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### DENR eyes temporary closure of Dolomite beach

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) may close again to the public the Dolomite beach in the Manila Bay amid a huge influx of people going to the area.

If DENR Sec. Roy Cimatu had all the power, he would close the Dolomite beach until its water samples finally yield safe fecal coliform level.

"Ngayon tanong mo sakin, bubuksan ulit ba to or sasaraduhan? Sa akin, ang priority ko, lilinisan muna sana eh, meaning ipapasarado ko (Now, if you would ask me if I will open it again or not? For me, my priority is to close it)," Cimatu said in a press conference.

DENR recently ordered the temporary closure of the Dolomite beach from Oct. 29 to Nov. 3 for maintenance works and in observance of the All Souls' Day.

DENR Usec. Benny Antiporda added in the same press conference that agency officials will conduct a series of meetings to discuss if they will open the Dolomite beach after Nov. 3 or just continue its closure.

"I will now watch closely the clean up of the water quality there," Cimatu said.

Source: https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/denr-eyes-temporary-closure-of-dolomite-beach/





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### Ex-general to oversee dolomite beach after crowding causes uproar

Gaea Katreena Cabico - Philstar.com October 27, 2021 | 1:48pm



Crowds gather as families spend quality time while waiting for the famous Manila Bay sunset at the Manila Dolomite Beach during its 2nd day opening on Sunday (October 17, 2021).

MANILA, Philippines — Environment chief Roy Cimatu on Wednesday announced the relief of the ground commander of the government's Manila Bay Task Force as the department investigates crowding at the artificial white sand beach, one of the few public spaces in Metro Manila.

The relief of Jacob Meimban, also the executive director of the Manila Bay Coordinating Office, will pave the way for the "honest to goodness" probe into the surges of visitors to the dolomite beach area, DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said in a briefing.

Meimban will be replaced by retired Army general Reuel Sorilla, who leads the environment department's Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service.

"We have plans. We anticipated it but the number of visitors still exceeded... That's why I selected a retired general because the issue here is enforcement," said Cimatu, also a military officer.

"We're not making him (Meimban) a sacrificial [lamb]. He already said that being the commander, he takes full responsibility for what happened," he added.

On October 24, Sunday, the number of people who went to the artificial beach reached 121,744, raising concerns on compliance with health protocols set by the government.

In a statement on Wednesday, fishers' group Pamalakaya said that aside from holding DENR officials accountable, the dolomite beach should be shut down for good.

"We demand for the shutdown of this dolomite beach that cost us hundreds of millions yet completely irrelevant to the Manila Bay rehabilitation program," Pamalakaya national spokesperson Ronnel Arambulo said.

To prevent another crowding, the DENR will implement several changes such as limiting the number of visitors there and banning children aged 11 and below.

Source: <a href="https://www.philstar.com/nation/2021/10/27/2137049/ex-general-oversee-dolomite-beach-after-crowding-causes-uproar">https://www.philstar.com/nation/2021/10/27/2137049/ex-general-oversee-dolomite-beach-after-crowding-causes-uproar</a>





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# Ground commander sa dolomite beach pinalitan kasunod nang pagdagsa ng tao sa lugar

By Bombo Dave Vincent Pasit -October 27, 2021 | 1:57 PM

Pinalitan ang ground commander ng dolomite beach sa Manila Bay kasunod nang pagpunta ng maraming mga tao sa lugar, ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Ayon kay Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, papalitan ni Reuel Sorilla si Director Jacob Meimban Jr. bilang ground commander ng lugar.

Si Sorilla ay kasalukuyang Director for the Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service ng kagawaran.

Iginiit ni Cimatu bilang commander, responsibilidad ni Meimban ang nangyari sa white sand area ng Manila Bay sa nakalipas na dalawang linggo.

Kasabay nito ay sinabi ng kalihim na kailangan maimbestigahan pa rin ang naturang mga pangyayari.

Nabatid na sa nakalipas na dalawang linggo ay hindi nasunod ang health protocols tulad ng social distancing bunsod nang pagdagsa ng libu-libong katao sa lugar.

Ilan sa mga eksperto ang nagsabi na ang pagpunta ng napakaraming tao noon lamang Linggo ay maaring maging venue para sa super spreader events.

Source: https://www.bomboradyo.com/ground-commander-sa-dolomite-beach-pinalitan-kasunod-nang-pagdagsa-ng-tao-sa-lugar/





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### Cimatu relieves Manila Bay office exec from post after dolomite beach overcrowding

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Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu has relieved the Manila Bay executive assigned as ground commander overseeing the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach from his post for the overcrowding that occurred over the weekend.

Cimatu on Wednesday announced he relieved Manila Bay Coordinating Office deputy executive director Jacob Meimban Jr. from his post as ground commander due to the incident. At a press conference, Cimatu apologized that social distancing was disregarded during the opening of the dolomite beach. He vowed that it will never happen again.

"This is the reason why Director Meimban is relieved," he said.

Meimban was previously designated as the ground commander of the Manila Bay Walk Dolomite Beach. Reuel Sorilla, who is the director for environmental law enforcement and protection service of the department, was tasked to take Meimban's role as ground commander.

Cimatu clarified that Meimban will continue his administrative responsibilities as the deputy executive director of Manila Bay Coordinating Office amid the investigation into the incident. He denied that Meimban was only used as "sacrificial lamb" for the overcrowding incident in the dolomite beach.

"(Meimban) already said that, being the commander, he takes full responsibility to what happened," he said.

Meanwhile, the Inter-Agency Task Force will discuss the <u>possibility of filing of charges</u> against Environment officials due to the overcrowding at the dolomite beach over the weekend, NTF chief implementer Carlito Galvez Jr. said Wednesday.

"We will discuss this [with] IATF. I will raise this coming Thursday meeting... we will try to see kung sino talaga ang may (who has) responsibility," Galvez said in an interview on CNN.

The dolomite beach was reopened to the public on October 16, the same day the alert level status in the National Capital Region was downgraded from Level 4 to Level 3 amid a downtrend in new COVID-19 cases.

Since then, droves of people visited the controversial artificial beach.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources said 120,000 visitors went to the dolomite beach over the weekend, according to a report on 24 Oras News Alert. —KG/RSJ, GMA News

Source: <a href="https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/metro/808573/cimatu-relieves-manila-bay-office-exec-from-post-after-dolomite-beach-overcrowding/story/?fbclid=IwAR3vzCKYKr86CecCPPxeT3RZScXTEkcD-c4XWeHWuHVhD3w364mo5EblRfc">https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/news/metro/808573/cimatu-relieves-manila-bay-office-exec-from-post-after-dolomite-beach-overcrowding/story/?fbclid=IwAR3vzCKYKr86CecCPPxeT3RZScXTEkcD-c4XWeHWuHVhD3w364mo5EblRfc</a>





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### DENR chief sacks dolomite beach ground commander amid overcrowding probe

By CNN Philippines Staff Published Oct 27, 2021 11:28:22 AM



**Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, October 27)** — Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu on Wednesday ordered the relief of the Manila Bay Task Force ground commander as the agency investigates the overcrowding at the dolomite beach.

Deputy Executive Director Jacob Meimban of the Manila Baywalk Coordinating Office will be replaced by DENR official and retired Army general Reuel Sorilla to oversee the enforcement of COVID-19 protocols.

Cimatu said DENR will investigate how 121,000 visitors were able to enter the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach on Oct. 24 — breaching the allowed number of guests set by the Inter-Agency Task Force.

While the secretary believes Meimban did a good job of averting a possible disaster because the footbridge leading to the dolomite beach gate started creaking due to possible overcapacity so he allowed visitors to enter for five minutes, he thinks a retired general could ensure it won't happen again in the future.

"Ang aking nakita dito is the enforcement. We have plans, we anticipated it, but nagsobra pa din. That's the reason why I am putting somebody to head the enforcement and become the ground commander for the action to be corrected in the future," he said in a media briefing.

[Translation: We saw the problem was with the enforcement. We have plans, we anticipated it, but there was still an overflow.]

DENR is carrying out several changes to prevent another instance of overcrowding and possible COVID-19 superspreader event at the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach. Children under 12 years old are not allowed to enter, an appointment-based system will be enforced, and the closure of the tourist attraction on Undas.

The agency said the reopening of the man-made beach after Nov. 3 remains unsure since they want to prioritize improving the water quality in the area.

"We will conduct meetings para malaman kung bubuksan pa ulit ito after November 3 o kung tuloy-tuloy nang isasara for the Phase 2," he said.

[Translation: We will conduct meetings to decide if we will open it after Nov. 3 or it will remain to be closed for the second phase of the rehabilitation.]

Source: https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/10/27/Manila-Bay-Dolomite-Beach-overcrowding-investigation.html





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### DENR sacks Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach ground commander amid influx of visitors

April Rafales, ABS-CBN News

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People flock to the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach to watch the sunset on October 21, 2021. 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. *George Calvelo, ABS-CBN News* 

MANILA— Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu on Wednesday said the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach ground commander has been relieved after the controversial influx of visitors to the area over the weekend.

In a press briefing, Cimatu said Jacob Meimban, deputy executive director of the Manila Bay Coordinating Office, would be replaced by retired general Reuel Sorilla.

Sorilla is currently officer-in-charge of the Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service.

This came after the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) recorded a total of 121,744 individuals that went to the artificial white beach on Sunday despite the continuing COVID-19 threat.

Cimatu pointed out that he ordered Meimban's relief to give way to the investigation as to why the number of visitors ballooned on a single day.

"The incident was overcrowding and to find out why nag-overcrowd? This is the reason.. And so ang aking nakita rito (what I see here) is the enforcement. We have the plans, we have some plans na ginawa (that we made), we anticipated it but nagkasobra pa rin (but it was still too much)," the official explained.

"That's the reason why on the enforcement issue, that's the reason why I'm putting somebody to help the enforcement and become the ground commander for the action to be corrected in the future. That's why I selected a retired general for enforcement," said Cimatu, a former chief of staff of the armed forces.

Cimatu also apologized for the incident, and promised it would not happen again.

Meimban, on his part, said he was accepting the order.

"I abide with the decision of my secretary to be relieved immediately as the ground commander of the baywalk area especially the dolomite beach," he said.





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Meanwhile, the DENR said it would not require the thousands of individuals who flocked to the dolomite beach to take a COVID-19 test.

Environment Undersecretary Benny Antiporda pointed out that authorities are asking the visitors to undergo self-quarantine and self-test, instead.

Contact tracing will also be "considered," he added.

"Di naman kailangan umabot sa ganun pa. They can conduct their self-quarantine naman. Makikita naman natin the numbers when it comes to COVID, pababa na. We're not saying na lusot tayo because of the big crowd. 'Yung mga di naka-facemask sinisita at sinasabihan na mag-facemask at cooperative naman mga taong pumunta," Antiporda said.

"The next decision of the DENR or the Inter-Agency Task Force, the contact tracing will be deeply considered in our next decision to make sure if there will be such incident ma-contact trace mga tao," Antiporda said.

DENR earlier said that the dolomite beach will be closed to the public from Oct. 29 to Nov. 3. and every Fridays for maintenance purposes.

The agency will still decide whether they will open it to the public again or leave it closed to give way to phase 2 of the controversial project, where more dolomite sand would be dumped for the completion of the project area.

Environmental groups earlier urged government to stop putting more dolomite at the Manila Bay, and instead use project funds for the COVID-19 crisis.

But government hopes the project would revive businesses along Roxas Boulevard, Environment Undersecretary Benny Antiporda had said.

DENR added that it would also prioritize improving the water quality, by achieving a fecal coliform level of 100 MPN per 100 milligrams.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire urged the public to avoid crowded areas and reminded authorities to enforce minimum health standards.

Malacañang also appealed to the public to observe COVID-19 protocols and reminded police to enforce distancing rules in the area.

Source: <a href="https://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/10/27/21/denr-fires-dolomite-beach-ground-chief-commander?fbclid=IwAR3B0AkwSy2\_UiUp9JBkc8Az77rqb912E55IpjvpVmTNLnAqyxECC">https://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/10/27/21/denr-fires-dolomite-beach-ground-chief-commander?fbclid=IwAR3B0AkwSy2\_UiUp9JBkc8Az77rqb912E55IpjvpVmTNLnAqyxECC</a> W t 4Q





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### Manila Bay Task Force ground commander sacked over Dolomite beach overcrowding

Published October 27, 2021, 12:19 PM by Joseph Pedrajas

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Sec. Roy Cimatu ordered on Wednesday, Oct. 27, the immediate relief of the ground commander of the Manila Bay Task Force over the recent Dolomite beach overcrowding which led to the violation of health measures against COVID-19.

Relieved from post was Jacob Meimban, who was also the Deputy Executive Director of the Manila Bay Coordinating Office.

His relief would pave the way for the "honest to goodness" investigation into the overcrowding incidents at the Dolomite beach for the past two weekends since it reopened to the public on Oct. 16, according to DENR Usec. Benny Antiporda.

"The incident needs to be investigated so we could correct [our mistakes]," Cimatu said in Filipino in a press conference.

Despite the crowding at the Dolomite beach, Cimatu congratulated Meimban for being able to prevent a "potential tragedy" that could have had happened at the footbridge outside the beach area over the weekend.

"He took concern first in the safety of those people in the footbridge because there were some people imploding themselves, who hear the creaking sound of the foot bridge because of the overflow of the people there," Cimatu said.

"While you leave the post, I congratulate you for doing all these things despite this unfortunate event in your tenure as your ground commanfer in those critical times," the environment chief told Meimban.

Antiporda said Meimban will be replaced by Retired General Reuel Sorilla, DENR's director of enforcement service.

DENR picked Sorilla for the position as Antiporda said the overcrowding at the Dolomite beach was an enforcement issue, so someone with enforcement capacity would be fit for the role.

Both Cimatu and Antiporda said the investigation would focus on the rainfall that caused the violation of the social distancing, the extreme influx of the people and the footbridge incident, among others reasons that violated health protocols.

Considering the reasons that were apparently out of Meimban's control, Cimatu clarified that DENR is not making him a "sacrificial lamb" just to say that the agency is doing something regarding the incident.

"He already said that being the commander, he takes full responsibility for what happened," the secretary said.

Source: <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/manila-bay-task-force-ground-commander-sacked-over-dolomite-beach-overcrowding/">https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/manila-bay-task-force-ground-commander-sacked-over-dolomite-beach-overcrowding/</a>





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Manila Bay Task Force commander sacked over beach overcrowding



Photo from DENR

#### THIRD ANNE PERALTA-MALONZO

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DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu ordered Wednesday, October 27, the relief of the Manila Bay Task Force commander amid the issue on overcrowding and violation of health protocols at the Dolomite Beach over the weekend.

Cimatu said Manila Baywalk Coordinating Office deputy executive director Jacob Meimban will be replaced by retired general Reuel Sorilla.

