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DENR ends open pit mining ban to reinvigorate industry

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A view of nickel ore stockpiles at DMCI Mining Corporation's mine in Sta Cruz Zambales in northern Philippines February 7, 2017. Picture taken February 7, 2017. (Reuters/Erik De Castro/File Photo)

MANILA (Updated 4:37 p.m.)— The Philippines has lifted a four-year-old ban on open-pit mining for copper, gold, silver and complex ores, an official said on Tuesday, marking the second landmark policy move this year as the government tries to revitalize the industry.

Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu has signed an administrative order lifting the ban, Mines and Geosciences Bureau Director Wilfredo Moncano said.

The government imposed the ban in 2017, when the ministry, which oversees the mining industry, was led by an anti-mining advocate who had blamed the sector for extensive environmental damage.

After several years of restrictive policies that have been blamed for stagnating the industry, the government now wants stalled and new mining projects to attract investments and help stimulate the pandemic-hit economy.

In April, President Rodrigo Duterte lifted a moratorium on new mineral agreements imposed in 2012.

Open-pit mining remained a globally accepted method of extracting minerals, Moncano said.

Cimatu's predecessor at the environment department, Regina Lopez, had enforced the ban, infuriating miners who argued that the country's large copper and gold deposits could be exploited only through open-pit mining.

But environmental activists expressed dismay over the policy reversal, with the Alyansa Tigil Mina (Alliance to End Mining) group describing it as "a short-sighted and misplaced development priority of the government".

The Philippines' annual export revenue from its mineral extraction industry could increase by up to \$2 billion over the next five to six years as new mining projects take off, according to the government.

The Southeast Asian country is China's biggest supplier of nickel ore and also has substantial copper and gold reserves.



More than a third of the Philippines' total land area of 30 million hectares (74.1 million acres) has been identified as having "high mineral potential", but only less than 5% of its mineral reserves has been extracted so far, according to the mines bureau.

—Reporting by Enrico Dela Cruz Editing by Ed Davies

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DENR's Cimatu lifts open-pit mining ban

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A view of nickel ore stockpiles at a port in Sta Cruz Zambales in northern Philippines February 8, 2017. Erik De Castro, Reuters/File

MANILA (UPDATED)— Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu has issued an order to lift a nationwide ban on open-pit mining, which has been in effect since 2017.

Mines and Geosciences Bureau Director Wilfredo Moncano confirmed the Cimatu's order in a text message. The order covers mining of gold, silver, copper and complex ores.

Moncano also said there are at least four projects that are ready to proceed, now that the ban has been lifted.

The open-pit mining ban was imposed in 2017 by then Environment Secretary Gina Lopez, who cited its destructive nature and potential for a disaster.

She butted heads with economic managers of the Duterte administration, including Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez, over mining. Lopez's confirmation as secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources was denied by Congress in 2017, but not before she instituted the nationwide ban on open-pit mining.

The Chamber of Mines of the Philippines, which had been working to have Lopez's order reversed, welcomed Cimatu's decision on Tuesday.

"As most mining applications propose the use of the open-pit method, this decision will enable the industry to contribute more to our country's economic recovery, particularly from the devastating effects of this ongoing pandemic through investment promotion, job creation, and poverty alleviation," it said in a statement.

Thousands of mines worldwide have adopted this primary method, including in Australia, Canada, and the USA, according to the lobby group.

It added that open-pit mines can be operated safely, according to globally accepted standards, and can be rehabilitated properly in a manner that provides alternative and productive land use after the life of the mine.

Chamber vice president for communications Rocky Dimaculangan said the DENR order was published in a major broadsheet on Dec. 25.

Under the law, the order will take effect 15 days from publication.

—With a report from April Raffles, ABS-CBN News

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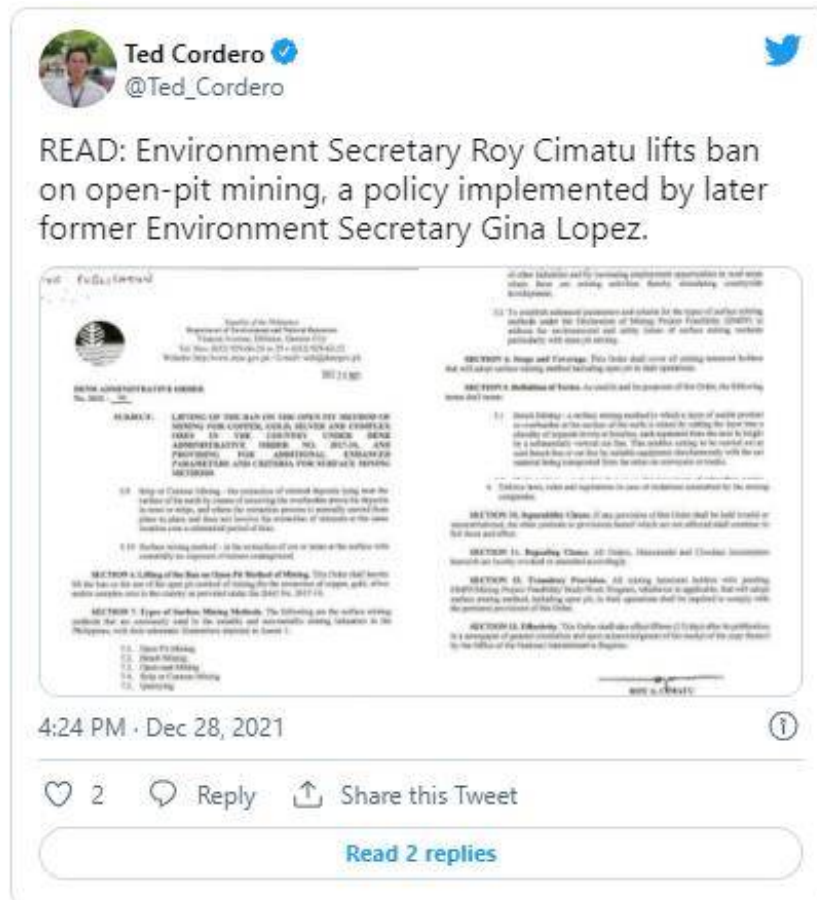


