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## Up close and personal: Cimatu watches sunset at Dolomite Beach

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***AFTER being reopened to the public, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu has decided to experience the thrill and watched the famous Manila Bay sunset during his visit to the controversial Dolomite Beach on Sunday, Oct. 17.***

Cimatu, who is also the chairman of Manila Bay Task Force said the seaside area near the US Embassy is just the Phase 1 of the beach nourishment project of the task force and the entire stretch of 500 meters from the said area will also be covered with white sand.

The Manila Bay rehabilitation project is part of the DENR's compliance with the Supreme Court's writ of continuing mandamus directing 13 government agencies and private entities to clean up, rehabilitate, and preserve Manila Bay.

The project was also aimed at restoring and maintaining its waters to level that is fit for swimming, skin dipping, and other forms of contact recreation.

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# Dolomite Beach sa Maynila, lalo pang dinagsa

By [Danilo Garcia](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - October 22, 2021 - 12:00am



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MANILA, Philippines — Lalo pang dumami ang mga namamasyal sa kontrobersyal na Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach kumpara sa mga naunang araw na binuksan ito kaya tumulong na ang pamunuan ng Manila Police District (MPD) sa pagbabantay dito.

Nabatid na alas-5:30 ng madaling araw pa lang nang buksan na sa publiko ang Dolomite Beach at isinasara ng hanggang alas-6 ng gabi.

Kapansin-pansin na mas dagsa ngayon ang mga namamasyal kaysa nang unang ilagay ang Metro Manila sa Alert Level 3 kaya hindi maiwasan na hindi sumunod ang ilan sa minimum health protocols.

Bukod sa mga matatanda, may mga kasama na rin ang ilan na mga bata na pinayagan nang makabiyaheng ng pamahalaan.

Nagpadala na ang mga tauhan ang MPD para tumulong sa mga tauhan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa pagsita sa mga namamasyal na nakakalimot sa tamang pagsusuot ng face mask, at physical distancing.

Dahil dito, nagbabala si Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman Benhur Abalos na maaaring maging super spreader event ito lalo't may banta pa rin ng COVID-19 partikular ang Delta variant.

Magtatalaga rin ang MMDA ng ilang marshals para tulungan ang DENR sa pagpapatupad ng minimum health protocols sa mga pumupunta sa dolomite beach. Nakabantay rin ang Philippine Coast Guard lalo't bawal pa rin ang maligo sa Manila Bay hangga't hindi pa natatapos ang rehabilitasyon nito.



# Dolomite beach big hit for vacation-starved Metro Manila residents

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People flock to the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach to watch the sunset on Thursday. The recently opened government project has been a hit destination for visitors and tourists since the IATF eased restrictions of the NCR to Alert Level 3.

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# Swimming still not allowed in Manila Bay's "dolomite beach"

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Undersecretary Jonas Leones of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said on October 21, Thursday, that swimming remains prohibited in the infamous Manila Bay "Dolomite beach."

Leones said that until a set of standards are met, there will be no swimming in the said beach as the DENR is still not done setting up the whole area.

The "Dolomite beach" will be free of charge once it opens.

Leones reiterated that social distancing and crowd control will still be implemented at the said area. Only 1,500 people will be allowed inside the area at all times.

The DENR targets to open the beach between the months of December to early next year, as long as they don't encounter any more delays.



## DENR: Alagang hayop bawal sa Dolomite Beach

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Hindi maaaring magbitbit ng kanilang alagang hayop ang mga pupunta sa Dolomite Beach sa Manila Bay, ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

“Lahat ng dapat ipatupad d’yan ay gagawin natin gaya ng pagbabawal ng pagsi-swimming, as of now, and of course ‘yong pagkakalat at pagdadala ng atin mga alagang hayop. Bawal pa po ‘yan,” wika ni DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda sa isang forum.

Aniya, nagpakalat din sila ng mga marshal sa Dolomite Beach upang tiyaking nasusunod ng mga bisita ang mga health safety protocol laban sa COVID-19.

Kaugnay nito, sinabi ng opisyal na ang madalas naman na nagkukumpulan at magkakadikit sa beach ay magkakapamilya. (Vienne Angeles)

Source: <https://www.abante.com.ph/denr-alagang-hayop-bawal-sa-dolomite-beach/>



# PNP Maritime Group nakabantay na rin sa dinarayong Dolomite Beach sa Manila Bay

By **Bombo Analy Soberano** -October 21, 2021 | 5:22 PM



Binabantayan na rin ng PNP Maritime Group ang Dolomite Beach sa Manila Bay sa Roxas Boulevard kontra krimen at sa mga hindi sumusunod sa health protocols.

Direktiba ni PNP chief Gen. Guillermo Eleazar na bantayan ang mga pasyalan matapos ang nangyaring pagdagsa ng mga namamasyal mula noong weekend.

Ito ay kasunod sa paglalagay sa Alert Level 3 sa National Capital Region (NCR) dahilan para bumuhos ang publiko sa mga pasyalan sa Metro Manila.

Dahil dito, ipinag-utos din ni Eleazar ang pagdaragdag ng mga pulis na magbabantay lalo na ang Dolomite Beach na dinadayo ng mga tao.

Ang PNP Maritime Group ay agad na nag- deploy ng mga tauhan na nakabiskleta sa Roxas Boulevard lalo na sa paligid ng Dolomite Beach.

Ayon kay PNP Maritime Unit NCR commander Col. Oliver Tanseco ang kanilang mga tauhan ang siyang magsisilbing beach patroller sa Manila Bay.

Dagdag pa ni Tanseco, tutulong sila sa pagpapatupad ng utos ng PNP chief na pagsunod sa minimum public health standard para maiwasan ng lubusan ang pagdami ng mga nahahawa sa COVID-19 virus.

Bukod sa mga naka-bike na Maritime Police, mayroon din silang foot patrol at seaborne na nagpapatrulya sa Manila Bay gamit ang kanilang mga rubber boat at high speed tactical water craft.

“Kami rin po ang magpapatupad ng general law enforcement po sa lugar para naman wala manamantala sa mga kababayan natin na namamasyal po dyan at the same time po to ensure yung ating peace and order at saka po mga concern ng ating mamamayan lalo na po sa mga criminal dyan sa area,” pahayag pa ni Col. Tanseco.

Una nang ipinag-utos ni DILG Sec Eduardo Ano sa PNP na mag-deploy ng dagdag na tauhan sa mga pasyalan upang maipatupad pa rin ang minimum public health standard dahil nananatili ang banta ng virus.

Kabilang din sa mga tinukoy na dinadagsa ng mga tao ang malls, parke at mga simbahan.

Source: <https://www.bomboradyo.com/pnp-maritime-group-nakabantay-na-rin-sa-dolomite-beach-laban-sa-krimen-at-covid-19/>



## DOLOMITE BEYOND MANILA BAY



Dolomite is a material that has been around for ages, but it was only recently that it sparked the interest of many Filipinos.

Earlier this month, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) pushed through with its plan of covering a 500-meter stretch of Manila Bay's shoreline with dolomite sand—a move that drew both praise and criticism.

Unbeknown to many, dolomite is actually all around us. It is frequently used in the production of concrete, exterior cladding, roads and garden paths. While its use as artificial beach sand in Manila Bay raised some eyebrows, this is not the first time that dolomite was used for this purpose. Manmade beaches in France and Singapore have also been built with the same material. In addition, many heritage buildings in Italy, Germany and the United Kingdom were also made out of dolomite limestone, some of which still stand today.

If you're one of those curious about the controversial material and would like to know more about its effects on the environment, history would be a good place to look at some examples. Read on to discover existing dolomite sites around the world, and determine for yourself if the Manila Bay project would prove to be a wise move in the long run.

### **Heritage structures prove dolomite's durability**

As far back as the 16th century, dolomite was already used as a construction material in Europe. Italian writer Francesco Milizia even wrote instructions in 1781 on how to choose and identify dolomite limestone suitable for building. At that time, concrete, as we know it today, has not been developed yet. Rock, limestone and other naturally occurring minerals were the materials of choice for construction.

Dolomitic limestone was preferred by many builders of the past not only for its abundant supply and easy availability, but also because of the material's durability. In Italy, Spain, France, Germany and England, dolomitic structures built from the 16th to the 17th centuries still survive.

According to Rita Vecchiattini, a scholar from the Università degli Studi di Genova in Italy, "archive documents and empirical datum that dolomitic limestone-based mortars do very well in the test of time" made the material the primary choice of many ancient builders. While the method of constructing and mixing mortar has varied over the years, dolomite remained a primary building material for ancient buildings.

Today, ancient dolomitic structures in the world still stand, attesting to the material's innate strength. One famous example of this is the Saints Peter and Paul Church in Krakow, Poland. Its façade is made of dolomite and features the Baroque style of building. In Jerusalem, dolomitic limestone makes up the face of every building in the city by law. The material has become commonly known as "Jerusalem stone" as it has been used in many of the region's most iconic structures, including the Wailing Wall in the Old City. These structures show that dolomite is capable of withstanding the test of time.





## Manila Bay isn't the first beach to feature dolomite

Located in the northwestern Mediterranean, the French Riviera is a popular tourist spot that is made up of both natural and artificial shorelines. While the space in the original site is quite limited, population boom and tourist demand in the late 20th century led to the development of man-made beaches.

Today the French Riviera is made up of 21.5 percent artificial shorelines serving as tourist beaches, yachting harbors and reclamation fill. These shorelines were created out of fine sand or gravel quarried from limestone, sandstone and dolomite. They not only added space to the French Riviera, but they were also used to upgrade existing natural beaches to make them more attractive to tourists.

According to an article written by the French scholar E.J. Anthony for the Journal of Coastal Research in 1994, the artificial beaches had both pros and cons. On the upside, they did succeed in extending the existing beach length to cater to the rising number of residents and tourists in the area. These man-made shorelines, however, require regular maintenance, which include protective measures and "renourishment" of the shore. These procedures incur high expenses, which have led some to view them as an unnecessary indulgence. The rise of tourism in the area has also led to the increase of water pollution especially during the summer tourist season. ADVERTISEMENT

Nevertheless, Anthony states that "artificial beaches have compensated for less than 1 percent of net loss of natural beaches." Majority of this loss can be attributed to the reclassification of rocky shorelines, as these were upgraded to accommodate yachts and beachgoers. He also states that the "creation of these artificial beaches has allowed for enhancement of the recreational quality of the transformed natural shore."

The Larvotto Beach in Monaco is one of the manmade dolomite beaches that compose the French Riviera.

## Dolomite construction reveal effects on human health

Those who are specifically interested in the effect of dolomite on human health would probably take a look at the use of dolomite in the construction industry for answers. While the material is generally classified as non-toxic, several studies have revealed that some respiratory disorders are associated with exposure to high amounts of dolomite dust.

A study published in the Iranian Red Crescent Medical Journal in 2012 showed that "symptoms such as regular cough, phlegm, wheezing, productive cough and shortness of breath were significantly more prevalent among exposed workers" using dolomite in a dam project. The same study, however, stated that "no significant abnormalities were observed in the chest radiographs of both exposed and non-exposed individuals." These findings suggest that while minor respiratory problems can be caused by dolomite dust, the study could not prove that prolonged exposure to the materials would cause significant illnesses in the long run.

