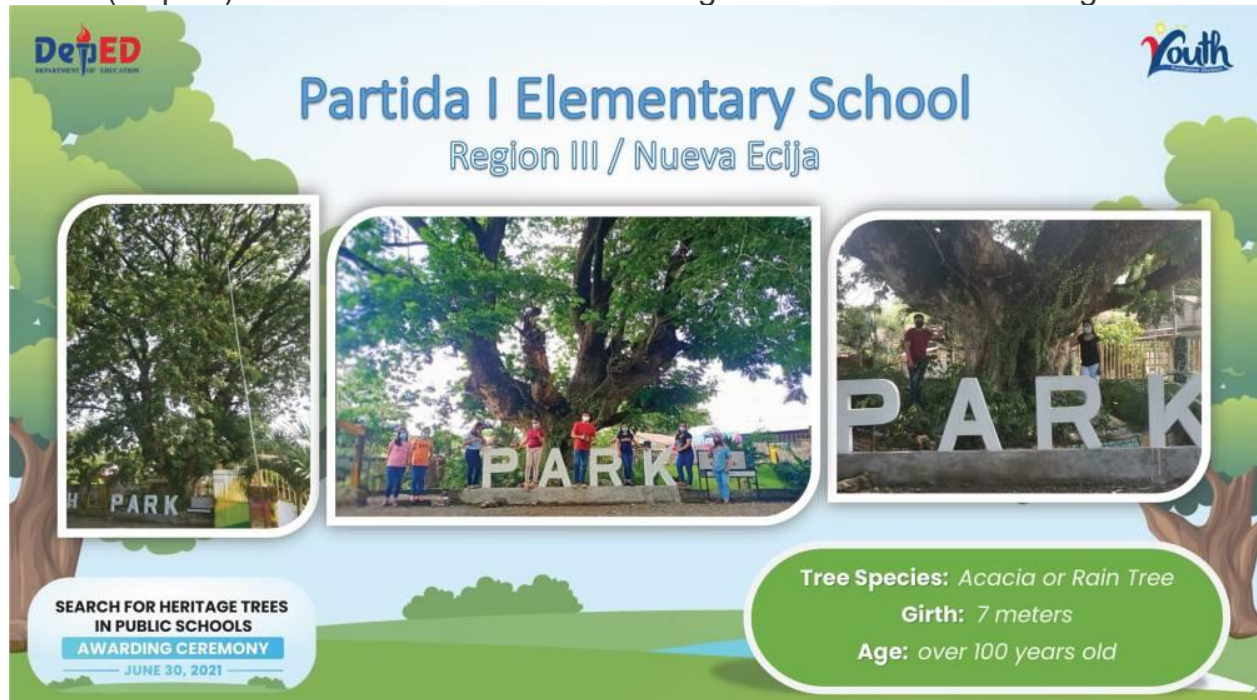


# DepEd lauds 10 schools for their efforts to preserve heritage trees

Published July 21, 2021, 1:05 PM

by [Merlina Hernando-Malipot](#)

To recognize their efforts in conserving and protecting the environment, the Department of Education (DepEd) commended 10 schools through the “Search for Heritage Trees.”



Partida I Elementary School in Nueva Ecija is among the winners in DepEd’s ‘Search for Heritage Trees’ (Photo from DepEd Tayo – Youth Formation Facebook page)

Undersecretary for Administration Alain Del B. Pascua, in a statement issued Wednesday, July 21, shared that discovering century-old trees and their cultural and biological value “will help us understand the importance of conservation and environmental protection.”

To highlight the importance of environment to schools and communities, DepEd the recently concluded Search for Heritage Trees Awarding Ceremonies held virtually on June 30.

The top 10 winners who were able to preserve their respective century-old trees include Padre Burgos Central School (Region IV-A, Quezon); Partida I Elementary School (Region III, Nueva Ecija); Tungngod Elementary School (CAR, Ifugao); Sumacab Elementary School (Region III, Cabanatuan City); Tinawagan Elementary School (Region V, Camarines Sur); Carcarmay Elementary School (Region I, La Union; Kaligayahan Elementary School (NCR, Quezon City); Bogo Central School (Region VII, Bogo City); Iling Elementary School (Region IV-B, Occidental Mindoro); and Tuguegarao West Central School (Region II, Tuguegarao City).

On behalf of the DepEd, Pascua congratulated the winners and those who participated in the Search for Heritage Trees. “Your efforts will create a ripple of change towards the preservation and conservation of trees and the environment in your respective schools and community,” he said.

In his opening message during the awarding ceremony, Pascua also emphasized the significance of conservation and protecting the environment to schools and communities.



(Photo from DepEd)

“Layunin natin nahubugin ang kabataang Pilipino na may kaalaman, pagpapahalaga at pangangalaga sa kapaligiran at kalikasan ng ating bansa (Our goal is to shape the Filipino youth with the knowledge, appreciation and protection of the environment and nature of our country),” Pascua said.

Through this program, Pascua said that schools become “living laboratories” and the students are given the opportunity to discover and study the “biological and cultural value of the trees” around them which are often unnoticed.

Aside from the recognition, the schools included in the top 10 also received laptop bags, shoes, and flash drives to help implement distance learning.

Meanwhile, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Licensed Forester and Digital Illustrator Hubert Dale Riña also discussed the importance of heritage trees in biodiversity and its policies during his talk.

Riña emphasized the different priority programs in the country aimed at protecting the environment which include the National Greening Program, National Forest Protection Program, and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) strategy.



## Just go green; developed nations urged to scrap coal completely

JUL 21, 2021, 4:11 PM

Rose De La Cruz  
Columnist

***The Group of Seven (G7) nations have pledged to scale up technologies and policies that accelerate the transition away from unabated coal use, including ending new government support for coal power by the end of this year, but many countries still finance and plan to build new coal plants.***

*Alok Sharma, UK President for the upcoming 26th UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP26), told rich nations to “consign coal power to history.”*

Britain will host 26th UN climate conference, called COP26, in November in Glasgow, Scotland.

The meeting aims to spur more ambitious commitments by countries following their pledge under the Paris Agreement in 2015 to keep the global average temperature rise "well below" 2 degrees Celsius this century. The measures are aimed at preventing devastating and extreme weather events such as heatwaves, colder winters, floods and droughts.

*"I've been very clear that I want COP26 to be the COP where we consign coal power to history," Alok Sharma, UK president for COP26, told journalists in an interview with Reuters and other partners of the global media consortium Covering Climate Now.*

### **Most pollutive**

Coal is the most polluting energy source if emissions are not captured and stored underground.

While that technology lags, most coal units around the world produce not only carbon dioxide emissions, responsible for global warming, but other pollutants harmful to human health.

The Group of Seven (G7) nations have pledged to scale up technologies and policies that accelerate the transition away from unabated coal capacity, including ending new government support for coal power by the end of this year, but many countries still finance and plan to build new coal plants.

After catastrophic floods swept across northwest Europe last week and as wildfires continue to rage across southern Oregon in the United States, energy and climate ministers of the Group of 20 rich and emerging nations (G20) will meet this week in Italy to try to increase emissions cuts and climate finance pledges.





*"I think the G7 has shown the way forward," Sharma said, adding that island nations he has visited this year such as in the Caribbean, want the biggest emitters of the G20 to follow suit.*

A tracker run by groups including the Overseas Development Institute shows the G20 has committed at least \$296 billion for fossil fuel energy support since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic last year, and \$227 billion for clean energy.

*"Many of these countries are already very ambitious in terms of abating climate change. But for it to make a difference in terms of the weather patterns that are hitting (countries), they need the biggest emitters to step forward and that is the message that I'm going to be delivering at the G20," he added.*

### **More ambitious cuts**

One of the biggest challenges facing the UK COP26 Presidency will be to persuade countries to commit to more ambitious emissions-cut targets and to increase financing for countries most vulnerable to climate change.

Long-held disagreements over the rules which will govern how carbon markets should operate will also need to be overcome. The rules, under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, are regarded by many countries as a way of delivering climate finance.

*"I've said to ministers that we need to move beyond people restating their long-held positions. I think we have to find a landing zone," Sharma said.*



## Climate change began, and ends with us

JUL 21, 2021, 9:23 AM

Rose De La Cruz  
Columnist

***Each day, as I browse through Google, Yahoo and the web pages of broadsheets here and abroad, I could see the screaming headlines of wildfires (massive and uncontrollable forest fires), heavy floods (even in the wealthiest nations of Europe), severe droughts and heatwaves. hunger and poverty, food riots, civil unrest and earthquakes and collapsing buildings and high-rise towers.***

I can't help but ask myself, why are these calamities, catastrophes and disasters coming in close successions or even simultaneously. Are we now in Armageddon?

I feel so bad that people have to suffer needlessly, properties are lost and the resultant hunger and deprivation would stalk nations at a time when the world is scrounging for resources to address a major health disaster like COVID-19 and its variants and new strains. There is a general sense of helplessness because even the wealthy nations that used to be big donors or benefactors are themselves now victims. And no doubt, there is also such a thing as donor fatigue.