He said the primary task of Sorilla is to supervise crowd control at the Dolomite Beach and ensure the observance of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) health protocols.

Cimatu said the DENR is investigating the incident at the beach on October 24, when 121,000 visitors gathered at the area, resulting in the violation of health protocols, particularly on social distancing.

"Ang aking nakita is the enforcement. We have plans, we anticipated it, but napasobra pa din. That's the reason why I am putting somebody else to head the enforcement for the action to be corrected," Cimatu said.

"While I relieved Meimban, he did a good job. He took concern of the safety of the people on the footbridge at the dolomite area. He prevented a potential tragedy," he added.

Cimatu vowed the incident will not happen again.

Officials have crafted new guidelines to be imposed on visitors at the Dolomite Beach, including the ban on visitors aged 12 and below and limiting the time of stay in the site to five to 15 minutes depending on the number of visitors.

Vendors were also no longer allowed along Roxas Boulevard to decongest the area.

DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda earlier said they are not considering the closure of Manila Bay Dolomite Beach, noting that it was developed for the public.





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The beach was reopened to the public on October 16, the same day the alert level status in the National Capital Region was downgraded from Level 4 to Level 3 following the decrease of Covid-19 cases in the metro.

On Tuesday, October 26, Manila City Mayor Francisco Domagoso urged the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) to file charges against concerned government officials following the incident.

"File charges in violation (of health protocols) sa mga kapwa nila nasa National Government," he

"If they cannot implement it within their offices, then there is no point implementing it sa mga taongbayan," he added. (SunStar Philippines)

Source: <a href="https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1911392/Manila/Local-News/Manila-Bay-Task-Force-commander-sacked-over-beach-overcrowding">https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1911392/Manila/Local-News/Manila-Bay-Task-Force-commander-sacked-over-beach-overcrowding</a>





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#### Cimatu sinibak pabayang opisyal sa dolomite beach

By Abante News — Last updated Oct 27, 2021









Sinibak sa puwesto ang ground commander sa dolomite beach sa Manila Bay kaugnay ng hindi napigilang pagbaha ng mga tao sa lugar, ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Kinumpirma ni DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu kahapon ang pagsibak kay Director Jacob Meimban Jr. bilang ground commander at papalitan ito ni Reuel Sorilla, director for the Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service.

"Being the commander, he takes full responsibility for what happened. While appreciating the gesture of that, kailangan imbestigahan pa rin naman," pahayag ni Cimatu.

Samantala, tuloy pa rin naman ang trabaho ni Meimban bilang deputy executive director ng Manila Bay Coordinating Office.

Matatandaang 'di napigilan ng seguridad sa lugar ang pagdagsa ng mga tao kung saan napabayaan na ang social distancing.

Inamin din ni DENR Undersecretary Benny
Antiporda na nagkaroon ng lapses kaya dumagsa
ang maraming tao ngunit naroon naman daw ang
mga kawani nila na umaksiyon para ipatupad ang
health and safety protocols. (Mark Joven Delantar)

Source: <a href="https://www.abante.com.ph/cimatu-sinibak-pabayang-opisyal-sa-dolomite-beach/">https://www.abante.com.ph/cimatu-sinibak-pabayang-opisyal-sa-dolomite-beach/</a>





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#### DEPUTY EXEC. DIR. MEIMBAN JR., TINANGGAL SA POSISYON

written by Jennelyn Valencia- Burgos October 27, 2021



Sinibak sa pwesto ang Deputy Executive Director ng Manila Bay Coordinating Office na si Jacob Meimban Jr.

Ito'y kaugnay sa overcrowding incident sa dolomite beach nitong nakaraang weekend.

Kasabay nito, humingi ng tawad si Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu kung hindi nabalewala ang physical distancing sa opening ng dolomite beach sa nabanggit na araw.

Ito aniya ang dahilan ng pagkakasibak ni Director Meimban na itinalagang ground commander ng nasabing beach.

Gayuman tiniyak ni Cimatu na hindi na mauulit ang nangyaring insidente.

Source: https://www.dwiz882am.com/index.php/deputy-exec-dir-meimban-jr-tinanggal-sa-posisyon/



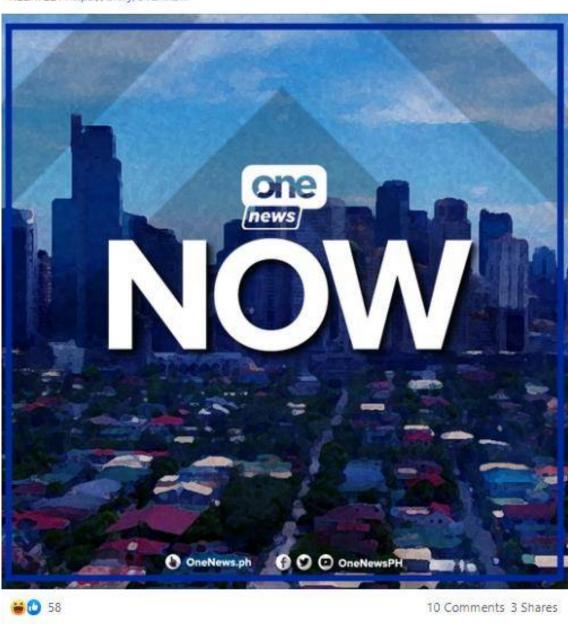


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Environment Sec. Roy Cimatu says he relieved Manila Bay Task Force Director Jake Meimban after 121,000 people crowded at the Manila Baywalk dolomite beach last Sunday. (via News5/Faith del Mundo)

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## DENR to haul more crushed dolomite from Cebu for widening of Manila Bay beach nourishment project—Cimatu

BYJONATHAN L. MAYUGA OCTOBER 27, 2021



In file photo: People flock to the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach on Roxas Boulevard in Manila. The project was opened to the public on October 16, 2021, the same day the IATF placed Metro Manila under Covid-19 Alert Level 3.

More crushed dolomite from Cebu will be shipped soon to cover more areas at the controversial Manila Baywalk dolomite beach, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said.

At an online news conference on Wednesday, Cimatu said the delivery of the crushed dolomite along Manila Bay would depend on the release of funds by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

The target is to completely cover some 500 sq meters beach area while continuously working on improving the water quality of Manila Bay with the hope of making it swimmable, before President Duterte steps down in June next year.

DENR Undersecretary for Environment and International Affairs Jonas R. Leones said the contractor of the P389-million Beach Nourishment Project has so far covered 140 sq meters, which was partially turned over by the contractors to the DPWH and the DENR, which is now in charge of its care and maintenance.

#### White sand effect

He said it will require more crushed dolomite to cover the entire stretch from the US Embassy grounds Manila to the Manila Yacht Club premises to complete the aesthetic beauty of having a "white sand beach," which most people prefer over the natural black or gray sand.

"When we opened the portion of the beach that is gray, people are not going there. It seemed they like the white sand of the dolomite beach better," Leones noted.

#### Cimatu apologizes

Cimatu, a member of the Covid-19 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) who was tasked last year by President Duterte to handle the Covid crisis in Cebu City, apologized for the overcrowding incident at the dolomite beach, saying it was not the intention of the DENR to violate the health protocols put in place by the task force.

He said similar overcrowding incident will no longer happen as measures have been put in place at the dolomite beach by the DENR, including the rule banning children 11 years old and below, and implementing the cinema approach or rotation wherein visitors will be allowed limited time inside the beach area to allow others to take their turn.





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"Rest assured that we will adhere to the protocols of the IATF to help the government in the fight against Covid-19," he said.

#### Thank you 'Isko'

He also said that the DENR's relationship with the City Government of Manila remain strong and even lauded Manila Mayor and presidential aspirant Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso who was quoted in news reports as calling on the Covid-19 Task Force to charge the DENR for violation of the quarantine rules because of the incident.

"Mayor Isko Moreno is very supportive of the dolomite beach project and is always there helping during clean up activities in support of the DENR," he maintained.

Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units (LGUs) Concern Benny D. Antiporda further clarified that Domagoso may have been misquoted by the media and "was only forced" to issue such remarks in jest when pressured during a news conference. Investigation

Cimatu maintained that while they are anticipating a huge crowd after the soft opening of the dolomite beach, the overcrowding that went out of control would not go unchecked.

Cimatu said he has ordered the relief of the ground commander of the dolomite beach area, Director Jacob Meimban Jr. pending investigation of the incident, adding that there were enforcement issues and lapses on the part of Meimban.

Meimban will be relieved by DENR Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service (ELEPS) Director Reuel Sorilla who was tasked to enforce the new measures, including its closure on Fridays, and closure from October 29 to November 3, in observance of All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day.

#### Hero

Cimatu, however, lauded Meimban's effort in preventing what could have been a tragic incident when he controlled the crowd that gathered at the footbridge area adjacent to the dolomite beach area.

"Let me explain to you. While I relieved director Meimban, he did a good job in preventing an incident that happened in the footbridge. There were some people already inside the baywalk...the safety of the people in the footbridge because there were complaints (from some people) that heard the creaking sound of the footbridge.

He said Meimban decided to go for the footbridge crowd to prevent a potential tragedy.

"This is already outside the dolomite area. For this, while you are relieved from your post, I congratulate you for preventing a tragedy in those critical times," Cimatu said. Image courtesy of Nonie Reyes

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### DENR to 'dolomite beach' visitors: Go on selfquarantine

By: John Eric Mendoza - Reporter / @JEMendozaINQ

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People trooping to Manila Bay's "dolomite beach" along Roxas Boulevard in Manila city on October 17, 2021, a day after authorities eased its quarantine restrictions in the nation's capital. (File photo by Ted ALJIBE / AFP)

MANILA, Philippines — The pack of sightseers who visited Manila Bay's "dolomite beach" over the weekend are being prodded to go on self-quarantine by an official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, which created the P389 million project.

DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said he is urging the thousands of "white sand" attraction visitors last Sunday to self-quarantine "to keep them safe."

This comes after the DENR reopened the dolomite beach to the public on the first day of the implementation of COVID-19 Alert Level 3 over Metro Manila last Saturday, October 16.

"Just to keep them safe also, we would like to request that they take [pre]caution," Antiporda said in a press briefing on Wednesday.

"Mag-quarantine sila sa sarili nila, mag-self quarantine muna sila to make sure na wala silang nakuhang sakit doon sa nangyaring yun noong Sunday," Antiporda added. (They should go on self-quarantine, for now, to make sure that they did not contract any disease last Sunday.)

The <u>dolomite beach was opened daily</u> from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., but it is now being <u>eyed for closure during weekends</u> to prevent the repeat of last Sunday's crowding in the area. Minors aged 11 and below are also now barred from visiting the area after reports showed families with their children in tow went to see the coast that was artificially made white with the use of crushed dolomite.

Experts have expressed fears over the apparent lack of social distancing among the weekend dolomite beach visitors since the threat of COVID-19 infections still persists.

The <u>DENR has since relieved the ground commander</u> of the area for the surge of people at the dolomite beach.

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### DENR itinulak 'self-quarantine,' COVID-19 test sa mga nag-Dolomite beach noong Linggo

By <u>James Relativo</u>(Philstar.com) - October 27, 2021 - 3:27pm



Sa litratong ito, makikita ang kumpulan ng mga bumibisita sa Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach, ika-27 ng

Philstar.com/Jan Milo Severo

MANILA, Philippines — Hinihikayat ngayon ng gobyerno ang mga bumisita sa isang kontrobersyal na attraction sa Maynila na bantayan ang sarili para sa posibilidad ng pagkakaroon ng coronavirus disease (COVID-19) matapos ang biglaang pagdagsa rito ng tao nitong weekend.

Self-quarantine o COVID-19 test — ito ang ipinapayo ngayon ni Environment Undersecretary Benny Antiporda, Miyerkules, sa lahat ng bumisita sa Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach nitong Linggo. Umabot kasi sa 121,744 ang bumuhos sa lugar noong araw na 'yon.

#### KAPAPASOK NA BALITA:

Bilang pag-iingat, hinikayat ng DENR ngayong Miyerkoles (Okt. 27) na magself-quarantine ang mga taong pumunta noong Linggo (Okt. 24) sa Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach, kung kailan pumalo sa 121,000 ang mga bumisita. | via Clay Pardilla pic.twitter.com/AlLghMldVl

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Sa kabila nito, hindi gagawa ng sariling inisyatiba ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na ipa-test silang lahat. Hindi rin ioobliga sa mga nabanggit ang COVID-19 tests.

Martes lang nang <u>hamunin</u> ni Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso ang Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) na magsampa ng kaso laban sa DENR matapos ang sari-saring violations sa physical distancing sa naturang man-made "beach."

Aniya, maaari raw maging "super spreader" ng nakamamatay na COVID-19 ang hindi pag-e-enforce nang maayos sa minimum health protocols sa Dolomite beach, bagay na under construction pa at nasa jurisdiction pa raw ng DENR.

#### **Ground commander sibak**

Sinibak tuloy ngayon ni Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu ang Manila Bay Task Force ground commander na si Jacob Meimban kasunod ng naturang overcrowding, na posibleng naglagay sa publiko sa kapahamakan.





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Papalitan si Meimban ng retiradong Army general na si Reuel Sorilla, na namumuno sa Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service ng DENR.

"We have plans. We anticipated it but the number of visitors still exceeded... That's why I selected a retired general because the issue here is enforcement," paliwanag ni Cimatu, na dati ring sundalo.

"We"e not making him (Meimban) a sacrificial [lamb]. He already said that being the commander, he takes full responsibility for what happened."

'Total shutdown,' accountability hiningi

Maliban sa pagpapanagot sa ilang DENR officials sa nangyaring aberya sa milyun-milyong pisong Dolomite beach, hinihingi naman ngayon ng isang militanteng grupong mga mangingisda ang tuluyan nang pagsasara ng nasabing lugar.

Ayon kay Ronnel Arambulo, tagapagsalita ng PAMALAKAYA, wala sa publikong gustong makatikim ng "beach experience" ang bigat ng sisi ngunit sa DENR officials na nagdesisyong magtambak ng dinurog na dolomite sa Manila Baywalk.

Pagsasayang lang daw ng pera ng gobyerno ang P349 milyon na ginastos para sa first phase nito. Paglalaanan uli ito ng P265 milyon sa ikalawa.

"Moreover, we demand for the shutdown of this dolomite beach that cost us hundreds of millions yet completely irrelevant to the Manila Bay rehabilitation program," patuloy ni Arambulo kanina.

"Instead, the budget for this futile beautification project should be refunneled to social services such as cash aid and subsidy for the poor sectors who endure the catastrophic impacts of the pandemic and the series of oil price hikes accompanied with inflation of basic commodities." — may mga ulat mula kay Gaea Katreena Cabico at ONE News

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### Mga rumampa sa dolomite beach pinag-quarantine ng DENR

By Abante Tonite - Last updated Oct 28, 2021

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Pinagse-self quarantine ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang mga pumunta sa 'dolomite beach' sa Manila Bay.