Overall, Manila Bay would probably continue to remain controversial as long as it features dolomite on the beach. Love it or hate it, dolomite is everywhere. More likely than not, you probably have encountered the material before without even realizing it. Only time can tell whether this aggregate would be a benefit or nuisance to Manila. For now, however, it's here to stay.

The Western Wall in Jerusalem is one of the oldest examples of dolomitic buildings still standing



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# Accept Dolomite Beach — an open space in the city

By [Ma. Isabel Ongpin](#) October 22, 2021

WHEN the Dolomite Beach by the [Manila Bay](#) opened to the public, there was a sizeable number of citizens who went to enjoy it. In this city of woefully inadequate public space, where lockdowns have not worked because of the densest housing conditions and where whatever public space there is (ex. [Derham Park](#) in [Pasay City](#) turned into a covered basketball arena called something else so you forget it used to be an open air park), has been transmogrified into something else, Dolomite Beach, whatever its antecedents or maybe because of those very antecedents, is acceptable.

I have some environmentalist credentials, but I am not a purist. If a dolomite beach is offered in this town, I will take it. Yes, I have heard it will be washed away, Manila Bay's garbage will invade it, and it was expensive. If the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR) watches over it, it can keep the erosion at bay. If garbage comes, it can be removed. Meanwhile Manila Bay is being cleaned up, and its toxic qualities are being mitigated. This is the first time political will to do so has been undertaken. See the glass as half full rather than half empty.

My take is that considering the lack of open space, it is a welcome move that the government has made the effort to give something of an open space for the public. Yes, it costs time, effort and taxpayers' money. But the funds had been programmed in the DENR budget for the improvement of Manila Bay and its surroundings. The funds were there for DENR's Manila Bay rehabilitation and cannot be realigned for something else. So, the equation that it can build so many houses, feed a huge number of people, go to the [Department of Education](#) will not work. It was meant for the DENR. And ultimately, people are enjoying Dolomite Beach.

Actually looking around our cities where plazas are being concretized and parks are disappearing, it only sums up that the quality of life is going down. Concreting everything just cuts away the greenery that prevents or controls flooding. Building covered courts in lieu of open space cuts out fresh air, sunshine and the vegetation that comes with it. It is taking place virtually all over the country on the mistaken assumption that it elevates the quality of life and gives something to the public. It does not when it is at the expense of the natural environment which human beings need and thrive on. Construction for construction's sake, especially when it intrudes into open space, does not enhance the environment or people's lives.





Worse, there is the mistaken impulse or horror vacui that seizes our local governments and even national leaders such that when they see an open space, they must construct something on it. Thus, even sidewalks are being taken over for barangay stations or police outposts. Street islands with vegetation are virtually a thing of the past as barangay and cities find whatever excuse to take them over and build on them supposedly for public use. That these now occupied open spaces are still for public use is not an excuse if they are transformed into obstacles to open air and natural vegetation. A glaring example is the Quezon Memorial Circle, which was to be a huge open space with President [Manuel Quezon](#)'s tomb on it (like Grant's Tomb in New York but with more open space). Instead, it has become a built-up somewhat downmarket commercial space or parceled out space for so-called public purposes (usually for flimsy reasons). This is a perversion of the plans and purposes of the past which in truth, are no improvement but a diminishment. It could have been the great big open park of the large city of [Quezon City](#), which badly needs one, but it is now a mere collection of structures that make no sense in terms of aesthetics or even rational use.

The result is that the only open spaces left are private properties maintained by private means. Yet they too are under attack. For example, in case of an earthquake, Wack Golf & Country Club has been designated as an evacuation center because there is no other space in Mandaluyong that can serve as such. Yet some legislators are voicing threats to tax golf clubs out of existence because they view them as enclaves of the rich and the land should be built on. May I say that they are enclaves of Nature, harboring trees and plants and birds that are no longer seen or heard elsewhere in this city. Are we to have a birdless summer like China had decades ago when it went on a rampage of doing away with what it found to be useless — trees, wild vegetation, unused land, animals considered inedible? [The birds](#) disappeared. Aside from golfers who come from every class (look at our professional golfers), there are people whose living wages depend on golf clubs with their various activities. And now they are designated evacuation centers. Let us be rational.

Let us be positive too. It is time that our prosperous cities lead the way by buying private land to put to public use. They can create open space which is badly needed. Maybe someday people who own land can donate it for parks in their wills. I probably will not be here to see that, but it is a thought for the future. In [New York City](#), which has the image of an asphalt and concrete jungle, there is [Central Park](#) which when it was created had some naysayers. But there are also pocket parks in Manhattan that were obviously formerly private lots that someone (either the city purchased, or a donor gave) turned to public space. They are small but adequate open spaces with trees, grass, and the occasional bench that people in buildings that surround them can use during lunch hour or to commune with Nature. One can see the sky and feel the air and look at greenery in the midst of a big city.

If there would be a rational plan for environmental purposes that includes decent low-cost housing, with open spaces and large parks in this country today, our large population would have healthier lives, both physically and mentally. The Dolomite Beach will help even in a small way, even if it is temporary, so let us accept it.



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## DENR HINIHIKAYAT ANG KABATAANG MAG-IPON AT MAGLARO NG “BASURA BUSTER WEB-BASED GAME”



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INIHAYAG ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Undersecretary Benny D. Antiporda na kailangan talaga ang suporta ng mga tao, lalo na ang sektor ng kabataan.

Habang bata pa sila, iparamdam ang pagmamahal at malasakit natin sa kapaligiran at maturuan din sila ng tamang pamamahala ng solid waste management.

Nais ng DENR na mapalaganap ang kamalayan at mahikayat ang publiko na suportahan ang kampanya ng solid waste management campaign na Basura Buster, isang free, web-based game application para sa mga batang may edad na 5 hanggang 8 taon.

Ang application na ito ay pwedeng ma-download sa Android devices sa pamamagitan ng Google Play Store. Ang manlalaro na maaaring makapag-ipon ng puntos sa pamamagitan ng paghihiwalay ng iba't ibang uri ng basura sa paraan ng “educational at entertaining.”

Sa pamamagitan naman ng social media accounts, umaasa ang DENR na maimpluwensyahan ang “behavioral change” sa pamamagitan ng videos ukol sa tamang pangangasiwa at pagtatapon ng basura sa pang-araw-araw na sitwasyon.

Kabilang na rito ang paghihiwalay ng basura, pagdadala ng sariling eating utensils sa restaurants, at pagbebenta ng basura o ang tinatawag na “Pera sa Basura.”

Ang SWM Advocacy campaign ay inilunsad sa pamamagitan ng “blended platform” kasama ang mga opisyal at empleyado ng DENR Central Office, regional at field offices, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Offices, Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices, bureaus at attached agencies.

Nagpahayag din ng suporta sina Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Assistant Secretary for Special Concerns-Local Government Sector Atty. Odilon L. Pasaraba at Mother Earth Foundation chairperson at National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) Alternate Representative of non-government organization Sonia Mendoza.

Dumalo rin dito ang mga representante mula sa NSWMC, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, LGUs, at iba pang stakeholders.



Samantala, bilang bahagi ng Manila Bay rehabilitation, ang DENR-NCR sa pakikipagtulungan ng Basic Environmental Systems and Technologies Inc., ay dadalhin ang katatapos pa lamang ilunsad na Trash to CashBack program sa DENR-NCR field offices sa Metro Manila.

Ang Trash to CashBack program ay naglagay ng drop-off center na tinawag na “My Basurero Eco-Community Center” sa DENR National Ecology Center sa Quezon City kung saan ay maaaring ipagpalit ng publiko ang kanilang “segregated at recyclable waste” para sa environmental points na maaaring maging consumer goods mula sa partner outlets.



# Villar to DENR: Use bamboo to address lumber shortage

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by [Mario Casayuran](#)

Senator Cynthia A. Villar on Thursday October 21 strongly suggested the use of the resilient bamboo in place of lumber which is in short supply in the Philippines.

In today's budget hearing, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu told Villar that the country's lumber production is one million cubic feet per year and imports four million cubic feet of lumber.

Cimatu sought a 2022 P25.29 billion budget for DENR and its attached agencies.

Villar, a businesswoman, said bamboos are sustainable and they grow when there are cut down compared to trees that take years or decades to grow before they are cut to produce lumber.

She pointed out that trees are for reforestation and are meant "to protect our lands."

Villar advised Cimatu to plant bamboos in nationally-declared protected areas because they are watched by the population and members of Congress who declare them protected areas.

Members of Congress also take an interest in DENR's forest reforestation projects through its National Greening Program (NGP) that costs P3.6 billion.

Cimatu agreed by saying the DENR would increase its quota for bamboo planting.

Villar stressed the importance of DENR protecting 7.7 million hectares out of the government-owned 30 million hectares as its share in environmental protection.

Cimatu said scientific studies show that the Philippines incurs P177 billion in losses due to typhoons and earthquakes every year.

Global warming is caused by human activities through the years.

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## Villar seeks realignment of Nat'l Greening Program budget to increase funding for protected areas

By HANA BORDEY, GMA News

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Senator Cynthia Villar on Thursday chided the officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) over the small budget allocation for the management of protected areas across the country.

She told the DENR officials to realign the budget of the National Greening Program (NGP) to augment the budget for the protected areas, which only got P1.2 billion for 2022.

“Di ba pinag-usapan na namin ni Sec. [Roy] Cimatu na yung NGP dadalhin dyan sa protected area para hindi na nakukuwestyon ng Senate kasi palagi yang kina-cut ng Senate kasi hindi nila malaman kung saan niyo dinadala yang NGP na yan,” Villar said at a Senate budget hearing.

(I already discussed that with Sec. Cimatu. Reallocate the NGP funding to the protected areas so that it won't be questioned by the Senate because there is always a proposal to cut that in the Senate because they don't know where the funds are going.)

According to Villar, there are 107 legislated protected areas (PAs) consisting of 4.4 million hectares while the proclaimed PAs measure around 1.1 million hectares. The rest are classified as initial components covering 2.2 million hectares.

“Ito yung kailangan i-protect, just [by] the figure, masyadong maliit. Samantalang iyun yung dineclare natin by legislation at saka presidential proclamation na dapat i-protect talaga e di ba dapat malaking budget ng DENR pumunta doon?” she said.

(This is what you need to protect, just by the figure, you can see that this is a meager allocation. Shouldn't the DENR allocate higher funding for those that were declared by legislation and presidential proclamation as protected areas?)

“Sinabi ko na yan sa kanila, di pa rin nila binago budget nila.”

(I already told them about this concern but they did not change their proposed budget.)

In response, Cimatu explained that a third of the P3.6-billion budget for the NGP would go to the protected areas.

But his justification was not accepted by Villar as she pointed out that the DENR has a separate allocation for the protected areas.

“Paano magiging goes to the protected areas, nilagay mo sa protected areas P1.2 billion e kasama doon yung overhead...kasama yung mga empleyado, maglilinis, magtatanim,” she said.

(How come that a part will go to the protected areas? You have allocated only P1.2 billion for the protected areas which included the overhead or the funding for the employees, the workers, and the others.)



“Sana binigay mo na yung greening na yun sa protected areas nang lumaki yung budget ng protected...yun lang ang gusto ko,” she added.

(You should have allocated the budget for greening to the protected areas to increase its funding. That's what I wanted to happen.)