What makes it worse is that a few filthy rich people can even afford to buy yachts or private jets worth hundreds of millions of dollars just to avoid being in the scene of the rampaging virus that has killed over 4 million globally.

Then you see of billionaires who spend hundreds of millions of dollars to build their own rocket ships to cruise the space for their own sense of "high" in being able to launch their personal vessels in the galaxy. Instead of using these funds to help the millions of people who are hungry, sick and to supply vaccines that would save the inhabitants of the planet, they are only after satisfying their selfish curiosity and need for terrestrial accomplishment.

Hospitals around the world—esp. in Myanmar, Indonesia, Afghanistan, the Africas and South America—are hard pressed with vital medical supplies like oxygen, PPEs, beds, quarantine facilities and ICU.

Every economy that was forced to lock down to stem the spread of infections suffered near zero or negative growths, which meant that their governments could hardly feed their people and provide subsistence allowance.

### UN Climate Science Report

Last June 23, the Agence France Presse prematurely obtained a UN Climate report that showed how climate change had decreased major crop production globally and is predicted to impact yields throughout the 21st century, putting greater pressure on countries with exploding populations.



“Rising CO2 levels will also degrade the quality of crops, reducing vital minerals and nutrients in key foodstuffs. Production of marine fisheries will fall by 40 to 70 percent for tropical regions of Africa if emissions continue unabated,” the study said.

Despite greater levels of socioeconomic development, nearly 10 million more children will go undernourished and stunted by 2050 exposing them to a lifetime of associated health risks. Halving red meat consumption and doubling intake of nuts, fruits and vegetables could reduce food-related emissions as much as 70 percent by mid-century and save 11 million lives by 2030.”

### Extreme weather

Rising temperatures will reduce people's physical ability to work, with much of South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and parts of Central and South America losing up to 250 working days a year by 2100.

An additional 1.7 billion people will be exposed to severe heat and an additional 420 million people subjected to extreme heatwaves if the planet warms by two degrees Celsius compared to 1.5 degrees -- the range laid out in the Paris Agreement.

By 2080, hundreds of millions of city dwellers in sub-Saharan Africa and South and Southeast Asia could face more than 30 days of deadly heat each year

Flooding on average will likely displace 2.7 million people annually in Africa. Without emissions cuts, more than 85 million people could be forced to leave their homes in sub-Saharan Africa due to climate induced impacts by 2050.

Some 170 million people are expected to be hit by extreme drought this century if warming reaches three degrees Celsius. The number of people in Europe at high risk of mortality will triple with three degrees Celsius warming compared to 1.5 degrees of warming.

### Diseases and other impacts

As rising temperatures expand the habitat of mosquitoes, by 2050 half the world's population is predicted to be at risk of vector-borne diseases such as dengue fever, yellow fever and Zika virus.

Without significant reductions in carbon pollution, an additional 2.25 billion people could be put at risk of dengue fever across Asia, Europe and Africa. The number of people forced from their homes in Asia is projected to increase six-fold between 2020 and 2050.

By mid-century, between 31 and 143 million could be internally displaced due to water shortages, agricultural stresses, and sea level rise in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Latin America

Much of what the study said is already happening now, and we could expect the worst, the UN climate study stressed.

### Wars. Chaos

Much of the political, social and economic unrest and chaos in the world are caused by inequitable distribution of natural resources and their manipulation by only a few greedy owners who want control over these resources and their intended beneficiaries for political power and market dominance.

Such insatiable desire for power and global dominance is what has caused nations to unite against China—blaming this communist country of manufacturing in its laboratories the coronavirus that has gripped the world and caused economies to slow down.



The military junta in Myanmar, which was triggered by the expulsion of some generals in the list of officials under the economically-fragile democratic government, has now caused untold sufferings, displacements, and hunger of young and old alike and the persecution of those who oppose the junta.

War-torn Afghanistan badly needs \$850 million to cope with the impact of the Taliban offensive, a protracted malnutrition affecting a third of the country, a severe drought and the repatriation of 627,000 Afghans this year, most of the deported from neighboring Iran.

UN Humanitarian chief Ramiz Alakbarov told reporters at a virtual briefing from Kabul that at least 80 million Afghans need assistance and the UN plan is to provide help for at least 15.7 million of them.

### NASA Sea Level Change Science Team

Meanwhile, the NASA Sea Level Change Science Team spoke of “a dramatic increase in flood numbers” in the 2030s that should be expected because of a “wobble” in the moon’s orbit and rising sea levels, which expectedly would lead to more high tides in every coast of the United States.

A story of USA Today cited the conclusion of a study published in the Nature Climate Change journal by NASA Sea Level Change Science Team from the University of Hawaii, on the moon's orbit, which takes 18.6 years to complete, according to NASA.

For half of that time, Earth's regular daily tides are suppressed with high tides at a low average and low tides happening at a higher rate. In the other half of the cycle, the opposite occurs.

"High tides get higher, and low tides get lower. Global sea-level rise pushes high tides in only one direction – higher. So half of the 18.6-year lunar cycle counteracts the effect of sea-level rise on high tides, and the other half increases the effect," NASA explains.

"If it floods 10 or 15 times a month, a business can't keep operating with its parking lot underwater. People lose their jobs because they cannot get to work. Seeping cesspools become a public health issue," said Phil Thompson, an assistant professor at the University of Hawaii and lead author of the study.

Source: <https://opinyon.net/opinion/climate-change-began-and-ends-with-us?fbclid=IwAR1H0MamHBtMFAPLmc3sHsNBIjffIk1xdQGE8RRheqXWQKQ4c2pwyKupeEI>



# EDITORIAL - Basura'y nagkalat karamiha'y face masks

(Pang-Masa) - July 22, 2021 - 12:00am



BUMAHA kahapon sa maraming lugar sa Metro Manila. Sa Maynila, hanggang tuhod ang baha sa Taft Avenue, Quirino at San Andres. Apektado ang mga nagpapabakuna sa Maynila dahil sa baha. Ganunman, kahit na nakababad ang kanilang paa at binti sa tubig-baha, hindi pa rin sila natinag sa pagbabakuna. Matiyaga silang pumila sa kabila na limitado ang doses ng bakuna.

Kapansin-pansin ang paglutangan ng basura nang bumaha kahapon. Habang nakapila ang mga nagpapabakuna sa San Andres Sports Complex sa Malate, Maynila, nasa gilid nila ang mga nagluta-ngang basura – plastic cup, sache ng shampoo, coffee 3-in-1, plastic sando bags, at ang sandamukal na face masks. Lulutang-lutang ang mga basura na karamihan ay ginamit na face masks.

Nakita mismo ni Manila Mayor Isko Moreno ang mga tambak ng basura malapit sa vaccination sites sa San Andres. Ipinalinis niya ang mga basura na karamihan ay mga face mask.

Mayroon nang face mask pollution ngayon. Hindi lamang dito sa Metro Manila nagkalat ang mga ginamit na face mask. Maski sa Davao City ay problema na ang nagkalat na face masks. Maski sa Panigan-Tamugan watershed na nagsusuplay ng tubig sa siyudad ay nagkalat ang mga ginamit na face masks.

Sa mga basurang galing sa Manila Bay at isinuka sa baybayin ng Roxas Blvd., kapansin-pansin ang nagkalat na basura na karamihan ay face masks. Nakahalo ang mga ito sa maraming basurang plastic.

Maraming walang disiplina sa pagtatapon ng basura at lalo pang lumubha ngayong pandemya. Tapon dito, tapon doon ang ginamit na facemasks.

Kailangang magkaroon na ng kamay na bakal sa magtatapon ng basura. Kung hindi magiging matigas sa pagpapatupad ng batas sa pagtatapon ng basura particular ang face masks, kakalat ang sakit at walang ibang kawawa kundi ang mamamayan mismo.

Nararapat na kumilos ang Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa LGUs ukol sa face mask pollution.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/pang-masa/punto-mo/2021/07/22/2114217/editorial-basuray-nagkalat-karamihay-face-masks/amp/>



# Do plastic recycling methods work? New report offers different solution

Published July 21, 2021, 12:03 PM

by [Ellson Quismorio](#)

Limiting the production of plastic and not mechanical or chemical recycling is the true solution to the swelling problem of plastic waste pollution in the environment, including the world's oceans.



(Photo from EcoWaste Coalition)

This could be gleaned as the main takeaway from the new report titled “Plastic Waste Management Hazards: Waste-to-Energy, Chemical Recycling and Plastic Fuels,” which local environmental group EcoWaste Coalition highlighted on Wednesday, July 21.

The report “provides a detailed account of how current investments in recycling schemes, both mechanical and chemical, will have very little impact on a growing, worldwide plastic pollution problem and will increase exposure to toxic chemicals in the communities where they are located,” the group said.

As such, the coalition together with the Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability (IDIS) and Mother Earth Foundation (MEF) have echoed the urgency of limiting the manufacture of plastic to essential uses and eliminating toxic chemicals in plastic production.

Carried out by Japan-based International Pellet Watch (IPW) and Sweden-based International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN), the report concluded that plastic waste management via chemical recycling, plastic-to-fuel, and incineration methods is generating high volumes of highly hazardous waste and toxic emissions.

