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## In sympathy

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House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep. Martin Romualdez (2nd from right) offers prayers and respects to the remains of Fe Aguillon-Cimatu, wife of Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu (right) during a wake service Monday at Heritage Park in Taguig City. Mrs. Cimatu passed away on Monday.



*The Mangatarem Critical Habitat lies in the northeastern part of the Zambales Mountains, which is one of the few remaining tropical rainforests in the country. Photo from DENR*

## LOOK! This forest in Pangasinan has finally been declared a protected area by the DENR

The 4,422.8-hectare forest will serve as home to the country's endemic, threatened and unique plants and animals.

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Concerted efforts to save our natural environment, no matter how full of challenges, will always pay off in the end.

After almost a decade of relentless studies, consultations, and collaboration between environmental advocates and stakeholders, Mangatarem, Pangasinan, which is home to numerous endemic, unique, and threatened species of plants and animals, is now finally a declared Critical Habitat by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Spanning five barangays, the 4,422.8-hectare forest lies in the northeastern part of the Zambales Mountains, which is considered an Important Biodiversity Area (IBA). Among the threatened and endemic fauna that can be found at Mangatarem are the Philippine deer, Philippine warty pig, Philippine duck, flame-breasted fruit dove, Philippine eagle owl, Luzon scops owl, and Rufous hornbill, as well as endangered flora such as oi-ói, kalíngag, malabayábas.

The Zambales Mountains are among the few remaining tropical rainforests in the country. [According to nature conservation group Haribon Foundation](#), which has been helping to push this conservation effort for about a decade, the mountains also protect the critical watersheds for neighboring Zambales, and Tarlac provinces.

[By virtue of the DENR administrative order signed by Secretary Roy A. Cimatu](#), the “DENR can save habitats which are critical for the survival of threatened species or species at risk of extinction, including other associated wildlife, and at the same time provide this land area a legal framework to protect it from destructive uses.”

Under the same administrative order, the management of the Mangatarem Critical Habitat shall be under the DENR-Region I (Ilocos Region), together with the local government of Mangatarem and stakeholders. They will be responsible for the preparation of the Critical Habitat Management Plan to ensure that existing ecosystems in the critical habitat are preserved.

In accordance with Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001, dumping of waste products detrimental to wildlife, squatting and/or occupying any portion of the critical habitat, mineral exploration and/or extraction, burning, logging, and quarrying, will also be strictly prohibited.



[According to a material published by Haribon Foundation on their website in 2016](#), these were exactly the problems that threatened to damage the forests of Mangatarem. “Logging, land conversion, mining, kaingin, tree cutting for charcoal and fuel wood production, and gathering of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) for domestic consumption and trading were evident in the site. A number of wild animals and plant species are nearing their extinction due to the constriction in their habitat,” they noted.

Faced with this predicament, the municipal LGU of Mangatarem, the DENR, and Haribon Foundation, worked together in educating the Mangatarem community on forest protection, and conservation.

This paved the way for the creation of the Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) and the creation of a Steering Committee composed of multi-sectoral stakeholders, that ensured the proper execution and implementation of the FLUP and development of plans for the conservation of the specified areas.

There were issues that had to be ironed out along the way, which delayed the declaration of the forest as a Critical Habitat (CH) for years. But now that the declaration is official, here’s hoping everyone does their part in protecting it. Or all the effort that led to this important achievement will be for naught.

Source: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/ancx/culture/spotlight/02/23/21/look-this-forest-in-pangasinan-has-finally-been-declared-a-protected-area-by-the-denr>



# 'New tomorrow' program launched

[IAN OCAMPO FLORA](#)

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THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in the City of San Fernando and the Star 8 Green Technology Corporation (GTC) launched recently the "New Tomorrow" program that will further boost the development and protection of established plantations in Bataan under the National Greening Program (NGP).

Paquito Moreno Jr., executive director of the DENR in Central Luzon, said the Star 8 GTC will adopt an estimated 350 hectares NGP established plantation inside the multiple-use zone of the Bataan Natural Park in Morong town under the "new tomorrow" concept to strengthen its protection and enhance the development of agroforestry.

"Admittedly, the task of ensuring the survival of planted trees needs more manpower and resources that the DENR cannot provide and despite NGP's significant gains, it also has its shortcomings that need utmost attention," he said.

He said this is where the private sector comes in, like the Star 8 GTC, adopting established NGP plantations, where the company commits to continue the fight for a better tomorrow, creating opportunities for the community to improve themselves in the battle against Covid-19.

"The major challenge besetting the forestry sector is how to provide sustainable financing for sustainable forest management to mobilize green investment from international, national, and regional sources especially those coming from the private sector," Moreno added.

A "New Tomorrow," he noted, is indeed suitable as it involves all stakeholders to proactively integrate forestry programs into the wider context of development and instead of viewing forestry as a corporate sector.

"We see more jobs being provided to local communities including our indigenous people, especially at a time like this, when the economy is still reeling from the effects of the pandemic," he said.

According to Engr. Ronald Laurel, managing director of Star 8 Green Technology Corporation (GTC), they will plant one million coconuts, cashew nut, and coffee within the 350-hectare adopted NGP plantation.

"The fruit crops will be inter-cropped with already growing forest trees and seedlings in the area to augment forest cover and at the same time provide livelihood opportunities to local communities in the area coming from the harvest in the planted crops," he said.

NGP was launched in 2011 which aims to reforest 1.5 million hectares of denuded forestlands and watersheds in the country, reduce poverty, provide food security, conserve biodiversity and address global warming and climate change.

The program was expanded until 2028 under Executive Order No. 193 to reforest the remaining degraded forestlands and remains one of the banner programs of the government.

In Central Luzon, the DENR Region III has established more than 122,000 hectares of forest plantation since 2011.

Star 8 GTC is an innovative technology company engaged in introducing new green technology products and applications and a global leader in solar lights and electric vehicles.

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1886847>



## FECAL COLIFORM LEVEL SA MANILA BAY BUMABABA

NANGAKO ngayon ang gobierno na ipagpapatuloy nila ang masigasig na kampanya upang tuluyang malinis ang makasaysayang baybayin dahil na rin sa patuloy na pagbaba ng fecal coliform level sa Manila Bay.