Ani DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda, ito ay upang matiyak na ligtas ang mga ito sa COVID-19.

"Just to keep them safe also, we would like to request that they take caution," ani Antiporda sa press briefing.

"Mag-quarantine sila sa sarili nila, mag-self quarantine muna sila to make sure na wala silang nakuhang sakit doon sa nangyaring 'yun noong Sunday," dagdag niya. (Issa Santiago)

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Environment Usec. Benny Antiporda tells One PH's #SaTotooLang that the possible downloadable gate pass for the Manila Baywalk dolomite beach could include the schedule for entry, age, and other information for contact tracing.



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### Mga bata, bawal sa dolomite beach!

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By Kitoy Esguerra



Muling nanawagan ang pamahalaan nitong Martes sa publiko na bawal pumasok ang mga bata sa tinaguriang "Dolomite Beach" sa Maynila dahil para sa essentials lamang ang pagpayag nitong lumabas ang mga kabataan.

Ito ay kasunod ng mga insidente kung saan nakalusot pa rin ang ilang mga magulang na may kasamang bata sa Manila Bay dolomite beach nitong Martes.

Ang direktiba na bawal na ang mga bata sa beach ay iniutos ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Kung matatandaan, ipinaalala na ni Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque na pinapayagan lang ang mga bata na lumabas para sa "essentials" at hindi puwede sa pamamasyal.

Samantala, nilinaw naman ni DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda na mga batang edad 11 ang bawal sa loob ng beach at puwede ang 12-anyos pataas.

"Nagkaroon ng confusion na sinasabing 12 years old and below, kasi ang pinagbasihan nila ay 12 years old up to 17 years old ay pinapayagan na po magbakuna ngayon," saad ni Antiporda.

"Ngayon, inaayos po namin itong impormasyon, 11 years old and below ang ipagbabawal po muna," dagdag niya.

Pinayuhan naman ng mga pulis ang mga magpupunta sa beach na may kasamang bata na magdala ng ID o katibayan na magpapatunay sa edad ng mga kasama nilang bata.

Sinabi naman ni Antiporda na ilan sa pagbabago na ipatutupad sa beach ay ang paglimita sa mga tao na manatili lang sa loob ng hanggang limang minuto.

Nasa 300 hanggang 400 katao naman ang papayagang na sabay-sabay na makatapak sa dolomite beach.

Isasara din ang beach sa Oktubre 29 hanggang Nobyembre 3.

Source: https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/10/27/mga-bata-bawal-sa-dolomite-beach/





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#### Dolomite beach closed on Undas

They opened it without informing us," Moreno said as he warned that what happened last Sunday could be a super spreader. They are the ones implementing the law and they are also the ones violating it."

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By MJ Blancaflor @tribunephl\_MJB



Manila Bay dolomite beach will be closed for six days in observance of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, according to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

In a televised briefing Tuesday, Environment Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said Filipinos are barred from visiting the beach from 29 October to 3 November in accordance with the pandemic task force's guidelines to prevent coronavirus transmission.

"We'd like to inform the public that the dolomite beach is closed during Undas," Antiporda told reporters during the news conference.

The DENR also prohibited children aged 12 and below to visit the beach amid concerns that gatherings in the area may lead to spread of Covid-19, he added.

Last week, the department reopened the man-made beach for a few hours a day, after Metro Manila was downgraded from to Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3.

Thousands of people flocked to the area over the weekend, raising concerns that it turned into a Covid-19 superspreader event.

Antiporda defended the DENR from criticism over its supposed lapses in implementing health protocols, saying officials had immediately asked people to disperse.

"We cannot say that we didn't have shortcomings. We had a few lapses, but we immediately addressed it," he said.

On Sunday, authorities started limiting the number of people entering the dolomite beach.

**Observe** protocols

Malacañang and the health department have appealed to the public to observe Covid-19 protocols and reminded the police to enforce distancing rules in the area.

The DENR also assured the public it is working with other government agencies to improve the anti-coronavirus rules in the controversial dolomite beach.

In a related development, Manila Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso, also Tuesday, asked the Inter-Agency Task Force Against Covid-19 to file cases against DENR for opening the dolomite beach to the public without informing the Manila City government.





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"They opened it without informing us," Moreno said as he warned that what happened last Sunday could be a super spreader. They are the ones implementing the law and they are also the ones violating it."

Moreno pointed out that the DENR is in control of the area because of its continuous efforts in developing the area. "In fact, they have a gate where one can enter. But due diligence must be observed especially in this situation wherein it can be a super spreader," he said.

According to the mayor, since the Manila Bay Coordinating Office has reopened the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach, thousands of people have flocked the area, from an estimated 8,000 on reopening day, to around 65,000 last Sunday, including children below 12 years of age.

Meanwhile, the DENR said it will coordinate with Domogoso regarding his call to file charges against the agency's officials for alleged violations of health protocols.

with Jomelle Garner and Pat Santos

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#### PNP welcomes dolomite beach rules

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The National Police welcomed the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' decision to enforce limits on people visiting the dolomite beach in Manila to prevent huge crowds.

"Kami ay natutuwa at nagkaroon na ng maayos na panuntunan sa pagbisita sa Dolomite beach," PNP chief Gen. Guillermo Eleazar said.

He thanked people who called out health protocol violations that could have led to a superspreader event of COVID-19 at the artificial beach.

"Isa itong malaking kontribusyon kung bakit naitama ang panuntunan dito."

Eleazar's remarks came as a sigh of relief, as policemen are among those tasked to enforce health protocols at the beach.

Earlier, the DENR said it has adopted a "cinema approach" in allowing visits to the dolomite beach.

Under that approach, visiting hours would be imposed.

Visitors will also be provided with tickets that allow them to stay at the beach for a maximum of two hours.

To further avoid crowds, the national government also decided that children 11-years-old and below would no longer be allowed entry to the beach.

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### Eleazar relieved Dolomite rules corrected, lauds netizens for calling out authorities

Published October 27, 2021, 12:36 PM by Aaron Recuenco

The Philippine National Police (PNP) was elated by the correction on visiting rules at the controversial "Dolomite Beach" in Manila, saying the stricter rules will ensure that the relaxing activities in the area would not become super spreader events amid the continuous threat from the coronavirus disease (COVOD-19).

At the same time, PNP chief Gen. Guillermo Lorenzo Eleazar praised the netizens who called out proper authorities to correct the visiting rules after its first days of opening resulted in huge crowd that resulted in disregard of the minimum public health safety protocols.



photo: Ali Vicov

"We in the PNP are happy that there is now a proper guideline on the visit to the Dolomite Beach," said Eleazar.

"Nagpapasalamat ang inyong PNP sa ating mga kababayan, lalo na sa netizens, na naging mapagmatyag at matapang na nagsalita laban sa lantarang paglabag sa minimum health protocols. Isa itong malaking kontribusyon kung bakit naitama ang panuntunan dito (We also thank the people, especially netizens, for calling out the proper authorities on the blatant violations of health protocols. This is a big contribution on why the rules were corrected)," he added.

Manila Mayor Isko Moreno also lashed at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for failure to coordinate with the local government unit on its opening. On Wednesday, Oct. 27, a ranking official of the DENR was relieved from his post over the incident.

As a corrective measure, the DENR said under the "cinema approach," allotment of time to visit and stay in the beach would be imposed. The visitors will also be provided with tickets, allowing them to stay in the area for a maximum of two hours.

To further avoid crowds, the national government also decided that children 11-years-old and below would no longer be allowed entry to the said beach.

The PNP is among the law enforcement agencies that ensures health and safety protocols are being followed in the dolomite beach.

Eleazar believed that the public raising their sentiments on the dolomite beach only shows the unity among Filipinos to correct the wrong practices amid the battle against the pandemic.

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### DENR exec says Moreno's appeal to charge them only 'sarcasm'

Published October 27, 2021, 12:44 PM by Joseph Pedrajas

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Antiporda's comment came after Moreno called it ironic that the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, which is under the national government, is enforcing and policing the implementation health protocols, but it cannot even hold liable its fellow national government agency if it violates the rules.

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For his part, Cimatu said the agency is "very very sorry for what happened" and assured Moreno and the public that "it will not happen again."

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Hindi seryoso si Manila Mayor Isko Moreno na kasuhan ang DENR dahil sa pagdagsa ng mga tao sa Dolomite Beach. Sa panayam ng DZRH, sinabi ni DENR Usec. Benny Antiporda na nagkausap mismo sila ni Yorme at 'sarcasm' lamang daw ang naging komento ng alkalde. 'Piniga' lang daw ito ng isang reporter para makuha ang gusto nitong anggulo sa istorya. #DZRHNationwide

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# Isko Blasts Environment Officials Over Dolomite Beach Overcrowding; Children Aged 11 And Below Banned From Visiting The Area

Marc Jayson Cayabyab, Helen Flores October 27, 2021

Manila Mayor Isko Moreno said officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources must be charged for violating quarantine protocols.



Wearing face masks, boys play at the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach on Oct. 26, 2021 amid concerns that visits to the area by thousands of people could become COVID-19 superspreader events. Photo by Edd Gumban, The Philippine STAR

Environment officials should be charged for allowing the Manila Bay dolomite beach to be crowded by thousands of visitors over the weekend and causing a superspreader for COVID-19, Mayor Isko Moreno said on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Moreno said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) did not coordinate with city hall on the opening of the man-made white sand beach.

He called on the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to file charges against the DENR officials for violating quarantine protocols.

"I am calling on the IATF to charge those people in the DENR for violating quarantine rules. If they cannot implement these guidelines within their offices, there's no point in implement-ing these policies," Moreno said in Filipino.

The mayor said he supported allowing people to enjoy open spaces in Manila's Baywalk, but the people should be spread out.

"I'm grateful to them for beautifying the area, but due diligence must be observed, especially in this situation wherein it could be a super spreader for COVID-19," Moreno said.

The dolomite beach will be closed from Oct. 29 to Nov. 3 to prevent the people from crowding the area during the observance of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, according to the DENR.

DENR officials said the IATF banned children aged 11 and below from visiting the tourist spot.

"The children are prohibited because most of the visitors who come to the dolomite beach bring at least two kids with them," DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said at a press briefing.

DENR Undersecretary for policy, planning and internal affairs Jonas Leones said visitors would be given stubs and limited time to stay on the beach area to control the crowds, which reached 121,744 last Sunday, Oct. 24.





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The dolomite beach will be closed to the public every Friday for maintenance work.

Leones said a maximum of 5,000 people per day would be allowed to visit the artificial white sand beach.

"The dolomite beach opens as early as 5:30 a.m. so early birds can take the opportunity of visiting the beach around that time," he said.

The DENR will also designate a special lane for persons with disability and senior citizens, Leones said.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque reiterated that children are not yet allowed outdoors since they are not yet vaccinated against COVID-19.

"As a general rule, the children must stay at home while they have yet to be vaccinated. But there's an exemption, they are allowed to go out for exercise or in open areas because that is important for their mental health," he said.

Roque on Monday, Oct. 25, appealed to the public to observe health protocols when visiting the dolomite beach to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

The reopening of the dolomite beach received flak from various sectors, saying it could be a COVID-19 superspreader as it drew large crowds, including minors, especially on weekends.

Senators prodded the DENR to strictly impose rules for the people visiting the dolomite beach.

Sen. Nancy Binay said it would be better if the DENR would temporarily close the dolomite beach while it is still coming up with regulations for visitors.

"It's just disturbing that while our frontliners in the health sector are doing every necessary intervention in controlling the spread of COVID variants, there are also those who organize events or offer unnecessary attractions yet failed to manage the crowds, resulting in rapid community transmissions," Binay said.

"From the point of view of health and wellness, what we also need to acknowledge here is the public's desire to spend time in open spaces," she added.

Binay said people flocking to the Manila Bay area and parks can be a good step forward for the national and local governments to rethink how green and open spaces would work best in the new normal context.

"Alongside health protocols, a well-thought out urban planning plays a big part in creating the best environment in or outside the cities, which will make sense from a public health perspective," Binay said.

Sen. Francis Tolentino suggested that the dolomite beach remain open but there should be limits to the number of visitors and duration of visits.

"One should consider the carrying capacity of the beach and proper crowd management," Tolentino said. – With Paolo Romero, Rhodina Villanueva

Source: <a href="https://www.onenews.ph/articles/isko-blasts-environment-officials-over-dolomite-beach-overcrowding-children-aged-11-and-below-banned-from-visiting-the-area?fbclid=IwAR3YnInjMrRVdrW4Czos9-yTkLcAdHQ0215pSndGjHCY51\_xQKcIHjfvS6Y</a>





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### <u>Isko sa IATF:</u>

### ASUNTOVS DENR EXECS SA DOLOM TE BEACH 'SUPERSPREADER' EVENT

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**NANAWAGAN** si Manila Mayor **Francisco** "Isko" Moreno" **Domogoso** sa Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) na sampahan ng kaso ang mga opisyal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (**DENR**) sa paglabag sa health protocols sa pagbubukas sa publiko ng **Manila Bay dolomite beachfront**.

"Ang ironic kasi riyan, sila 'yung nagpapatupad, sila rin 'yung lumalabag. Now I'm challenging agencies of government under IATF to file charges in violation sa mga kapwa nila," ani Moreno sa panayam sa **Headstart** sa **ANC**.

Inulan ng batikos ang **DENR** sa nakalipas na mga araw nang payagang dumagsa ang libolibong katao sa dolomite beachfront na pinangangambahang magdulot ng muling pagtaas ng kaso ng CoVid-19.

Ayon kay Isko, hindi inabisohan ng DENR ang **Manila city government** nang buksan ng kagawaran ang *dolomite beachfront* sa publiko.

"If we cannot implement it within our offices, then there's no point in implementing it sa mga taongbayan. Pinahihirapan natin ang taongbayan, pero ang unang naglalabag ay tayo rin sa national government. It doesn't make sense," sabi ni Isko.

Ipinauubaya ng **Malacañang** sa *Department of Interior and Local Government* (**DILG**), **Manila City** government at *Philippine National Police* (**PNP**) ang pagsasampa ng kaso laban sa mga opisyal ng **DENR**.

"Hinahayaan na po namin 'yan sa DILG 'no at sa ating pulisya 'no kasama na po ang lokal na pamahalaan ng Maynila," pahayag ni Presidential Spokesman **Harry Roque**.

Sinabi ni **DENR** Undersecretary **Jonas Leones**, makikipag-ugnayan ang kagawaran kay Isko kaugnay sa isyu.

Simula kahapon ay nilimitahan ng DENR ang bilang ng mga pumapasok sa dolomite beach at ipinagbawal ang may edad 12-anyos pababa.