In November last year, Senator Panfilo Lacson [questioned the implementation of the NGP](#) after Typhoon Ulysses caused flooding in low-lying areas across the country. — **VBL, GMA News**



# DENR seeks greater cooperation in proper disposal of pandemic materials and other medical wastes

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by [Mario Casayuran](#)

Senator Cynthia A. Villar strongly suggested that medical wastes in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic could be solved by local government units (LGUs) who would purchase equipment instead of allowing them to be collected by garbage collectors for eventual disposal.

Villar made the suggestion when her Senate finance sub-committee 'B' looked into the proposed 2022 P25.2 billion budget of the Department of Environment and Natural Sources (DENR).

Garbage collectors might get infected if they handle suspected hazardous wastes, she pointed out.

DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said they are tracking all permits issued on the treatment, storage and disposal of medical wastes.

He said they are also studying responses on on-site treatment of medical facilities and have met with the Department of Health (DOH), Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and LGUs on what kind of treatment and disposal is efficient.

Antiporda said they have encouraged barangays to come up with special areas for "yellow" bins where medical wastes such as face masks, face shields and other household wastes would be placed.

These bins would contain suspected hazardous wastes, he added.

During the budget hearing, Senator Francis Tolentino asked DENR officials how syringes, needles and bottles used in the government's vaccination program are disposed of.

When the DENR replied that some of the wastes were treated on site using chemicals while others were brought to treatment facilities where they were placed on a special cell on sanitary landfills, Tolentino pointed out that he has yet to encounter a facility that would treat all of the three items of bio-medical wastes at the same time.

"If we will reach herd immunity of 70 million Filipinos vaccinated, we will need 140 million needles. If we will add another booster, that would total to 210 million needles, some of which would be infected. Perhaps, we can have a discussion on the disposal of these wastes and the corresponding budget before the plenary," Tolentino said.



# Where do millions of vax syringes, vials go, senators ask DENR

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The millions of COVID-19 vaccine shots administered to Filipinos mean millions of syringes and vials turning into wastes.

And, the possibility of booster jabs arriving in the coming months could spell additional tons of wastes. But, where do these used syringes go?

“Lumalabas po na tatlong uri lang ito: Una yung karayom, pangalawa yung heringilya, pangatlo po ‘yung maliit na bote na pinanggalingan ng bakuna,” Senator Francis Tolentino said on Thursday’s briefing at the Senate on the proposed 2022 budget of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The senator said he has yet to see any facility that manages proper disposal of used COVID-19 items, citing that these are regarded as “biomedical waste.”

Senator Cynthia Villar urged the DENR to look into its role in regulating and helping in the disposal of medical wastes used to treat COVID-19.

Tolentino said the DENR must have clear guidelines on the proper disposal of used COVID-19 paraphernalia to ensure the population's health is not put in peril .

"If we will add another booster, which was approved by the US-FDA yesterday, that would total to 210 million needles, syringes, and small bottles, saan po itatambak yung 210 million needles, syringes, and small bottles?" he said.

DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said the used COVID-19 materials coming from the hospitals are being segregated and treated on-site using chemicals before they are brought to treatment storages and disposal facilities.

The government earlier said there are around 24 million Filipinos fully vaccinated against COVID-19.—**Richa Noriega/LDF, GMA News**



# DENR inatasang maglatag ng programa ukol sa medical waste

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Inatasan ng mga mambabatas ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na maglatag ng malinaw na guidelines o panuntunan sa tamang pagtatapon ng mga medical waste na dala ng COVID-19 pandemic.

Sa pagtatanong ni Sen. Francis Tolentino, ikinabahala nito ang medical waste na hindi aniya maayos na naitatapon ng ilang local government units na nagsasagawa ng vaccination kontra COVID-19.

Sabi pa ni Tolentino, tinatayang mahigit 200 milyong vials, syringes at karayom na ginamit sa bakunahan ang maiipon sa nagpapatuloy na pagbabakuna kontra COVID-19.

Ayon sa DENR, may mga inilabas nang guidelines ang ahensiya patungkol dito.

“We have already guidelines with DILG that they have to place proper management coming from the vaccines,” ani DENR Usec. William Cuñado.

Pero ayon sa mga mambabatas, mukhang hindi nasusunod ng maayos ang medical waste disposal sa bansa dahil may mga tambak ng basura sa ibang mga LGUs, gaya na lang ayon kay Tolentino sa ilang parte ng Cavite.

Una nang sinabi ni DENR Usec. Benny Antiporda na inaaral na rin ng ahensiya ang treatment sa medical waste sa mga LGU.

Suhestiyon ni Senador Cynthia Villar, pag-aralan din ng DENR kung maaaring ipaubaya na sa mga barangay ang pagkakaroon ng sarili nilang treatment facility para sa mga medical waste sa halip na ipahakot pa ang mga ito sa mga basurero.

Kalimitan aniyang inihahalo lang sa ibang basura ang kinokolektang medical waste.

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# Malaking pondo para sa overhead ng mga kawani ng DENR, kinuwestiyon sa Senado

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MANILA - Ginisa sa budget deliberation ng Subcommittee ng Senate Committee on Finance ang mga opisyal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na humihirit ng mahigit P25.5 bilyon na budget para sa taong 2022.

Inusisa ni Senator Cynthia Villar ang panukalang pondo ng ahensiya para sa kanilang capital outlay at overhead cost na umaabot sa P17. 6 bilyon, o mahigit pa sa 50 porsiyento ng total budget ng DENR.

Sabi ni Villar, dapat ay hindi lalagpas sa kalahati ng kabuuang budget ng isang ahensiya ng gobyerno ang nailalaan para sa capital outlay.

Sa ulat ng DENR, lumalabas na maglalaan ito ng P9 bilyon para sa overhead cost ng kanilang mga tauhan o 38 porsiyento ng kanilang panukalang budget, P3 bilyon para sa maintenance and other operating expenses o MOOE, at P5.6 bilyon na capital outlay.

Paliwanag ni Villar, kung ganito ang latag ng pondo ng DENR, lumalabas na wala nang matitira para sa mga proyekto ng ahensiya.

"When you say capital outlay, it's for the office, not for the project. Sinabi sa akin ng DBM, 50 percent should be for PS and MOOE and capital outlay for your overhead, and then 50 percent should go for projects," ani Villar.

"Kaya huwag mong sabihin na 17.5 'to kasi that is way beyond the 50 percent. Kasi minsan, ginugulo n'yo eh para malito kami. Ako, gusto ko lang malaman sa overhead n'yo, magkano yung ibibigay n'yong project sa mga tao."

Sagot naman ng ahensya, ang overhead ng ahensiya ay paglalaanan ng P4.8 bilyon.

"Madam Chair, ang talagang capital outlay lang po for overhead which consist of the building, office equipment is P4.8 bilyon (24 percent lang po of the total)" paliwanag nito.

Pero hindi ito kinagat ni Villar at sinabing kung masusunod ang panukalang budget ng DENR, halos walang nakalaang budget para sa mga proyekto ng ahensiya.

"Ngayon lang ako nakakita ng ganiyang office na almost 75 percent ang overhead. Fair ba yun? 75 percent of your money will go to your overhead and then 25 percent na lang sa project? Ano ba yun?"

"Hindi ba kayo naawa sa mga tao?... Sinasabi n'yo na very important ang resiliency, eh ba't 75 percent of your money ilalagay n'yo sa overhead?" ani Villar

Ayon sa senadora, matagal na niyang sinabihan ang DENR na ayusin ang kanilang mga programa at paglaanan ng ito pondo para hindi mahirap na ipaliwanag ang hirit na budget pagdating sa plenaryo.

Nais ng mambabatas na dalhin na lang ng DENR sa mga programa para sa protected areas ng bansa ang malaking bahagi ng pondo nito.

"Di ba, pinag-usapan na namin ni Secretary Cimatú na yung NGP (National Greening Program), dadalhin d'yan sa protected area para hindi na yan nakukuwestiyon ng Senate, kasi hindi nila malaman kung saan n'yo dinadala 'yang NGP na 'yan. So pinag-usapan namin ni Sec. Cimatú, para hindi tayo ma-question sa plenary, dalhin na lang yan sa protected area."



"Ang ibinigay 'nyo lang sa protected area is P1.2 bilyon. Ang NGP n'yo rin eh P3.1 bilyon, na hindi n'yo dinala sa protected area. Eh, ayusin n'yo 'yan, kasi I cannot agree to that," sabi ni Villar.

## **DENR BILANG PRODUCER NG LUMBER SA BANSA?**

Kinuwestiyon din ng mga mambabatas ang isang programa ng DENR na mag-produce ng mga lumber para sa pangangailangan ng bansa.

Sabi ni DENR Sec. Roy Cimatu, bahagi ng National Greening Program ang pagpapataas sa pagtanim ng mas maraming puno para sa pangangailangan ng bansa sa supply ng lumber.

"I also saw these issues, in this budget, nandito po yung aking thinking... The goal of NGP ay dalawa: first is to increase the forest cover, then the other is to produce our own lumber. Our own lumber requirement is about 5 million cubic meters per year. So kailangan mag-increase din tayo ng forest cover, mag-increase din tayo ng pagtanim para sa lumber natin," aniya.

Ayon kay Sen. Nancy Binay, hindi magandang marinig na ang DENR ang nasa likod pa ng pagbebenta ng mga lumber sa mga negosyante.

"Hindi maganda na naririnig from DENR na iniintindi nila yung pagbebenta ng lumber. Hindi ho ba dapat mas mag-concentrate tayo kung papaano madadagdagan yun forest cover natin to protect the protected areas, but not for business or to supply yung need for lumber?" dagdag pa niya.

Suhestiyon ni Villar, sa halip na puno ang gamiting mga lumber, mas makabubuti kung pagtanim ng mga kawayan o bamboo ang pagtutuunan ng DENR.

"Ang DENR is for reforestation. They are not meant to be cut. They are meant to protect our land. That's my idea. If I am a businessman, I will make my own plantation of lumber. Yung DENR, hindi n'yo dapat pinaka-cut yung bini-build na forest land. Bawal yun eh," sabi ni Villar.



## DENR, ginisa sa budget hearing

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Sinita ni Sen. Cynthia Villar ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa kanilang budget hearing Oct. 21 kung bakit umabot sa higit 50% ng kanilang hinihinging budget ang mapupunta sa overhead expenses gaya ng pasweldo sa mga empleyado (personnel)

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# SC affirms CA's 2013 ruling on P14-B reclamation project along Manila Bay

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Supreme Court

The Supreme Court (SC) has affirmed the 2013 Court of Appeals (CA) decision which denied the plea of Sen. Cynthia A. Villar and more than 315,000 residents against the P14-billion project that would reclaim 635 hectares of land from the Manila Bay coastline in Las Pinas City, Paranaque City, and Bacoor City in Cavite.

In a full court decision made public on Thursday, Oct. 21, and written by Associate Justice Rosmari D. Carandang, the SC denied Villar and the residents' petition against the CA's ruling as it, in effect, allowed the reclamation project.

The SC ruled:

“WHEREFORE, the petition is DENIED. The Decision dated April 26, 2013 and the Resolution dated August 14, 2013 of the Court of Appeals in CA-G.R. SP. No. 00014, which denied the petition for writ of kalikasan, are AFFIRMED. SO ORDERED.”