Sinabi nitong si Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu na base ba rin sa water samples na nakuha sa Manila Bay kamakalawa ay mas bumaba ang fecal coliform mula sa average na 7.16 million most probable number per 100 milliliters (mpn/100ml) noong 2020 ay naging 4.87 million mpn/100ml ito sa kasalukuyan.

Sinabi ng kalihim na ang fecal coliform level sa tubig malapit sa beach nourishment project ay bumaba mula sa 2.2 million mpn/100ml noong Enero 4 ay naging 523,000 mpn/100ml nitong Pebrero 8 base na rin sa average count ng tatlong monitoring stations.

Nangako si Cimatu na nagpupursige ang ahensya upang mabigyan ng solusyon ang mga problema sa Manila Bay, partikular na ang water quality sa kabila ng mga hadlang dahil na rin sa iba pang obligasyon at ng coronavirus 2019 pandemic.

"Amidst the other tasks that we are also seriously taking on and the restrictions brought about by the pandemic, we assure the Filipino people that our focus to clean Manila Bay is crystal clear," saad ni Cimatu.

"We have doubled, if not tripled, our efforts to rehabilitate Manila Bay, especially in bringing down the water's fecal coliform," pagbibigay-diin nito.

Inulit din ng DENR chief ang kanyang pangako na maibaba ang fecal coliform ng Manila Bay sa Class SB upang maging ligtas na ito para sa recreational activities at fishing.

"We will make sure that we continue to clean the waters of Manila Bay until it becomes safe again for contact activities," aniya.

Ayon pa kay Cimatu, na siya ring chair ng Task Force Build Back Better, ipagpapatuloy nila ang pagpapatupad ng mga kinakailangang pagbabago upang maisaayos ang water quality ng Manila Bay.

At naglagay na rin ang DENR ng karagdagang water quality monitoring stations sa kahabaan ng Manila Baywalk sa Roxas Boulevard bukod pa sa regular stations na ginamit noong 2019 at 2020 upang ma-monitor ang fecal coliform level ng tubig na nanggagaling sa major outfalls.



## NEGROS OCC. BIO-ETHANOL PLANT SHUTS DOWN

By **Panay News** -Tuesday, February 23, 2021

BY DOMINIQUE GABRIEL BAÑAGA

BACOLOD City – Due to recurring pollution issues, the bio-ethanol plant in San Carlos City, Negros Occidental was temporarily closed.

Mayor Renato Gustilo suspended the operation of the San Carlos Bioenergy Inc. (SCBI). He blamed the plant's industrial discharges for the discoloration of water in the coastal area of Sitio Maloloy-on, Barangay Punao.

Gustilo also cited as evidence the footages and reports from the City Planning and Development Coordinator's Office, Bantay Katunggan of the Coastal Resource Management of the City Environment Management Office (CRM-CEMO), Eco-Zone Multi-Partite Monitoring Team (MMT), and City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office.

While SCBI rolled out mitigating measures, Gustilo lamented such initiatives were "not enough to cushion the negative impact" of the water pollution on residents.

"The SCBI should settle as soon as possible the recurring issues or the city government would recommend to the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (EMB-DENR) the issuance of a cease-and-desist order," the mayor stressed.

On the other hand, Engineer Arthur Batomalaque, senior environment management specialist of CEMO, said they already referred the recurring water discoloration, foul smell and other environmental issues to the Pollution Adjudication Board of the DENR for possible charges.

Only the coastal waters were "greatly affected" by the effluents from the plant, he said.

Based on continuous MMT monitoring and testing at accredited laboratories, the local ground water wells "remained unsullied," Batomalaque added.

The SCBI representatives would soon convene with the mayor.

Moreover, Melvin Maglayon of CRM-CEMO, a conservation fellow of the city's Fishforever program, said any industrial waste reaching the sea is "very harmful" because "pollutants can lower dissolved oxygen levels causing fish kill."

He added that harmful chemicals also affect the fragile coastal ecosystems like mangroves, seagrass beds and coral reefs.

These chemicals would also decrease fish catch and adversely affect tourism should pollutants reach city tourist spots like the Sipaway Island, Maglayon said./PN

Source: <https://www.panaynews.net/negros-occ-bio-ethanol-plant-shuts-down/>



## Reforestation susi upang pagbaha sa kagubatan maiwasan — Poe

Posted by: [hataw tabloid](#) on February 23, 2021 in [Hataw Lifestyle](#) [Leave a comment](#)

**NANAWAGAN** si Senador Grace Poe para sa pagsusuri ng National Greening Program (NGP) ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa kabiguanang pigilan ang pag-urong ng takip ng kagubatan sa mga bundok ng Sierra Madre at Cordillera na naging sanhi ng matinding pagbaha sa mga lalawigan ng Cagayan at Isabela.

Kahit ang Cagayan ay madaling kapitan ng bagyo, at pati na rin ang “basin” ng tubig mula sa ulan sa Lambak ng Cagayan at rehiyon ng Cordillera, ito ay isang pangunahing tagagawa ng ani.

Gayon man, ang produksiyon ng mga pananim ay maaaring magtigil kung ang deforestation, na lumala nang malubha ang sitwasyon SA lalawigan ng Cagayan, ay maiiwasang masuri.

Noong Disyembre 2019, lumubog ang anim na mga barangay sa bayan ng Alcala sa Cagayan na nakaapekto sa 10,000 pamilya.

Noong nakaraang taon, sinalanta ng bagyong Ulysses ang mga lalawigan ng Cagayan at Isabela, na binagsakan ang 971 barangays at ang mga nasirang pananim sa buong lambak ng Cagayan na nagkakahalaga ng P2.12 bilyon.

Ang mga siyentipiko at executive ng lokal na pamahalaan ay kombinsido na ang walang katapusang pagkalbo ng kagubatan at pagkasira ng Sierra Madre Mountain Range ay isa sa pangunahing dahilan ng pagbaha.

Sinabi ni Senador Poe, kinakailangan ng agarang reforestation ng Sierra Madre at mga bundok ng Cordillera upang mabuo ang isang rehiyon na kayang makatiis sa marahas na puwersa ng kalikasan.