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Philippine open-pit mining allowed anew after four-year ban

By TED CORDERO, GMA News

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has lifted the four-year-old ban on open-pit mining, a policy initiated by the late former Environment Secretary Gina Lopez in 2017.

In DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-40 issued on December 23, Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu overturned his late predecessor's Administrative Order No. 2017-10, which banned the mining method for the extraction of copper, gold, silver, and/or complex ores in the country.

Cimatu said lifting the ban on open-pit mining would “revitalize the mining industry and usher in significant economic benefits to the country by providing raw materials for the construction and development of other industries and by increasing employment opportunities in rural areas where there are mining activities thereby stimulating countryside development.”

He said open-pit mining method was a globally-accepted method of mining, considered to be the most feasible option for mining near-surface or shallow ore deposits.

Cimatu said not all open-pit mines produced acid rock drainage contaminants.

He said there were best-practice control strategies and technologies that could help avoid or manage the negative impacts of open-pit mining.

Cimatu said there were also existing laws that designated areas where mining may not be allowed.



“Major issues concerning mining including open-pit mining cannot be attributed to the use of the method itself, but rather on the accidents involving wastes and tailings confinement,” Cimatu said.

“Progressive rehabilitation of mined out areas is now being practice to restore vegetative cover and reduce adverse impacts on the environment,” he added.

Cimatu said the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Environmental Management Bureau, and DENR Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office found the surface metallic mines compliant with the mining and environmental rules and regulations and were implementing sound and progressive and final mine rehabilitation.

“Continuing the ban on open-pit mining may result in loss of economic opportunity,” Cimatu said.

The DENR imposed condition and requirements for open-pit mining methods:

- The use of surface mining shall not pose possible hazard to public health and safety resulting from ground failure or physical deterioration
- It shall not release hazardous chemicals into the environment
- The proponent has adequate information to conduct a comprehensive stakeholders’ involvement process to ensure that all interests and concerns are considered, and has social acceptability of its project since the commencement of the exploration activities
- The proponent has submitted and presented appropriate program/s for surface and subsurface slope-stability monitoring of potential slope failures
- The proponent has accumulated sufficient geological data to conduct proper and assessment of local geology, rock mass characteristics, hydrogeology, and surface hydrology

The order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation. —
NB, GMA News

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Matapos ang four-year ban

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Ang naturang polisiya ay ipinatupad ni yumaong Environment Secretary Gina Lopez noong 2017.

Sa DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-40 na inisyu noong Disyembre 23, pinawalang-bisa ni Secretary Roy Cimatu ang Administrative Order No. 2017-10 ng kanyang predecessor na nagbabawal sa mining method para sa pagkuha ng copper, gold, silver, at/o complex ores sa bansa.

Sinabi ni Cimatu na, "lifting the ban on open-pit mining would revitalize the mining industry and usher in significant economic benefits to the country by providing raw materials for the construction and development of other industries and by

increasing employment opportunities in rural areas where there are mining activities thereby stimulating countryside development."

Aniya, ang open-pit mining method ay isang pamamaraan ng pagmimina na tinatanggap sa mundo, na itinuturing na "most feasible option for mining near-surface or shallow ore deposits."

Ani Cimatu, hindi lahat ng open-pit mines ay nagpoprodyus ng acid rock drainage contaminants.

May best-practice control strategies at technologies, aniya, na makatutulong para maiwasan ang mga negatibong epekto ng open-pit mining.

Bukod dito, may mga umiiral ding batas na nagtatakda ng mga

lugar kung saan hindi maaaring payagan ang pagmimina.

"Major issues concerning mining including open-pit mining cannot be attributed to the use of the method itself, but rather on the accidents involving wastes and tailings confinement," sabi pa ni Cimatu.

"Progressive rehabilitation of mined out areas is now being practice to restore vegetative cover and reduce adverse impacts on the environment."

Dagdag pa ni Camatu, ang patuloy na pagbabawal sa open-pit mining ay maaaring magresulta sa pagkawala ng oportunidad sa ekonomiya.

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Miners welcome lifting of ban on open-pit method

[Catherine Talavera](#) - The Philippine Star December 29, 2021 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — The Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (COMP) welcomed the government's lifting of the ban on open pit mining, saying it will allow the industry to contribute more to the country's economic recovery.

"We welcome the decision to lift the ban on open-pit mining," COMP spokesperson Rocky Dimaculangan told The Star in a mobile message.

"As most mining applications propose the use of the open-pit method, this decision will enable the industry to contribute more to our country's economic recovery, particularly from the devastating effects of this ongoing pandemic, through investment promotion, job creation and poverty alleviation," Dimaculangan said.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Department Administrative Order 2021-40 signed by Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu lifted the ban on the open-pit method for mining for copper, gold, silver and complex ores in the country, which was imposed in 2017. The DAO also provides additional enhanced parameters and criteria for surface mining methods.