In denying Villar and the residents' plea for a Writ of Kalikasan – a legal remedy for the protection of the citizens' right to a healthy environment – the CA said in 2013:

“No credible, competent, and reliable evidence had been presented to support the allegations that the proposed coastal bay project would cause environmental damage of such magnitude as to prejudice the lives, health or properties of the residents of Paranaque and Las Pinas. These apprehensions had been disproved by objective, expert and scientific studies of reputable entities with vast international experience.”

When their motion for reconsideration was denied by the CA, Villar and the residents elevated the issue before the SC.

They expressed doubts whether the CA considered extensively and in the proper context the fundamental right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology.

They said the implementation of the coastal bay project would “impinge on the viability and sustainability of the Las Pinas-Paranaque Critical Habitat and Eco-Tourism Area (LPPCHEA).

They pointed out that the LPPCHEA serves as a sanctuary to migratory bird species from as far as Siberia and has been declared as a critical habitat in 2007 by Proclamation Nos. 1412 and 1412-A.



At the same time, they reiterated that the proposed coastal bay project will cause environmental damage of such magnitude, as to prejudice the life, health or property of residents of the three cities.

But the SC did not agree with Villar and the residents' allegations that the issuance of the environmental certificate compliance (ECC) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) was marred with irregularities such as the use of improper form of assessment study, lack of public hearing and consultation and absence of a project alternative.

"Unfortunately, while petitioners raised alleged irregularities in the issuance of the ECC... these are not material and necessary due to the nature of the proposed project. Therefore, no compelling reason was presented to warrant the intervention of the Court," the SC said. It said that contrary to the claim of Villar and the residents, Alltech Contractors, Inc. which submitted the unsolicited proposal for the reclamation project complied with the proper form of study required for the proposed project.

It also said that there was no grave abuse of discretion on the part of the DENR in requiring Alltech to file an Environmental Performance and Management Plan (EPRMP) which sufficiently addressed environmental concerns of the government.

"It is within the sphere of the technical knowledge and expertise of the DENR-EMB, and not the Court nor the project proponent, to determine the appropriate EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) report to submit for a particular project," the SC said.

At the same time, the SC belied the claim that no public hearing was conducted for the proposed project.

It noted that Alltech held a consultation on Nov. 25, 2010 with representatives of concerned sectors such as the cities of Paranaque and Las Pinas, Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), the EIA consultants, case handler and review committee.

It also noted that stakeholders in the direct and indirect impact areas of the proposed project such as the Department of Tourism, the Partnerships for the Environmental Management of the Sea of Asia, and the United Cooperative Association of the Bulungan Fish Landing Site/Fishennan's Wharf participated during the public consultation.

The SC also said:

"While Villar's intention in taking a proactive role in advancing her constituents' right to a balanced and healthful ecology is laudable, the Court cannot simply apply the extraordinary remedy of a Writ of Kalikasan to all environmental issues elevated to Us.

"The writ of kalikasan is not a remedy that may be availed when there is no actual threat or when the imminence of danger is not apparent to justify judicial intervention. To Our mind, the writ of kalikasan should only be availed in extraordinary circumstances that require the immediate attention of the Court and cannot be arbitrarily invoked when remedies are available in administrative agencies to properly address and resolve concerns involving protection of ecological rights.

"In the present case, We find no reason to apply the precautionary principle to favor Villar as the proponent had sought the assistance of experts to allay the concerns of stakeholders who will be affected by the implementation of the proposed project.



“As explained by the CA, the threat was not established and the volumes of data generated by objective and expert analyses ruled out the scientific uncertainty of the nature and scope of the anticipated threat.

“Lastly, while the Court acknowledges the international responsibilities of the Philippines, as a Contracting Party of the Convention on Wetlands, for the wise use of all designated wetlands of international importance in the country, this does not mean that a reclamation project alongside or adjacent a designated wetland is absolutely prohibited.

“It is clear that the classification of an area as a wetland of international importance does not diminish the control the government exercises over the wetlands and adjacent areas within its territory. The government may continue to utilize these areas as it may deem beneficial for all its stakeholders.

“Here, the government, through the DENR, found Alltech’s proposal and studies conducted sufficient to allay the concerns of the stakeholders.”



## DENR teams up with LGUs, C-Joy Poultry for Tigiro River rehabilitation

BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA OCTOBER 20, 2021

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Calabarzon has recently formalized its partnership with concerned local government units (LGUs) and C-Joy Poultry Meat Production Inc. for the protection and rehabilitation of the Tigiro River.

The partnership agreement under the Adopt-A-River program of the DENR was signed by DENR-Calabarzon Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tadoria, DENR-Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Calabarzon, C-Joy Poultry Meat Production Inc. and LGUs of Barangay Sta. Teresita in Santo Tomas City and Barangays Plaridel, Lumbang and San Lucas in Lipa City.

It covers the protection, rehabilitation and safeguarding of a 4-kilometer portion of Tigiro River that is connected to San Juan River.

The private sector has agreed to lead the conduct of river cleanup activities in the area during environmental celebrations and the conduct of information drives regarding the importance of riverbank stabilization and river protection.

They will coordinate with the barangay LGUs and landowners on the stabilization of the riverbanks and improvement of the river's water quality. They will be the one to provide tree guards and quality bamboo planting materials and other suitable forest tree species, participate in tree planting activities in the area, and ensure the survival of bamboo and trees planted.

The barangay LGUs will lead the site preparation, pass and implement an ordinance for the protection of the newly planted trees from stray animals and other man-made destruction, work with the private sector in ensuring the survival of the bamboo and trees planted, actively participate in all other activities for the protection, conservation and development of the river, and endeavor to relocate the informal settlers along the riverbank by informing the proper agency that has jurisdiction on the matter.

Tadoria highlighted the important roles of the LGUs in the initiative and emphasized the need to work hand-in-hand with the concerned stakeholders for the overall success of the program. "At the end of the day, *ang* local government units *ang naiiwan sa* area. *Sila ang nandoon 24/7 kaya po kami sa* national government agency, *nandito po ang aming* mandates, *pero ang* success *ng* effort *natin* for the protection and conservation of the environment lies *sa pagtutulong-tulong po nating lahat*," he said.

The DENR-Calabarzon through the Regional EMB and Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices concerned are responsible for the provision of technical assistance in riverbank stabilization, capacity building, and all other activities pertaining to the rehabilitation, protection, conservation, and management of Tigiro River.

Though the agreement encompasses four barangays, Tadoria said the department "knows no boundaries in implementing its mandate."

He also said the agreement is a step toward sustainable development.

The agreement, which will be in force for one year, may be renewed by the parties.

Source: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/10/20/denr-teams-up-with-lgus-c-joy-poultry-for-tigiro-river-rehabilitation/>



## Welcome visitors! Healthy ecosystem of Sarangani Bay lures rough-toothed dolphins

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Columnist

A pod of rough toothed dolphins were sighted in the coastal area of Glan in Sarangani province feeding on squid, which is aplenty in Sarangani Bay. The 10 mammals are just a few of ‘visitors’ in the bay, an indication of its ‘still healthy state’ largely because it has been proclaimed a protected area.

A pod of rough toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*)—considered the smallest of their breed—were sighted feeding on squid in Sarangani Bay by monitoring teams, the first since 2019.

The bay straddles six Sarangani towns and General Santos City, which was proclaimed a protected seascape 25 years ago through a presidential proclamation issued by then President Fidel Ramos, to conserve its marine resources for the benefit of future generations. It is home to several species of fish, sea turtles, corals, seagrasses and mangroves. Whales and dolphins have been feeding in the protected seascape but the sighting is said to be the first in two years, according to an Inquirer report.

The bay straddles the towns of Glan, Malapatan, Alabel, Maasim, Kiamba and Maitum in Sarangani province, and the chartered city of General Santos.

The 10 mammals wee spotted feeding on squid, which is aplenty in the bay, by the Protected Area Management Office of Sarangani Bay Protected Seascape headed by Joy Ologuin during a recent marine mammal monitoring. Ologuin said the dolphins were feeding on squid in the coastal waters of Glan.

The monitoring team included personnel from the Pamo-SBPS, Sarangani Environmental Conservation and Protection Center, the local government of General Santos City, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Soccsksargen (South Cotabato, Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani and General Santos) region.

Least concern status

The rough-toothed dolphins, classified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature with a “least concern” status, thrive on squid, fish, and mollusk. The specie is found throughout the world in tropical and warmer temperate waters, according to the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Noaa).

These small members of the dolphin family usually travel in small, tight-knit groups of two to 20 individuals. Their common name was based on the ridges found on their teeth, which are unique to this species.



According to the NOAA, rough-toothed dolphins are relatively small compared to other dolphins. They can reach up to 2.59 meters (8.5 feet) in length and weigh about 160 kilograms.

Ologuin said the monitoring team in the past few years recorded hundreds of whales and other species of dolphins, like spinner and Risso's dolphins, thriving across Sarangani Bay.

#### Healthy ecosystem

"The sightings of the marine mammals indicate that the ecosystem of the bay is still healthy. These fishes keep on coming back. It's also probable that some of them are already residents of the bay," she told the Inquirer earlier.

Ologuin stressed, however, that the garbage problem, including single-use plastics, is a growing threat to marine life across the bay.

"The floating plastic garbage poses a threat to fishes present in Sarangani Bay, as they could mistake these ... [for] food," she said, urging the public to responsibly dispose of their trash so they would not end up in the ocean.

Records from the Pamo-SBPS show that the bay hosts a rich biodiversity of fish, sea turtles, corals, seagrasses and mangroves. It is home to threatened species, such as dugong, mameng (Napoleon wrasse) and four kinds of marine turtles (hawksbill, olive ridley, loggerhead and green sea turtle). Across the bay are at least 411 reef species.

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## Reticulated Python retrieved in Zamboanga Sibugay town



ZAMBOANGA. Personnel of the Zamboanga Sibugay Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (Penro) together with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro)-Imelda retrieve a Reticulated Python Wednesday, October 20, in Diplahan town. A photo handout shows the python that was taken to the wildlife holding facility of Penro Zamboanga Sibugay before its release back to the wild. (SunStar Zamboanga)

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THE Zamboanga Sibugay Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (Penro) together with the personnel of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro)-Imelda retrieved Wednesday, October 20, 2021, a Reticulated Python in Diplahan town in that province.

Rosevirico Tan, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) information officer, said the python was retrieved at Purok Sun Flower in Guinoman village, Diplahan.

Tan said Wendelyn Bation, a resident of Guinoman village, turned over the Reticulated Python to DENR personnel.

He said initial assessment of DENR personnel reveals that the snake has a small wound on its upper lip and weighs 12.892 kilograms with a length of 2.58 meters.

He said the snake is temporarily kept in the Wildlife Holding Facility of Penro Sibugay for further assessment and recovery.

He said the International Union for Conservation of Nature or IUCN categorized Reticulated Python as Least Concern but must be protected as it provides natural pest control service that keeps our delicate ecosystem balance.