Ipinaliwanag ng senadora, ang reforestation ay isang aplikasyon ng prinsipyong “Build Back Better” – ang proseso ng pagbuo ng mga matatag na pamayanan na dapat gawing mas malakas sila kaysa dati sa pamamagitan ng pagtugon sa mga dati nang kahinaan na naging madali sa mga sakuna.

“Dapat hindi lamang pagtugon kundi pag-agap at pagbangon nang mas matibay,” tugon ni Poe.

Idinagdag ni Poe, ang pag-reforestasyon ng mga nabubulok at hindi mabungang lupa ay nakasalalay sa mabisang pagpapatupad ng NGP.

Ang NGP, na inilunsad noong 2011, ay naglalayong magtanim ng 1.5 bilyong puno sa 1.5 milyong hectares sa anim na taon. Ang kasalukuyang administrasyon ay nagpalawig ng programa hanggang 2028 na may badyet na P3.15 bilyon ngayong taon lamang.

Gayonman, ikinalungkot ni Poe, sa kabila ng napakalaking badyet na inilaan sa NGP, iniulat ng Commission on Audit na 117,441 hectares lamang na mga puno ang nakatanim mula 2010 hanggang 2015, na katumbas ng 11.82% ng 1.50 milyong ektarya na target ng pagtanim ng NGP.





Ang koleksiyon ng imahen ng satellite at data sa isang pag-aaral ay nagpakita ng malaking pagkawala ng takip ng kagubatan sa mga lugar sa Hilagang Luzon na sakop ng NGP sa pagtatapos ng 2016.

Ang takip ng kagubatan sa Cagayan at Isabela ay tumanggi pa sa mga nagdaang taon. Noong 2018, ang lalawigan ng Cagayan ay nawalan ng 1.17 kilohectares (kha) ng pangunahing kagubatan at 4.64 kha ng takip ng puno, habang ang lalawigan ng Isabela ay nawala ang 1.03 kha ng pangunahing takip ng kagubatan at 3.44 kha ng takip ng puno noong 2017.

Binigyang diin ni Poe na ang NGP ay nagpakita ng walang makabuluhang epekto sa pagpapanumbalik ng sakop ng kagubatan ng ating bansa. Nabigo itong ipatupad nang buo ang reforestation at, kasabay nito, nabigong ihinto ang deforestation ng mga dating kagubatan.

Source: [https://www.hatawtabloid.com/2021/02/23/reforestation-susi-upang-pagbaha-sa-kagubatan-maiwasan-poe/?\\_cf\\_chl\\_jschl\\_tk\\_=bd3506062b70205e05e878256fa2c01ea1ab71f1-1614116593-0-AXrOl6QCmfH0eW79aENZSU4f4Udjk0Ne\\_y6KUMNfuB6UCyL2ZzJi3xQJa5PL3aOx2HmQOu6412Vaw8MZ1d\\_sxYwbWJtpmgNnhtLWusf61GtCQYIJWlraMsp4IsYJytT1VghHrwa5q8LXYb5sTJeAY\\_1XRCQimk\\_qlrIBDLG56m0ZwSqePZF9NZo5QvBmDv8\\_AABn3aIRhHvm2F\\_BJ9NeBd9pKHvVhaUGIhSfbaekPtb1wKGxSnN2fdemLBn4kB5ntmUM3vTNlyzuPLs\\_xIAfTf\\_roFSfmvBmT75JrceJS1t-jgANe2C4JnFRkqirkbo5Q64IVzKmENkPIKUBMJFm9TgZbSNk9GfxwPwPQMFMptqd6XdX2pBaFUh\\_Ujb91YBvqai81zbqKgoQsf-jnJ\\_Az8](https://www.hatawtabloid.com/2021/02/23/reforestation-susi-upang-pagbaha-sa-kagubatan-maiwasan-poe/?_cf_chl_jschl_tk_=bd3506062b70205e05e878256fa2c01ea1ab71f1-1614116593-0-AXrOl6QCmfH0eW79aENZSU4f4Udjk0Ne_y6KUMNfuB6UCyL2ZzJi3xQJa5PL3aOx2HmQOu6412Vaw8MZ1d_sxYwbWJtpmgNnhtLWusf61GtCQYIJWlraMsp4IsYJytT1VghHrwa5q8LXYb5sTJeAY_1XRCQimk_qlrIBDLG56m0ZwSqePZF9NZo5QvBmDv8_AABn3aIRhHvm2F_BJ9NeBd9pKHvVhaUGIhSfbaekPtb1wKGxSnN2fdemLBn4kB5ntmUM3vTNlyzuPLs_xIAfTf_roFSfmvBmT75JrceJS1t-jgANe2C4JnFRkqirkbo5Q64IVzKmENkPIKUBMJFm9TgZbSNk9GfxwPwPQMFMptqd6XdX2pBaFUh_Ujb91YBvqai81zbqKgoQsf-jnJ_Az8)



## Why President Duterte suspended the MVIS program

By [Dr. Jesus Lim Arranza](#)

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**MAKE SENSE**

On August 10, 2018, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) issued Department Order 2018-19 authorizing the establishment of Private Motor Vehicle Inspection Centers (PMVICs) all over the country to be run and operated by private entities.

However, knowing that Republic Act 4136 (otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code) vests such inspection function or powers with the Land Transportation Office (LTO), I cannot see the rationale why the government relinquished its responsibility to enforce and collect fees relative to the Act in favor of private businesses.

Under the Traffic Code, it is the Commissioner of Land Transportation who shall be responsible for the administration of this Act. As such, the Commissioner or his deputies may at any time examine and inspect any motor vehicle to determine whether such motor vehicle is registered, or is unsightly, unsafe, overloaded, improperly marked or equipped, or otherwise unfit to be operated because of possible excessive damage to highways, bridges and/or culverts.

However, the Code does not expressly say that these responsibilities can be delegated and/or re-delegated to any other party. Thus, unless allowed by an enabling law, would DOTr's issuance of Department Order 2018-19 not be legally questionable?