It aims to revitalize the mining industry and usher in significant economic benefits to the country by providing raw materials for the construction and development of other industries and by increasing employment opportunities in rural areas where there are mining activities, thereby stimulating countryside development.

It also targets to establish enhanced parameters and criteria for the types of surface mining methods under the declaration of mining project feasibility (DMPF) to address the environmental and safety issues of surface mining methods particularly open pit mining.

Dimaculangan said thousands of mines worldwide have adopted the open-pit method, including Australia, Canada and the US.

"There are economic, safety and environmental considerations for employing this method. Where underground mining cannot be applied, the open pit method is primarily employed although there are other forms of surface mining. The shape, nature and location of the ore body determine the mining method," Dimaculangan said.

"Open pit mines can be operated safely, according to globally accepted standards, and can be rehabilitated properly in a manner that provides alternative and productive land use after the life of the mine," he said.

Under the new DAO, mining tenement holders shall be required to conduct baseline information gathering and evaluation, and incorporate the same in the mining project feasibility study and the appropriate work programs.

This shall be the basis of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) for determining if the proposed mining project has satisfied a number of conditions such as ensuring that the surface mining method shall not pose a hazard to public health and safety resulting from ground failure or physical deterioration.

It should also not release hazardous chemicals into the environment, or use proven and acceptable techniques to control the same through internationally accepted containment, collection and treatment methods that will outlive the life of the mine, including its complete decommissioning.



Other conditions stated in the DAO require the mining operation to be able to prevent the generation or acceleration of acid rock drainage and other heavy metals that may contaminate water bodies; reduce the use of freshwater resources and avoid or mitigate the disruption of the water table and; reduce the risk of perpetual maintenance or liability associated with the surface mining method to be used.

The DAO also emphasized that the proponent should also have adequate information to conduct a comprehensive stakeholders' involvement process to ensure that all interests and concerns are considered, and has social acceptability of its project since the commencement of the exploration activities.

The proponent should have submitted and presented appropriate programs for surface and subsurface slope-stability monitoring of potential slope failures, and has assured the mitigation of the effects thereof, and the safety of the personnel, communities, infrastructures and equipment.

It also should have accumulated sufficient geological data to conduct proper and accurate assessment of local geology, rock mass characteristics, hydroecology and surface hydrology.

"The implementation by the mining tenement holder of the necessary measures to meet these conditions shall be subject to the quarterly and/or annual monitoring by the MGB regional office concerned," the DAO said.

The DAO also creates an oversight committee for the assessment of surface mining in the Philippines which will be chaired by the DENR undersecretary for field operations and environment and co-chaired by the DENR undersecretary for attached agencies, mining and muslim affairs.

Members of the committee include the directors of the MGB, the environmental management bureau, and the environmental law endorsement and protection services.

While miners welcomed the lifting of the ban on open pit mining, environmental group Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM0) expressed dismay over the development.

"At this time when climate change brings devastating typhoons such as Odette, lifting the ban on open pit mining is a short-sighted and misplaced development priority of the government. Once again, the Duterte regime puts more premium on its flawed economic agenda categorizing destructive mining as an "essential industry" as part of the pandemic recovery," the group said.

"This is simply not true, historically or statistically. ATM will continue to resist the efforts of this govt to plunder our remaining forests and natural resources. We will support affected communities and local governments who continue to oppose mining," it said.

The group hopes this will be an eye-opener for all environmentalists to be more proactive in engaging in the 2022 elections.



Mining revival expected as ban lifted

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THE PHILIPPINE government's lifting of a four-year-old ban on open pit mining will revive the mining industry and potentially help drive the economy's recovery from the pandemic, according to the head of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).

However, an advocacy group warned the resumption of mining activities may lead to further environmental damage.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) issued on Dec. 23 the Department Administrative Order (DAO) 2021-40, which lifts the nationwide ban on the open pit method of mining for copper, gold, silver and complex ores. The order was published in a newspaper on Dec. 25 and will take effect after 15 days.

This repealed the order issued by the late DENR Secretary Regina L. Lopez, a known anti-mining advocate, in 2017.

"We had pushed for its approval because the MGB initiated the memo to the Office of the President, offering the mining sector as a potential contributor to the recovery of the economy ravaged by the pandemic," MGB Director Wilfredo G. Moncano said in a text message.

The Philippine economy contracted by a record 9.6% in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The mining sector accounted for P102.3 billion, equivalent to 0.6% of gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2020.

In April this year, President Rodrigo R. Duterte signed Executive Order No. 130 that lifted the nine-year moratorium on new mineral agreements.

The DENR is hoping to revive the mining industry through the lifting of the ban on open pit mining. It said the move will help create much-needed jobs and provide raw materials for the development of other industries.

Open pit mining is a globally accepted method, DENR said. It is defined as "the process of mining any near-surface deposit by means of a surface pit excavated using one or more horizontal benches."

"There are best practice control strategies and technologies that can help avoid or manage the negative impact of open pit mining," the department said, adding that major issues concerning mining can be attributed to accidents, not the method itself.



The DENR said mining tenement holders should ensure that using the open pit mining method will not pose hazards to public health and do not release hazardous chemicals into the environment. The mining firms should prevent acid rock drainage and other heavy metals that may contaminate land and water bodies, as well as reduce the use of freshwater resources.

“We welcome the decision to lift the ban on open pit mining,” Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (CoMP) Vice-President for Communications Rocky G. Dimaculangan said in a text message.

“As most mining applications propose the use of the open pit method, this decision will enable the industry to contribute more to our country’s economic recovery, particularly from the devastating effects of this ongoing pandemic through investment promotion, job creation, and poverty alleviation.”