The DENR reminded the public that harming or keeping wildlife species without a permit is a violation of Republic Act 9147 otherwise known as the Wildlife Resource Conservation and Protection Act. (SunStar Zamboanga)

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## Migratory birds

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The DENR CENRO Calaca Conservation and Development Section team conducts monitoring of migratory birds found in several barangays in Batangas including Brgy. San Diego in Lian; and Brgy. Alas-as in San Nicholas. PAMO-TVPL





# River, mountain resort operators urged to hire lifeguards, watchmen

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OPERATORS of river and mountain resorts in Eastern Visayas were urged to employ at least two lifeguards and watchmen following the recent flashflood that swept away three individuals swimming in Tinubdan Falls, Catmon, Cebu.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Eastern Visayas Regional Director Tirso Parian said their agency “is responsible in regulating the use of water resources and constraining the negative impacts of resort operations to our environment.”

In a letter addressed to municipal mayors in the region, the DENR official suggested that the life guards and watchmen “will monitor the prevailing weather condition in the locality.”

According to Parian, these personnel should be equipped with devices that will warn the visitors of impending danger and should be responsible in bringing them to safety.

“This is done by requiring them to secure water permits in compliance with Presidential Decree 1067 or the Water Code of the Philippines and comply with the provisions of Environmental Compliance Certificate,” he said.

Meanwhile, Parian maintained that resort owners should be required to display safety reminders for their visitors in visible areas at all times.

He added that strict monitoring of the resort’s compliance to safety measures should be done regularly.

“While the Department focuses on the environmental aspect of resort operations, we enjoin the local government units in securing the lives and safety of individuals amidst natural calamities such as the flashflood that occurred recently,” Parian said.

“The wrath of Mother Nature is powerful and devastating to human lives. What happened in Catmon, Cebu may also happen in our own locality. Let’s be mindful of our safety and always take extra precautions,” he added. **(SunStar Philippines)**



## NegOcc's coastal wetlands protection initiative cited

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**BACOLOD CITY** – Coinciding with the fifth anniversary of the Negros Occidental Coastal Wetlands Conservation Area (NOCWCA) on Wednesday, the provincial government here received honors for its community-based approach in managing coastal resources across 10 localities in the southern part of the province.

The Negros Occidental Coastal Wetlands Area Management Alliance (NOCWAMA), with its entry titled “Network of Alliances for Coastal Wetlands Conservation”, was named one of the Top 10 winners in this year’s Galing Pook Awards, which recognizes innovative practices by local government units (LGUs).

“Thank you for this recognition. It is interesting and significant to note that today also marks the fifth year of the declaration of the NOCWCA as a Ramsar site. I share this award with all the LGU-members of the NOCWAMA,” Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson said in his message during the virtual awarding rites held on Wednesday afternoon.

“The concern for our environment is a problem of global proportion, but reducing its adverse impact must be done locally. This honor will definitely inspire and encourage us together with all the stakeholders to do better and do more in terms of environmental governance,” he added.

The NOCWAMA is comprised of local governments, coastal villages, people’s organizations, fisheries, and aquatic management resources councils, and community-based environment law enforcement units in the cities of Bago, Himamaylan, and Kabankalan as well as in the municipalities of Pulupandan, Valladolid, San Enrique, Pontevedra, Hinigaran, Binalbagan, and Ilog.

Located across these localities is the NOCWCA, a contiguous wetlands area with a coastline of 109.52 kilometers, spanning 52 coastal barangays.

On Oct. 20, 2016, the NOCWCA was declared as the seventh Ramsar site (wetland of international importance) in the Philippines.

“Among the Ramsar sites in the Philippines, this is the only [one] that is locally-managed with network of alliances and local conservation areas. The biggest impact is on the community that live in this area. They have added income because of the conservation efforts. There has also been a reduction in the cutting of mangroves,” Lacson said.

According to the Provincial Environment Management Office, the NOCWCA serves as a



According to the Provincial Environment Management Office, the NOCWCA serves as a habitat of globally-threatened species, extensive mangroves, and mudflats that serve as feeding grounds of thousands of migratory birds.

The area's high biodiversity also supports the livelihood of coastal communities and serves as a major food source for Negros Occidental.

Some 80 bird species were recorded in the NOCWCA, including the globally endangered Great knot, Far Eastern curlew, and Nordmann's greenshank; the threatened species such as Irrawaddy dolphin and three species of marine turtles; the critically-endangered Hawksbill turtle; and the endangered Green turtle and Olive ridley turtle.

The 2021 Galing Pook Awards is presented by the Galing Pook Foundation, Department of the Interior and Local Government-Local Government Academy, and SM Prime Holdings. **(PNA)**

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# Silang, Cavite residents decry cutting of 68 trees for a road widening project

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SILANG, Cavite – Some residents are decrying the cutting of 68 trees along Silang-Aguinaldo Highway for a road widening project.

On Oct. 18, a resident started an online signature campaign against the initiative.

“There are approximately 60+ trees to be cut down due to impending road widening along Silang – Aguinaldo Highway. This is to give way to cars and the influx of more cars once CALAX (Cavite–Laguna Expressway) is opened,” the Change.org petition said.

“With the urgent calls for action to combat climate change, why is our Government not heeding the call? And why do they always focus on giving priority to the minority of Filipinos who own a car?”

As of Oct. 21, a total of 558 people have signed the petition.

In a Facebook post on Oct. 19, Mayor Corie Poblete expressed that she is also saddened that the trees had to be cut down.

According to her, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) coordinated with the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) regarding the matter.

Upon reviewing the policies and checking the situation on the ground, it has been decided that the tree-cutting needs to push through to avoid road damage from roots and accidents from branches.



# ELEVENTH HOUR: Development and environment protection are not mutually exclusive

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by [Climate Reality Project Philippines](#)

For the past four months, the City of Gentle People has been getting more media attention than usual because of the controversial 174-hectare reclamation project that was dubbed as a “monumental ecological disaster.”

It gained media coverage on July 11, 2021 after a local news outlet reported that the Dumaguete City Council had already passed a resolution granting the city mayor authority to sign the venture agreement with the contractor—giving the P23-billion project a green light. Since then, the project has gained opposition from scientists, experts, professionals, fisherfolk, and even ordinary citizens.

On Sept. 10, Dumaguete City Mayor Ipe Remollo withdrew his request to the City Council to grant him authority to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with E.M. Cuerpo, the winning bidder of the controversial project. He noted, however, that the request is without prejudice “to pursue the city’s applications for pertinent permits with the Philippine Reclamation Authority and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources relative to the Smart City project at the proper time.”

To date, the #NoTo174 silent protests every Friday are still religiously attended by people from all walks of life.

## Development vs. environment

In a pandemic-stricken economy, the officials of the third-class city explored the reclamation project as a means of economic advancement. Remollo mentioned in a television interview that the project will be “sustainable and a solution to the poverty of the people of Dumaguete and Negros Oriental.”

The reclamation, referred to as the “Smart City,” will be 5G-ready with a coastal wastewater treatment facility, shoreline, slope and water protection, esplanade, marina, modern ferry port, and open area for sports facility, hospital, and a city administration hub.

Remollo reiterated in his information drives that the project will provide job opportunities for the Dumagueteños. He also mentioned that the project will decongest the city, ease the traffic, and the wastewater treatment facility will address the toxic boulevard waters.

All these, however, are at the expense of the environment—especially the city’s marine life. Primarily a coastal university town, Dumaguete has established four marine protected areas in barangays Bantayan, Lo-oc, Mangnao, and Banilad—all of which will be affected by the reclamation.

STEWARDS, a marine conservation organization in the city, did a simulated overlay of the marine habitats in Dumaguete’s coast in contrast with the magnitude of the destruction of the proposed reclamation. They found that the city’s coast houses 57.80 ha of seagrass, 59.76 ha of corals, and 38.10 ha of mangroves. The reclamation will cause the loss of 62.5 percent of seagrass (equivalent to 36.15 ha), and 60.58 percent of corals (36.20 ha).

This projected loss is significant, especially to the 994 Dumagueteño fisherfolk and the 38,342 residents of the eight coastal barangays in the city who depend on fish for sustenance and livelihood.



(Photo Credit: Statement of Support to the Opposition Against the Proposed 174 Hectares Dumaguete Reclamation)

### Remollo's city development plan

Remollo's master plan for Dumaguete in 2017 was to expand the development of the city upland with the construction of a double highway from the city's civic center to encourage inclusive barangay development and create a one-stop-shop for efficiency and sharing of amenities.

He also planned for economic sustainability and equitable distribution of wealth among the people. In this regard, the city will transfer the central market to a "more spacious, better-parking location, and traversing the new diversion road, in Brgy. Batinguel." Moreover, the present public market will be "converted into a central market mall, with a convention venue on the second floor."

For environmental viability, the administration initiated a materials recovery facility (MRF) for waste segregation and economic recycling of reusable and disposed items.

The 174-ha reclamation project is nowhere in these plans. Precisely because it came as an unsolicited proposal to the city local government.

Globally acclaimed urban Planner Architect Paulo Alcazaren, who was responsible for Iloilo's esplanade, even questioned the project. He asked, "What happened to that [2017] plan? Why are we focusing on the reclamation that is more expensive?"

"It's cheaper to improve Internet [capabilities] than to reclaim land and pay the price [of environmental degradation]," he said.

For a university town, a cradle of academics and scientists, the city had a lot of opportunities to consult experts on the matter. However, as displayed in the case when STEWARDS presented themselves to observe the environmental survey conducted by EnviComm, the organization tapped by the city to survey the state of the marine life in the city, the local government showed very little to no cooperation nor appreciation to the measures of its constituents.

### Politics of it all

Remollo is seeking re-election this 2022. With this element added into the mix, we are in for a roller coaster ride for the next 200 days or so. As local journalist Raffy Cabristante would have it, "So the mayoral race in Dumaguete is, in a way, a referendum on the 174 [project]. Whoever wins as mayor also reflects the people's sentiment on 174."

As elections draw near, it's important to scrutinize leaders and determine their values and non-negotiables. Especially in this time when we are in a race to curb the effects of the climate crisis, we have no room to impose more environmental damage than we already have.



As the case for now, the 174-ha project remains to be a potential disaster waiting to threaten the livelihood of Dumagueteños, wreak havoc on the marine ecosystems, and ultimately cause irreversible environmental damage that will backfire to the people.

The cry of the people who oppose the project is simple: anti-urbanization, especially one that is unsolicited, is not anti-development. You cannot put the environment against development because there is no true development that is not environmentally sound. Genuine sustainable development is reliant on making the environment more livable for everybody—and any true leader would understand this.



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## Kagawad, 4 pa nasukol sa quarrying

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Pinosasan ang limang kalalakihan, kabilang ang isang kagawad, matapos mahuli sa aktong gumagawa ng illegal quarrying sa kahabaan ng Aringay River, Tubao, La Union kamakalawa ng gabi.

Kinilala ng Aringay Police Station (APS) ang mga suspek na sina Irzo Mapalo, 50, barangay kagawad at operator ng dump truck; Lito Orenca, 40, pay loader operator; Sammy Laconsay, 50, backhoe operator; Rolly Salvatiera, 37, driver ng isa pang dump truck, at Michael Orenca, 39, helper.

Sa report ng APS, bago ang pag-aresto sa mga suspek, may tumawag sa telepono sa himpilan ng pulis at nagsumbong na mayroong gumagawa ng illegal quarrying sa Aringay River.