The legal jurisprudence of this issue is best seen in a similar incident involving the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Bureau of Customs, when the latter allowed the former to undertake the encoding of Customs entries and to collect fees for their services as exposed during a Senate hearing, where then Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile questioned the legal basis of the agreement between PCCI and BOC.

According to Enrile, a government function delegated by law to a particular state agency, especially those that involve collection of fees, cannot be re-delegated to any other party, unless allowed by an enabling law. As a result of the Senate hearing, the BOC stopped its ASYCUDA project with PCCI.

The Clean Air Act for its part, where unlike the Traffic Code, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), as the Act's principal implementor is allowed to collaborate and even deputize other government agencies like the DOTC, DTI and LGUs in the development of an action plan for the control and management of air pollution from motor vehicles consistent with the Integrated Air Quality Framework.

This makes me wonder why the haste in implementing the government's MVIS program despite its legal issues, and most importantly, despite its having a measly number of accredited testing centers all over the country.



Like the government's implementation of the Child Car Seat Law beginning February this year as earlier announced, its full enforcement during the pandemic could be awkward knowing that under the IATF Covid-19 safety protocol, children 14 years old and below are restricted from leaving home. Who would be using the child car seats then when children are not allowed to leave home?

It's good that President Duterte is sensitive to issues and concerns affecting the social and economic well-being of Filipinos. He ordered the implementation of the Car Seat Law deferred, and made MVIS no longer mandatory.

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# Greening program benefits 195 farmers in Dinagat province

By Danilo Adorador, III February 23, 2021, 8:06 pm



**SEEDLING MASTER.** Bernie Fruta, 28, poses with his seedlings with Jean Litang, a community development coordinator of Cagdianao Mining Corp. (CMC) based in Barangay Valencia, Cagdianao, Dinagat Island province. Benjie earned more than PHP300,000 in 2020 under a program that pays community members to produce seedlings for CMC's greening program. (Contributed Photo)

**VALENCIA, Cagdianao, Dinagat Islands--**At least 195 farmers have benefited from the rehabilitation and reforestation program of the Cagdianao Mining Corp. (CMC) based in this town, the company said in a statement Tuesday.

Dubbed as "ECOMmunity Program," the initiative has paid up some PHP4.4 million to 71 contractors and 124 sub-contractors, who are tasked with producing seedlings to support the CMC's reforestation initiatives.

Since its launching in 2019, the program has generated over a million seedlings, said Nathalie Radaza, CMC's Community Output-Based Program coordinator.

Benjie Fruta, 28, one of the program participants, managed to earn over PHPP326,000 last year by producing 37,000 seedlings.

"I was able to build my own house from my earnings. The ECOcommunity program has really been a blessing for us," Fruta said in the dialect.

He said he managed to produce a lot of seedlings by hiring subcontractors, mostly neighbors and family members. He and his helpers grew his own seedlings for three months at his own nursery at home.

Radaza noted that the program "hits two birds in one stone," uplifting the lives of beneficiaries while raising awareness about environmental protection and conservation.

"Involving the communities in CMC's greening programs is so heart-warming and so satisfying to hear personal stories of how the company is helping members of the mining communities become financially independent," he said.

CMC's nickel mine is located on the northeastern side of Dinagat Islands province. Its area of operations is within the Surigao Mineral Reservation. (PR)



# Greening of Post Office bldg to help raise nature appreciation

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**THE** Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) has landscaped the historic Manila Central Post Office Building, transforming its public space into a vibrant, eco-friendly and sustainable government center.

PHLPost said the greening of the Post Office building helps connect its employees and the public with nature and raises environmental consciousness and appreciation.

The Manila Central Post Office Building has been declared an *“Important Cultural Property”* by the National Museum. It is still considered the grandest building and most prominent landmark and tourist attraction in the City of Manila.

This neo-classical building was inaugurated in 1931, known then as the *“Bureau of Posts”* which was designed by the famous Filipino architect Juan Arellano. The Post Office Building was built as a modern colonial architecture, an example of a perfect neo-classical monument.

Aside from the Manila Central Post Office Building, Arellano also designed the Manila Metropolitan Theater and the old legislative building (National Museum).

Urban green spaces are seen to help reduce pollution and improve air quality.



# Gov't distributes idle lands to ex-commies

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We want to hasten the distribution of the lands because we know this plays a huge role in our peace efforts

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President Rodrigo Duterte has formed a new task force under the Department of Agrarian Reform to hasten the land distribution for former communist rebels, Malacañang announced Tuesday.

Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles said the Chief Executive also approved the proposal to increase government security in critical public lands as well as identify idle government lots to be distributed to the rebel returnees.

He said the initiatives, approved during the Cabinet meeting on Monday night, are aimed at building confidence with those who want to return to the fold of the law.

So far, about 6,406.6 hectares of land in Cagayan Valley, Bicol Region, Eastern Visayas, and Davao Region have been distributed by the state, Nograles added.

"We want to hasten the distribution of the lands because we know this plays a huge role in our peace efforts," he said.

During yesterday's Cabinet meeting, Duterte also gave his go signal to the military and police force to provide security measures in the government-owned land areas that are found to be critical in nature.

The President recently issued amnesty proclamations for former members of four communist groups in a bid to strengthen the state's peace-building efforts.

The amnesty covered members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, Moro National Liberation Front, and the Rebolusyong Partido ng Manggagawang Pilipinas-Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade.

The four amnesty proclamations, signed by the President on 5 February, will take effect upon concurrence by a majority of all members of Congress.



Phividec Industrial Authority Administrator Jose Gabriel La Viña says that there will be zero quarry activities within the PHIVIDEC Estate and those quarry operators are prohibited from using the PHIVIDEC roads effective yesterday, Feb. 22. (RMendoza/PIA10)

## Phividec chief halts quarry operations

By Jan Albert K. Araña Published on February 23, 2021

TAGOLOAN, Misamis Oriental, Feb. 23 (PIA) – Phividec Industrial Authority Administrator Jose Gabriel “Pompee” La Viña yesterday issued a cease and desist order to halt the quarry activities within the Phividec Estate.

The said move was made to protect the residents that are currently living along the riverside of Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental.