Mr. Dimaculangan said thousands of mines, including those in Australia, Canada and the United States, allow open pit mining. He noted open pit mines can be operated safely and rehabilitated properly.

Meanwhile, Alyansa Tigil Mina in a statement criticized the Duterte administration for allowing open pit mining to resume, saying it is “short-sighted” and shows its “misplaced development priority.”

Reuters said the Philippines’ annual export revenue from its mineral extraction industry could increase by up to \$2 billion over the next five to six years as new mining projects take off, citing the government.

The Southeast Asian country is China’s biggest supplier of nickel ore and also has substantial copper and gold reserves.

More than a third of the Philippines’ total land area of 30 million hectares (74.1 million acres) has been identified as having “high mineral potential,” but only less than 5% of its mineral reserves has been extracted so far, according to the MGB.

Philex Mining Corp. is one of the Philippine units of Hong Kong-based First Pacific, the others being Metro Pacific Investments Corp. and PLDT, Inc. Hastings Holdings, Inc., a unit of PLDT Beneficial Trust Fund subsidiary MediaQuest Holdings, Inc., has interest in *BusinessWorld* through the Philippine Star Group, which it controls. — **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson** with Reuters

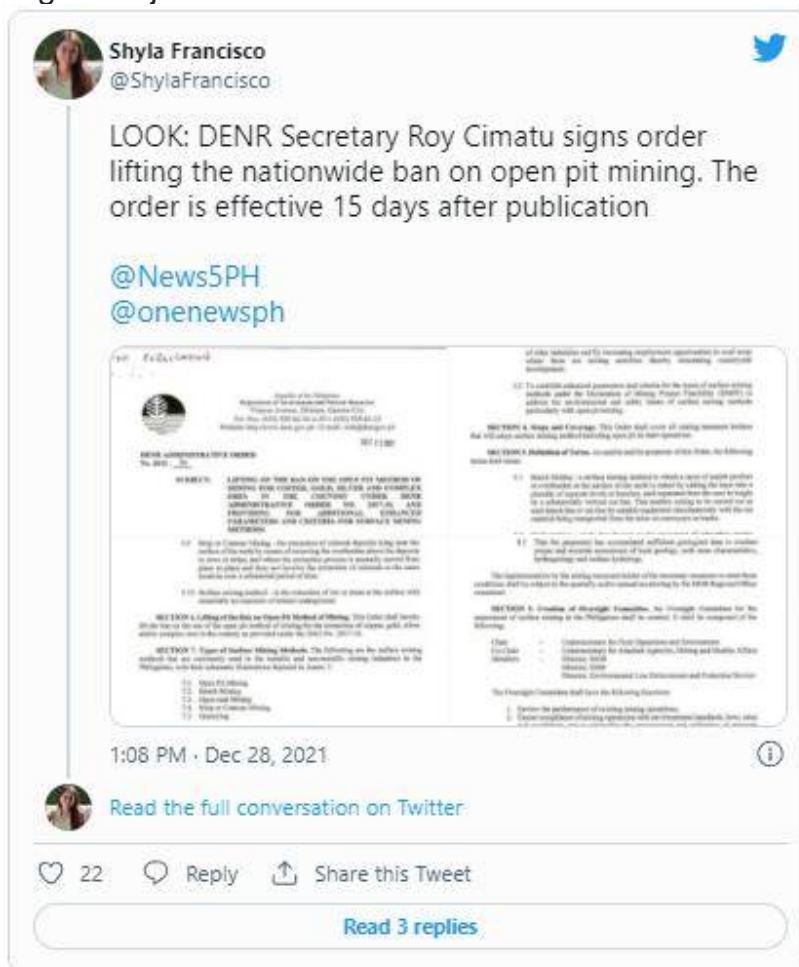
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MINING BAN | Environment chief lifts ban on open-pit mining, drawing criticisms from green groups

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By Clarist Zablan

(December 28, 2021) – President Rodrigo Duterte’s administration on Tuesday lifted a four-year nationwide ban on open-pit mining, reversing an earlier policy to revitalize the nation’s mining industry and sparking rage from environmental groups as the country grappled with the worst effects of the climate crisis.

In a four-page department order, Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said he wanted the economy to recover fast and growing by providing raw materials for the development of other industries and creating more jobs in rural areas.



“It is the policy of the State to promote the rational exploration, development, utilization and conservation of mineral resources in the country under the full control and supervision of the State in order to enhance national growth in a way that effectively safeguards the environment and protect the rights of affected communities,” Cimatu said in the order.

Cimatu, a retired army general, dismissed concerns raised by his predecessor, the late Regina Lopez, on open-pit mining, noting that there are existing strategies that can avoid or manage the negative environmental impacts, such as progressive rehabilitation of mined out areas.

“Major issues concerning mining including open pit mining cannot be attributed to the use of the method itself, but rather to the accidents involving wastes and tailings confinement,” he said.



The Chamber of Mines welcomed the decision, asserting that open pit mining can be operated in a “safe” manner based on globally accepted standards.

“As most mining applications propose the use of the open pit method, this decision will enable the industry to contribute more to our country’s economic recovery, particularly from the devastating effects of this ongoing pandemic through investment promotion, job creation, and poverty alleviation,” the chamber said in a statement.

But Alyansa Tigil Mina, an alliance of affected communities and civil society organizations, described the move as a “cruel Christmas gift”, blaming mining operations for contributing to the climate crisis that has caused stronger typhoons in the country such as [Odette](#).