Agad na nagresponde ang awtoridad at binulaga ang mga suspek na nasa aktong kumukuha ng buhangin sa nasabing ilog nang walang kaukulang permit galing sa local government unit ng Aringay.

Matatandaan na nag-isyu ang La Union provincial government ng kautusan sa pagbabawal sa illegal quarry operations sa kahabaan ng Aringay River nito lang Setyembre 23.

Nabatid na dinala na ang mga suspek sa APS at sasampahan na ng kaukulang kaso.





# Environmental group calls on public to compost, cut landfill waste

Jasmin Romero, ABS-CBN News

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MANILA - Many households do not give a second look at the waste coming from their kitchens — leftovers are either recycled and turned into a new meal, fed to pets, or thrown in the trash bin along with fruits and vegetable scraps and peels.

But for environmentalists, people can begin composting at home, instead of throwing and letting their kitchen waste end up in landfills.

According to Mother Earth Foundation Project Manager Shelley Carbonel-Mentoya, this is a “process of biological decomposition of organic matter to form humus-like material,” which can be used as soil conditioner.

Citing studies from the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, kitchen waste comprises 45% or nearly half of total waste being generated, followed by paper (17%), recyclable plastic (16%) and garden waste (7%).

“Organic waste in landfills generate methane -- ito yung mga sinasabing potent na greenhouse gas. By composting, nare-reduce ang emission ng methane gas,” she said.

(Organic waste in landfills generate methane, said to be a potent greenhouse gas. By composting, you reduce methane gas emission.)

Composting also saves on disposal costs, reduces the need for chemical fertilizer, and encourages home gardening.

Carbonel-Mentoya said composting is being done already in various areas using different methods.

But for those who want to begin or are living in small spaces, they could start clay-pot composting.

Other types include drum composting, sack composting, pipe- composting, bio pore, and vermiculture.

For those who wish to begin composting, she advises them to start segregating their wastes.

“Make sure na kapag kayo ay nagko-compost, ang gagawin ninyo, by layer po sya— lupa, ilalagay ang food waste, pagkatapos nito lupa hanggang sa mapuno siya, parang sandwich,” she explained.

(Make sure that when you compost, do it by layer--first the soil, then the food waste, and then soli again, just like sandwich.)

Usually, it takes up to 2 weeks and beyond before it can be used as soil conditioner. If it smells, it means it is not yet ready, she said.

Source: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/spotlight/10/21/21/environmental-group-to-public-compost-cut-landfill-waste?fbclid=IwAR28qOzbPYqmr35Qyz6xRDUPHt6d4w365OPvoKeB2YA4mQBpbcC5fANLct0>



# Aboitiz Construction supports waste management efforts of Batangas City LGUs

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Aboitiz Construction donated Material Recovery Facilities to Barangay Simlong and Pinamucan Ibaba in Batangas City to contribute to environmental sustainability. This is part of the company's Scrap to Crop and Waste Management Program. Present in the photo are, from L to R, Jana De Leon, Aboitiz Construction's Reputation Management Manager, Ambrosio Ompad, Safety Senior Supervisor, Rubirose Adap, Project HR, Ric Qfqueria, Assistant Manager for Operations, Ruel Guerra, Brgy. Councilor of Pinamucan Ibaba Ruel Arce, Barangay Captain, and Earl Gio Manuel, Reputation Management Specialist.

In order to contribute to the solid waste management programs of local government units in Batangas City, Aboitiz Construction formally donated Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) to Barangay Pinamucan Ibaba and Simlong last October 9.

The MRFs were built by the engineers and welders from Aboitiz Construction's project site in Batangas City.



Built by Aboitiz Construction's engineers and welders, the Materials recovery facilities (MRF) will support the efforts of Brgy. Pinamucan Ibaba and Simlong, Batangas City in strengthening their waste management programs. To adhere with the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2002, the MRFs will serve as temporary storage areas for the three types of wastes such as biodegradable, non-biodegradable, and recyclables until they are ready for recycling and proper disposal.

*"Your support in our efforts will also help us educate the communities about proper waste management. This is a requirement by the City Environment Office and we are glad that finally, we already have a MRF that will be for long-term use," said Pinamucan Ibaba Barangay Captain Ruel Arce.*



The donation is part of a larger program of the company which is the “**Scrap to Crop and Waste Management Program**” that aims to contribute to the food and environmental sustainability efforts of the communities through capacity building and donation of materials.

Under this program, Aboitiz Construction sold scrap materials from its project sites to raise funds for its waste management initiatives.

*“We are committed to be a reliable partner of the community and the government towards effective waste management. We believe in the concept of shared responsibility and we all have to do our part for our environment,”* said Aboitiz Construction Executive Director Antonio Peñalver.

Last month, Aboitiz Construction launched its Policy Against Single-Use Plastic in all its establishments and project sites. This is in line with its mission of [building a better future by implementing programs](#) and raising awareness among its team members about environmental sustainability.

### **About Aboitiz Construction, Inc.**

[Aboitiz Construction](#) is the construction arm of the Aboitiz Group of Companies, one of the prominent conglomerates in the Philippines. Aboitiz Construction is a privately-held company, with a 45-year track record in value construction and engineering that advances businesses and communities by building a better future.



## Shift in eating habits worsens impact on environment

[Louise Maureen Simeon](#) - The Philippine Star October 22, 2021 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — The food consumption pattern in Asia-Pacific has shifted over the last decades, contributing to significant environmental impact in the region.

In its latest blog, Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) said the need to move toward healthier and more sustainable diets that are environmentally friendly and affordable is important now more than ever.

Developing Asia, including the Philippines, is facing a changing and now more fragile kind of environment as economies develop and become more urbanized.

Increasing population in the region has resulted in higher food demand and the switch to more animal products that are more resource intensive.

ADB economist Manisha Pradhananga and research associate Daryll Naval emphasized that agriculture in the region is now facing a different kind of food supply challenge.

“Higher incomes and increasingly urban lifestyles have changed the needs and preferences of consumers,” the ADB authors said.

“Instead of a diet heavy on traditional staples such as rice and wheat, consumers today prefer a more diverse diet,” they said.

This as per capita consumption of rice has leveled off while that of fruit, vegetables, eggs, dairy products, as well as meat and seafood is increasing.

Daily calorie intake per capita in the region also increased to 1914 kilocalories from 1245 kilocalories over the past six decades. Asia Pacific is now home to more than 50 percent of the global population.

In particular, the share for meat and animal products increased from one percent to four percent, equivalent to 10 grams per person per day from a measly 1.5 grams in the 1960s.

Still, this is well below the 34.6 grams average in advanced economies outside Asia Pacific.

The increasing share of meat and animal products has huge impacts on the environment in terms of greenhouse gas emissions.

For one, over 200 tons of carbon is emitted per million calories of beef consumed. Other animal products such as pork, poultry, fish and dairy contribute some 50 tons.

Plant-based products have the least impact ranging from two to six tons for corn, wheat, soybean, and pulses, among others.

Amid changing food preferences, Pradhananga and Naval emphasized that agriculture in the region has to reorient from a traditional focus on the production of food staples to high-value crops such as fruit and vegetables.

“To reduce the environmental impact of agriculture, it is important to move toward sustainable and healthy diets that are also socially acceptable and economically accessible for all,” the authors said.

“Some ways to achieve this are to promote mostly plant-based diets, reduce red meat consumption, promote fish obtained from sustainable stocks, and reduce food loss and waste throughout the supply chain,” they said.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/business/2021/10/22/2135755/shift-eating-habits-worsens-impact-environment>



# Check out Klimathon, a project seeking solutions to climate change involving the youth

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Living through extreme and severe weather, massive and simultaneous forest fires, the rise of sea levels, and sweltering temperatures just to name a few — it's pretty clear that climate emergency is upon us.

And it's about time that people in authority — those in government, our business leaders, and decision makers — listen to the youth and give them platform to help address the pressing problem.

Enter Klimathon. A joint project between Nestle Philippines — which is committed to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, by the way — and government agency Climate Change Commission (CCC), Klimathon is a competition open to Filipino youth ages 16-24, to develop solutions to three particular environmental problems, or focus pillars: plastic pollution, how to lower greenhouse gas emissions, and improving food security.

"It is imperative to work with all sectors — including the youth — in taking a whole of government and whole of society approach in view of intergenerational responsibility," said Secretary Emmanuel De Guzman of the Climate Change Commission at the Klimathon launch on Wednesday, noting that saving the planet requires the cooperation of everyone.

And according to Nestle Philippines Chairman and CEO Kais Marzouki, the youth has been largely untapped in our search for solutions to climate emergency. "Half of the world's population consists of the youth. The Philippines today has the largest generation of young people in its history, comprising 28% of our population," he said at the launch.

"The Klimathon is a creative platform for you to participate in climate action, to help ensure a livable future on the planet that you will inherit," he continued.

Arlene Tan Bantoto, SVP and Head of Public Affairs, Communications and Sustainability at Nestle Philippines admitted that while the organization has "made bold commitments for the planet and honestly, we don't have all the answers and all the solutions today. That's why we need the youth's passion, creativity, and persistence to make things happen."

Klimathon works this way: Participating teams of Filipino students and young professionals must present a project concept paper based on one of the three focus pillars until November 10.

From there, 10 finalists will be selected to undergo a mentorship program with industry and field experts to refine and further develop their project design. The finalists will be announced a month later on November 25.



From 10 finalists, three winners will be selected. First placers will stand a chance to win P50,000. Second place, P30,000, and third place at P20,000.

But more than the cash prizes, the real triumph is seeing their proposed solutions adopted and institutionalized by government and private companies.

According to Christian Soqueno, Development Management Officer at the CCC, "the goal is to adopt and institutionalize the [proposed] projects by government and private companies."

"When we were framing the mentoring program, the Klimathon itself, the mindset is to have these projects be developed into solutions that the private and public sector could adopt," he added.

What they wanted to happen was for "the youth participating teams to be immersed with industry experts and partner with other government agencies and other organisations to find ways to integrate the projects into society."

The road map to implementation has yet to be given attention, as the full focus at the moment is on the two-month mentorship program.

"But we ensure the ideas will come into fruition through mentorship. and ensure that they are introduced to experts in private companies," said Christine Ponce-Garcia. AVP for sustainability of Nestle Philippines.

Launched on Wednesday, Klimathon will go on until January 2022. — **LA, GMA News**

Source: <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/scitech/science/807830/check-out-klimathon-a-project-seeking-solutions-for-climate-change-that-finally-involves-and-listens-to-t/story/?fbclid=IwAR1CCayjURmjY4b7hJwGJBES-crvUVb2ES3Nc9eOWTkqxohLhkOd5DZwJRk>



# 'Rich must pay for carbon use'

By [Agence France-Presse](#) October 22, 2021



This file photo taken on June 30, 2021 shows a crane (L) loading construction rubble into a crusher (C) releasing granulates at a concrete production site of the [CEMEX](#) construction materials company in Gennevilliers, a northern [Paris](#) suburb. Along the Seine, north of Paris, the fangs of four excavators are clamping and smashing huge blocks of concrete. Crushed into fine aggregate with a loud noise, the old concrete will then be reused to cover it with fresh, smooth concrete. [AFP](#) FILE PHOTO

**PARIS:** As rich people have a greater carbon footprint than the poor, they should pay more tax to compensate, said a study by the [World Inequality Lab](#) (WIL) published ahead of the upcoming COP26 climate conference in Glasgow.