Lee Bell, report co-author and IPEN Policy Advisor on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), said: “No current management method for plastic waste is capable of alleviating the world’s expanding plastic pollution crisis. All methods generate significant toxic hazards because of the toxic additives that are a component of most plastic products. Industry’s championing of various recycling schemes is a marketing ploy designed to fend off plastic regulation and efforts to curb an escalating plastic pollution problem.”

“The only solution to the plastic waste piling up in our communities and oceans is to limit plastic production to essential uses and eliminate the use of toxic chemicals in plastics,” he emphasized.

EcoWaste Coalition, IDIS, and MEF are members of IPEN.



The same report says plastic production is expected to grow exponentially (from 335 million tons produced in 2016 to 1,800 million tons by 2050) as the petrochemical industry adapts to a carbon-constrained environment by shifting from fuels to the production of chemicals and plastics.

It added that approximately three-quarters of the 8,300 million tons of plastic produced since the 1950s has become waste, and that unless current practices change, 108 million tons of plastic waste will be landfilled, dumped, or openly burned in 2050, mainly in low-income countries.



# Stranded na sunfish sa Marinduque sinakloloohan ng mga mangingisda

ABS-CBN News

Posted at Jul 21 2021 10:07 AM | Updated as of Jul 21 2021 11:23 AM



Pinagtulungang ibalik sa mas malalim na bahagi ng dagat ang napadpad na sunfish sa bayan ng Boac sa Marinduque. *Larawan mula kay Dr. JM Victoria, Marinduque Provincial Veterinary Office*

Isang mola mola o sunfish ang natagpuan ng mga residenteng mangingisda na na-trap sa mas mababaw na bahagi ng dagat sa Barangay Bunganay sa bayan ng Boac, Marinduque, Miyerkoles ng madaling umaga.

May lapad itong 4 na talampakan at taas na 6 na talampakan. Tinatayang nasa 200 kilo naman ang bigat nito.

Nagtulungan ang mga residente para maibalik sa mas malalim na bahagi ng dagat ang mola.

Ayon sa Marinduque Animal and Wildlife Rescue Emergency Response Team o MAWERT, agad naitimbre ng punong barangay na si Marlon Moncada ang stranding, kaya mabilis nilang nasakloloohan ang nanghihinang higanteng isda.

**- Ulat ni Jonathan Magistrado**

Source: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/07/21/21/stranded-na-sunfish-sa-marinduque-sinakloloohan-ng-mga-mangingisda?fbclid=IwAR08AafqBfcb2g0iWnPqBn0Vc-6MIBV55hCqpGoUQPskhJPkaUW56qBrRLU>





## Climate envoy says US, China must end world's 'suicide pact'

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS JULY 21, 2021



US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry delivers a policy speech in the Nash Conservatory at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in west London on a hot sunny day, on July 20. The 19th century glasshouse was originally built in the grounds of Buckingham Palace and moved brick-by-brick to Kew in 1836. Temperatures in London hit 86 degrees Fahrenheit (30 Celsius) on Tuesday.

LONDON—US climate envoy John Kerry called on China to join America in urgently cutting greenhouse gas emissions and described the international alliances that rebuilt Europe after World War II as a model for fighting against climate change.

Kerry challenged global leaders to accelerate the actions needed to curb rising temperatures and pull the world back from the edge of the abyss. “Allies, partners, competitors and even adversaries” must work together, he said during a speech at London’s Kew Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage site where scientists are working to protect plants from global warming.

“The climate crisis is the test of our own times, and while it may be unfolding in slow motion, to some, this test is as acute and as existential as any previous one,” Kerry said. “Time is running out.”

Kerry described the next decade as decisive, saying countries around the world must speed up efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions if they are to meet their commitment to limit temperature increases to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius over pre-industrial levels.

While many countries have pledged to eliminate net carbon emissions by 2050, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says emissions must be cut by at least 40 percent by the end of the decade to keep temperatures in check.

Organizers of the next United Nations climate summit are calling the November event in Glasgow, Scotland “the world’s last best chance to get runaway climate change under control.” The primary goal of the meeting, known as COP26, is for countries to set “ambitious” targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

To meet these targets, countries need to phase out the use of coal, reduce deforestation, accelerate the shift to electric vehicles and encourage investment in renewable energy, according to the conference organizers.

China, the United States and India are the world’s biggest emitters of greenhouse gases, meaning efforts to control climate change are likely to fail unless all three lead the way in slashing emissions.

Kerry referred to the often tense relationship between the US and China but said the future depended on their cooperation. Both countries also need to raise their ambitions, he said.



“It is not a mystery that China and the US have many differences. But on climate, cooperation is the only way to break free from the world’s current mutual suicide pact,” he said. “President Biden and President Xi have both stated unequivocally that each will cooperate on climate despite other consequential differences. America needs China to succeed in slashing emissions. China needs America to do the same.”

China’s output of climate-wrecking pollution surged in the last decade as its economy boomed, especially as it kept operating, building and financing new, dirty-burning coal-fired power plants.

The Rhodium Group analysis firm reported in May that China as of 2019 was pumping out more than 27 percent of all climate-damaging emissions globally. That’s more than the United States, which stood at 11 percent, and more than the rest of the developed world combined, Rhodium said.

The Trump administration and others in the United States pointed to China’s lead role in climate damage in justifying the rolling back of many emissions-cutting efforts in the US. China and other developing economies, meanwhile, say Western nations most responsible for the global-warming that occurred in the past are asking them to rein in their own development with little or no compensation.

Antony Froggatt, an energy policy consultant at the Chatham House think tank in London, applauded Kerry’s speech for highlighting the urgent need for action—for all.

“There is an acceptance from...one of the highest climate change officials in the world that climate change is here, it’s real, it’s having an impact, and its future impact will be equivalent to sort of a global war...and therefore we need to do things now,” Froggatt said. “That isn’t just America, that isn’t just the EU. It is India. It is China. It is these major emitters that actually need to take action on the real short term and demonstrate that they are changing emissions levels.” **AP**

Image courtesy of AP/Matt Dunham



# Wildfires' pollution hits NY

By Agence France-Presse July 22, 2021



NEW YORK: The Statue of Liberty sits behind a cloud of haze on July 20, 2021 in New York City. According to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, wildfire smoke from the west has arrived in the tri-state area creating decreased visibility and a yellowish haze in many areas. Spencer Platt/Getty Images/AFP  
SPENCER PLATT / GETTY IMAGES NORTH AMERICA / Getty Images via AFP

**ALBANY:** New York and parts of the eastern United States and Canada were shrouded in a gray smoky haze on Tuesday (Wednesday in Manila) from fires burning in the western United States and Canada.

New York state's environmental protection services issued an air quality advisory, automatically triggered when fine particle matter is expected to rise above 35 micrograms per cubic meter of air.

An expert from the agency said it is not uncommon for smoke from fires in the west of the country to reach the New York area, but they usually remain high enough to not affect air quality. This time, the smoke was lower than usual, the expert said.

The phenomenon was set to dissipate on Wednesday with the arrival of a cold front in the New York region, said a spokesman for the US National Weather Service.

Several large fires have ravaged the western United States in recent days - notably in California, Nevada and Oregon, where the dangerous Bootleg Fire is still raging, even though the fire season has only just begun.

In Canada, more than 2,000 people have been evacuated in recent days in the province of Ontario, the most populous in the country, and more than 200 fires were active in the province and neighboring Manitoba, according to official figures on Tuesday.



## Canada declares fire emergency

By Agence France-Pressé July 22, 2021

**OTTAWA:** Canada's western province of British Columbia declared a state of emergency on Tuesday (Wednesday in Manila), with wildfires expected to grow even larger in the coming days due to high heat and winds.

"We have reached a critical point," said provincial Public Safety Minister Mike Farnworth. "Based on the advice of emergency management and wildfire officials, and my briefing last night on the worsening weather, I am declaring a provincial state of emergency."

The decision empowers officials to organize mass-scale evacuations and to provide emergency accommodation for evacuees, he added.

Some 5,700 people were under evacuation orders in the province on Tuesday - more than double the previous day's tally as the threatened region grew in size. Around 32,000 more residents have been placed on alert.

"Please have an evacuation plan ready for your family," said Cliff Chapman, director of operations for British Columbia's wildfire service. "From working in this branch for 20 years, I would be taking my family out if I was on an evacuation order today."

Fires have been ravaging western Canada and the US West Coast for several weeks following a scorching heat wave in late June that experts have tied to climate change.

Chapman said around 1,200 square miles has already gone up in smoke in British Columbia - more than three times higher than the average area typically burnt by this point in the year.

The province has nearly 300 active wildfires, spurred by hot, dry weather that is expected to continue in the coming days in addition to rising winds that may spread the flames.

The interior and southwest of British Columbia, including part of its border with the United States, are particularly affected. More than 3,000 firefighters are currently battling blazes across the province.

In the United States, more than 80 large fires are burning, the biggest of which is in the Pacific Northwest state of Oregon. The Bootleg Fire has scorched almost 390,000 acres - an area bigger than Los Angeles.