According to La Viña, the five identified quarry firms shall no longer be allowed to operate within the PHIVIDEC estate nor be allowed to use its road.

“My aim is to protect the people who are living along the riverside of Tagolaon; that is the reason why I will shut down the quarry operation within the said area through the issuance of the cease and desist order,” he said.

La Viña’s decision to stop all the quarry operations were based on the intelligence report he received complete with pictures and videos of the quarry operation sites. Though these quarry firms had permits from the provincial government of Misamis Oriental, they failed to secure the necessary permits from his office.

Besides, those quarry firms already went beyond their allotted allowable quarry area.

The problem of quarry activities within the states could be traced back as early as the 1990s but was not stopped by the previous administration.

“Weeks after I was appointed as the PHIVIDEC Administrator by President Rodrigo Duterte, I immediately planned to close the quarry operations and prohibition to use the PHIVIDEC roads to the quarry operators,” he told the media.

To stop the quarry operations took a while because La Viña and his PHIVIDEC legal team had to study the legalities of the action to take against the said operators. La Viña also cited that the legal basis they used to stop the quarry operations was Presidential Decree (PD) 538, which created the PHIVEDIC.



"It took a while because we studied the law if PHIVIDEC has the rights to close [quarry]. "What legal options we have? We investigated if the reports are true, and you can see our intelligence [report] is complete with photos and videos regarding that matter," he maintained.

Laviña is firm in his decision to have a zero quarry activity within the estates and to protect not just the PHIVIDEC area, which had already lost 70 hectares of its 3,000-hectare property from years of quarrying but also to protect the people of Tagoloan from any future disaster and calamities that the illegal quarry may bring.

He maintained that they are ready to defend their rights all the way to the supreme court if necessary. (JAKAraña/PIA10)





# Tanza LGU releases Sea turtle hatchlings in Bgy. Halayhay

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A newly hatched turtle. Photo by DENNIS ABRINA

**TANZA**, Cavite – Local government officials led by Mayor Yuri Pacumio released hundreds of baby pawikan or Olive Ridley seas turtle hatchlings to their natural habitat in Bgy. Halayhay on February 22, 2021.

Pacumio, assisted by Menandro Dimaranan, Tanza Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) in released of 98 newly-hatched sea turtles together with members of PNP, BFP and BJMP.

A female sea turtle or pawikan laid eggs on the dry sand of Bgy. Halayhay last December 22, 2020. The eggs hatched after 60 days.

The shores of Bgy. Labac, Naic and Sitio Long Beach, San Rafael IV, Noveleta, Cavite are considered sanctuaries of sea turtles and breeding grounds of sea animals.

Source: [https://journal.com.ph/news/provincial/tanza-lgu-releases-sea-turtle-hatchlings-in-bgy-halayhay/?fbclid=IwAR3QYUOfgmY0SKkslP5SvHeiKIeU\\_m9f\\_Nd8hKi9dgJFu7uL0VhLx2VZwXM](https://journal.com.ph/news/provincial/tanza-lgu-releases-sea-turtle-hatchlings-in-bgy-halayhay/?fbclid=IwAR3QYUOfgmY0SKkslP5SvHeiKIeU_m9f_Nd8hKi9dgJFu7uL0VhLx2VZwXM)



## Sea turtle hatchlings released in Cavite

By Dennis Abrina

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The local government of Tanza, Cavite led by Mayor Yuri Pacumio released Olive Ridley sea turtle hatchlings to their natural habitat in Barangay Halayhay on February 22. Pacumio was assisted by Menandro Dimaranan of the Tanza Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office in the ceremonial release of 98 newly hatched sea turtles. A female turtle laid eggs on Dec. 22, 2020 and after 60 days, the eggs hatched.



Nasawi kinalaunan ang isang babaeng Green Sea Turtle matapos mailigtas mula sa pagkaka-trap sa fish pen sa Barangay Kabatan, Vincenzo Sagun, Zamboanga del Sur. Base sa isinagawang necropsy examination, natagpuang naka-ingest ito ng plastic straw at nylon na hinihinalang sanhi ng pagkamatay nito.

Nakiusap ang DENR Region IX sa publiko na tumulong sa proteksyon ng ating kapaligiran at likas na yaman.

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## Bird watching sa Candaba, Pampanga bawal muna dahil sa banta ng bird flu

February 23, 2021 1 min read

MANILA – Nagpatupad ang lokal na pamahalaan ng Candaba, Pampanga ng tatlong araw na ban sa bird watching bilang bahagi ng pagkilos upang mapigil ang pagpasok ng bird flu H5N8 sa bansa.

Tatagal ang ban hanggang Miyerkules habang naghahanda ang lokal na pamahalaan ng protocol para mapigil ang pagkalat ng bird flu.

Ipinabatid na rin ng lokal na pamahalaan ang mga nag-aalaga ng itik ukol sa bird flu at pinayuhan silang mag-report kung may napansing kakaiba sa kanilang mga alaga.

“May task force dito para i-monitor at umiikot sila at kinakausap ang lahat na may itikan dito,” wika ni Candaba Mayor Rene Maglanque.

Dinarayo ang Candaba ng bird watchers dahil doon nakikita ang mga uri ng ibon mula sa mga bansang may malamig na temperatura.

Bago rito, iniulat ng Russia sa World Health Organization (WHO) ang unang kaso ng human transmission ng H5N8 strain ng bird flu. (AI/FC/MTVN)

Source: <https://maharlika.tv/2021/02/23/bird-watching-sa-candaba-pampanga-bawal-muna-dahil-sa-banta-ng-bird-flu/?fbclid=IwAR2oLLooxK4WYe17rhUniSyU5wr1hSswkwX4-LTILH56zHGdnMEG-grSSw>



# Witness glowing underwater creatures while blackwater diving in Mabini, Batangas

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If you love the sea, then blackwater diving should definitely be up in your bucket list!

In a Born To Be Wild episode on Monday, Dr. Ferds Recio showed the unique beauty that can only be seen when you experience blackwater diving, a new trend that lets you go deep underwater during the nighttime with only your flashlights as the source of light.