With carbon emission levels returning to pre-pandemic levels, most recent data shows the richest 1 percent of the globe's population emitted 110 tons of CO2 per head in 2019, study head, [Paris School of Economics](#) professor and WIL co-director [Lucas Chancel](#), said on Wednesday.

That made their share a hugely disproportionate 17 percent of the global total.

Moreover, whereas the richest 10 percent were responsible for half of all emissions, the poorest 50 percent accounted for just a 12-percent share — at a per capita average of 1.6 tons of carbon.

"Governments need new sources of revenue to invest in green infrastructures," said Chancel. "One way to do so is via progressive and ecological wealth taxes. Such tools are likely to be more politically sustainable than carbon taxes on consumption, which hit low-income groups hard and don't do a great job at reducing emissions of the very wealthy."

The study found that the burden of climate policies in an attempt to limit climate change has been "disproportionately borne by low-income consumers over the past decades, in particular via carbon and energy taxes.

"More emphasis should be placed on policy instruments targeting wealthier groups, via taxes on the ownership of polluting assets," such as fossil fuel investments.

Not only do rich people tend to pollute more but developed countries similarly have a much higher carbon footprint when their import and use of products made abroad is taken into account, the study shows.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/22/news/world/rich-must-pay-for-carbon-use/1819295>



# Climate-linked ills rising, worsening – reports

By [Associated Press](#) October 22, 2021



GOLETA, CA - OCTOBER 12: Smoke from the Alisal Fire shrouds the sky on October 12, 2021 near Goleta, California. Pushed by high winds, the Alisal Fire grew to 6,000 acres overnight, shutting down the much-traveled 101 Freeway along the Pacific Coast. David McNew/Getty Images/AFP (Photo by DAVID MCNEW / GETTY IMAGES NORTH AMERICA / Getty Images via AFP)

**ALABAMA:** Health problems tied to climate change are all getting worse, according to two reports published on Wednesday (Thursday in Manila).

The annual reports commissioned by the medical journal Lancet tracked 44 global health indicators connected to climate change, including heat deaths, infectious diseases and hunger.

All of them are getting grimmer, said Lancet Countdown project research director [Marina Romanello](#), a biochemist.

"Rising temperatures are having consequences," said [University of Washington](#) environmental health professor [Kristie Ebi](#), a report coauthor.

This year's reports — one global, one just aimed at the [United States](#) — called "code red for a healthy future," highlight dangerous trends. Vulnerable populations — older people and very young — were subject to more time with dangerous heat last year.

For people over 65, the researchers calculated there were 3 billion more "person-day" exposures to extreme heat than the average from 1986 to 2005.

More people were in places where climate-sensitive diseases can flourish. Coastline areas warm enough for the nasty Vibrio bacteria increased in the [Baltics](#), the US Northeast and the [Pacific Northwest](#) in the past decade. In some poorer nations, the season for malaria-spreading mosquitoes has expanded since the 1950s.

"Code Red is not even a hot enough color for this report," said [Stanford University](#) tropical medicine professor Dr. [Michele Barry](#), who wasn't part of the study team.

Compared to the last Lancet report, "this one is the sobering realization that we're going completely in the wrong direction."

In the US, heat, fire and drought caused the biggest problems. An unprecedented Pacific Northwest and Canadian heat wave hit this summer, which a previous study showed couldn't have happened without human-caused climate change.





Study co-author Dr. [Jeremy Hess](#), a professor of environmental health and emergency medicine at the University of Washington, said he witnessed the impacts of climate change while working at [Seattle](#) emergency rooms during the heat.

"I saw paramedics who had burns on their knees from kneeling down to care for patients with heat stroke," he said. "'And I saw far too many patients die" from the heat.

Another ER doctor in [Boston](#) said science is now showing what she has seen for years, citing asthma from worsening allergies as one example.

"Climate change is first and foremost a health crisis unfolding across the US," said Dr. [Renee Salas](#), also a co-author of the report.

[George Washington University School of Public Health Dean Dr. Lynn Goldman](#), who was not part of the project, said health problems from climate change "are continuing to worsen far more rapidly than would have been projected only a few years ago."

The report said 65 of the 84 countries included subsidize the burning of fossil fuels, which cause climate change.

Doing that "feels like caring for the desperately ill patient while somebody is handing them lit cigarettes and junk food," said Dr. [Richard Jackson](#), a [UCLA](#) public health professor who wasn't part of the study.



# Despite climate crisis, politicians will double production of energy from fossil fuels

By [Inter Press Service](#) October 22, 2021

**NAIROBI, Kenya:** In a time when the world's scientific community sounds louder, and stronger than ever, the alarm about the fast growing climate crisis and its destructive impacts, governments still plan to produce more than double the amount of fossil fuels in 2030.

The information comes from the "2021 Production [Gap](#) Report," which has been elaborated by leading research institutes and the UN Environment Program ([UNEP](#)) and was released on October 20.

It finds that despite increased climate ambitions and net-zero commitments, governments still plan to produce more than double the amount of fossil fuels in 2030 than what would be consistent with limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The gap report, first issued in 2019, measures the gap between governments' planned production of coal, oil and gas and the global production levels consistent with meeting the [Paris Agreement](#) temperature limits.

Two years later, the 2021 report finds the production gap largely unchanged despite the quickly growing climate emergency.

"Over the next two decades, governments are collectively projecting an increase in global oil and gas production, and only a modest decrease in coal production. Taken together, their plans and projections see global, total fossil fuel production increasing out to at least 2040, creating an ever widening production gap."

Commenting on the report, the executive director of UNEP, [Inger Andersen](#), said: "The devastating impacts of climate change are here for all to see. There is still time to limit long-term warming to 1.5 C, but this window of opportunity is rapidly closing."

The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP21 in Paris, on Dec. 12, 2015 and entered into force on Nov. 4, 2016. Its goal is to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees, preferably to 1.5 C, compared to pre-industrial levels.

## 15 major producers

The 2021 Production Gap Report provides country profiles for 15 major producer countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States. The country profiles show that most of these governments continue to provide significant policy support for fossil fuel production.

"The research is clear: global coal, oil, and gas production must start declining immediately and steeply to be consistent with limiting long-term warming to 1.5 C," warned Ploy Achakulwisut, a lead author on the report and a [Stockholm Environment Institute](#) (SEI) scientist.

"However, governments continue to plan for and support levels of fossil fuel production that are vastly in excess of what we can safely burn."



## Main findings

– The world's governments plan to produce around 110 percent more fossil fuels in 2030 than would be consistent with limiting warming to 1.5 C, and 45 percent more than consistent with 2 C. The size of the production gap has remained largely unchanged compared to our prior assessments.

– Governments' production plans and projections would lead to about 240 percent more coal, 57 percent more oil and 71 percent more gas in 2030 than would be consistent with limiting global warming to 1.5 C.

– Global gas production is projected to increase the most between 2020 and 2040 based on governments' plans. This continued, long-term global expansion in gas production is inconsistent with the Paris Agreement's temperature limits.

– Countries have directed over \$300 billion in new funds towards fossil fuel activities since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic — more than they have towards clean energy.

"Early efforts from development finance institutions to cut international support for fossil fuel production are encouraging, but these changes need to be followed by concrete and ambitious fossil fuel exclusion policies to limit global warming to 1.5 C", says Lucile Dufour, senior policy advisor at the [International Institute for Sustainable Development](#) (IISD).

"Fossil-fuel-producing nations must recognize their role and responsibility in closing the production gap and steering us toward a safe climate future," said Måns Nilsson, executive director at SEI.

The report is produced by the Stockholm Environment Institute, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), [Overseas Development Institute](#) (ODI), UNEP and E3G, the independent European climate change think tank aimed at translating climate politics, economics and policies into action.

More than 40 researchers contributed to the analysis and review, spanning numerous universities, think tanks and other research organizations.

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# Philippines sees 4,806 new coronavirus infections

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Passengers pictured at Tandang Sora Jeep Terminal in Visayas Avenue, Quezon City on Oct. 19, 2021. The Department of Transportation is pushing for an increase in passenger capacity of public utility vehicles following the downgrading of Metro Manila's COVID-19 alert level from 4 to 3.

The STAR / Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities on Thursday reported 4,806 more COVID-19 infections, bringing the national caseload to 2,740,111.

Today's numbers saw active cases down by 1,774 from the 67,061 reported on Wednesday. The Department of Health said all laboratories were able to submit screening results.

- **Active cases:** 65,835 or 2.4% of the total
- **Recoveries:** 5,934, pushing total to 2,633,039
- **Deaths:** 260, bringing total to 41,237

## Vaccine requirements and incentives

- In a departure from previous pronouncements, Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III now says it is [possible](#) for some employers to withhold payment and even fire workers if they refuse to get vaccinated against COVID-19.
- The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases is reviewing [incentives to encourage more Filipinos to get vaccinated](#) against COVID-19.
- So far, some 24.88 million Filipinos — 22.8% of the population — have been fully vaccinated since the government launched its inoculation campaign in March. Health authorities have said 90% of the population must be fully vaccinated to attain herd immunity in the country.



# Alert Level 2 posible na sa Metro Manila

By [Danilo Garcia](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - October 22, 2021 - 12:00am



Ayon kay Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire, ang positivity rate sa Metro Manila ay nasa 11% ngayon habang 17% sa national level kung saan ang seven-day average ay naitala sa 1,156 o malapit na sa pre-Delta variant level.

The STAR / Miguel de Guzman

MANILA, Philippines — Nagpahiwatig ang health authorities at mga eksperto ng posibilidad na maibaba na sa Alert Level 2 ang klasipikasyon sa Metro Manila sa gitna ng inaasahang pagbabalik ng numero ng COVID-19 cases sa pre-Delta numbers.

Ayon kay Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire, ang positivity rate sa Metro Manila ay nasa 11% ngayon habang 17% sa national level kung saan ang seven-day average ay naitala sa 1,156 o malapit na sa pre-Delta variant level.

“Before the increase in cases last March and April, we were just averaging in the National Capital Region less than 500 a day. So I think that will be a comfortable number,” pahayag ni Vergeire.

Una nang ibinaba ang alert status sa Metro Manila sa Level 3 kasunod ng pagbaba ngn COVID infections.

Sa ilalim ng Alert Level 3, ilang business establishments ang pinapayagan mag-operate ng 30% indoor venue capacity para sa fully vaccinated individuals, at 50% outdoor venue capacity, sa kondisyong fully vaccinated ang lahat ng kanilang empleyado.

Kinatigan naman ng OCTA Research Group ang assessment ng DOH at tinaya na mas mababa sa 5,000 ang daily cases sa seven-day average.

Sa Metro Manila, inaasahang bababa pa sa 1,000 ang mga bagong kaso sa bawat araw hanggang sa pagtatapos ng Oktubre.

Sa kabilang dako, sinabi ni Vergeire na bukod sa reproduction numbers, ikinokonsidera rin ng national government ang healthcare utilization sa pagdedesisyon sa alert levels.