"Fighting this fire is a marathon, not a sprint," Rob Allen, the incident commander for firefighters in the zone, said in a statement on Tuesday. "We're in this for as long as it takes to safely confine this monster."

Smoke has reached as far afield as the eastern United States and Canada, parts of which were shrouded in a gray smoky haze on Tuesday.

New York state's environmental protection services issued an air quality advisory.

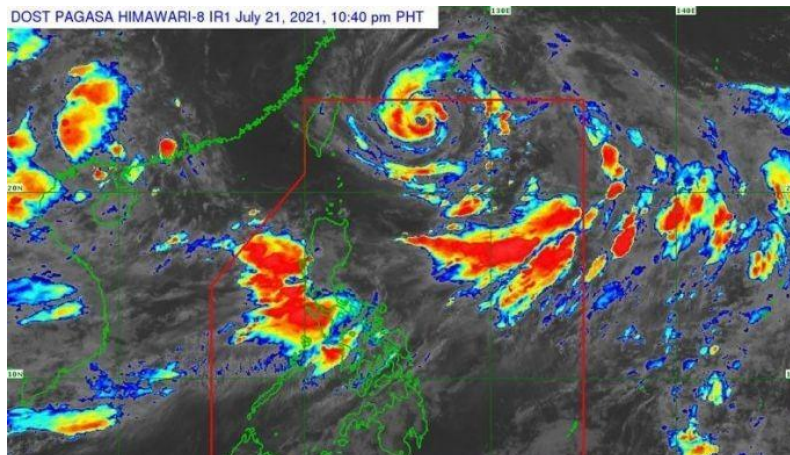
Wildfires have been plaguing several US states for almost two weeks now due to thick forests in many US counties that have been untouched for decades. The fires are so brutal, forcing firefighters to rely on rain to help them put out the fire.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/07/22/news/world/canada-declares-fire-emergency/1807936>



# Residente sa red at orange warning, pinag-iingat vs bagyong Fabian

By [Doris Franche](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - July 22, 2021 - 12:00am



Batay sa inilabas na weather advisory ng PAGASA, ang probinsiya ng Bataan at Zambales ay nasa red warning kung saan posibleng mararanasan ang seryosong pagbaha lalo na sa mga flood prone areas.

MANILA, Philippines — Pinag-iingat ng National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) ang mga residente na nakatira sa mga lugar na isinailalim sa red at orange warning bunsod sa patuloy na pag-ulan dulot ng bagyong Fabian.

Batay sa inilabas na weather advisory ng PAGASA, ang probinsiya ng Bataan at Zambales ay nasa red warning kung saan posibleng mararanasan ang seryosong pagbaha lalo na sa mga flood prone areas.

Posibleng umabot pa hanggang weekend ang mararanasang pag-ulan.

Habang ang Metro Manila at Cavite ay nasa Orange warning kung saan mataas ang posibilidad na magkaroon ng mga pagbaha at pagguho ng lupa.

Nasa yellow warning naman ang mga probinsiya ng Tarlac, Pampanga, Batangas at Bulacan.

Habang makakaranas naman ng light to moderate with occasional heavy rains ang mga probinsiya ng Nueva Ecija, Laguna, Rizal, at Quezon.

Samantala, pinaalalahanan din ng Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) ang mga motorista na mag-ingat sa pagbiyahe dahil madulas ang mga daan para maiwasan ang aksidente.

Dumanas ng pagbaha kahapon ang ilang lugar sa Metro Manila bunsod ng walang tigil na pag-ulan.

Sa 11am advisory ng Pagasa, taglay ng bagyo ang lakas ng hangin na umaabot sa 150 km bawat oras at pagbugso na 185 km bawat oras.— **Angie dela Cruz**

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/07/22/2114159/residente-sa-red-orange-warning-pinag-iingat-vs-bagyong-fabian/amp/>

22 JULY 2021, THURSDAY



**DENR**

# **NEWS ALERTS**

# **COVID-19 NEWS**

**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE**



# Kaso ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas lumobo na sa 1.52 milyon; patay nasa 26,874

(Philstar.com) - July 21, 2021 - 4:45pm



Kids stroll on a bike at Marikina Riverbanks on July 11, 2021.  
The STAR/Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — Nakapagtala ang Department of Health (DOH) ng 6,560 bagong infection ng coronavirus disease, Miyerkules, kung kaya't nasa 1,524,449 na sumatutal ang nahahawaan nito sa bansa.

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

- **lahat ng kaso:** 1,524,449
- **nagpapagaling pa:** 47,996, o 3.1% ng *total infections*
- **bagong recover:** 5,364, dahilan para maging 1,449,579 na *lahat ng gumagaling*
- **kamamatay lang:** 32, na siyang nag-aakyat sa *total local death toll* sa 26,874

Suspensyon ng paglalabas sa 5-anyos pataas sa bahay?

- Sa 15.61 milyong doses ng COVID-19 vaccines na naituturok na sa Pilipinas, [sumampa na sa 5.03 milyong katao ang nakakakumpleto ng kanilang bakuna laban sa nakamamatay na virus](#), ani presidential spokesperson Harry Roque kanina.
- [Nakatakda namang magpulong](#) ang Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) sa Huwebes para talakayin kung isususpindi muna ang pagpayag na lumabas-labas ng bahay ang mga 5-anyos pataas sa mga GCQ at MGCQ areas.
- Tiniyak naman ni Roque na [makakatanggap ng ayuda](#) ang mga lugar na inilagay ngayon sa pinakamahigpit na enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) kaugnay ng COVID-19 cases. Kasama sa mga lugar na 'yan ang probinsya at Lungsod ng Iloilo hanggang ika-31 ng Hulyo.
- Limang araw bago ang huling State of the Nation Address (SONA) ng kasalukuyang administrasyon, [umaasa](#) si Bise Presidente Leni Robredo na magiging tapat si Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte sa tunay na sitwasyon ng government response sa COVID-19 pandemic, maliban sa paglalalatag ng mga target para mabawasan ang anxiety ng publiko.



- Umabot na sa 190.67 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa buong daigdig, ayon sa huling datos ng [World Health Organization](#). Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang 4.09 milyong katao.

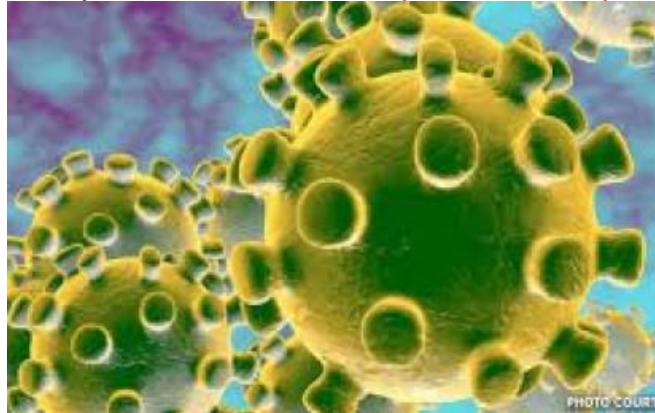
— James Relativo at may mga ulat mula kay The STAR/Alexis Romero





# PH Covid-19 recoveries reach 1,449,579

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor and Raymond Carl Dela Cruz July 21, 2021, 5:50 pm



**MANILA** – The nation's total number of recovered coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases has reached 1,449,579 after 5,326 more recoveries were reported on Wednesday.

In its latest case bulletin, the Department of Health (DOH) noted that recoveries account for 95.1 percent of the total case Covid-19 count which has reached 1,524,449 since the start of the pandemic last year.

The agency also reported 6,560 new cases, bringing the total number of active cases to 47,996. About 92.1 percent of these active cases are mild, 1.8 percent are asymptomatic, 1.6 percent are critical, 2.6 percent are severe, and 1.84 percent are moderate.

Some 32 new deaths were also reported, pushing the country's total number of Covid-19 fatalities to 26,874.

According to DOH data on July 19, about 12 percent of 36,168 who were tested turned out positive for Covid-19.

"Some 14 duplicates were removed from the total case count, and of these, eight were recovered cases and two are deaths. Moreover, 30 cases that were previously tagged as recovered were reclassified as deaths after final validation," the DOH said.

All laboratories were operational on July 19 while four laboratories were not able to submit their data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System (CDRS).

The DOH noted the four non-reporting laboratories contribute, on average, 1.1 percent of samples tested, and 1.5 percent of positive individuals based on data in the last 14 days.

To date, 55 percent of 3,600 intensive care unit beds, 47 percent of 19,600 isolation beds, 43 percent of 12,000 ward beds, and 36 percent of 2,000 ventilators are utilized by patients with Covid-19 nationwide.

Meanwhile, 42 percent of 1,100 intensive care unit beds, 40 percent of 4,700 isolation beds, 33 percent of 3,400 ward beds, and 34 percent of 1,000 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are in use in the National Capital Region. (*PNA*)

# More than 4.1 million dead from COVID-19, 191 million infected worldwide

Agence France-Presse

Posted at Jul 21 2021 07:24 PM



Members of the Department of High Risk Units push a stretcher with a body of a person who died from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Cordoba, Argentina, on July 11, 2021. *Agustin Marcarian, Reuters/File Photo*

The novel coronavirus has killed at least 4,119,920 people since the outbreak emerged in China in December 2019, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP at 1000 GMT (6 p.m. Philippine time) on Wednesday.