“At this time when climate change brings devastating typhoons such as Odette, lifting the ban on open pit mining is a short-sighted and misplaced development priority of the government,” the coalition said in another statement.

“Once again, the Duterte regime puts more premium on its flawed economic agenda categorizing destructive mining as an “essential industry” as part of the pandemic recovery. This is simply not true, historically or statistically.”

Lopez, who was a staunch environmentalist and anti-mining activist, ordered a ban on open pit mining for copper, gold, silver, and complex ores in 2017, saying that the method is a financial liability, endangers host communities, and kills the economic potential of affected areas.

After Lopez’ appointment was rejected, Duterte has gradually allowed more mining operations in the country, [lifting a moratorium](#) on new mining permits early this year, to the [dismay](#) of environmentalists and indigenous communities.

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DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu, inalis na ang kautusan na nagbabawal sa open pit mining; Alyansa Tigil Mina, dismayado

By [RadyoMaN Manila](#) -Dec. 28, 2021 at 3:40pm



Nilagdaan ngayon ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu ang isang Department Administrative Order (DAO) na nag-aalis sa ban o pagbabawal sa open pit mining sa bansa.

Magugunita na noong 2017, naglabas ng administrative order ang noon ay DENR Secretary na si Gina Lopez na nagbabawal sa open pit mining na sumisira sa kapaligiran.

Sa kaniyang kautusan, sinabi ni Cimatu na hindi lahat ng open pit mining ay lumilikha ng lason sa kapaligiran.

Mayroon na aniyang mga best practices at control strategies para maiwasang lumikha ng panganib at banta sa kapaligiran ang ganitong paraan ng pagmimina.

Ang DAO ay magkakabisa labinlimang araw matapos itong mailathala sa pangunahing pahayagan.

Dismayado naman dito ang grupong Alyansa Tigil Mina na tinawag na pinakamapait na regalo ngayong Pasko ang DAO.

Isa umano itong kaduwagan at pagtalikod lalupa't nakikita na ang epekto ng climate change tulad ng iniwang pinsala ng Bagyong Odette.

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DENR nilusaw 4 taon mining ban

By Abante Tonite — Last updated Dec 28, 2021

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Tuluyan nang natuldukan ang 4 taon na pagbabawal sa open pit mining sa bansa.

Ito ay matapos lagdaan kahapon Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu ang isang Department Administrative Order (DAO) na nag-aalis sa nasabing ban sa minahan.

Magugunitang noong 2017 ay naglabas ng administrative order si yumaong dating DENR Secretary Gina Lopez na nagbabawal sa open pit mining na sumisira sa kapaligiran.

Sinabi naman ni Cimatu sa kanyang kautusan, na hindi lahat ng open pit mining ay lumilikha ng lason sa kapaligiran.

Mayroon na aniyang mga best practices at control strategies para maiwasan ang panganib at banta sa kapaligiran sa pagmimina.

“To revitalize the mining industry and usher in significant economic benefits to the country by providing raw materials for the construction and development of other industries and by increasing employment opportunities in rural areas where there are mining activities thereby stimulating countryside development,” pahayag ng DAO.



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Nilagdaan na noong Dec. 23 ni Environment and Natural Resources Sec. Roy Cimatu ang DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-40 na kung saan ay ibinabawi na ang nationwide ban sa open pit mining. Iiral ang kautusan 15 araw matapos itong isapubliko.

Si yumaong dating Sec. Gina Lopez ang lumagda sa Administrative Order No. 2017-10, na ipinapawalang-bisa ng bagong kautusan. | via Shyla Francisco

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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2021 - 40

SUBJECT: LIFTING OF THE BAN ON THE OPEN PIT METHOD OF MINING FOR COPPER, GOLD, SILVER AND COMPLEX ORES IN THE COUNTRY UNDER DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2017-10, AND PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL ENHANCED PARAMETERS AND CRITERIA FOR SURFACE MINING METHODS

Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995," Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2019-21, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 7942, and the Joint Memorandum for the President from the Department of Finance and DENR dated September 26, 2020 on the Revitalization of the Mineral Resource Industry as One Measure to Achieve Economic Growth Amidst the Crisis Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the following are hereby promulgated for the guidance and compliance of all concerned:

SECTION 1. Basic Policy. It is the policy of the State to promote the rational exploration, development, utilization and conservation of mineral resources in the country under the full control and supervision of the State in order to enhance national growth in a way that effectively safeguards the environment and protect the rights of affected communities.

SECTION 2. Rationale. This Order is issued in consideration of the following:

- 2.1 Open pit mining method is a globally-accepted method of mining, considered to be the most feasible option for mining near-surface or shallow ore deposits;
- 2.2 Not all open pit mines produce acid rock drainage (ARD)/acidic contaminants;
- 2.3 There are best-practice control strategies and technologies that can help avoid or manage the negative impacts of open pit mining;
- 2.4 There are existing policies/laws that designate areas that are not allowed for mining (e.g., protected areas, critical watershed, ancestral lands and prime agricultural lands);
- 2.5 Major issues concerning mining including open pit mining cannot be attributed to the use of the method itself, but rather on the accidents involving wastes and tailings confinement;
- 2.6 Progressive rehabilitation of mined out areas is now being practiced to restore vegetative cover and reduce adverse impacts on the environment;
- 2.7 Joint Regional Assessment Reports of Mines and Geosciences Bureau

Revisiting the environmental and socio-economic status of mining, the DENR is hereby revisiting the nationwide ban on open pit mining.