“Hopefully all of us will not be complacent, all of us will work together so we can reach that goal of having the Alert Level 2 in NCR,” diin ng opisyal.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/10/22/2135840/alert-level-2-possible-na-sa-metro-manila/amp/>



# Hawaan ng COVID-19 sa NCR sumadsad na sa 0.47

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



Ayon kay Dr. Guido David ng OCTA Research Group, bukod sa pagbaba ng hawaan ng kaso ng Covid-19 sa Metro Manila ay patuloy din ang pagbaba ng kaso sa buong bansa.

MANILA, Philippines — Patuloy ang pagbaba ng hawaan ng kaso ng COVID-19 sa Metro Manila na umaabot na lamang sa 0.47 at inaasahang bababa pa hanggang sa matapos ang buwan ng Oktubre.

Ayon kay Dr. Guido David ng OCTA Research Group, bukod sa pagbaba ng hawaan ng kaso ng Covid-19 sa Metro Manila ay patuloy din ang pagbaba ng kaso sa buong bansa.

Anyang, ang 7-day average sa Pilipinas ay 6,416 samantalang sa National Capital Region ay 1,156. Umaabot naman sa 0.55 ang reproduction number ng COVID sa buong bansa.

Ang reproduction number ay bilang ng mga tao na nahahawaan ng isang infected sa COVID.

Kapag ang reproduction number ay mababa sa 1 ay indikasyon ito na ang hawaan ay bumabagal.



# Bagong variant ng Delta nadiskubre, mas lalong nakakahawa - UK health experts

By [Danilo Garcia](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - October 22, 2021 - 12:00am



Sa ulat nitong nakaraang Biyernes ng UK Health Ministry, pansamantalang tinawag ang sub-type na AY.4.2 o 'Delta Plus'.

MANILA, Philippines — Nakadiskubre ang mga health experts sa United Kingdom ng 'sub-type' ng Delta variant ng COVID-19 na posibleng mas lalong nakakahawa bagama't patuloy ang pag-aaral ukol dito.

Sa ulat nitong nakaraang Biyernes ng UK Health Ministry, pansamantalang tinawag ang sub-type na AY.4.2 o 'Delta Plus'.

Unang natukoy ito noong nakaraang Hulyo na nadiskubre sa 6% ng Covid-19 samples na isinailalim sa test umpisa nitong Setyembre 27. Nadiskubre rin ang maliit na bilang nito sa Estados Unidos, at Denmark habang may unang kaso na nito sa Israel.

Sa kabila nito, nanawagan si Dr. Edsel Salvana, miyembro ng Technical Advisory Group (TAG) ng Department of Health (DOH), sa publiko na huwag mag-panic dahil sa kailangan pa ng maraming pag-aaral ukol sa bagong sub-variant.

Hindi pa rin naman aniya ito itinuturing na pormal na variant dahil parang Delta pa rin ito.

Kailangan lamang umano na patuloy na sumunod sa 'minimum health standards' ang publiko para makaiwas dito lalo na at naglabasan na ang mga tao ngayong nasa Alert Level 3 na ang Metro Manila.

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# Mga nagtutungo sa mga pasyalan, dapat na maging responsable sa pagsunod sa health and safety protocols ayon sa PNP

By [RadyoMaN Manila](#) -Oct. 21, 2021 at 12:16pm



Iginiit ng pamunuan ng Philippine National Police (PNP) na dapat ay mas maging responsable sa pagsunod sa health and safety protocols ang mga tumutungo sa pasyalan kahit pa mas niluwagan na ang restrictions.

Ginawa ng pamunuan ng PNP ang panawagan matapos ang mga ulat nakarating sa kanila na may mga hindi sumunod sa health and safety protocols nang pumasyal sa Dolomite Beach sa Maynila.

Ayon kay PNP Chief General Guillermo Eleazar, inatasan niya na ang concerned police offices na tiyaking may mga naka-deploy na pulis sa mga pasyalan at iba pang lugar na maraming tao para matiyak na nasusunod ang health and safety protocols gaya ng pagsusuot ng facemask, face shield at social distancing.

Sinabi ng PNP Chief, nauunawaan niya ang kagustuhan ng majority ng mga Pilipino na makalabas ng bahay at makapamasyal pero dapat aniyang maging maingat para hindi na tumaas pa ang kaso ng COVID-19 at mapilitan na naman ang gobyerno na magpatupad ng lockdown.

Kabilin-bilinan naman ng PNP chief sa kanyang mga tauhan na ipatupad ang maximum tolerance sa mga mahuhuling lumalabag sa protocols.

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## DAPAT TODO-INGAT SA FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES



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APRUB na sa Department of Education at Department of Health ang pagsisimula ng in-person o face-to-face classes sa 30 elementary at high school sa iba't ibang lugar sa bansa, karamihan sa Mindanao at ilan sa Kabisayaan.

Ang mga ito pa lang ang pumasa sa School Safety Assessment Tool (SSAT) na isinagawa ng DepEd at DOH, ayon kay DepEd Assistant Secretary for Field Operations Malcolm Garma.

Karamihan sa mga eskwela ang pampublikong eskwela at may paisa-isang pribado ngunit kapansin-pansin na walang eskwela para rito sa Metro Manila at buong Luzon.

Magsisimula sila sa darating na Nobyembre 15, 2021 at susubukan lang sa loob ng dalawang buwan at pagkatapos, maaaring ituloy ito sa sistemang blended classes o kombinasyon ng in-person at home-based.

Maaaring ganap namang itigil ang in-person kung may hindi magandang mangyari gaya ng pag-atake ng COVID-19 sa mga estudyante, guro at iba pa ang kasali sa klase.

### ILANG PAMANTAYAN

Lumalabas kahit saan sa bansa na may herd immunity na ang hanay ng mga guro, lalo na sa public schools, kaya naman tiyak na ito ang kalagayan ng mga guro sa 30 pilot school kung tawagin.

Kakaunti rin lang ang tinatamaan o halos walang kaso ng COVID-19 sa mga nasabing lugar at pumayag din ang mga nakasasakop na local government unit.

May tiyak ding ayuda at pagtatakbuhan ospital ang mga maaaring matamaan ng pandemya na estudyante, guro at iba pa.

Ang mga eskwela, nagawan ng paraan na may sapat na bentilasyon, may sapat na espasyo para sa social distancing, may tiyak na pasilidad para sa kalinisan, kasama ang sapat suplay ng tubig, may kumpletong gamit gaya ng face mask at face shield at iba pa.

Malinaw rin ang partisipasyon ng mga magulang o guardian sa pagbabantay laban sa COVID-19 sa iskul at komunidad.

### LALAWAK PA

Sinasabing maaaring palalawakin pa sa 100 o 120 eskwela o kahit mas marami pa ang face-to-face classes at maaaring magtagal na hanggang sa katapusan ng school year ang pag-aaral kung walang masamang mangyari.

Iba rin ang patakaran para sa mga international school at dahil may mga dayuhan at mayayaman dito, ang mabigat na responsibilidad para sa tiyak na kaligtasan ng lahat ng kasali rito ay ipababalikat sa mga management ngunit mahigpit pa rin silang susubaybayan ng DepEd at DOH.



Kung kailan pupwedeng ganapin naman sa Metro Manila at iba pang bahagi ng Luzon ang ganitong klase ay daraan sa butas ng karayom kahit sinasabing bumabagsak na ang mga kaso ng COVID-19 sa maraming lugar dito dahil sa medyo malawakan nang pagbabakuna.

### **MALAWAK NA KABOBOHAN**

Aminin man o hindi ng lahat, nagbubunga ang pandemya ng malawak na kabobohan.

Pangunahing dahilan dito ang kawalan ng direktang pisikal na kontak ng mga espesyalista sa pagtuturo o mga guro at kanilang mga estudyante.

Wala rin ang grupong pag-aaral na talaga namang nakatutulong sa mga mag-aaral na magpursige.

Wala rin sa mga tahanan ang mga pasilidad na kailangan sa pagtuturo, gaya ng mga gamit sa laboratoryo, lalo na sa mga lugar na mga kalabaw at iba pang mga alagang hayop lang ang nakasalamuha ng mga mag-aaral.

At ang mga magulang din, hindi ang mga bata, ang higit na natututo dahil sila ang sumasagot sa mga katanungan sa mga aralin at hindi ang mga bata.

Ito'y sa kabila ng pagiging malikhain ang DepEd at mga guro na gawing simple ang lahat para sa mas madaling pag-intindi sa mga leksyon.

### **GASTOS, TRANSPORTASYON AT BAKUNA**

Isa sa mga lilikhain ng face-to-face classes ang pagbabalik-gastos sa pag-aaral na babalikatin ng mga magulang o guardian.

Halimbawa, maraming eskwela ang malalayo sa mga tahanan kaya kailangang magtraysikel o magdyip ang mga bata, karaniwang kasama ang mga magulang, papuntang eskwela.

Sa malawakang kawalan ng pinagkakakitaan ng mga magulang, hindi madaling isipin o balikatin ito, kahit pa masasabing libre ang pag-aaral sa hanay ng mga pampublikong paaralan.

Kung noon ipinasasakamay lang sa mga tsuper ng pampublikong sasakyan ang pagdeliber at pagkuha ng mga module, halimbawa, na magaan sa mga magulang, ngayon, sila'y kailangang magkaroon ng sapat na gastusin para sa transportasyon.

At ang maaaring masamang mangyari, pagmumulan ang pampublikong transportasyon ng pagkakaroon at pagkalat ng COVID-19 papasok at palabas sa mga eskwela.

Dalawang mahalagang tanong: Kasama ba sa mga ikinokonsidera ng DepEd at DOH ang panganib mula sa transportasyon?

May lubusan bang pagbabakuna maging sa mga bata at kanilang mga magulang at komunidad?



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

# 2.4%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO  
65,835

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

# 96.1%

TOTAL NG GUMALING  
2,633,039

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

# 1.50%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY  
41,237

MGA BAGONG KASO **4,806**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **5,934**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **260**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,740,111**

### MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING OKTUBRE 19

DATOS NGAYONG OKTUBRE 21  
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG OKTUBRE 19

# 10.9%

PORSYENTO NG MGA  
NAGPOSITIBO

# 52,262

BILANG NG  
TINVEST

HALOS

# 84.9%

ANG MILD AT  
ASYMPTOMATIC  
NA KASO!

**SANITIZE ANG  
KAMAY AT IWASAN  
ANG KULOB NA LUGAR**

### KABUANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (4.3K TOTAL BEDS)  
**58%** Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (20.9K TOTAL BEDS)  
**45%** Utilized

WARD BEDS (14.7K TOTAL BEDS)  
**43%** Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.3K TOTAL VENTILATORS)  
**42%** Utilized

### NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (1.5K TOTAL BEDS)  
**52%** Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.9K TOTAL BEDS)  
**37%** Utilized

WARD BEDS (4.2K TOTAL BEDS)  
**40%** Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.1K TOTAL VENTILATORS)  
**37%** Utilized

### KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

Mild 78.7%

6.2% Asymptomatic

2.0% Critical

4.6% Severe

8.53% Moderate



## UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Responsibilidad nating lahat ang **kaligtasan** ng ating bayan, kaya't magkaisa tayo sa masusing pagsunod sa ating **Minimum Public Health Standards** upang malampasan ang pandemyang COVID-19. Sa loob ng ating mga tahanan, sa oras na makaramdam ng anumang sintomas ng COVID-19, agad na makipag-ugnayan sa **BHERTS o One COVID Referral Center**. Maaabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**.

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


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