At least 191,365,730 cases of coronavirus have been registered. The vast majority have recovered, though some have continued to experience symptoms weeks or even months later.

The figures are based on daily reports provided by health authorities in each country.

They exclude revisions made by other statistical organizations, which show that the number of deaths is much higher.

The World Health Organization estimates that the pandemic's overall toll could be two to three times higher than official records, due to the excess mortality that is directly and indirectly linked to Covid-19.

A large number of the less severe or asymptomatic cases also remain undetected, despite intensified testing in many countries.

On Tuesday, 17,230 new deaths and 565,708 new cases were recorded worldwide.

Based on latest reports, the countries with the most new deaths were Ecuador with 8,786 new deaths, followed by India with 3,998 and Brazil with 1,424.

The United States is the worst-affected country with 609,529 deaths from 34,174,774 cases.

After the US, the hardest-hit countries are Brazil with 544,180 deaths from 19,419,437 cases, India with 418,480 deaths from 31,216,337 cases, Mexico with 236,810 deaths from 2,678,297 cases, and Peru with 195,332 deaths from 2,096,013 cases.

The country with the highest number of deaths compared to its population is Peru with 592 fatalities per 100,000 inhabitants, followed by Hungary with 311, Bosnia-Herzegovina with 295, Czech Republic with 283, and Republic of North Macedonia with 263.



Latin America and the Caribbean overall has 1,344,677 deaths from 39,666,383 cases, Europe 1,189,969 deaths from 56,825,174 infections, and the United States and Canada 636,037 deaths from 35,598,994 cases.

Asia has reported 632,424 deaths from 42,911,720 cases, Africa 159,668 deaths from 6,299,406 cases, Middle East 155,888 deaths from 9,992,563 cases, and Oceania 1,257 deaths from 71,495 cases.

As a result of corrections by national authorities or late publication of data, the figures updated over the past 24 hours may not correspond exactly to the previous day's tallies.

Source: [https://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/07/21/21/more-than-41-million-dead-from-covid-19-191-million-infected-worldwide?fbclid=IwAR30z\\_a2FkP6lmaT-5S6wua69tPvE0hMaV5DV347m5GdlxdMMbRHR6JPZXk](https://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/07/21/21/more-than-41-million-dead-from-covid-19-191-million-infected-worldwide?fbclid=IwAR30z_a2FkP6lmaT-5S6wua69tPvE0hMaV5DV347m5GdlxdMMbRHR6JPZXk)



# Hawaan ng COVID-19 sa NCR, tumaas - OCTA

By [Angie dela Cruz](#), [Danilo Garcia](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - July 22, 2021 - 12:00am



Ayon sa OCTA Research group sa latest monitoring ng grupo, ang Metro Manila ay may average na 744 bagong kaso ng COVID-19 mula July 14 hanggang July 20 na mas mataas sa average na 629 arawang infection noong July 7 hanggang July 13.  
The STAR/Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — Tumaas ang hawaan ng COVID-19 virus sa National Capital Region (NCR) ng may 1.08 na reproduction number mula nang mapaulat ang pag-usbong ng Delta variant sa bansa.

Ayon sa OCTA Research group sa latest monitoring ng grupo, ang Metro Manila ay may average na 744 bagong kaso ng COVID-19 mula July 14 hanggang July 20 na mas mataas sa average na 629 arawang infection noong July 7 hanggang July 13.

Nakapagtala rin ang NCR ng average daily attack rate (ADAR) na 5.39 cases per 100,000 population, ICU utilization na 42%, at positivity rate na 6%.

Gayunman, binigyang diin ng OCTA na bagama't may pagtaas ng infection sa Metro Manila ay hindi naman dapat maalarma ang publiko dahil wala pang sapat na batayan hanggang sa ngayon kung magpapatuloy ang pagtaas ng bilang ng hawahan.

Sinasabing sa Pilipinas ay may kasalukuyang walong aktibong kaso ng Delta variant, 6 dito ay local infections.

Una nang sinabi ng Malakanyang na muling magpapatupad ng ilang mga paghihigpit sakaling magkaroon ng banta sa pagdami ng kaso ng Delta variant sa bansa.



# PNP tutulong sa contact tracing vs Delta variant

By [Doris Franche](#)(Pilipino Star Ngayon) - July 22, 2021 - 12:00am



Tiniyak ito ni PNP Chief Gen. Guillermo Eleazar matapos ihayag ng Department of Health na may walong kaso na ng Delta variant sa bansa.

MANILA, Philippines — Nakahanda ang Philippine National Police (PNP) na magdeploy sa mga local government units ng kanilang mga tauhan bilang contact tracers bunsod ng banta ng Delta variant ng CoVid-19.

Tiniyak ito ni PNP Chief Gen. Guillermo Eleazar matapos ihayag ng Department of Health na may walong kaso na ng Delta variant sa bansa.

Layon ng contract tracing na madetermina kung sinu-sino ang nakahalubilo o nakasama ng indibiduwal na may Delta virus.

Sinabi ni Eleazar na may mga tauhan sila na sanay sa contact tracing. Nakikipag-ugnayan na sila sa DILG at DOH kung ilang contract tracers ang kanilang kakailanganin.



A cop joins rounds as the local government imposed a seven-day granular lockdown on Block 41 Zones 4, 5, and 9 at Barangay Addition Hills in Mandaluyong City on Friday midnight, March 12, 2021 to limit the movement of residents and curb the spike in COVID-19 related cases.

The STAR/Miguel de Guzman, file

## Granular lockdowns, integrated contact tracing app eyed for Metro Manila

[Marc Jayson Cayabyab](#), [Neil Jayson Servallos](#) (The Philippine Star) - July 22, 2021 - 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — Contact tracing app integration and granular lockdowns are the measures being eyed in Metro Manila to curb the spread of the more infectious COVID-19 Delta variant, according to Mayor Francis Zamora.

Zamora said months had passed for the national and local governments to integrate contact tracing apps for a streamlined reporting and detection of COVID-19 cases.

The measure should be implemented amid the threat of the Delta variant, Zamora said.

“There should be a uniform contact tracing app,” Zamora told “The Chiefs” on OneNews/TV 5 on Wednesday night.

The governments of Pasig, Mandaluyong, Valenzuela and Antipolo have merged their contact tracing systems.

“Contact tracing is very important to detect COVID cases, especially the Delta variant,” Zamora said.

Meanwhile, San Juan started inoculating its residents using Johnson & Johnson’s single-dose vaccine at the FilOil Flying V Center yesterday.

The local government received 2,800 doses of J&J vaccine out of the 1.6 million doses donated by the US government through the COVAX Facility.

### Seniors get J&J vaccines

Meanwhile, local governments in northern Metro Manila have allocated J&J vaccines for senior citizens.

Navotas Mayor Toby Tiangco said 1,600 doses of the single-shot vaccine would go to the city’s elderly.

At least 300 seniors have registered for vaccination using J&J vaccines.



Valenzuela received 4,000 doses of the Janssen vaccines.

The vaccination of senior citizens using the J&J doses will start today, according to city information officer Zyan Caiña.

“This is a single-shot dosage so our seniors will have to leave their homes only once,” Mayor Rex Gatchalian said.

Caloocan administered 7,500 doses of J&J vaccine for senior citizens yesterday. The city received 10,300 doses.

Malabon also got 2,600 doses of the single-shot vaccine.



Health workers removed the body of a COVID-19 victim who died while isolating at home in Bandung on July 18, 2021, as skyrocketing COVID-19 infections and deaths are overwhelming hospitals.

AFP/Timur Matahari

## COVID-19 Delta variant to dominate within months — WHO

(Agence France-Presse) - July 21, 2021 - 8:25pm

GENEVA, Switzerland — The highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 is expected to become the dominant strain of the virus over the coming months, the World Health Organization said Wednesday.

Delta, which was first detected in India, has now been recorded in 124 territories — 13 more than last week — and already accounts for more than three-quarters of sequenced specimens in many major countries, the WHO said.

"It is expected that it will rapidly out-compete other variants and become the dominant circulating lineage over the coming months," the UN health agency said in its weekly epidemiological update.

Of the three other coronavirus variants of concern (VOCs), Alpha, first detected in Britain, has been reported in 180 territories (up six from last week), Beta, first detected in South Africa, in 130 (up seven) and Gamma, first detected in Brazil, in 78 (up three).

According to SARS-CoV-2 sequences submitted to the GISAID global science initiative over the four weeks to July 20, the prevalence of Delta exceeded 75 percent in several countries.

Those included Australia, Bangladesh, Botswana, Britain, China, Denmark, India, Indonesia, Israel, Portugal, Russia, Singapore and South Africa.

"Growing evidence supports the increased transmissibility of the Delta variant as compared to non-VOCs. However, the exact mechanism for the increase in transmissibility remains unclear," said the WHO.