"Dahil sa mas malamig na temperatura ang tubig, dumadayo sa mas mababaw na parte ng dagat ang karaniwang sa ilalim," the veterinarian said as he and his crew went blackwater diving in Mabini, Batangas.

During blackwater diving, you can see a whole new world of species underwater. Some glow up when you shine light on them, some are so transparent you'll see their insides, and some even emit electrical activity that their "lights" change from red to blue.

"Na-appreciate namin 'tong creatures na 'to na hindi naman namin at all makikita during normal divings," Doc Ferds said.

"Mga organisms na nandoon sa bottom ng tubig," he added. "They've come out from the bottom pataas at a specific time, may panahon at oras na umaakyat sila na perfect itong blackwater diving for us to appreciate them. You won't appreciate it during day time." —

**Kaela Malig/MGP, GMA News**



Lake Lanao

## Lake Lanao remains pristine, study says

By Geraldine Bulaon-Ducusin Published on February 23, 2021

MARAWI CITY, Feb. 23 - "Our Lake Lanao from all sampling sites is still pristine; our water is still clean."

This was disclosed by Fema M. Abamo, Ph.D., a professor of Mindanao State University in Marawi City, during her webinar presentation for the regional basic research caravan for Bicol, as conducted by the Department of Science and Technology-National Research Council of the Philippines (DOST-NRCP).

The water quality of Lake Lanao in five sampling sites namely Marawi City, Ragain, Balindong, Taraka, and Binidayan was monitored for two years by using the abundance of one-celled protozoan ciliates as bio-indicators of organic pollution. The highest ciliate abundance was observed in the littoral zone of Balindong at 0.0061cells/mL during the dry season. The previous study of Beaver and Crisman (1989) categorized lakes as ultra-oligotrophic when their ciliate abundance is equal to or lower than 2.4cells/mL; Lake Lanao, therefore, is ultra-oligotrophic having ciliate abundance below the set range in all sampling sites. Such lake category has very low nutrients, scarce growth of plants and algae, and high dissolved oxygen indicative of a clean, healthy, good water quality and not organically polluted lake.

Organic pollution occurs when large quantities of organic compounds are released into aquatic ecosystems. Sources of pollution usually come from wastes generated by agricultural, residential, and industrial activities. High levels also of inorganic nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus in water can cause an overgrowth of plants and algae. As plants and algae die, they become organic materials in the water. Decomposition of these organic materials uses up high amounts of oxygen, thus depriving the fish population of needed oxygen that causes fish kills in the lake. These decaying organic compounds serve as substrates for the microorganisms, increasing the bacterial population which in turn supports the abundant growth of ciliates.

Ciliate abundance varied as the season changed, i.e., lower in the non-mixing season and higher in the dry season indicative of nutrient and organic load fluctuations in the lake as the season changed. Water samples for this study were obtained from 50-100 meters away from the lakeshore in the shallower littoral zone and towards the deeper open water in the pelagic zone.

Their results were corroborated by the findings of another group in the same program conducting the physical and chemical characterization of the lake and found the same that the lake is not polluted but still healthy and has good water quality.

The study, which was funded by the DOST-NRCP, was conducted during a three-year period, but was temporarily suspended and eventually allowed to resume after the Marawi siege.



“The lake was reportedly deteriorating due to increased human population and activities around the lake,” Abamo said, explaining why there’s a need to conserve the lake’s good condition, especially now that the people have resettled back near the lake after the Marawi siege.

The researchers suggested to the local government to strengthen their policies to maintain the healthy condition of the lake.

“We have recommended to the local government to create and implement stricter policies and ordinances to conserve the lake, and regulate and check both the residential and business establishments around the lake,” Abamo said.

Lake Lanao is estimated to be around 10 million years old (World Lake Database) and is listed as one of the 17 ancient lakes of the world with a tectonic-volcanic origin. It is the second largest lake in the Philippines and the largest one in Mindanao, home to 18 endemic cyprinids (freshwater fishes related to the carps and minnows) that are found nowhere else in the world.

For generations, Lanao Lake has been a potent natural resource that breathes life to the Maranaws, as a source of their food and water, livelihood, religious practices, transportation and sports. But more than anything, the lake has shaped the Maranaw culture and tradition to what it is now and it has become imperative for the Maranaws to preserve its pristine beauty for a better and sustainable future.

Abamo is a member of DOST-NRCP’s 4,944 research pool involved in various scientific disciplines. For more webinars on basic research, interested parties can visit the NRCP’s Research Pod, a Facebook Page of the council. (DOST)



*The unusual coloration of the coastal waters of Barangay San Roque and Sta Cruz, Ozamiz City- from brownish to reddish in color. (BFAR MisOcc)*

## BFAR to analyze Ozamiz waters' red coloration

By Recthie T. PaculbaPublished on February 23, 2021

OZAMIZ CITY, Misamis Occidental, Feb. 22 (PIA)--Noting the red coloration of the waters in Ozamiz City, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Misamis Occidental, collected shellfish samples for submission to BFAR Central Office for Mouse Bio-assay analysis.

So far, no fish kill or shellfish poisoning, or related cases were reported. And, as a follow-up monitoring, no discoloration of the area was observed, February 23.

Consistent monitoring will be done by the bureau. As per report, fine and the intense warm weather condition was observed in Ozamiz City, which may trigger algal bloom as photosynthetic organisms.

Based on the water samples analyzed, the presence of Gonyaulax, a genus of dinoflagellate algae was found. These red tide organisms inhabit marine, fresh and brackish water environments where growth/blooms were triggered by favorable environmental conditions such as soil/water fertility, temperature and etc.

As per research, several planktonic species are toxic and are sometimes abundant enough to color water and cause the phenomenon called red tide, which may kill fish and other animals. A human may be poisoned by eating mussels or other shellfish that have infested large quantities of Gonyaulax catenella.

However, for this occurrence, species of this genus was for further identification. Likewise, for precautionary measures, BFAR Misamis Occidental is coordinating the City Government of Ozamiz for prohibiting the gathering, selling, and eating of shellfish in the area. (BFAR MisOcc/PIA Misamis Occidental)





## E-waste recycling

posted February 23, 2021 at 10:58 pm

by [Jun David](#)



A shopper drops off an old electronic mobile device at SM City Marilao's e-waste collection drop box located at the entrance of IT Zone. The designated e-waste collection drop boxes at SM Malls in Marilao, Baliwag, Pulilan, and San Jose Del Monte aim to raise public awareness on the need to practice and responsibly manage e-waste.