Source: <a href="https://hatawtabloid.com/2021/10/27/isko-sa-iatfasunto-vs-denr-execs-sa-dolomite-beach-superspreader-">https://hatawtabloid.com/2021/10/27/isko-sa-iatfasunto-vs-denr-execs-sa-dolomite-beach-superspreader-</a>

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### Wanting a share of dolomite limelight? Isko dares IATF to charge DENR

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Rose De La Cruz Columnist

Apparently slighted because he was not informed of the opening of the now famous destination Dolomite Beach last Sunday that drew a huge number of visitors, Manila Mayor Isko Moreno has dared the IATF to file appropriate charges against the people behind the project.

**AS** head of the city hosting the artificial dolomite sand beach, Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno Domagoso expected nothing less than a permission from him to open the beach to the public last weekend.

But he got none and was shocked at seeing overcrowding of people including small children in the beach area.

Infuriated, he is now challenging the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), which sets the health protocols for the public to follow-- to file appropriate charges against officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for reportedly violating such protocols and exposing the country to super spreader event.

In a television interview, Moreno, a presidential aspirant in the 2022 elections, said it is the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) which has control over the area.

"I am calling IATF: Charge those people in DENR [for] violating our rules. If we cannot implement it in their offices, then there is no point to implement it sa mga taumbayan [to the public]," he said in an interview on ANC.

Moreno also called on all the member agencies of the IATF to charge their colleagues in the national government over violation of COVID-19 health protocols during the dolomite beach incident.

Moreno said he had warned some DENR personnel that the city government might conduct arrests if health protocols are not observed during the opening of the dolomite beach.

At the Palace briefing, DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said he has yet to personally hear about Moreno's challenge to the IATF.

He admitted shortcoming on the part of the DENR but added that this was addressed immediately.





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"Sinasabi nila na nagkaroon ng violation ng social distancing. Immediately, na-address po yan," Antiporda said. "Nagkulang ng kaunti pero naagapan po."

On Tuesday, as part of its new measures, the DENR announced that children 11 years old and below won't be allowed inside the beach area.

The DENR, as well as the police, recently drew flak after the so-called Dolomite Beach drew large crowds over the weekend, including small children, despite the pandemic.

On Monday, Manila Police District chief Police Brigadier General Leo Francisco estimated a total of 65,000 visitors came to the beach on Sunday.

Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Police General Guillermo Eleazar said more policemen will be deployed to the area to help ensure crowd control.

Antiporda claimed they already implemented a "five-minute rule," whereby only 300 to 400 people were allowed to enter at a single time and the next batch can only come in five minutes after the previous batch entered.

He clarified that they had let children inside the beach premises because the IATF had allowed kids in public spaces. This only changed after they classified the dolomite beach as a "crowded open area."

Everything will be recalibrated once a new alert level is announced, Antiporda said.

This developed as Antiporda also announced the beach will be closed from October 29 until November 3.

 $Source: \underline{https://opinyon.net/metro-manila/wanting-a-share-of-dolomite-limelight-isko-dares-iatf-to-charge-denr\#title}\\$ 





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# Isko Moreno challenged after he dared IATF to slap raps over Manila Bay crowding

By Jeline Malasig - October 27, 2021 - 8:54 AM



Manila Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso in this photo uploaded on his Facebook page on Oct. 25, 2021. (Photo from Facebook/Isko Moreno Domagoso)

A presidential aspirant's dare for the pandemic task force to file charges against the environment agency on the dolomite beach overcrowding was met by another challenge.

Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso, more commonly known as Moreno, on Tuesday said that officials of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) should <u>file charges</u> against the **Department of Environment** and Natural Resources.

He said charges should be made for violations against the government-imposed public health protocols in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Ang ironic kasi diyan, sila yung nagpapatupad, sila rin 'yung lumalabag," Moreno told ANC's "The Headstart."

"Now I'm challenging agencies of government under IATF to file charges in violation sa mga kapwa nila national government [officials]," he added.

The city chief described the dolomite beach overcrowding as a potential "superspreader" event and slammed the DENR for opening the area without informing the Manila city government.

"Binuksan nila, hindi naman kami ininform," Moreno said, referring to the **Manila Bay Coordinating Office**. It is an <u>agency</u> under DENR tasked to coordinate with offices and agencies involved in the rehabilitation, restoration and conservation of the bay.

"If we cannot implement it within our offices, then there's no point in implementing it sa mga taongbayan. Pinahihirapan natin ang taongbayan, pero ang unang naglalabag ay tayo rin sa national government. It doesn't make sense," Moreno said.

#### Isko supported it

But Moreno already expressed his full support for the project, said DENR Undersecretary **Jonas Leones**, adding that he received a letter from the city mayor earlier this week.

Earlier this year, he also suggested that projects like the dolomite beach could be carried out simultaneously with the government's pandemic response efforts.





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"Things must move on the way we wanted...We must continue to move on. The country must move because economically, we're hurt," Moreno had said.

Over the weekend, tens of thousands of Filipinos <u>flocked</u> to the **Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach** a week after it reopened when the National Capital Region was downgraded to Alert Level 3.

The **Department of Health** advises individuals to maintain a physical distance of at least one meter from each other as precautionary measures against COVID-19. This is nearly equivalent to a motorcycle's length.

**Jacob Meimban Jr**, deputy executive director of the Manila Bay Coordinating Office, said that they have decided to open the gates instead of letting them be congested in the area.

The number of visitors will soon be limited to 4,000 to 5,000 at any given time. To control the crowd, a "cinema approach" will also be implemented wherein people are given stubs for an allotted two-hour stay.

"After two hours, they will leave. We'll be asking them to leave and we will give time to prepare the area for one hour. After that, we'll accept another batch of 4,000 individuals to enter," Leones said.

#### Do it yourself, Isko dared

Meanwhile, reacting to Moreno's challenge for the IATF-EID to file charges against the DENR, Filipinos reminded him that he is also the city chief who has jurisdiction over part of the baywalk.

"Weird... 'la kang lespu (pulis)? Sana ikaw mismo nag-megaphone sa tao hahaha naglinis ka nga ng vandals noon e.." a <u>Twitter user</u> said in response, referring to the time when Moreno <u>attempted</u> to remove vandalisms in his city in 2019.

"Yorme, 'di ba sakop 'yung lugar. Why not talk to DENR. 'Di 'yung maghuhugas kamay hahahaha," an online user said.

"Eh bakit as mayor, seeing what's going on in your city, 'di ba may authority ka naman to stop it?" another wondered.

"@IskoMoreno should press charges vs. @DENROfficial as the city mayor of Manila!" Dr. Tony Leachon, former special adviser to the National Task Force Against COVID-19, likewise tweeted in response to the reports.

Moreno had argued the dolomite beach project is still within the purview of the DENR while it is still "under construction."

Once construction activity concludes, the Manila government will have authority over it.

Source: <a href="https://interaksyon.philstar.com/politics-issues/2021/10/27/203144/isko-moreno-challenged-after-he-dared-iatf-to-slap-raps-over-manila-bay-crowding/?fbclid=IwAR3m6CeP27R\_NgAq4U0Y8C5GSKvaRahrNSkIgmw80LtsMoNw83SaGQyWrDI">https://interaksyon.philstar.com/politics-issues/2021/10/27/203144/isko-moreno-challenged-after-he-dared-iatf-to-slap-raps-over-manila-bay-crowding/?fbclid=IwAR3m6CeP27R\_NgAq4U0Y8C5GSKvaRahrNSkIgmw80LtsMoNw83SaGQyWrDI</a>





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#### IATF HUMINGI NG PAUMANHIN SA OVERCROWDING INCIDENT SA DOLOMITE BEACH

written by Jennelyn Valencia- Burgos October 27, 2021



Pag-uusapan ng Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) ang posibleng pagsasampa ng kaso laban sa ilang environment officials kaugnay sa overcrowding incident sa dolomite beach.

Ayon kay NTF Chief Implementer Carlito Galvez Jr, kabilang ito sa isyung kanilang tatalakayin bukas sa pulong kasama ang IATF.

Dapat aniyang malaman kung sino talaga ang responsable sa pagdagsa ng tao sa dolomite beach kung saan hindi na naobserba ang physical distancing.

Giit ni Galvez, makikita talaga sa nangyari na nagkaroon ng pagkukulang dahil dito, humihingi rin umano siya ng paumanhin sampu ng mga kasamahan sa IATF.

Source: https://www.dwiz882am.com/index.php/iatf-humingi-ng-paumanhin-sa-overcrowding-incident-sa-dolomite-beach/





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#### Galvez nag-sorry sa 'lapses' sa protocols sa dolomite beach; ground commander sinibak ng DENR

By Bombo Dave Vincent Pasit

-October 27, 2021 | 9:20 AM

Humingi nang paumanhin sa publiko si National Task Force Against COVID-19 (NTF) chief implementer at vaccine czar Carlito Galvez Jr. sa pagdagsa ng maraming tao sa dolomite beach sa Manila Bay.

Pinangangambahan kasi ng ilang health experts na maging super spreader event ang pagpunta ng libu-libong katao sa white sand area ng Manila Bay sa mga nakalipas na araw sa harap ng COVID-19 pandemic.



Aminado si Galvez na mayroong lapses, at tanggap nila ito, pero naniniwala rin siyang iwawasto ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang sitwasyon sa dolomite beach.

Sa pagdagsa ng maraming tao sa naturang lugar, makikita na talaga aniya ang "eagerness" ng tao na lumabas na sa harap ng napakahabang quarantine restrictions dulot ng pandemya.

Gayunman, nakikita naman na "motivation" ni Galvez sa panig ng pamahalaan ang pangyayari sa dolomite bech para mapabilis na talaga ang pagbabakuna.

Samantala, pinalitan na ang ground commander ng dolomite beach sa Manila Bay kasunod nang pagpunta ng maraming mga tao sa lugar.

Ito ang iniutos ni Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, kung saan papalitan na ni Reuel Sorilla si Director Jacob Meimban Jr. bilang ground commander sa lugar.

Source: <a href="https://www.bomboradyo.com/galvez-nag-sorry-sa-mga-lapses-sa-protocols-sa-dolomite-beach/">https://www.bomboradyo.com/galvez-nag-sorry-sa-mga-lapses-sa-protocols-sa-dolomite-beach/</a>





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# DILG taking 'serious efforts' to curb crowding at dolomite beach

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan October 27, 2021, 2:40 pm



(PNA photo by Avito Dalan)

**MANILA** – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on Wednesday said it is undertaking serious efforts to prevent crowding at the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach, which reopened to visitors under relaxed quarantine restrictions.

DILG Secretary Eduardo Año made the remark after Malacañang said the possible filing of cases against officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as suggested by Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso' over the supposed breach of health protocols following the opening of the beach is up to his agency.

Domagoso made the call, saying the overcrowding at the dolomite beach can be a superspreader event for coronavirus disease 2019.

"(I) have already directed the PNP, particularly the MPD (Manila Police District) under Brig. Gen. (Leo) Francisco to coordinate with DENR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources) and MMDA (Metropolitan Manila Development Authority) the other day to come up with measures to regulate the number of people to be allowed to enter the dolomite beach area," he said in a message to the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

Meanwhile, Año's remarks were echoed by DILG Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya.

"Nagbigay ng direktiba si Secretary Eduardo Año sa MPD sa pangunguna ni Brig. Gen. Leo Francisco at ito po ang naging report ano, tugon nila, mag-iimplement po tayo ng mga mas mahigpit na regulasyon dun sa access ng tao dun sa dolomite beach ano, meron po tayong five minute rule, maximum 15 mintues depende sa numero ng tao, meron po tayong limitasyon ng individuals na papapasukin (Secretary Eduardo Año gave a directive to the Manila Police District and based on their report, they will implement stricter regulations on the access of people to the dolomite beach. We have a five minute rule and a maximum of 15 minutes depending on the number of people, we also have a limitation on the number of people who will be allowed to enter)," Malaya said in a Laging Handa briefing.

Reacting to calls to close the beach during weekends, he said this decision is up to the DENR.

"This is a project of the DENR so they have the jurisdiction over this. We leave it to the DENR but as for our part at the DILG, we will support them and help them implement the regulations to prevent super-spreader events at the dolomite beach," he added.





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Meanwhile, MPD chief Brig. Gen. Leo Francisco said they have deployed more police officers in the area.

"As of yesterday (Tuesday), we deployed 100 PNP personnel and we have 50 force multipliers in the area, We started our deployment last October 16, with 38 personnel. The PNP personnel were deployed for Implementation on social distancing and minimum health protocol and to provide security and police assistance in the area," Francisco added. (with Priam Nepomuceno/PNA)

Source: <a href="https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1157892">https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1157892</a>





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#### Año assures strict enforcement of health protocols at Dolomite Beach

Published October 27, 2021, 12:04 PM by Chito Chavez

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) assured on Wednesday, Oct 27, hat the Philippine National Police (PNP) will enforce strictly health protocol measures at the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach in the aftermath of the overcrowding incident in the area.

The dolomite beach was reopened to the public on Oct. 16, the same day the alert level status in the National Capital Region (NCR) was downgraded from alert level 4 to alert level 3 amid a downtrend in new COVID-19 cases.

"have already directed the PNP particularly the MPD (Manila Police District) under Brig. Gen. (Leo) Francisco to coordinate with DENR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources) and MMDA (Metropolitan Manila Development Authority) the other day (Oct. 25) to come up with measures to regulate number of people to be allowed enter the dolomite beach area," Año said.

Año noted that more uniformed PNP will be deployed in the area most specifically during weekends where a mammoth crowd is expected.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, presidential candidate and Manila Mayor Isko Moreno called on the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) to file charges against the DENR for the overcrowding at the man-made beach.

Moreno noted that the overcrowded artificial beach "can be a super spreader" in the metropolis.

Due to the overcrowding dolomite beach fiasco, DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu relieved deputy executive director of Manila Bay Coordinating Office Jacob Meimban Jr. from his post on Oct. 27.

In a GMA News report, Cimatu apologized that social distancing was disregarded during the opening of the dolomite beach and vowed that the incident will never happen again.

"This is the reason why Director Meimban is relieved," Cimatu said.

Malacañang said the possible filing of cases against the DENR for the supposed breach of health protocols following the opening of Manila Bay Dolomite Beach is up to the DILG. (Chito A. Chavez)

Source: <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/ano-assures-strict-enforcement-of-health-protocols-at-dolomite-beach/">https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/ano-assures-strict-enforcement-of-health-protocols-at-dolomite-beach/</a>





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#### IATF to discuss filing of raps over dolomite beach crowd — Galvez

By JOAHNA LEI CASILAO, GMA News

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Families visit the dolomite beach area along Roxas Boulevard in Manila on Sunday, October 24, 2021. The IATF will discuss the possibility of filing of charges against DENR officials due to the overcrowding at the site over the weekend. DANNY PATA

The Inter-Agency Task Force will discuss the possibility of filing of charges against Environment officials due to the overcrowding at Manila Bay's dolomite beach over the weekend, NTF chief implementer Carlito Galvez Jr. said Wednesday.