18. Consistency. This Order is issued in consideration of the following:

SECTION 4. Objectives. The Order is issued for the attainment of the following objectives:

19. Promote the mining industry as a key sector in the country's economic growth by providing a conducive environment for investment and job creation in the mining sector.

20. Ensure that mining activities are conducted in a manner that is consistent with the principles of sustainable development and environmental protection.

SECTION 5. Scope and Coverage. This Order shall apply to all mining activities conducted in the country, including but not limited to the following:

SECTION 6. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this Order:

19. Open pit mining - a mining activity which involves a series of levels, pits or benches in the ground to extract ore or minerals.

20. Acid rock drainage (ARD) - acidic water that is produced from the weathering of sulfide-bearing rocks in the presence of oxygen and water.

21. Best-practice control strategies and technologies - the most advanced and effective measures to avoid or manage the negative impacts of mining.

22. Critical watershed - an area where water runoff from the land surface can significantly affect the quality of water in a water body.

23. Ancestral lands - lands that have been traditionally occupied and used by indigenous peoples.

24. Prime agricultural lands - lands that are highly productive and suitable for agriculture.

25. Environmental and socio-economic status - the state of the environment and the well-being of the community.

26. Sustainable development - development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

27. Environmental protection - the protection of the environment from degradation.

28. Environmental impact assessment (EIA) - a process of identifying, predicting, evaluating, and mitigating the adverse effects of development projects.

29. Environmental management plan (EMAP) - a plan that describes the measures to be taken to avoid, minimize, and compensate for adverse effects.

30. Environmental monitoring and assessment (EMA) - a process of monitoring and assessing the environmental impacts of mining activities.

31. Environmental quality standards (EQS) - the standards that define the quality of the environment.

32. Environmental quality indicators (EQI) - indicators that are used to measure the quality of the environment.

33. Environmental quality index (EQI) - a composite index that is used to measure the overall quality of the environment.

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DENR moves to save more people from coastal areas of Siargao following 'Odette'

By: [Daphne Galvez](#) - Reporter / [@DYGalvezINQ](#)

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DENR Usec. Benny Antiporda reports to President Rodrigo Duterte regarding the relief efforts of the department in typhoon-ravaged provinces. Photo courtesy of Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea from the Facebook page of Benny Antiporda

MANILA, Philippines — People who are living in the coastal areas of Siargao province, one of the provinces severely hit by Typhoon Odette, will no longer be allowed to return to their homes for the sake of their safety, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said Tuesday.

During a taped briefing with President Rodrigo Duterte aired on Tuesday morning, DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said the department and the Siargao local government agreed that they would no longer allow residents to return to their homes in coastal areas to prevent a recurrence of houses damaged by strong storms.

“The people residing in the coastal areas will no longer be permitted to return, it’s for their safety,” Antiporda said.

“Sinisiguro natin na hindi na muling mangyari ito nangyaring pagwasak sa mga bahay nila dahil sa lakas ng bagyong ito,” he added

(We are making sure that this will not happen again in times of strong storms.)

The DENR will instead distribute parcels of land to “qualified tenured migrants” under the Protected Area Community-Based Resource Management Agreement (PACBRMA).

The department is urging the local government to form people’s organizations in different municipalities to fast-track the facilitation of PACBRMA.

Concerned mayors were advised to identify temporary resettlement areas until such time that PACBRMA will be awarded, Antiporda said.

Over 506,000 houses were partially and totally damaged by Typhoon Odette when it ravaged several areas in Visayas and Mindanao from Dec. 16 to 18, according to the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Eduardo del Rosario.



The first batch of the relief goods sent to the most devastated province of Siargao. Photo courtesy of Usec. Benny Antiporda

The agency estimates that the total number of partially and totally damaged houses could reach about 600,000, he added.

Del Rosario said 97,500 families affected by the onslaught of Typhoon Odette [will receive P5,000 cash as part of the government's shelter assistance](#).

Earlier, Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu ordered Antiporda, who heads the solid waste management and local government affairs of the DENR, to fly to the typhoon-devastated areas and assess what kind of assistance the government would deliver to people.



Usec. Benny Antiporda of the DENR

On board a helicopter, Antiporda delivered some of the basic necessities of the people of Siargao, like bottled drinking water, tents, food packs and medicines.



Photo from Usec. Benny Antiporda of the DENR

He even flew back to Metro Manila bringing in some of the stranded foreign tourists from Siargao to the airport for their return flight home.

The DENR official vowed to return to Siargao to bring more aid to the affected people.

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DENR: Residents of wiped-out houses on Siargao shore to be relocated

By LLANESCA T. PANTI, GMA News

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Siargao residents whose houses near the shore were wiped out by Typhoon Odette will be relocated to a protected area, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said Tuesday.

DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda made the announcement during the second part of President Rodrigo Duterte's Talk to the People address aired on Tuesday morning.

"On the report on the Siargao inspection and operation dated December 20 and 24, 2021, the local government of Siargao headed by Governor Francisco Tinio Matugas and the DENR agreed that the people residing in the coastal areas will no longer be permitted to return [because] it's for their safety po," Antiporda told the President.

"Sinisiguro po natin na hindi na po muling mangyari ito pong nangyaring pagwasak sa mga bahay nila dahil sa lakas ng bagyong ito 'no po (We want to make sure that their houses won't be wiped out by a typhoon again). The DENR will distribute parcel of lands, per the instruction of our Presiden, to qualified tenured migrants under the Protected Area Community-Based Resource Management Agreement (PACBRMA).