# PH Covid-19 recoveries climb to 522,941

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor February 23, 2021, 5:47 pm



MANILA – With 72 new recovered cases reported on Tuesday, the overall tally of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) recoveries nationwide climbed to 522,941.

According to the Department of Health (DOH), the figure is equivalent to a 92.6-percent recovery rate among those who contracted the infectious disease nationwide.

The DOH also tallied 1,414 new confirmed cases, bringing the total number of active cases to 29,817.

Of the active cases, about 88.4 percent are mild, 5.7 percent are asymptomatic, 2.5 percent are severe, 0.39 are moderate, and 2.6 percent are in critical condition.

The DOH also logged 16 more deaths on Tuesday, pushing the death toll to 12,107.

"Five duplicates were removed from the total case count, and of these, two were recovered cases. Moreover, three cases that were previously tagged as recovered were reclassified as deaths after final validation," it said.

The department also reported that it has a total bed capacity of 21,400 dedicated to Covid-19 patients.

Available are about 60 percent of 1,900 intensive care unit beds; 68 percent of 13,500 isolation beds; and 77 percent of 6,000 ward beds.

About 78 percent of 2,000 ventilators are available for patients' use.

The DOH reminded the public to continue observing the minimum public health standards -- proper wearing of face masks and full-coverage face shields, physical distancing, and proper handwashing -- to prevent the spread of Covid-19. (PNA)



## PRRD leads relief ops for 'Auring' victims in Surigao Sur

By Alexander Lopez February 23, 2021, 7:34 pm



**ASSESSING STORM DAMAGE.** President Rodrigo R. Duterte conducts an aerial survey of the areas in Tandag City, Surigao del Sur, affected by Tropical Storm Auring. The President arrived in the city on Tuesday (Feb. 23, 2021) along with Sen. Christopher Lawrence 'Bong' Go and some Cabinet officials to bring aid to calamity victims. (Video grab courtesy of Sen. Christopher Lawrence 'Bong' Go)

BUTUAN CITY – President Rodrigo R. Duterte arrived in Tandag City on Tuesday afternoon to inspect the devastation wrought by Tropical Storm Auring on Surigao del Sur over the weekend, as national government agencies descend on the province on the same day to aid calamity victims.

Accompanied by Sen. Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go, President Duterte conducted an aerial survey on several areas affected by "Auring" shortly after arriving at the Tandag Airport past 3 p.m.

The President then met with his Cabinet secretaries and local officials at the Villa Maria Luisa Hotel to discuss disaster relief efforts and long-term interventions on the affected sectors.

Agriculture Secretary Willam D. Dar, one of the Cabinet officials who accompanied Duterte, distributed PHP300,000 worth of milled rice, chicks, and assorted vegetable seeds to farmers.

DA-13 information officer Emmylou T. Presilda said the immediate assistance was intended for families whose farms and livelihood were directly affected by the typhoon.

"We are still finalizing the complete data on the total number of hectares damaged and the number of farmers and fishermen affected by the typhoon. These data are coming from the Municipal Agriculture Offices (MAOs) in the province," Presilda told the Philippine News Agency.

Another PHP217 million worth of seeds, farm machinery, and equipment were handed over to the provincial government and the different farmers' groups in the area, she said.

In addition, DA-13 also turned over more than PHP149 million worth of farm equipment and machinery through the mechanization program of the Philippine Center for Postharvest and Mechanization (PHilMech).

The Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), meanwhile, released on the same day an indemnification fund totaling PHP1.2 million, according to Presilda.

On top of the DA assistance, she said the affected farmers and fisherfolks also received PHP28 million worth of aid from the national government's Bayanihan 2 Program.

For its part, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) provided financial aid to 3,658 typhoon victims in a distribution activity held at the Tandag City gymnasium. Each recipient received PHP3,000 cash assistance each.

Meanwhile, Gov. Alexander T. Pimentel said the President has committed a suit of aid packages to help the province's agriculture sector and repair damaged infrastructures.

Employment and livelihood support for calamity victims would also be provided by various national agencies, Pimentel added.

"The President has given all Cabinet secretaries involved in providing assistance to the disaster victims 30 days to consult and finalize all the needed support to be provided," the governor said. (PNA)

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1131625>



# Close to 32K families affected by 'Auring' in 4 regions

By Priam Nepomuceno February 23, 2021, 1:51 pm



MANILA – The number of families affected by tropical depression Auring has climbed to 31,884 residing in Regions 5 (Bicol Region), 10 (Northern Mindanao), 11 (Davao Region), and 13 (Caraga Region).

This was announced by National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) deputy spokesperson Mark Cashean Timbal in an update Tuesday morning.

This can be broken down into the following: Region 5, 8 families; Region 10, 18 families; Region 11, 566 families; and Caraga with 31,292 families.

Timbal also said that one fatality was reported in Caraga while two others remain missing.

He added that these figures are still undergoing validation by the NDRRMC.

Also damaged were 240 houses in Regions 11 and Caraga.

These can be broken down into 60 totally damaged and 180 partially damaged. (PNA)



## MULI KAYANG LALANGAWIN ANG EDSA SA IKA-35 ANIBERSARYO NITO?



February 24, 2021 @ 1:00 AM 5 hours ago

NOONG taong 2020, may mga diaryo, online at print, na walang lamang istorya at litrato ukol sa anibersaryo ng makasaysayang EDSA Revolution na naganap noong Pebrero 22 hanggang Peb. 25, 1986.

Sa social media, ganundin ang nangyari.

Lumipas nga ang ika-34 anibersaryo na hindi man lang pinag-uusapan kahit sa mga barangay na naging aktibo sa paggunita rito sa nakalipas na mga dekada at taon.

At halos wala rin ang mga pangunahing persona noon na namumuno at nagsasalita sa entablado.

Kahit na walang pagkontrol ang pamahalaan sa pagtitipon kundi bantayan lang ang trapik, talaga namang parang nakalimutan na iyon ng marami.