### Cases up 12%

The Geneva-based organisation said overall, 3.4 million new COVID-19 cases were reported in the week to July 18 — up 12 percent on the week before.

"At this rate, it is expected that the cumulative number of cases reported globally could exceed 200 million in the next three weeks," said the WHO.





The organisation said the global increases in transmission appeared to be driven by four factors: more transmissible variants; the relaxation of public health measures; increased social mixing and large numbers of unvaccinated people.

Cases were up 30 percent in the WHO's Western Pacific region and up 21 percent in its European region.

The highest numbers of new cases were reported from Indonesia (350,273 new cases; up 44 percent), Britain (296,447 new cases; up 41 percent), and Brazil (287,610 new cases; down 14 percent).

The number of weekly deaths, however, remained steady at 57,000, similar to the previous week and following a steady decline for more than two months.



# Calls for smoke-free environment to aid in Covid-19 fight intensify

BY CLAUDETH MOCON-CIRIACO

JULY 21, 2021



Health experts and advocates have stressed that everyone deserves to live in an environment conducive for their health and well-being.

Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, they have also underscored the need for a smoke-free environment fearing that those exposed to smoke have an increased possibility of contracting the virus while smokers increase their chances of developing severe cases of Covid-19.

Dr. Beverly Ho, Health Promotion Bureau Director of the Department of Health (DOH), also emphasized during the online conference last week titled "Building and Celebrating Tobacco Control Champions: Promoting, Defending, and Institutionalizing Smoke-Free Environment Policies," that smoking "weakens the lungs."

"Smoking increases an individual's risk of developing Covid-19. Tobacco use damages the lungs, making the smoker and those exposed more vulnerable to Covid-19," Ho said.

Ho lauded the efforts of lawmakers and different groups in pushing the measures for a smoke-free environment.

## New risks

Lawyer Jacky T. Sarita, Managing Director of HealthJustice, also reiterated the warning of the World Health Organization (WHO) that Covid-19 brings new risks for tobacco users.

"As early as April last year, WHO said that smokers are more likely to develop severe cases of Covid-19, compared to non-smokers," Atty. Sarita noted.

A WHO scientific brief highlighted the link between smoking and more severe Covid-19 and death. It stated that smokers and vapers may be "vulnerable" to contracting Covid-19 "as the act of smoking involves contact of fingers with the lips, which increases the possibility of transmission of viruses from hand to mouth."

The same warning was given by the DOH based on a review of studies by health experts convened by WHO which indicated that smokers are vulnerable to complications brought by the virus.

## Pending bills

There are three smoke-free environment bills pending in Congress. In the Senate, Senator Ronald dela Rosa sponsored Senate Bill 1976, while Representative John Marvin "Yul Servo" Nieto of the 3rd District of Manila backed House Bill (HB) 8754. Representatives Nina Taduran, Eric Yap, and Jocelyn Pua-Teo, all of the ACT-CIS partylist, sponsored HB 8763.



These bills sought to expand the coverage of the smoking ban in Republic Act 9211 or the Tobacco Regulations Act of 2003 to include all public places, prohibition in the establishment of indoor smoking areas, and strengthen the power of local government units to enact stricter smoke-free ordinances.

If enacted into law it is expected to help reduce the transmission of Covid-19; lessen the number of people who will die due to tobacco smoke; protect the Filipino people from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke; provide an environment for smokers to quit, and prevent smoking initiation among the youth.

As the country battles the Covid-19 pandemic, Taduran said that now is the best time to make the bill into law.

“In this crucial time, when the deadly Covid-19 is plaguing countries all around the world, smoking amplifies the risk brought about by the virus,” Taduran said.

### **More support needed**

Although she was happy with the increasing number of health champions across all government branches supporting the bill, Rep. Helen Tan, House Committee of Health Chairperson and one of the co-sponsors of HB 8763, is still hoping that more people will join them to “achieve a healthy environment and protect Filipinos from the dangers of second-hand smoke and third-hand smoke.”

“It is the right of health among Filipinos to live in a community and environment that are free from diseases caused by tobacco smoke,” Tan said.

“Apart from this, smoking areas are one of the transmission hotspots of the Covid-19 virus,” she added.

Meanwhile, Rep. Amihilda Sangcopan, co-sponsor of HB 8763 stressed that smoking is also a financial burden for smokers.

*“Hindi lamang ang balsa natin ang unti-unting sinusunog ng bisyo ng paninigarilyo, bagkus, binabayaran din natin ito [Smoking doesn’t only burn a hole in your pocket but also] at the expense of our own health and the health of others,”* the Anak-Mindanao partylist lawmaker said.

### **DepEd joins the call**

Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones has also joined calls for the immediate passage of the Smoke-free Environment Bill.

Briones expressed her strong support for the bill stressing that she is personally an advocate of a smoke-free environment.

The DepEd chief shared that her father died at an early age of 54 due to a stroke caused by extreme tobacco use.

“My two bothers also followed the same path of early deaths,” she said.

“My faith has taught me not to destroy the body because it is God’s temple especially not to destroy it through vices,” the DepEd chief stressed,” as she recalled that when she was with Social Watch, she was actively campaigning for tobacco-control policies.

“In this conference, we have talked about legislative measures that will effectively curb the tobacco use in this country. But beyond the legalese, the language, and legislative jargon, what we are really talking about are the dreams of our young people that can only be achieved if they grow up healthy and free from the harm of tobacco use,” she said and assured that schools in the country “have always been smoke free.”



She stressed that they do this mainly not only to protect the learners but “to protect them from situations that normalize the tobacco use and make it appealing to them.”

## Smoke-free Philippines

Ernesto Ofracio, President of the Aktibong Kilusan Tungo sa Iisang Bayan (AKTIB), an alliance of community and sectoral organizations pushing for the right of Filipinos to health, expressed during the online conference his delight for the support lawmakers have shown to have a 100 percent smoke-free Philippines.

He pleaded to the President Duterte to certify as urgent the proposed measure. “*Kami po ay nakiusap sa ating mahal na Pangulo na icertify ang* [We are appealing to our beloved President to certify] HB 8763,” Ofracio said.

For her part, Ritz dela Rosa, a student leader from Ramon Magsaysay High School, expressed her alarm over the high number of Filipino youth who are put in danger due to their exposure to second hand smoke.

Data from the 2015 Global Adult Tobacco Survey indicated that 24.0 million adults were exposed to tobacco smoke at home; 20.2 million were exposed to tobacco smoke in public transportation; 8.1 million were exposed to tobacco smoke in restaurants; and 3.6 million adults were exposed to tobacco smoke in enclosed areas at their workplace.

###

Image courtesy of Credit\_ Pexels.com \_ Inga Seliverstova



## SWAB TEST SA PATAY AT TODO-BANTAY SA NAGMUMULA SA IBANG BANSÁ



July 21, 2021 @ 11:37 PM 7 hours ago

NITONG nakaraang dalawang linggo, may dalawang pinaglamayang patay ang natagpuang positibo sa coronavirus disease-19 o COVID-19.

Kasalukuyan namang positibo sa COVID-19 ang 12 na crew ng tugboat at barhe na galing sa Indonesia at nakadaong sa pier sa Albay.

Sa mga pangyayaring ito, dapat na may gagawing istriktong patakaran bilang panangga sa pagkalat ng pandemya.

Lalo na ngayong may Delta variant na mabagsik na, mabilis pang kumalat.

Nakikita ang bagsik at mabilis na pagkalat ng Delta variant ngayon mula sa India na pinanggalingan nito at sa Indonesia.

### **PATAY NA NAGPOSITIBO**

Nang mamatay ang isang senior citizen sa Pangasinan kamakailan, minabuti ng kamag-anak niyang doktor na isilid ito sa plastic cadaver bag.

Pero kinunan ito ng sampol sa katawan para sa swab test at huuuuuwaaaa, positibo sa COVID-19 sa wala pang 24 oras na pagsusuri.

Isa namang babae ang namatay sa Bulacan at pangatlong araw na ng lamay nang ideklara itong positibo.

Pero ang nangyari sa Antique ang nakababahala dahil tatlong linggo o mahigit pa bago nalamang Delta variant pala ang ikinamatay nito.

Unang sinwab test ang biktima at kasunod nito ang pagpapadala ng sample tissue nito sa Philippping Genome Center sa University of the Philippines na nagsabing Delta variant ang ikinamatay nito.

### **ANG MGA NASA TUGBOAT, BARHE**

Kumpirmadong 12 sa crew ng tugboat at barhe sa Albay ang positibo sa COVID-19.

Hindi natin alam kung ano ang ginagawa ngayon ng mga awtoridad, lalo na sa pag-alam kung may taglay o walang Delta variant ang mga ito.



Sa kaso ng M/V Athena Bridge na dumaong sa Manila Bay nitong nakaraang buwan na nauugnay sa biyaheng India, nakitaan ang ilan sa mga ito ng Delta variant at isa nga sa kanila ang namatay.

Malamang na didiretso ang sample tissue ng mga crew ng tugboat at barhe naman sa PGC dahil galing ang mga ito sa Indonesia na inaatake ng Delta variant.