A PACBRMA, under DENR Administrative Order (AO) issued back in 2004, is defined as an agreement entered into by and between the DENR and the organized tenured migrant communities or interested indigenous peoples in protected areas and buffer zones.

Under the same AO, PACBRMA's term is good for 25 years and renewable for another 25 years.

The same AO defines tenured migrant communities as group of persons who, after the survey of the protected area occupants, "were verified to have been actually and continuously occupying a portion of the protected area for a period of at least five years before the establishment of the same as such in accordance with the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act and are solely dependent therein for subsistence."

"For the information of the public, Siargao is a declared protected area. We can apply PACBRMA," Antiporda added.

The President responded by saying that all [idle government lands should be distributed](#) to those in need to be relocated, typhoon victims or otherwise.

Siargao island is part of Surigao del Norte province.

Surigao del Norte governor Matugas earlier said that [99% of Siargao's population](#) has been affected by typhoon Odette. —NB, GMA News

Source: <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/816231/denr-residents-of-wiped-out-houses-on-siargao-shore-to-be-relocated/story/?fbclid=IwAR2vPolqhTUxhNQY2dXtqBfzYduL2lOL3E5JAs8XAIYFMI72PPZ4jIuANp4>



Give away idle gov't lands to Pinoys displaced by 'Odette', Duterte tells DENR, DAR

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by [Ellson Quismorio](#)

President Duterte has instructed the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to tap idle government lands in the effort to relocate Filipinos who were displaced by typhoon "Odette".



RELOCATION PLAN- President Rodrigo Duterte (left) relays instructions to DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda during the "Talk to the People" public briefing on Dec. 27, 2021. The briefing was aired on Dec. 28. (Screenshot from Facebook live)

"Ang aking advice is, if mag-rehabilitate kayo ng isang community (My advice is, if you'll rehabilitate a community), and you would want to look for the space, if it's a government land, ibigay na ninyo lahat (give away all of it)," Duterte said during his pre-taped "Talk to the People" public briefing, which aired Tuesday morning, Dec. 28

"Those idle government lands, idle lang of the government that productive, better give it to the people right away," he said.

Duterte gave the instruction to DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda, who at that time was delivering a presentation on the assistance rendered by the agency to provinces ravaged by Odette, particularly Siargao.

"The DENR agreed that the people residing in the coastal areas would no longer be permitted to return. It's for their safety," Antiporda told the panel.

"In lieu of this, the DENR will distribute parcel of land as per the instruction also of our President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to qualified tenured migrants under the Protected Area Community-Based Resource Management Agreement (PACBaRMA)," he noted.

Antiporda assured the Chief Executive that the displaced locals would be relocated near their former residences.

"Malapit lang po (They're nearby). Ito po'y mga (These are) protected areas po na pwede naman hong gamitan ng tenurial instrument (that may be used through a tenurial instrument)," he said, referring to PACBaRMA.

"Good. Mas mabuti yan (That's better)," Duterte replied.



“Marami namang lupa ang gobyerno. Ibigay na lang niyo sa mga tao within the next few months. Pasa mo na lang sa...DAR para... (The government has a lot of lands. Just give them to the people within the next few months. Just pass it on to DAR so that) they can come in and...plan for these people in areas. Idagdag na lang niya yan sa (Just add that to) land reform,” the President explained.



President Duterte (Malacañang photo)

Duterte further said: “My sense is that yung lahat ng lupa na pwede ibigay sa mga tao (everything that’s we can give to the people), whether they were victims of the typhoon or not, ibigay na lang yung kaya nilang ibigay—kaya nating ibigay lahat (let’s give whatever we can give—we can give everything).”

The 76-year-old leader said that the agencies need only to act with haste.

“If you want to improve the place, you have to deal with people and most of them are marginalized or really very poor na walang malipatan (who have nowhere else to go). So kailangan, bilisan ninyo nang konti (So you just need to act quickly).”

The [widespread destruction](#) caused by Odette nearly two weeks ago has prompted the President to declare a state of calamity in six regions in the Philippines. Hundreds of thousands of people were left homeless by the storm, authorities said.

Duterte wished that the existing law would allow him to [make state of calamity declarations sooner](#).

The public briefing was recorded on Monday night.



NANINIRAHAN SA DANGER ZONES I-RELOCATE

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IPINAG-UTOS ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte sa Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) na kausapin ang mga alkalde kaugnay sa istrukturang nakatayo sa danger zones.

Sa kanyang Talk to the People, Lunes ng gabi, inatasan ni Pangulong Duterte si DPWH Secretary Roger Mercado na silipin ang mga istrakturang nakatayo sa “no-build zones” sa ilang lugar na apektado ng bagyong Odette.

Sinabihan ng Chief Executive si Mercado na kausapin ang local executives para tugunan ang nasabing usapin.

“You need to talk to the mayors pati governors but more importantly is how the mayor would govern his city or municipality kasi sila lang makaturo kung saan ilipat ‘tong mga ‘to,” anito.

“Ang akin kasi I do not want to dismantle or to destroy houses unless there is a relocation site ...kasi ito ‘yung mga nowhere to go,” dagdag na pahayag nito.

Pagkaraan iniutos ni Pangulong Duterte sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) na ibigay ang “idle government lands” sa mga Pilipinong na-displaced ng bagyong “Odette”.

Binigyang direktiba ni Pangulong Duterte si DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda.