Families during the weekend continued to visit the <u>dolomite beach amid a more relaxed COVID-</u> 19 restrictions in the National Capital Region.

"We will discuss this [with] IATF. I will raise this coming Thursday meeting... we will try to see kung sino talaga ang may responsibility," Galvez said in an interview on CNN.

Galvez said he believes the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will try to correct the lapses.

"Talagang nakita natin na we accept that we have lapses and I believe DENR will try to correct this one," Galvez said.

(We accept that we had lapses and I believe the DENR will try to correct them.)

"At that same time dapat i-notice ang IATF so that we can control this superspreader event na nakita natin na talagang very disappointing," he added.

(At that same time, the IATF must be given notice so that we can control this superspreader event because we saw that it was very disappointing.)

He also apologized to the public in behalf of the IATF.

"We apologize, the IATF, we apologize on what really happened sa beaches... because of the lockdown that we have done in August and September, nakita talaga namin 'yung eagerness to go out," he said.

(We, the IATF, we apologize for what happened on the beaches. Because of the lockdowns in August and September, we saw the eagerness of people to go out.)

After <u>refusing to close down the beach</u> despite the overcrowding, the DENR said it will implement a "cinema approach" in receiving visitors.





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It also said that children 11 years old and below will not be allowed entry.

The Philippines on Tuesday reported 4,393 new COVID-19 infections, bringing the nationwide tally to 2,765,672 and active cases to 53,642. —**LBG, GMA News** 





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#### After its 'superspreader' opening, fishers' group seeks shutdown of Manila's dolomite beach

Published October 27, 2021, 3:59 PM by Gabriela Baron

Fishers' group Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (PAMALAKAYA) on Wednesday, Oct. 27, said that it is seeking the shutdown of Manila's dolomite beach after its "superspreader" opening.



(ALI VICOY / MANILA BULLETIN)

"Aside from holding the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources] officials accountable over the superspreader beach opening, the infamous dolomite beach should be shut down for good," the group said.

Tens of thousands of people flocked the synthetic white beach after DENR allowed the opening of the Manila Baywalk Dolomite for public viewing last week.

"It's not on the people who took the risk just to have a dolomite beach experience, but on the DENR officials who administered this folly idea of dumping synthetic white sand along the Manila Baywalk. We add our voice to the public clamor to hold the DENR officials responsible over this risky undertaking. Moreover, we demand the shutdown of this dolomite beach that cost us hundreds of millions yet completely irrelevant to the Manila Bay rehabilitation program," PAMALAKAYA National Spokesperson Ronnel Arambulo said.

The dolomite beach is currently on its first phase and is up for its second phase, which the fishers' group said would be "another waste of public funds in the name of mere aesthetics."

"This beach nourishment project doesn't deserve another phase and should be stopped immediately. An expansion of the dolomite beach is further squandering of public funds that are crucial to poor Filipinos in these struggling times. Instead, the budget for this futile beautification project should be refunneled to social services such as cash aid and subsidy for the poor sectors who endure the catastrophic impacts of the pandemic and the series of oil price hikes accompanied with inflation of basic commodities," he added.

**Source:** <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/after-its-superspreader-opening-fishers-group-seeks-shutdown-of-manilas-dolomite-beach/">https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/after-its-superspreader-opening-fishers-group-seeks-shutdown-of-manilas-dolomite-beach/</a>





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#### Napigil sa sementeryo, dumagsa naman sa 'Dolomite'

RESPONDE - Gus Abelgas - Pang-masa October 28, 2021 | 12:00am

SARADO ang lahat ng pampubliko at pribadong sementeryo sa Metro Manila simula bukas Okt. 29 hanggang Nov. 2 sa paggunita sa Undas.

Ito ang napagkasunduang ipatupad ng mga MM mayors sa layuning maiwasan ang hawaan sa COVID-19 dahil sa sabay-sabay na pagdagsa ng tao.

Eh mukhang hindi na nga sa sementeryo nagpuntahan ang mga tao, kundi dumagsa naman sa Dolomite Beach sa Manila Bay.

Abay, matindi ang pagdagsa ng mga tao sa nasabing beach lalu na noong Linggo.

Sangkaterba, libu-libo talaga, mistulang walang pandemya.

Marami ang pumuna rito dahil nga sa nakita pang mga paglabag sa pinaiiral na minimun health protocols.

Ang mga batang sinasabing bawal pang lumabas, ayun kayag-kayag ng kanilang mga magulang sa kabila na maulan pa nong araw na yon.

Iniiwasan ang mga spuperspreader events, pero mukhang hindi napigilan sa Dolomite Beach.

Kahapon sinibak na ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang ground commander ng Manila Bay dahil nga sa nangyaring pagdagsa ng tao rito.

May pag-aksyon na rin dito ang ahensya para hindi na maulit ang nasabing pangyayari.

Mukhang magpapatupad na sila ng 'time limit' sa mga papasok na bibigyan ng stub ay pwedeng manatili ng ilang oras.

Ok ang ganito, para nga naman hindi tambayan ng matagalan ang naturang beach.

Talagang nasabik marahil ang marami sa matagal na pagkakulong sa kanilang mga bahay at ngayon nga unti-unti nang nagkakaroon ng kaluwagan eh talagang hindi mapigilan.

Sa isang banda, mukhang patok lalu na sa ordinaryong Pinoy ang naturang Dolomite Beach na proyekto ng DENR.

Ang Dolomite Beach ang mistulang Boracay ngayon ng marami na nasa sentro ng Kalakhang Maynila bagamat bawal pa ring magtampisaw at maligo rito.

Masaya ang nagtutungo dito ang malakaran ang puting buhangin at tignan ang mga positibong pagbabago sa Manila Bay.

Kung dati sankaterbang batikos ang inaabot nito, ngayon nakikita na hindi pala ito imposible na mapaganda ang tila napabayaang Manila Bay.

Yun nga lang dapat pa rin, dapat na maayos na mga patakaran ang maipatupad dito, dahil nandyan pa rin ang banta ng COVID.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/pang-masa/punto-mo/2021/10/28/2137230/napigil-sa-sementeryo-dumagsa-naman-sa-dolomite





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#### **EDITORYAL - Bakawan na lang sana kaysa dolomite**

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SIMULA Oktubre 29 hanggang Nobyembre 3, isasara sa publiko ang dolomite beach para hindi dagsain ng mga tao sa All Saints' Day at All Souls Day. Ito ay para maprotektahan ang mga tao sa pagkalat ng virus. Dahil dagsa ang mga tao, posibleng maging super spreader ito ng virus dahil hindi na nasusunod ang health protocols.

Kumpul-kumpol ang mga tao sa beach na pati mga bata ay nakikitang naglalaro sa puting buhangin. Mula nang buksan sa publiko ang dolomite beach noong Oktubre 2 kasabay sa pagbaba sa Alert Level 3 ng Metro Manila, halos araw-araw ay maraming tao. Noong Linggo, umabot sa 121,744 ang mga taong dumagsa sa dolomite beach. Hindi na makontrol ang pagdating ng mga tao na simula pa lamang 5:30 ng umaga ay nagsisimula nang dumagsa.

Nagpahayag ng pagkabahala ang Department of Health (DOH) sa pagdagsa ng mga tao sa dolomite beach. Posibleng tumaas muli ang kaso dahil sa pagdidikit-dikit ng mga tao. Hindi raw muna dapat binuksan sa publiko dahil magiging super spreader ng virus.

Suhestiyon ni Senator Nancy Binay, isara muna ang dolomite beach habang wala pang malinaw na regulasyon ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Ayon sa senadora, nagsisikap ang frontliners sa health sector para makontrol ang COVID-19 pero nawawalan ng saysay dahil sa pagkukumpulan o pagtitipon ng mga tao sa binuksang dolomite beach.

Sa nangyayaring ito na ang dolomite beach ang pag-uugatan ng muling pagdami ng COVID cases, mas maganda at kapaki-pakinabang sana kung mga bakawan (mangroves) ang itinanim sa bahaging iyon ng Manila Bay. Bukod sa nakatipid pa sana ang gobyerno (P389 milyon ang gastos sa beautification ng Manila Bay), mapuprotektahan pa ang baybayin ng Roxas Boulevard sa malalaking alon. Ang mga bakawan ang hahadlang sa bugso ng alon. Ang mga bakawan din ang nagsisilbing tirahan ng mga isda at iba pang lamandagat.

Kung mga bakawan ang nakatanim, pawang berde ang makikita sa dalampasigan. Mas kaayaaya itong pagmasdan kaysa sa puting buhangin na malaki ang posibilidad na tangayin ng agos sa panahon ng bagyo.

Noon pa, ipinagtanggol na ng DENR ang pagtatambak ng dolomite. Matagal na raw ang planong ito. Galing pa sa Alcoy, Cebu ang dolomite.

Kung bakawan ang inilatag sa dalampasigan, wala sanang problema ngayon. Walang dadagsain na pagmumulan ng panibagong hawahan ng virus.

Source: <a href="https://www.philstar.com/pang-masa/punto-mo/2021/10/28/2137232/editoryal-bakawan-na-lang-sana-kaysa-dolomite">https://www.philstar.com/pang-masa/punto-mo/2021/10/28/2137232/editoryal-bakawan-na-lang-sana-kaysa-dolomite</a>





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#### Sperm whale rescued by DENR in Sarangani

By Franz R. Sumangil

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THE <u>Department of Environment and Natural Resources</u> (DENR) rescued a distressed female Pygmy sperm whale (Kogia breviceps) at Barangay Mabay, Maitum town in Sarangani province on Monday, October 25.

According to a report from the Community Environment and <u>Natural Resources Office</u> (Cenro) of Kiamba, the two-meter whale appeared weak and wounded when spotted by local residents.

Forester <u>Abdul D. Cariga</u>, Cenro officer, said the whale was rescued and treated by a team from the municipal environment office of Maitum, the Environmental Conservation and <u>Protection Center</u>, and the <u>Bureau of Fisheries</u> and Aquatic Resources.

"We occasionally rescue marine mammals like whales, dolphins and marine turtles in our jurisdiction. With our close coordination to the local government units, our trained personnel can somehow assist in the recovery of these species," Cariga said.

The rescued whale is still under observation and will be released back to the wild once it recovers and regains strength.

In September, a stranded female pilot whale was also rescued and eventually released back into the sea in Barangay Gumasa, municipality of Glan after a five-day rehabilitation.

Nicknamed "Heroine," the 4.2-meter whale was found dehydrated and weak due to an injury in its pectoral fin. The whale was released by environment workers after regaining strength.

Meanwhile, a sighting of a pod of 10-12 rough-toothed dolphins (Steno bredanensis) was reported for the first time in Sarangani Bay, the DENR said.

Source: <a href="https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/28/news/regions/sperm-whale-rescued-by-denr-in-sarangani/1819954">https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/28/news/regions/sperm-whale-rescued-by-denr-in-sarangani/1819954</a>





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#### PCG, DENR warn vs safras and baklad

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Personnel of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) have conducted a joint operation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) against illegal fishing activities off the waters of Cavite City.

During the operation on Oct. 25, at least 21 fish cages locally called "safras" and "baklad" were found and their owners were directed to dismantle them as both of them are considered floating hazards to marine environment.



PCG operatives take action against illegally structured fish cages and stationary fish traps in Cavite City. (PCG Facebook)

Coast Guard Spokesperson Armand Balilo said the operation is part of the operational procedure the PCG provides to the DENR as well as to the different Local Government Units or LGUs.

"That is the directive of the PCG, that in all situations we'll provide help to the DENR. Be it in illegal transport of goods, or something like this illegal activity, we're always in tandem with the DENR and with the LGU. That is part of our job and we'll always help," Balilo told Manila Bulletin.

Balilo said they will conduct a follow up inspection to check if the owners complied with their order. He warned that they will dismantle the 'safras' and 'baklad' if the owners fail to do it.

The partnership of the PCG and the DENR is under the Supreme Court ruling to 13 government agencies regarding the Writ of Mandamus in the prevention of Manila Bay Pollution and Republic Act No. 9993, otherwise known as the Coast Guard Law of 2009. The HIgh Court ruling authorizes the two agencies to remove floating hazards to navigation, including illegal fish structures and vessels, at or close to sea lanes, which may cause hazards to the marine environment.

Source: https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/pcg-denr-warn-vs-safras-and-baklad/





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# Suit seeking implementation of ban on plastics filed before SC

By Benjamin Pulta October 27, 2021, 9:44 pm



(File photo)

**MANILA** – A petition seeking to compel government action to ban non-biodegradable and recycle plastics was filed before the Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday.

In a 101-page suit, the petitioners led by Oceana Philippines, Inc. and Sergio Osmeña III sought a writ of kalikasan and a writ of continuing mandamus for the full implementation of a 21-year-old law, Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

The groups urged the SC to hand down a writ to among other things, immediately prohibit commercial establishments, warehouses and manufacturers from selling, conveying, distributing and using disposable plastics, plastic products that contain Bisphenol-A (commonly known as BPA), phthalates, and other known endocrine disrupting chemicals.

The petitioners also sought to prohibit plastic products that contain listed persistent organic pollutants under the Stockholm Convention and plastic products that are not reusable, biodegradable or compostable, not recyclable and are toxic or hazardous to the environment.

Nominal respondents include the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) and other offices.

The groups said the continued non-implementation of RA 9003 through the decades has allowed the unabated emission of millions of tons of plastic waste into every part of the archipelago.

"The United Nations Environment Programme and the World Economic Forum estimate that the world's oceans will contain more plastic than fish by 2050," the group said. *(PNA)* 

Source: <a href="https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1157991">https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1157991</a>





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## Environmental groups to SC: Compel gov't to act on pollution caused by plastic wastes

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Supreme Court

The Supreme Court (SC) was asked on Wednesday, Oct. 27, to compel the government to address swiftly and effectively the unabated pollution and dangers to people's health due to the dumping of millions of tons of plastic wastes.

In a petition for a Writ of Kalikasan filed by environmental organizations led by Oceana Philippines, fisherfolk, lawmakers, former Sen. Sergio Osmena III, and scientist Deo Florence Onda, the SC was asked to issue a temporary environment protection order (TEPO) pending resolution of the case.

They said the TEPO should cover the non-environmentally acceptable products and packaging (NEAPP) such as disposable plastics, plastic products that contain bisphenol A and other known endocrine disrupting chemicals, plastics that have "persistent organic pollutants," plastics that are not re-usable, not biodegradable or compostable, and plastics that are toxic or hazardous to the environment

A Writ of Kalikasan is a legal remedy for the protection of one's right to "a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature," under Section 16, Article II of the Constitution.

The petitioners told the SC: "The continued disregard of the Respondents' mandate under Republic Act No. 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000) will continue to aggravate the widespread environmental damage already caused by the proliferation of plastic to the natural life support system that we all depend on for survival. Worse, the lives and health of every Filipino now existing and yet unborn is continuously prejudiced by the Respondents' refusal to implement their mandate."