### **ANO ANG MGA GAGAWIN?**

Istrikong pagpapatupad ng mga health protocol ang isang gagawin dito, kabilang na ang border control.

Laman ng border control hindi lang ang pagharang ng mga pumapasok sa bansa, Pinoy man o dayuhan mula sa mga inaatake ng grabeng pandemya, kundi pati ang pagpapatupad ng istrikong kwarantina sa mga nakapapasok sa bansa.

Ginawa ito sa mga crew ng M/V Athena Bridge at dapat gawin din ito sa dalawang sea vessel sa Albay.

Lalo na sa parte ng mga Filipino na crew.

Ang mga dayuhan, pwedeng ipabalik kaagad sa kanilang bansa, gaya ng pagpapabalik sa Pilipinas ng South Korea ng dalawang Pinoy na positibo sa COVID-19 kamakailan lamang.

Itong PGC ay dapat palakasin nang todo sa pondo, tauhan, pasilidad at iba pang mga pangangailangan nito para mabilis itong makatugon sa tungkuling pagsusuri ng mga biktima ng COVID-19.

Nakadepende sa PGC ang pag-aksyon ng Department of Health at ng buong Inter-Agency Task Force o buong pamahalaan.

Paigtingin din nang todo ang pagbabakuna at pagsunod sa mga health protocol, kasama na ang pagsusuot ng face mask, social distancing, pagkwarantina at contract tracing.

### **PATI PATAY I-SWAB TEST AT CREMATION**

Dapat na ring ugaliin ang agarang pagpapa-swab test sa mga namamatay upang maiwasan ang hawaan, gaya ng ginawa ng doktora sa Pangasinan.

Hindi dapat maulit nang maulit ang nangyari sa Bulacan na nalaman na lang na positibo ang biktima makaraan ang tatlong araw na lamayan.

May problema nga lang na malaki rito – ang napakamahal na pagpapa-swab test na isa sa mga iniwasan, lalo na ang mga mahihirap.

Naniningil ang mga pribadong ospital o doktor ng nasa P6,000 kada swab test na mabigat sa mga mahihirap.

Lalong napakabigat ngayon ang P90,000 na bayarin sa pagpapa-cremate.

Panukala nating mahigpit na umalalay ang pamahalaan, national at local government units, sa mga bagay na ito.

Para sa mga mayayaman, halos hindi nila iniinda ang mga gastos na ito.

Pero sa mga mahihirap, kahit pa ang mga kumikita nang kaunti, ay sadyang napakabibigat ng mga pampinansyang obligasyong ito.



## **PASASALAMAT SA MALASAKIT CENTER**

Hindi masukat ang pasasalamat ng mga biktima ng COVID-19 sa Malasakit Center na nilikha sa pamamagitan ng batas na inakda ni Senador Christopher 'Bong' Go.

May mga daang libong bayarin ng mga mahihirap sa mga ospital ang nabubura sa bisa ng Malasakit Center.

Pero itong katulad ng napakamahal na cremation ang isang malaking problema, kasama ang mga gastusin na hindi yata sakop ng Malasakit Center.

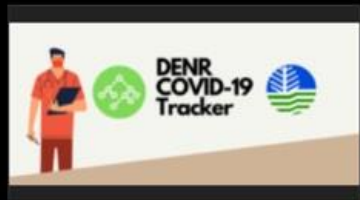


**#OneDENR**

**Covid-19  
Situation and Response**



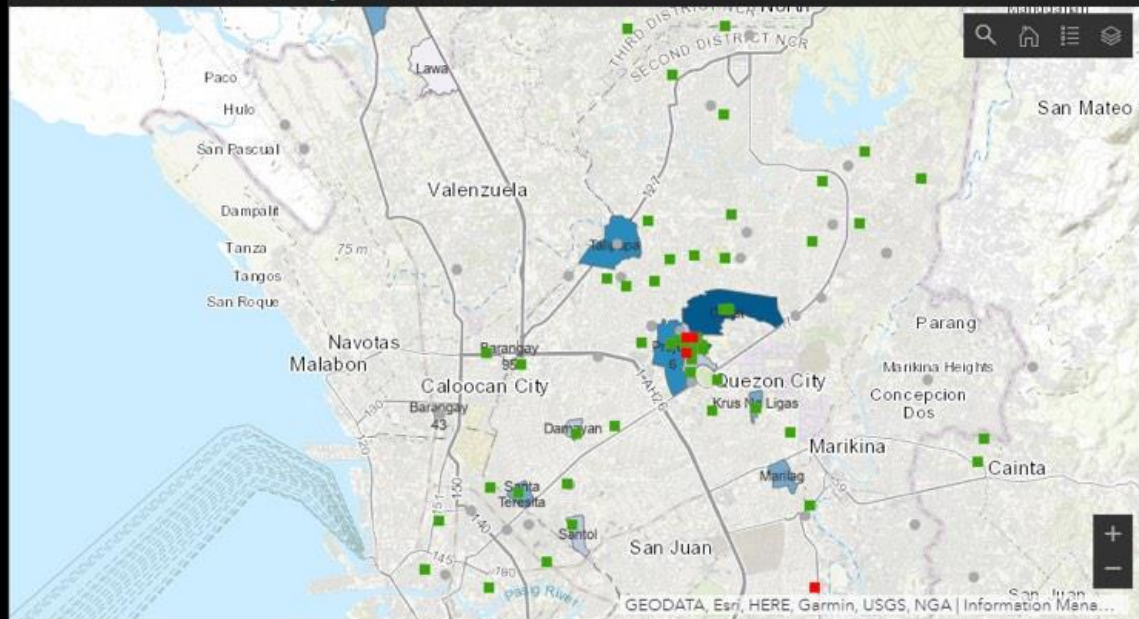
# DENR-CO COVID-19 Monitoring



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.



## Residence of affected personnel



Please note that representative dots were randomly assigned within the barangay residence of the affected personnel and do not necessarily provide exact location/ addresses of the cases.

[Map](#) [Map Legend](#)

## % COVID-19 Confirmed Cases in DENR-CO



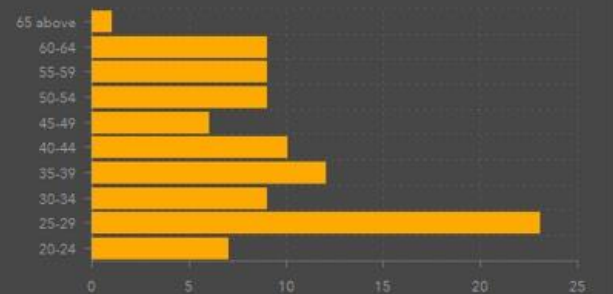
Last update: a few seconds ago

## Daily Confirmed Cases



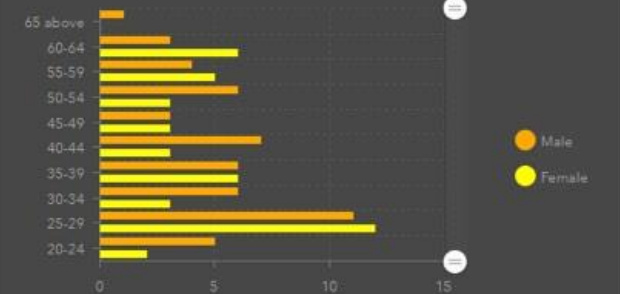
Last update: a few seconds ago

## Age Group



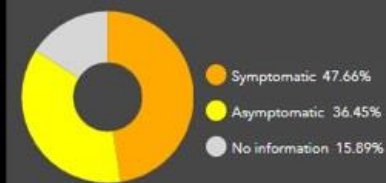
Last update: a few seconds ago

## Age Group by Sex



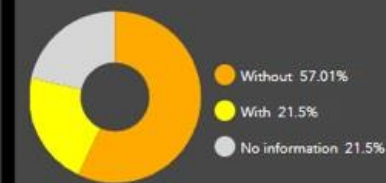
Last update: a few seconds ago

## Health Status



Last update: a few seconds ago

## Comorbidity



Last update: a few seconds ago

## Sex



Last update: a few seconds ago

22 JULY 2021, THURSDAY



**DENR**

# **NEWS ALERTS**

# **VLOGS**

**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE**



**Please click this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZdGzZrBoGQ>

PASIG

LIVE PASIG SANTOLAN PHASE 2 MARIKINA RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT

1,691 views • Streamed live 19 hours ago

62 0 SHARE SAVE ...

**KUYA RONS TV VLOG**  
81.1K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**



**Please click this link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGg3pySf\\_aE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGg3pySf_aE)

#SecretaryRoyCimatu #DENRPhilippines #DENRManila

BY: SECRETARY ROY CIMATU NALUWAGAN NA ANG ILOG NG MARIKINA BAGYONG FABIAN DI NA UMUBRA 07/21/21

4 views • Jul 21, 2021

👍 1    💬 0    ➦ SHARE    ⌵ SAVE    ⋮



**Ka Zamy Tv**  
1.83K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**

#SecretaryRoyCimatu #DENRPhilippines #DENRManila #DENRNCR #MarikinaRiver #pasigRiver  
#mayorVicoSoto #RestorationMarikinaRiver #mayoriskomoreno #manilabayrehabilitation  
#manilabaytrending #foryourpage



**Please click this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5g0mSzb-umU>

#pasigRiver #mayorVicoSoto #MarikinaRiver

LIVE : PHASE 2 RESTORATION OF MARIKINA RIVER PROJECTS

26 views • Streamed live 19 hours ago

👍 4    💬 0    ➦ SHARE    ⋮ SAVE    ...