Anyare?

### HALALANG 2016 AT 2019

Nagsimulang klarong lumabnaw ang paggunita sa EDSA Revolt noong 2016.

Ang mga kandidato o pangunahing kandidato ng mga umangkin sa dangal at diwa ng EDSA ay napayuko ng isa lamang na hamak na mayor mula sa Davao City, si Mayor Rodrigo Duterte.

Natalo ang mga matagal nang namamayagpag sa pambansang pulitika na pawang mayayaman, maiimpluwensya at sikat na nagsasabing sila ang nasa unahan at likod ng EDSA Revolt.

Lumabnaw rin ang kulay-dilaw at may mga kandidato ngang hindi nagsuot ng dilaw kahit kasama sila sa mga nagtatatak ng sarili na dilawan.

At maging ang kandidato nila sa pagka-Bise Presidente, si Atty. Leni Robredo, bagama't dinesisyunan nang panalo ng Supreme Court kamakailan lang, ay malabnaw naman ang pagkapanalo sa pananatili ng paniniwalang may pandaraya sa kanyang panalo.

Dumating ang 2019, nademolis lahat ang kandidato sa pagkasenador ng mga dilawan.

Otso-diretso ang tawag sa kanilang pangkat na hindi pinagkatiwalaan ng higit ng nakararaming botante.

Maging sa Kamara, sa 304 na kabuuang bilang ng mga kongresman na kinapapalooban ng 238 na pandistrato at 61 na party-list, mabibilang din sa daliri ang nanalo.



Nasa 18 lang ang kasapi ng Liberal Party at 6 na kasapi ng Makabayan bloc bilang oposisyunista na nakalaban ng mga kapartido at kakampi ni Pang. Duterte.

Sabi ng ating Uzi, sila muli ang mga pangunahing nag-iingay ukol sa EDSA at ang sumilip sa mga pagkakamali o pagkukulang umano ng administrasyong Duterte ang inaatupag ng mga ito sa halip na ang kapakanan ng buong bayan sa harap ng pandemya at krisis sa ekonomiya.

Ang tanong: Makakaya ba nilang buhayin ang diwa ng EDSA na humakot ng milyon-milyong Pinoy noong 1986 para mangalsada at ipaglaban ang pagbabago?

## **HALALANG 2022 DUMARATING NA**

Sa taong ito magsisimula ang halalang 2022 para sa Pangulo hanggang sa mga opisyal ng mga bayan at lungsod.

Ayon sa Commission on Elections, isang linggo o mula Oktubre 1 hanggang 8 ngayong taon ang pag-file ng kandidatura ng lahat ng kandidato, kasama na ang mga party-list.

Pero ang kampanyahan sa pang-Presidente, Bise Presidente, senador at party-list ay gaganapin sa Pebrero 8, 2022 hanggang Mayo 7, 2022.

Para naman sa mga kongresman hanggang sa mga opisyal na panrehiyon, panglungsod at pangmunisipyo, sa Marso 25, 2022 hanggang sa Mayo 7, 2022.

Ngayon pa lang, sa totoo lang, konektado na ang pagdiriwang ng EDSA 1 sa mga usaping pulitikal ngayong taon hanggang 2022.

Sa pangkalahatan, tiyak na magkaroon ng mga hati-hating pahayag ang mga politiko bukas.

'Yun bang === pabor at kontra sa administrasyong Duterte.

Magaganap ba ito mismo sa entablado ng EDSA 1?

At magkakainteres kaya ang mga mamamayan sa mga sasabihin ng mga politiko at dadalo sila sa selebrasyon nang libo-libo, daan-daang libo o milyon-milyon kaya?

Subaybayan na lang natin.

Ang tiyak, ipipilit ng pamahalaan ang social distancing, pagsusuot ng face mask at face shield, malinis na kamay at iba pang uri ng health protocol upang malabanan ang kakaibang krisis ngayon na dulot ng coronavirus disease o COVID-19.

Sana susunod dito ang sinoman na dadalo sa okasyon.

Imadyinin na lang natin, sa mahigit isang taon lang na pag-atake ng pandemya, talo ang lahat ng gawain ng mga kalawang at anay sa pamahalaan sa tatlong taon o anim na taon o siyam taon o 12 taon nilang pag-upo sa pwesto.

Sana, isa ito sa bibigyang-diin ng mga speaker at dadalo sa anibersaryo at dito magtulong-tulong ang lahat sa halip na magsiraan para lang higit na makalamang sa halalang 2022.

## Johnson, Attenborough unite vs climate change

By Agence France-Presse

February 24, 2021

**LONDON:** Veteran British naturalist David Attenborough and Prime Minister Boris Johnson will make direct pleas Tuesday to the United Nations Security Council to take “urgent action” on climate change or face worsening global instability.

Johnson, who is chairing a virtual session of the council on climate and security, will urge members to help vulnerable countries adapt to climate change and “take steps to cut global emissions to net zero by 2050,” according to his Downing Street office.



London: Britain’s Prime Minister Boris Johnson watches a video address by Sir David Attenborough as he chairs a virtual session of the UN Security Council on climate and security at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in central London on February 23, 2021. Johnson will make a direct plea to the UN Security Council to take “urgent action” on climate change or face worsening global instability. AFP PHOTO

The council “is tasked with confronting the gravest threats to global peace and security, and that’s exactly what climate change represents,” the British leader will say.

“From the communities uprooted by extreme weather and hunger, to warlords capitalizing on the scramble for resources — a warming planet is driving insecurity,” he will add.

Johnson is set to stress that helping vulnerable countries adapt to climate change and cutting global emissions to net zero will aid the protection of biodiversity as well as prosperity and security.

Attenborough will also make a speech by video to warn of the potential consequences of inaction. “If we bring emissions down with sufficient vigor we may yet avoid the tipping points that will make runaway climate change unstoppable,” he will say.

“If we objectively view climate change and the loss of nature as worldwide security threats — as indeed, they are — then we may yet act proportionately and in time.”

Britain has committed into law a target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and will host the COP26 climate summit in November in the Scottish city of Glasgow.

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