Among those named as respondents were Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III, Science Secretary Fortunato de la Peña, acting Public Works Secretary Roger Mercado, Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez, and Agriculture Secretary William Dar.

The petitioners said the government has failed for years to provide clear policies to implement the Constitution and Republic Act No. 9003.





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They also said the government has violated its obligations under international treaties including the London Protocol, Stockholm Convention, and Paris Agreement.

They cited a study released early this year which singled out the Philippines as the largest contributor to plastic emissions in the world with 356,371 metric tons of mismanaged plastic wastes per year. The plastic wastes, the study showed, go into the rivers and unto the ocean.

"For twenty long years, the Respondents steadfastly refused to prepare the list of non-environmentally acceptable products under Section 29 of RA No. 9003. In doing so, they allowed plastic pollution to proliferate," they said.

Section 29 of RA 9003 states that the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) under the Office of the President should come out with a list of NEAPP after the passage of the law in 2000.

They lamented that the law, particularly Section 29, remains unimplemented.

They also told the SC: "By refusing to issue any list, the respondents defeated the policy of RA 9003 towards 'solid waste avoidance and volume reduction through source reduction and waste minimization measures.' The respondents flouted their mandate not just once but continuously over the course of 20 years."

With the government's inaction, the petitioners said 164 million sachets, 48 million shopping bags, and 45.2 million plastic 'labo' are dumped daily.

"Every second that the Respondents continue to allow the defilement of our natural resources and the very environment we all depend on for life, only the manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of cheap plastic products stand to profit at the expense of the health, lives, and future of everyone else," they stressed.

The SC will resume sessions on Nov. 9 after its three-week decision-writing period.





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## Groups, scientists bring gov't to court for alleged neglect of PH 'plastics crisis'

Job Manahan, ABS-CBN News

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Volunteers sort the day's garbage at the Brgy. San Juan South Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) on September 16, **2021.** *Jonathan Cellona, ABS-CBN News* 

MANILA— At least 50 petitioners from Oceana Philippines, Filipino scientists, and fisherfolk on Wednesday filed before the Supreme Court a petition against the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) and other government officials over their supposed neglect in implementing solid waste management laws in the country.

The petition seeks the issuance of a Writ of Kalikasan and a Writ of Continuing Mandamus, plus a Temporary Environmental Protection Order (TEPO) to stop the sale, manufacture, and distribution of "non-environmentally acceptable plastic products" such as single-use plastics.

A writ of kalikasan is a legal remedy to protect people's constitutional right to a balanced and healthful ecology if violated or threatened to be violated by an unlawful act or omission of a public official or employee or private individual or entity.

The environmental damage must affect the life, health or property of inhabitants of 2 or more cities or provinces.

The petitioners said plastic products of the following nature should be stopped from being produced and distributed:

- disposable plastics
- plastic products that contain bisphenol A, phthalates, other known endocrine disrupting chemicals
- plastics that have "persistent organic pollutants" classified in the Stockholm Convention
- plastic products that are not re-usable, not biodegradable or compostable
- non-recyclable plastics
- plastics that are toxic or hazardous to the environment

Named as respondents in the petition were Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III, Science Secretary Fortunato de la Peña, acting Public Works Secretary Roger Mercado, Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez, and Agriculture Secretary William Dar, among other Cabinet members.

The petitioners, which include former Sen. Sergio Osmeña III, also asked the court to compel the commission to "immediately perform their duty" under the Constitution and the Paris Agreement, among other accords.

Oceanographer Deo Onda is an expert witness.





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The Ecological Solid Waste Management Act has faced more than two decades of neglect by the NSWMC, compounding the burgeoning plastic crisis in the Philippines," Oceana said in a statement.

Oceana Philippines' Gloria Ramos added that the petition signifies their sincerity in showing that immediate action should be done to protect the environment.

"We are already on the edge... ang Pilipinas nga ang (the Philippines is) one of the sources of plastic pollution, mismanaged plastic waste... maayos ba ang ating pagka-steward, naaalagaan ba ang ating karagatan?" Ramos explained.

(Have we been good stewards of the environment, our oceans?)

#### **HEALTH HAZARDS**

Their plea also cited health hazards of unregulated plastic wastes, with some of the petitioners experiencing its impact directly.

They also lamented the presence of microplastics found in some of the commercially-available fishes in the country, which "contaminates the food web," thus the risk of being ingested by humans.

"While the Respondents continue to refuse to regulate plastic waste, petitioner-fisherfolk continue to catch less fish and more plastic; a married petitioner continues to have trouble having children; a youth-petitioner continues to be inundated by worsening floods aggravated by plastic pollution," the petition read.

"Another youth-petitioner continues to live in fear of plastic waste leaching chemicals into their tap water."

In a virtual briefing, Oceana's legal counsel Michael De Castro said the petitioners have witnessed environmental degradation caused by plastics, which could have been supposedly prevented if the commission upheld their mandate.

"Maliban sa toxic ng maraming nasa loob ng plastics. Hazardous din siya, may danger na pinopose. Mayroon kaming petitioners na nakita nila 'yung isda mismo may plastic sa katawan," De Castro said.

(Aside from its toxicity, plastics are also hazardous, they are dangerous.

"For 10 years, nakita nila na... plastic bursting out of their stomachs. Klarong-klaro na non-environmentally acceptable ang plastics," the lawyer added.

(They saw plastic bursting out of the fish's stomachs. It is clear that plastics are non-environmentally acceptable)

If the Supreme Court will grant the Writ of Kalikasan, the petitioners said it would supposedly help make a "stronger" case and protection for the environment, and would also fast track the "effective resolution of a case involving the violation of one's constitutional right to a healthful and balanced ecology."

The House of Representatives in late July passed a measure that seeks to gradually phase out the production, sale, and use of single-use plastics.

The measure seeks to protect life on land and water from hazards posed by plastic pollution, prolong the service life of sanitary landfills, and discourage the consumption of single-use plastic products.





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A study in April this year found that the Philippines contributed 36 percent of the plastic waste that ended up in the world's oceans, with the Pasig River also being identified as the top plastic pollution source.

Seven of the 10 rivers that contributed plastic pollution in the world's oceans are located in the country, it showed.

Source: https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/10/27/21/govt-urged-to-act-on-neglect-of-ph-plastics-crisis?fbclid=IwAR2B10NxVZVYFFhVZRXGtRYwzTVvYb9q1ZGgp\_dxVVfkXNmY3Hyv58ZN-qY





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## 6 gov't officials, waste management body sued over failure to address plastic pollution

By JOAHNA LEI CASILAO, GMA News

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Fifty-two individuals have filed a lawsuit before the Supreme Court against the National Solid Waste Management Commission and six department secretaries for supposedly neglecting to address plastic pollution in the country.

According to Oceana, the petitioners are seeking the issuance of a Writ of Kalikasan and Writ of Continuing Mandamus due to the government's inaction on non-environmentally acceptable products and packaging.

One of the petitioners is former Senator Sergio Osmena III.

Meanwhile, the respondents are the NHSWMC and Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez, Science and Technology Secretary Fortunato Dela Peña, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III, Public Works Secretary Roger Mercado, Agriculture Secretary William Dar, and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority chairperson Benhur Abalos.

The petitioners cited Section 16 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution, which provides for the people's right to a "balanced and healthful ecology" as well as Section 15 which mandates the state to "protect and promote the right to health" of the people among others.

"Petitioners are also entitled to the protection of these rights, which the Respondents have violated and continue to violate as they continue to unlawfully refuse and grossly neglect to comply with their statutory mandate to issue the list of non-environmentally acceptable products," they said.

According to the petitioners, the "continued disregard" of the respondents for their mandate under Republic Act No. 9003 will continue to aggravate the environmental damage.

"Worse, the lives and health of every Filipino now existing and yet unborn is continuously prejudiced by the Respondents' refusal to implement their mandate," they said.

Data from the Ocean Conservancy and McKinsey Center for Business and Environment in 2015 showed that around <u>2.7 million metric tons of plastic waste</u> are disposed of in the Philippines every year.

Meanwhile, the country was projected to generate <u>16.6 million metric tons</u> of trash by the end of 2020.

"Every second that the Respondents continue to allow the defilement of our natural resources and the very environment we all depend on for life, only the manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of cheap plastic products stand to profit? at the expense of the health, lives, and future of everyone else," the petitioners said.—AOL, GMA News

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# Duterte brings up coral reef protection, illegal fishing during ASEAN-China dialogue

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President Duterte raised the issues of coral reef protection and illegal fishing during the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) dialogue with China on Tuesday, Oct. 26.



President Rodrigo Duterte (Malacañang photo)

"We hark back to the Philippines' ASEAN Chairmanship in 2017 where we declared the Decade of Coastal and Marine Environmental Protection in the South China Sea from 2017 to 2027," Duterte said during his intervention in the 24th ASEAN-China Summit, which is part of the ongoing 38th and 39th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits.

"Pursuant to this, we call for holistic efforts to protect and preserve biodiversity and the marine environment," said Duterte, who is participating in the twin summits virtually.

"Vulnerable marine ecosystems, such as coral reefs and other living spaces of endangered and migratory wildlife species, should be prioritized," he noted.

"We must strengthen cooperation in addressing marine debris and transboundary pollution. And we must ramp up efforts to fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing," the Philippine leader further said, adding that "These are crucial to achieve food security and to mitigate global warming."

"We are all too aware of the horrendous consequences of a warming climate, especially for developing coastal countries like the Philippines," Duterte said.

China is among the longer-tenured dialogue partners of the ASEAN, of which the Philippines is a founding member. Premier Li Keqiang attended the ASEAN-China Summit on behalf of China.

Although the Duterte administration has managed to foster rosy bilateral ties with Beijing, contentious actions exist in connection with the longstanding maritime disputes between the Philippines and China.

Last March, over 200 Chinese fishing vessels were seen anchored at Whitsun Reef, a disputed territory in the South China Sea. This sparked tension between Manila and Beijing, which both have claims over the area.

The Philippine Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) probed in April the alleged illegal fishing of the foreign ships within the country's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the West Philippine Sea (WPS).





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The WPS is part of the South China Sea, over which China has a blanket "historical claim".

Also last April, scientist group Advocates of Science and Technology for the People or AGHAM claimed that the Philippines was losing P1.3 trillion annually over the destruction of coral reefs by China's alleged island-building and clam-poaching activities in the WPS.

Source: <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/duterte-brings-up-coral-reef-protection-illegal-fishing-during-asean-china-dialogue/">https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/duterte-brings-up-coral-reef-protection-illegal-fishing-during-asean-china-dialogue/</a>





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## PH to reveal plans to protect ecosystem in UN COP26

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora October 26, 2021, 8:46 pm



**MANILA** – The Philippines is expected to "demonstrate its leadership" in the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference 26 (COP26) by calling for actions that would help achieve global goals.

The COP26, which was supposed to be held in November last year, will be hosted by the United Kingdom in partnership with Italy from October 31 to Nov. 12, 2021 in the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow.

"We are optimistic that the Philippines will demonstrate its leadership at COP26 on a number of calls for action that will halt deforestation, conserve biodiversity, maintain functional ecosystem services, and capitalize on the opportunities offered by the transition to clean energy sources, particularly renewable energy," said UK Ambassador Laure Beaufils, in a briefing on Tuesday.

The Philippines is ranked 118th in the recent Notre Dame Global Adaption Initiative index, which summarizes a country's vulnerability to climate change and other global challenges in combination with its readiness to improve resilience.

As part of its commitment to the Paris Agreement, the Philippines submitted this year its nationally determined contribution to slash by 75 percent its emission by 2030, a development welcomed by the UK.

"The UK and Italy are committed to continuing to support the Philippines in delivering these ambitions. We are very proud of the strong partnership that we have built in this space," Beaufils said.

The Philippine delegation will be led by Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III and Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin, Jr.

UN Philippines Economist John Alikpala said the nexus between high rates of malnutrition, repeated climate shocks, and the pandemic have put more at risk Filipinos' food and nutrition security.

He added that migration has also become one of the coping mechanisms of affected Filipinos facing climate change.

Alikpala believes a big set of issues will emerge after COP26 and would require a follow-up at the country level.





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"There will be a need to keep up the momentum after COP26 and we are committed to working with the Philippine government and development partners to achieve that," he said.

The UK Embassy said COP26 will be the first test of the Paris Agreement, which sets out a long-term goal to limit global warming below two degrees Celsius, preferably 1.5 degrees compared to pre-industrial levels.

To achieve this, countries need to cut by half greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and reach net-zero by 2050.

Beaufils said this year's COP26 is hoping to accelerate the phaseout of coal as well as secure more net-zero commitments, investments in renewable energy, halting of fossil fuel subsidies, and rollout of electric vehicles.

It also seeks to raise USD100 billion a year to support developing countries, like the Philippines, in their efforts to adapt and mitigate.

French Ambassador Michèle Boccoz echoed the need to further strengthen climate commitment and raise ambitions to halt what could become a catastrophic global warming.

"The urgency to act has never been as important as it is today," she said, citing the 2020 UN Environment Program report that projects a temperature rise in excess of three degrees Celsius this century despite a brief dip in carbon dioxide emissions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Climate change knows no borders. It is our belief that multilateral cooperation, together with a shared sense of responsibility, is key to ensuring a better future. It is not too late to act," she added.

Italian Ambassador to the Philippines Marco Clemente also said they are committed to make the Glasgow Conference a resounding success. (PNA)

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## Legarda seeks guarantee on climate finance to protect Filipinos from climate change impact

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House Deputy Speaker and Antique Lone District Rep. Loren Legarda has sought urgent action from the national government to enforce the Paris Agreement on climate finance to protect Filipinos from greenhouse emissions and avoid the disastrous impact of climate change.

Legarda, who had been named United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Global Champion for Resilience, aired the appeal during a media briefing held via zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 2 for the upcoming 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26).

The pre-COP forum was convened by the British Embassy Manila, Embassy of Italy, the United Nations and the DOF. Newly-installed British Ambassador to the Philippines Laure Beaufils gave the opening remarks.

"We count on the DOF as head of our national delegation to ensure that developed countries will finally move with urgency to deliver on their commitments in terms of the Paris Agreement's means of implementation: climate finance, technology transfer, and capacity building from developed countries to developing ones," the Antique lone district congresswoman said.

"Without these, the Philippines will not be able to build the capacity and technical know-how we need to avoid more GHG emissions, and we will not be able to survive the intensifying impacts of climate change. The same fate awaits many climate-vulnerable developing countries like us," Legarda warned.

The lawmaker cited the need for COP26 to deliver on such commitments by developed nations so that developing countries like the Philippines could be able to avoid more greenhouse emissions and survive the intensifying impacts of climate change.