**Ka Zammy Tv**  
1.83K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**


#pasigRiver #mayorVicoSoto #MarikinaRiver #SecretaryRoyCimatu



Please click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGrSk8mwr44>

#MarikinaRiverRestoration #BuildBackBetter #Phase1  
MARIKINA MAYOR TEODORO LUBOS ANG PASASALAMAT KAY PRESIDENT DUTERTE!  
10,714 views • Jul 21, 2021 👍 693 💬 4 ➦ SHARE ⌵ SAVE ⋮

 **engr. berto**  
166K subscribers SUBSCRIBE


#MarikinaRiverRestoration #BuildBackBetter #Phase1

Please don't forget to like, share & subscribe.







Please click this link:


[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPpCnFAC1\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPpCnFAC1_Y)

 PASIG RIVER

MARIKINA RIVER DREDGING UPDATE TODAY! PHASE- 2 UMARANGKADA NA SA SANTOLAN PASIG CITY!

27 views • Jul 22, 2021

 2  0  SHARE  SAVE ...

 **MR. ED Llander**  
15.4K subscribers

[#MarikinaRiver](#) [#BuildBuildBuild](#) [#BuildBackBetter](#) [#DredgingProjects](#)  
[#MarikinaRiverRestoration](#)

SHOW MORE

**SUBSCRIBE**



Please click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjeesVBaK64>

**MARIKINA**  
NAGKASUBUKAN NA MARIKINA RIVER  
1,714 views • Jul 21, 2021

83 2 SHARE SAVE ...

**KUYA RONS TV VLOG**  
81.1K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**

NAGKASUBUKAN NA MARIKINA RIVER #marikinariver





Please click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXgzB2Ri9yU>

#marikina #marikinariver #marikinariverrestoration

HALA MARIKINA! NASUBUKAN KAGAD! MARIKINA RIVER RESTORATION COMPLETED NA! ORANGE RAINFALL WARNING 🗣️

10,705 views · Jul 21, 2021

👍 465 🗣️ 5 ➦ SHARE ⚙️ SAVE ...



Neb Andro

75.8K subscribers

SUBSCRIBE

Marikina River Update July 2021

Kasabay ng Habagat at malakas na bugso ng ulan ay ang Turn-Over Ceremony ng Marikina River

SHOW MORE



**Please click this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9neXpbG2UC4>

#MarikinaRiver #RestorationMarikinaRiver #MnailaBay

MARIKINA RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT NAG PALUWAG NG DALOY NG TUBIG WALANG NG MABABAHA

20 views • Jul 21, 2021

👍 3    💬 0    ➦ SHARE    ⌵ SAVE    ⋮



**Ka Zammy Tv**  
1.83K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**

#MarikinaRiver #RestorationMarikinaRiver #MnailaBay #SecretaryRoyCimatu #DENRPhilippines  
#DENRManila #DENRNCR #mayoriskomoreno




Please click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zgBkkz-vx8>

MARIKINA RIVER PARK  
PROBLEM SOLVED! MARIKINA RIVER TULOY-TULOY NA ANG AGOS NG TUBIG!

231 views • Jul 21, 2021

👍 12    💬 1    ➦ SHARE    ⌵ SAVE    ...

 MR. ED Llander  
15.4K subscribers


[#MarikinaRiver](#) [#BuildBackBetter](#) [#MarikinaRiverUpdate](#)

[SUBSCRIBE](#)







**Please click this link:**


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOrPQRBYRQY>

 INDUSTRIAL VALLEY

ANG BAGONG MARIKINA RIVER | NO MORE BAHA NA

739 views • Jul 21, 2021

 69  2  SHARE  SAVE ...

 **Alvin Tv**  
36.3K subscribers


[#MarikinaRiver](#)  
[#NewMarikina](#)


**SUBSCRIBE**



**Please click this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZU0ATbAypQ>

 SANTOLAN  
PHASE 2 NA INUMPISAHAN NA RIN PASIG SANTOLAN MARIKINA RIVER  
1,813 views • Jul 21, 2021 👍 87    💬 1    ➦ SHARE    ≡+ SAVE    ...

 **KUYA RONS TV VLOG**  
81.1K subscribers **SUBSCRIBE**

#marikinariver  
#pasigriver  
#manilabay



**Please click this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99tB9QsUoHY>

#MarikinaRiverRestoration #BuildBackBetter

MARIKINA RIVER DREDGING PROJECT PHASE-1 FINISHED NA!

16,089 views · Jul 21, 2021

👍 527    💬 8    ➦ SHARE    ⌵ SAVE    ⋮



**engr. berto**

166K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**

#MarikinaRiverRestoration #BuildBackBetter

Please don't forget to like, share & subscribe.



**Please click this link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgdl\\_uDuick](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgdl_uDuick)

#BeachNourishment #DolomiteWhiteSand #Savemanilabay

HAGUPIT NG BAGYONG FABIAN SA MANILA BAY NA WASH OUT DAW DOLOMITE WHITE SAND JULY 21,2021

3,810 views • Jul 21, 2021

👍 81    💬 2    ➦ SHARE    ⌵ SAVE    ⋮



**JANICE LLANDER Vlog**  
15.1K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**

#BeachNourishment  
#DolomiteWhiteSand  
#Savemanilabay

SHOW MORE



**Please click this link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H\\_y2IG8ATr8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_y2IG8ATr8)

#manilabay #thyphonfabian

BAKAS NI BAGYONG FABIAN | MANILA BAY UPDATE: JULY 22, 2021

267 views • Jul 22, 2021

 32  0  SHARE  SAVE ...



**PINOY BLOGGER PH**  
17.6K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**

#manilabay #thyphonfabian

Manila Bay Rehabilitation Project.






Please click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twF-zhWxLKc>

MANILA BAY  
MANILA BAY UPDATE AFTER TYPHOON FABIAN!

117 views • Jul 21, 2021

👍 11    💬 0    ➦ SHARE    ≡+ SAVE    ...

 **MR. ED Llander**  
15.4K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**

#ManilaBay #DolomiteSand #ManilaBayUpate #SaveManilaBay #BattleForManilaBay  
#BeachNourishment #BuildBuildBuild #TyphoonFabian

SHOW MORE





**Please click this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcfFgOWDkVM>

Manila bay update july 21 2021.patria javier bumisita sa dolomite sand ito malupet kahit may bagyo.

726 views • Jul 21, 2021

 43  1  SHARE  SAVE ...



**BOSS MARLON OCAMPO VLOG**  
2.68K subscribers

JOIN

SUBSCRIBE

Created by InShot:<https://inshotapp.com/share/youtube.html>







Please click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFLnNB1NtR8>

Manila Bay Update: July 21, 2021

6,805 views • Jul 21, 2021

 196  6  SHARE  SAVE ...



PINOY BLOGGER PH  
17.6K subscribers

SUBSCRIBE

Manila Bay Rehabilitation Project.



**Please click this link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFCU3Vml\\_tk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFCU3Vml_tk)

MANILA BAYWALK  
MANILA BAY UPDATE TODAY JULY 21, 2021  
2,100 views • Streamed live 17 hours ago

84 2 SHARE SAVE ...

**JUNRIEL LLANDER** ✓  
180K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**



**Please click this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RoXJKTKYco>

MANILA BAY UPDATE TAPUS ANG BASURA SA DOLOMITE BEACH

251 views • Premiered 8 hours ago

 16  1  SHARE  SAVE ...



BYAHE NI KOY TV  
6.07K subscribers

JOIN

SUBSCRIBE







**Please click this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTcl3XWoWdg>

MANILA BAY UPDATE STP PIPELINE ILALATAG NA (I WAS BAHA SA MAYNILA)

102 views • Premiered 8 hours ago

 16  0  SHARE  SAVE ...



BYAHE NI KOY TV  
6.07K subscribers


JOIN

SUBSCRIBE







**Please click this link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7UF7\\_Wok6Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7UF7_Wok6Q)

 MANILA BAY WHITE BEACH

Live THE LAST DAY!

410 views · Streamed live on Jul 20, 2021

 37  0  SHARE  SAVE ...



**Just Mica PH**  
3.6K subscribers

JOIN

SUBSCRIBE



Please click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRyApIxabvY>

#manilabay #manilabaysand #myntv

HINDI NA USO ANG BASURA SA CAVITE | USEC BENNY ANTIPODA

49 views • Jul 21, 2021

👍 2    💬 0    ➦ SHARE    ⌵ SAVE    ⋮



MYN TV

27.2K subscribers

JOIN

SUBSCRIBE

#manilabay #manilabaysand #myntv

Pls. don't forget to Like, Comment, Share and Subscribe.

SHOW MORE