She also emphasized the call of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF)—which she co-founded—for COP26 to finalize and deliver strong carbon market mechanisms.

Aside from this, Legarda said COP26 should enable emissions avoidance, a concept introduced by the Philippines in the previous COP, by establishing the eligibility of emissions avoidance activities —which, in effect, would allow the Philippines and other developing countries to assert "our right to the remaining global emissions space without actually emitting them." Legarda said the Philippines expects also COP26 to agree on a Delivery Plan for the annual \$100 billion over five years, from 2020-2024, pledged by developed countries to vulnerable countries to help them adapt to climate change and mitigate further rises in temperature.

Rich nations should have delivered \$100 billion already starting last year and by 2025, the \$100 billion should start increasing steadily yearly. She also expects COP26 to make action on Loss and Damage integral to its outcome. These will be critical to the implementation of the Philippines' Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement, which will also be brought forward to COP26, she stated.

At the same time, however, Legarda emphasized the need for more ambitious national targets—and for making every budget a climate adaptive budget.





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"The country's credibility will be on the line with our NDC as it is. It is virtually a business as usual NDC if over 90% of our pledge remains conditional. We are fooling ourselves. These are big numbers that are empty. It's a big balloon full of nothing but air. It's high time to fix this," she said.

During her opening statement, Legarda also highlighted the role of its participants in widening the public's understanding of COP26 and of broader climate issues.

"I hope this conversation paves the way to building more awareness and spurring the engagement of more Filipinos on critical climate issues in COP26 and beyond," she concluded.

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#### Deliver on your promise; Loren wants COP26 climate financing released to vulnerable countries

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FORMER Senator and incumbent Antique Rep. Loren Legarda has emphasized the need for the upcoming 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) to deliver on the Paris Agreement's commitments on climate finance if Filipinos are to avoid more greenhouse emissions and survive the intensifying impacts of climate change.

Legarda, UNDRR Global Champion for Resilience, made the statement during the Pre-COP26 media briefing convened by the British Embassy Manila, the Embassy of Italy, the United Nations, and the Department of Finance (DOF) last Tuesday (October 26).

"We count on the DOF as head of our national delegation to ensure that developed countries will finally move with urgency to deliver on their commitments in terms of the Paris Agreement's means of implementation: climate finance, technology transfer, and capacity building from developed countries to developing ones," Legarda said.

"Without these, the Philippines will not be able to build the capacity and technical know-how we need to avoid more GHG emissions, and we will not be able to survive the intensifying impacts of climate change. The same fate awaits many climate-vulnerable developing countries like us," she added.

During the briefing, Legarda also emphasized the call of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) for COP26 to finalize and deliver strong carbon market mechanisms.

Aside from this, Legarda said COP26 should enable emissions avoidance, a concept introduced by the Philippines in the previous COP, by establishing the eligibility of emissions avoidance activities – which, in effect, would allow the Philippines and other developing countries to assert "our right to the remaining global emissions space without actually emitting them."

Legarda said the Philippines expects also COP26 to agree on a Delivery Plan for the annual \$100 billion over five years, from 2020-2024, pledged by developed countries to vulnerable countries to help them adapt to climate change and mitigate further rises in temperature.





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Rich nations should have delivered \$100 billion already starting last year and by 2025, the \$100 billion should start increasing steadily yearly.

She also expects COP26 to make action on Loss and Damage integral to its outcome.

These will be critical to the implementation of the Philippines' Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement, which will also be brought forward to COP26.

At the same time, however, Legarda emphasized the need for more ambitious national targets—and for making every budget a climate adaptive budget.

"The country's credibility will be on the line with our NDC as it is. It is virtually a business as usual NDC if over 90 percent of our pledge remains conditional. We are fooling ourselves. These are big numbers that are empty. It's a big balloon full of nothing but air. It's high time to fix this," she said.

During her statement, Legarda also highlighted the role of its participants in widening the public's understanding of COP26 and of broader climate issues.

"I hope this conversation paves the way to building more awareness and spurring the engagement of more Filipinos on critical climate issues in COP26 and beyond," she concluded.





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#### Big brands are world's top plastic polluters for the fourth time

By Catalina Ricci S. Madarang - October 27, 2021 - 8:34 PM



A woman picks up plastic cups along the riverbank of Pasig river, in Manila, Philippines, June 10, 2021. (Reuters/Lisa Marie David)

Big brand names topped the annual list of corporate plastic polluters in the world again, a study said.

**Break Free from Plastic**, an international organization that seeks a plastic-free world, released its brand audit report where it revealed the top ten corporate plastic polluters this year.

The report titled "BRANDED Volume IV: Holding Corporations Accountable for the Plastic & Climate Crisis" was the result of 440 brand audits by 11,184 volunteers in 45 countries across six continents.

The top corporate polluters are:

- 1. Coca-Cola
- 2. Pepsico
- 3. Unilever
- 4. Nestle
- 5. Proctor & Gamble (P&G)
- 6. Mondelez International
- 7. Philip Morris International
- 8. Danone
- 9. Mars Inc.
- 10. Colgate-Palmolive

Free from Plastic stated that its comprehensive brand audit was conducted by recording and identifying the brands found on plastic waste.

"In total, 330,493 pieces of plastic pollution were collected and analyzed in order to identify the companies polluting the most places with the most plastic waste," it said.

Participants and volunteers also managed to document and assess brands from 7,762 parent companies this year.

**Greenpeace Philippines** also shared these findings through an infographic on Facebook on October 25.





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In the post, the organization noted that it's the fourth time that the top five brand names are included in the list.

"BREAKING: The Top Five Corporate Plastic Polluters of 2021 are Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Unilever, Nestlé, & P&G! It's the 4th time they've been on the top 10 list. Let's demand that they #BreakFreeFromPlastic now," read the post.

In a statement, Greenpeace Philippines Campaigner Jefferson Chua lamented that the findings showed that these multinational companies have not learned from the negative impact of their practices amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This year's Brand Audit shows that multinational companies have not learned from our experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic as they still continue business-as-usual practices that harm our planet, our environment, and our communities," Chua said.

"Although this is not surprising, it is disappointing that Coca-Cola and other companies continue to ignore people's call for sustainable practices, such as implementing refill and deposit systems and phasing out single-use plastics, even when they have the resources to do so," he added.

Chua also hoped that this report would urge lawmakers to finally pass the sought-after single-use plastic ban.





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"We hope that this report will be reviewed by Philippine lawmakers who are in the process of legislating a single-use plastic ban. It is high time that we look into the full life cycle of plastic products by scrutinizing these companies' false 'plastic neutrality' claims, facilitate a just transition to reusable and refillable systems, and hold them accountable for causing environmental and health harms to our most vulnerable communities," he said.





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### P490-K worth of 'fossilized giant clams' seized in Negros Occidental

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BACOLOD CITY — About 7,000 kilos of fossilized giant clams worth P490,000 was seized by authorities at Sitio Ondol Pasil, Barangay Cayhagan, Sipalay City, Negros Occidental on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Personnel of the 4th Special Operations Unit – Maritime Group (SOU-MG) led by Police Maj. Don Archie Suspeñe, along with Sipalay City Police Station and Bantay Dagat responded to a report from a concerned citizen about the alleged collection of giant clams locally known as "taklobo" in the said village.



Authorities seized 7,000 kilos of giant clams worth P490,000 at Sitio Ondol Pasil, Barangay Cayhagan, Sipalay City, Negros Occidental Tuesday. (Photo courtesy of 4th SOU-MG/Manila Bulletin)

Upon arriving at the said area, authorities saw piles of fossilized and fresh clams, considered as endangered species of a shell.

A person was arrested for violation of section 102 (fishing or taking of Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species) para-a of Republic Act 10654 or The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998.

He was brought to 4TH SOU for proper disposition prior the filing of charges.

Source: <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/p490-k-worth-of-fossilized-giant-clams-seized-in-negros-occidental/">https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/27/p490-k-worth-of-fossilized-giant-clams-seized-in-negros-occidental/</a>





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#### P490K worth of 'taclobo' seized in Negros

By Eugene Y. Adiong

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ENDANGERED A team from the 4th Special Operations Unit of the Philippine National Police Maritime Group seized about 7,000 kilograms of fossilized giant clam shells, locally known as 'taclobo', on Tuesday in Sipalay City, Negros Occidental. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**BACOLOD CITY:** Maritime police in southern Negros Occidental seized 7,000 kilograms of fossilized giant clam shells, locally known as taclobo, in Sitio Ondol Pasil, Barangay Cayhagan, Sipalay City on Tuesday, October 26.

Maj. Don Archie Suspeñe, officer-in-charge of the 4th Special Operations Unit of the <a href="Philippine National Police Maritime Group">Philippine National Police Maritime Group</a>, said that at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, they received a report from a concerned citizen that giant clams were being collected in Barangay Cayhagan.

Suspeñe immediately sent a team to the area and confiscated around 7,000 kilograms of taclobo shells worth P490,000.

The police also brought some unidentified individuals to the maritime group's headquarters in Hinobaan, Negros Occidental for documentation and proper disposition.

Suspeñe said it is illegal in the country to collect or sell giant clams which have been tagged as an endangered species.

In February this year, fossilized giant clams shells were also intercepted in Bayawan, Negros Oriental, believed to have been harvested from the southern part of Negros Island.

 $\textbf{Source:} \ \underline{https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/28/news/regions/p490k-worth-of-taclobo-seized-in-negros/1819953}$ 





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#### 'Trash to Cashback' returns to Araneta City this October

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Trade-in your recyclables for essential goods until the end of the month. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

THE <u>Araneta Center</u> once again partners with Basic Environmental System and Technologies (BEST) Inc. and the Environmental Protection and <u>Waste Management Department of Quezon City</u> in advocating for a more sustainable future for everyone with the return of <u>Araneta City</u>'s We Want Your Recyclables! Trash to Cashback program.

For the whole month of October, everyone is encouraged to bring recyclable materials such as PET bottles, old newspapers and aluminum beverage cans and exchange them for exciting rewards! All you need to do is visit the "We want your recyclables" booth at the Araneta City <u>Times Square Avenue</u> (beside the Araneta City Bus Station).

Before bringing recyclables to the booth, just make sure to clean them and properly segregate them per waste type. For a smooth and seamless transaction, create a bXTRA account beforehand by clicking this link: https://bit.ly/3eAL7Cl. Different recyclable trash items have corresponding environmental points, and these points are equivalent to cashback that will be transferred to your bXTRA account.

These points can be exchanged for basic commodities such as rice, eggs, bread, fruits, vegetables and other essentials such as toiletries.

This project will run until Oct. 31, 2021 only.

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/28/public-square/trash-to-cashback-returns-to-araneta-city-this-october/1819988





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# Climate crisis code red for humanity – UN

By Xinhua News Agency October 28, 2021

<u>UNITED NATIONS</u>: UN Secretary General António Guterres said on Tuesday (Wednesday in Manila) the climate crisis is a code red for humanity and that urgent action is needed before it is too late.

"The United Nations and this assembly were created precisely for the kind of challenge that brings us together today.

The climate crisis is a code red for humanity. This assembly and governments around the world face a moment of truth," he told a UN General Assembly high-level thematic debate on climate action.

In six days, world leaders will be put to the test at the <u>UN Climate Change Conference</u> in Glasgow, <u>Scotland</u>. Their actions — or inactions — will show their seriousness about addressing this planetary emergency, he said.

The warning signs are hard to miss. Pollution kills 9 million people every year.

Every day, dozens of species go extinct. Scorching temperatures are turning farmlands into parched landscapes.

Cities and entire countries are watching sea levels rise around them. Increasing temperatures will make vast stretches of the planet unlivable by century's end, said Guterres.

The world is still on track for a global temperature rise of 2.7 degrees Celsius, a far cry from the 1.5 C target to which the world agreed under the <u>Paris Agreement</u>, which is the only sustainable pathway, he said.

And the 1.5 C target is entirely achievable — if global emissions are reduced by 45 percent compared to 2010 levels this decade; if global net-zero emissions can be achieved by 2050; and if world leaders arrive in Glasgow with bold, ambitious and verifiable 2030 targets, and new, concrete policies to reverse this disaster, he said.

"Group of 20 (G20) leaders, in particular, need to deliver. The time has passed for diplomatic niceties. If governments, especially G20 governments, do not stand up and lead this effort, we are headed for terrible human suffering," said Guterres.

But he added that all countries need to realize that the old, carbon-burning model of development is a death sentence for their economies and for the planet.

"We need decarbonization now, across every sector in every country. We need to shift subsidies from fossil fuels to renewable energy and tax pollution, not people. We need to put a price on carbon and channel that back toward resilient infrastructures and jobs.

And we need to phase out coal — by 2030 in OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) countries and by 2040 in all other countries."

He also asked businesses, investors and individuals to do their part.

"Over the last 76 years, this assembly has gathered the world around crisis after crisis to build consensus for action.



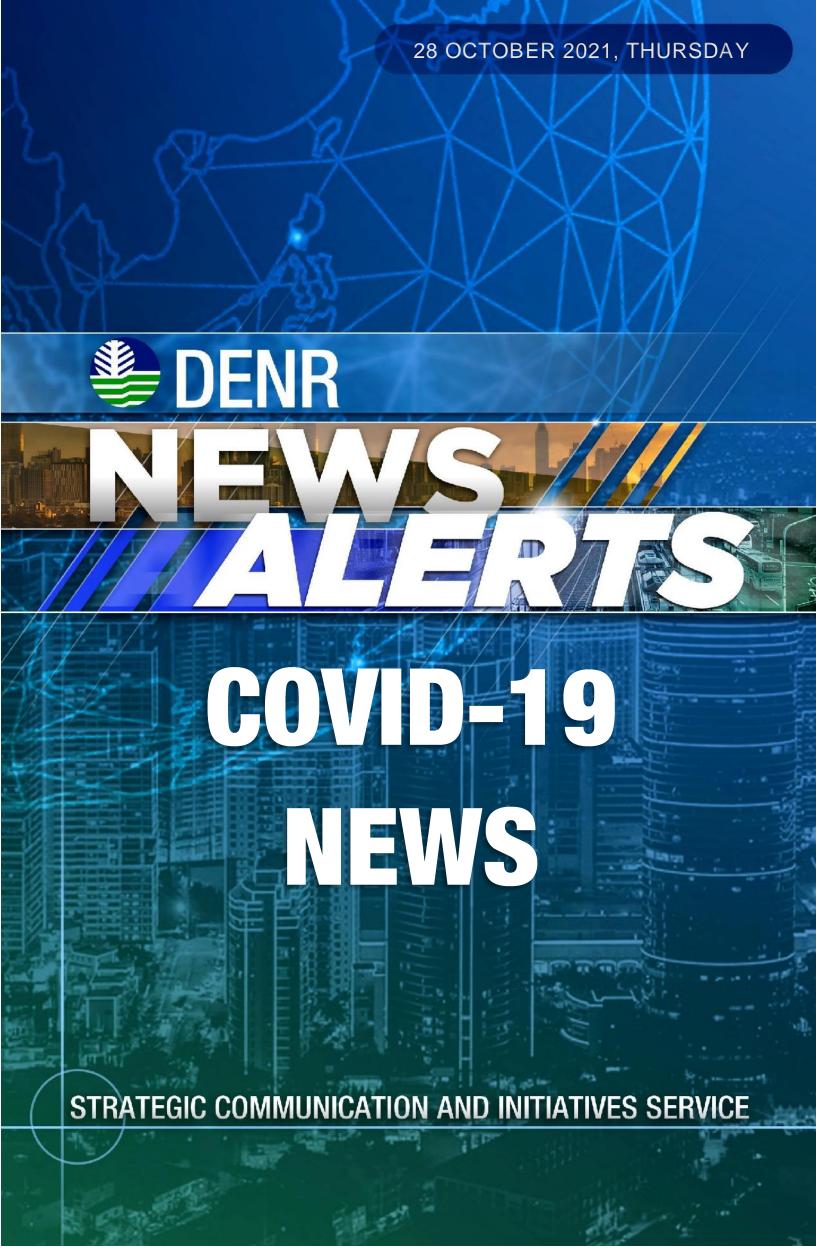


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But rarely have we faced a crisis like this one. A truly existential crisis that — if not addressed — threatens not only us, but succeeding generations," he said.

"There is one path forward. A 1.5-degree future is the only livable future for humanity. I urge leaders to get on with the job before it's too late."

 $Source: \underline{https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/28/news/world/climate-crisis-code-red-for-\underline{humanity-un/1820035}$ 







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## Philippines sees 3,218 new COVID-19 cases

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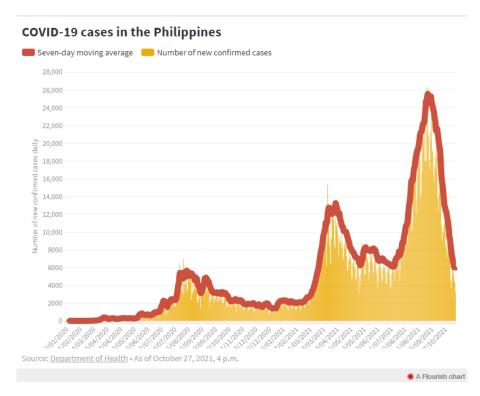
MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines on Wednesday reported 3,218 new coronavirus cases, bringing its total count to 2,768,849.

Today's figures saw active cases down by 3,490 from the 53,642 on October 26. DOH said one laboratory did not submit screening results.

"While cases continue to be on the decline in the past days, we should not be complacent and keep following the minimum public health standards and get vaccinated," the agency said in Filipino.

Active cases: 50,152 or 1.8% of the total
Deaths: 271, pushing the count to 42,348

Recoveries: 6,660 bringing the number to 2,676,349



#### Minors nationwide to get jabs soon

- The Department of Health said the country will begin an expanded COVID-19 inoculation program on minors across the country starting <a href="November 3">November 3</a>.
- Food and Drug Administration chief Eric Domingo said their experts are reviewing data
  of some vaccines for a possible emergency use approval revision, with booster shots
  and third dose now approved by DOH.
- Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu <u>relieved</u> from duty the ground commander of the Manila Bay Task Force, after overcrowding at the dolomite sand beach that drew concern amid a health crisis.
- The country has <u>fully vaccinated</u> 26.18 million of its citizens for COVID-19, out of the government's goal of inoculating some 77.13 million this year.

Source: <a href="https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/10/27/2137054/philippines-sees-3218-new-covid-19-cases">https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/10/27/2137054/philippines-sees-3218-new-covid-19-cases</a>





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### MM shift to Alert Level 2 'likely'

Galvez sees downgrade next month, points to steady drop in virus cases posted October 28, 2021 at 02:20 am by Willie Casas

The country's vaccine czar on Wednesday expressed confidence that the National Capital Region (NCR) will shift to the more relaxed Alert Level 2 due to the continuing decline in the reproduction rate and positivity rate of COVID-19.



IT'S MORE FUN AGAIN. Local and foreign tourists arrive at the Balatero Port on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. While tourist spots across the country have started to open up, overcrowding at Manila Bay's dolomite beach resulted in the relief of Manila Bay Task Force ground commander Jacob Meimban. 'The incident needs to be investigated so we could correct our mistakes,' Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said. Danny Pata

Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr, also the chief implementer of the National Task Force (NTF) against COVID-19, said, however, that Metro Manila's alert level is still up to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF).

"I do not want to preempt the discussion of the IATF. But we know that the numbers are getting better and in Metro Manila, I am so happy and very confident because more than 86 percent of the population are now fully vaccinated," Galvez said.

He said the vaccination would go up to 90 percent once the pediatric vaccination is expanded.

"The good thing about here in Metro Manila, we don't see hesitation even in the administration of first doses... So we are very happy about that," Galvez said.

Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya, meanwhile, said the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Metro Manila mayors are ready for a possible downgrade of the region's alert level.

"The mayors are already aware of the additional capacity that will be given to establishments under the alert level system and our data is good. We see a continuous decrease in the number of cases in the past two weeks and the vaccination program is in full swing. So with a combination of the ramped-up vaccination program, the decrease in cases, and the additional deployment of police personnel, we are all set once we downgrade Metro Manila to Alert Level 2," he said in an online briefing.

Metro Manila is under Alert Level 3 until Oct. 31.

To date, the Philippines has administered a total of 56,826,389 Covid-19 vaccine doses nationwide, with the average daily vaccination rate in the last seven days has increased to 501,617 doses.

The Philippines logged 3,218 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, bringing the total number of cases to 2,768,849.

The number of new infections was the lowest recorded since the 3,083 cases on May 23.





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There were 271 new fatalities, bringing the COVID-19 death toll to 42,348.

The Department of Health (DOH) also reported 6,660 new recoveries, bringing the total recoveries to 2,676,349.

There were 50,152 active cases, of which 73.4 percent were mild, 6.8 percent were asymptomatic, 2.6 percent were critical, 6.2 percent were severe, and 11.02 percent were moderate.

Nationwide, 51 percent of ICU beds, 40 percent of isolation beds, 36 percent of ward beds, and 34 percent of ventilators, were in use.

In Metro Manila, 42 percent of ICU beds, 34 percent of isolation beds, 32 percent of ward beds, and 31 percent of ventilators, were in use.

Meanwhile, the Department of Tourism (DOT) said it is looking at providing free swab tests to persuade more tourists to visit the country's re-opened destinations.

At present, travelers from Metro Manila may avail of a discounted RT-PCR test from the Philippine Children's Medical Center for P750, down from the original price of P3,577.

"Our subsidy with the PCMC is continuous. If things go as planned, we've been asking permission if we could subsidize everything, make it zero already," Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said in an ANC interview on Wednesday.

Romulo-Puyat said she was optimistic that more destinations would ease restrictions as the government ramps up its vaccination for the general population as well as the tourism workforce.

"Our goal is we want to vaccinate 100 percent (of the tourist workers) before the Christmas season," she said.

The country has so far vaccinated 65 percent of its tourism workers across the country, the Tourism chief said.

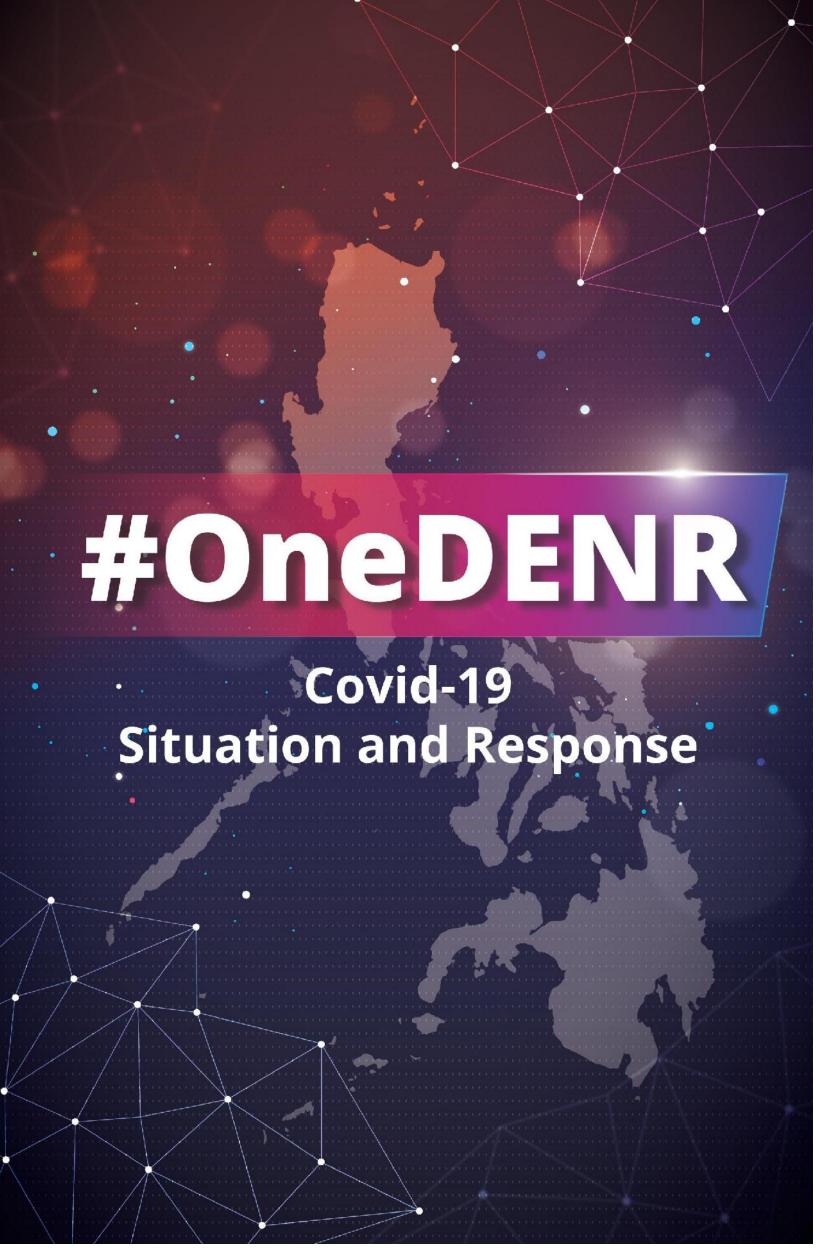
Also on Wednesday, the independent OCTA Research Group said there was "significant" hesitancy toward COVID-19 vaccines in the Visayas and Mindanao.

OCTA fellow Guido David said the hesitancy was more pronounced among lower income groups.

"So I think that's where we need to focus our messaging--that vaccines are safe because some of these people believe that vaccines are not safe," David said.

As the number of COVID-19 cases decline, David said vaccination—along with following minimum public health standards—is the key to containing the spread of COVID-19.

Source: <a href="https://manilastandard.net/news/top-stories/368514/mm-shift-to-alert-level-2-likely-.html">https://manilastandard.net/news/top-stories/368514/mm-shift-to-alert-level-2-likely-.html</a>







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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

1.8%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO 50.152

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

96.7%

2,676,349

**PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY** 

1.53%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
42,348

MGA BAGONG KASO 3,218

MGA BAGONG GUMALING 6,660

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY 271

KABUUANG BILANG NG KASO

2,768,849

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING OKTUBRE 25

DATOS NGAYONG OKTUBRE 27 AYON SA REPORTS NOONG OKTUBRE 25

7.6%

PORSYENTO NG MGA NAGPOSITIBO 41,049

BILANG NG TINEST **HALOS** 

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ANG MILD AT ASYMPTOMATIC NA KASO!



#### KABUUANG PILIPINAS PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (4.3K TOTAL BEDS)

51% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (20.7K TOTAL BEDS)

40%
Utilized

WARD BEDS (14.6K TOTAL BEDS)

36%
Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.3K TOTAL VENTILATORS)

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## NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

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VENTILATORS (1.1k TOTAL VENTILATORS)

31% Utilized

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32% Utilized KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

Mild 73.4%

6.8% Asymptomatic

2.6% Critical

6.2% Severe

11.02% Moderate



34% Utilized

#### UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Sa ating patuloy at tamang pagsunod sa Minimum Public Health Standards at agarang pagbabakuna para sa mga hindi pa nababakunahan, matitiyak natin ang kaligtasan ng ating mga mahal sa buhay, at ng ating kapwa. Kasabay nito, agad na makipag-ugnayan sa BHERTS o sa One COVID Referral Center sa oras na makaramdam ng anumang sintomas. Maabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa 1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o 0919-977-3333.

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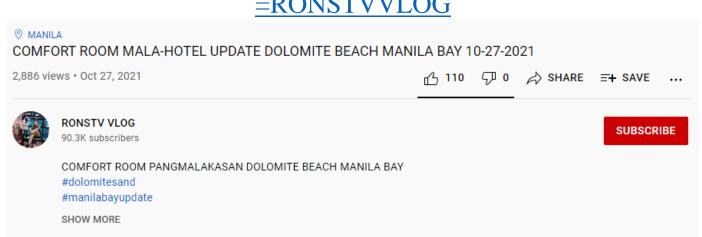




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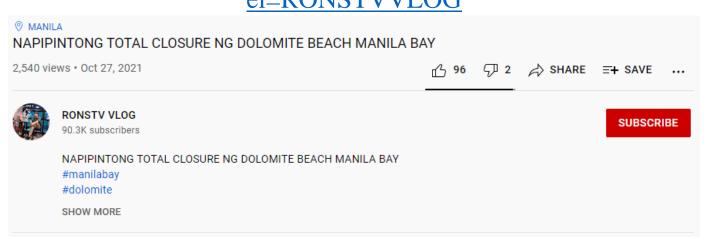




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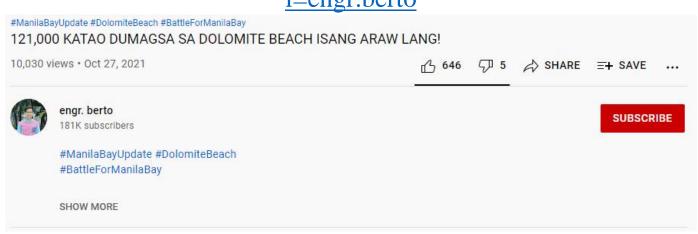




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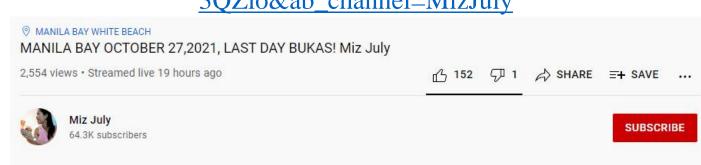




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