Tiniyak naman ni Antiporda na mare-relocate ang mga residente malapit sa kanilang dating tinitirhan. (CHRISTIAN DALE)

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DENR, nagpadala ng team para magsagawa ng assessment sa Siargao Island na matinding hinagupit ng Bagyong Odette

By [RadyoMaN Manila](#) - Dec. 28, 2021 at 2:36pm



Ipinag-utos ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu na alamin ang sitwasyon at magsagawa ng relief operation sa Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte na sinalanta ng Bagyong Odette.

Ang kautusan ay ginawa ng kalihim bilang tugon sa ibinigay na instruction sa kanya ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte.

Bukod dito, nangako rin si Cimatu na magkakaloob sila ng cash assistance sa mga apektadong komunidad at sa mga empleyado ng DENR sa Siargao, Dinagat Islands, Cebu, Bohol, Palawan at iba pang probinsiya na sinalanta ng bagyo.

Gagawa rin ng paraan ang DENR na mailipat ang mga komunidad lalo na ngayong holiday celebrations at kanya ring inatasan ang lahat ng official ng DENR na tumulong at tiyakin ang pagbibigay ng ayuda sa mga sinalanta ng bagyo.

Source: <https://rmn.ph/denr-nagpadala-ng-team-para-magsagawa-ng-assessment-sa-siargao-island-na-matinding-hinagupit-ng-bagyong-odette/?fbclid=IwAR3040OpFtCbSGQPxsTOlpQWqMmfvl4eDGOsvoLg-AF7uf0b-z1zFgShRGY>



DENR reopens dolomite beach

[Rhodina Villanueva](#) - The Philippine Star December 29, 2021 | 12:00am



Members of the Manila Police District (MPD) arrive early to provide security at the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach on Tuesday (December 28, 2021) before dawn as it opens to the public for a two-day trial. The DENR sets an online appointment system for visitors wanting to experience the man-made beach front to avoid overcrowding and in observance of the minimum health and safety protocols by the IATF.

Miguel De Guzman

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) reopened the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach to visitors for two days, starting yesterday.

The artificial white sand beach will be closed for the New Year and open again on Jan. 4, 2022.

Those interested in visiting the beach should first register online with the DENR Manila Bay Dolomite Beach Appointment System (<http://denrncrys.online>), according to DENR Undersecretary Jonas Leones.

Those who register will then receive a reply confirming their appointment to visit the beach.

“In that way, overcrowding (on) the beach will be avoided,” Leones said.

The DENR also reminded tourists that children 11 years old and below cannot be admitted to the beach, which will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Visitors need to wear a face mask and observe physical distancing. Vaccination cards will also be checked at the entrance. Pets, food, drinks and littering are not allowed at the beach.

The beach was last opened to the public on Oct. 16. The DENR closed the beach on Oct. 24 after authorities failed to control the influx of more than 121,000 visitors to the site.



Pagbisita sa Dolomite beach, pinaghahandaan na

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By Sebastian Navarro



Inihayag ng ground commander sa Manila Bay Dolomite Beach nitong Martes na nagsimula na ang pagpapatupad ng online appointment sa mga nais bumisita sa Dolomite Beach sa Manila Bay.

Ayon sa ground commander na si Reuel Sorilla, bagamat maaari nang mag-book ng schedule online, pinapayagan pa rin ang mga walk-in visitors – kailangan lang mag-fill-up ng form ng mga nais makapasok.

"It's very effective so far. Per our observation, for the last three hours, maganda. Getting smoother ang system," saad ni Sorilla.

"So far, we received naman mga positive feedback. But of course, we welcome all the suggestions and all the recommendations for how to improve yung ating system dito para naman ma-maintain natin ang safety and security of all," dagdag niya.

Sinabi rin ni Sorilla na inilipat na ang pasukan ng mga tao ilang metro ang layo mula sa footbridge at inilagay sa mismong arko ng dolomite beach.

"Nakikita natin, naglo-long queue, nagco-conglomerate yung mga tao sa bridge, even up to doon sa maliit sa space between the foot of the bridge and the gate," ani Sorilla.

"Now, niligay natin doon sa kabila at saka yung pila towards the south portion. So na-free up 'yung space. So maganda ngayon... So organized naman yung pagpasok nila sa online at sa walk-in," dagdag niya.

Pinapayagan lamang ang 300 na katao kada isang oras, at may 30 minutong break sa pagitan ng bawat schedule, kung saan pinapalabas ang lahat ng tao sa dolomite beach.

Pinaalalahanan ng pamunuan ang publiko na sumunod sa itinakdang oras ng kanilang pagbisita sa dolomite beach at kailangan ring fully-vaccinated at sumusunod sa minimum health protocols ang lahat.

Source: <https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/12/29/pagbisita-sa-dolomite-beach-pinaghahandaan-na/>



Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach reopens to public on December 28-29, 2021

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The Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach opened its gates on Tuesday to visitors wanting to see the artificial beach for themselves.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said the dolomite beach in Manila will be open for two days, from December 28 to 29, according to a report by Mai Bermudez on GMA News' Unang Balita on Tuesday.

It will then be closed for the New Year, then again open on January 4, 2022.



Visitors would have to register online first via the DENR Manila Bay Dolomite Beach Appointment System at <http://denrnrcsys.online> a day before, and not earlier.

Successful registrants will receive an email from the DENR confirming their appointment.

The online appointment system was employed to prevent overcrowding.

The DENR said children aged 11 years old and below are not allowed at the dolomite beach.



The available slots for visits are as follows:

- 6:30-7:30 a.m.
- 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 nn
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- 4:30-5:30 p.m.

The DENR reminded visitors to bring their vaccination cards, wear face masks, and observe social distancing.

It said food and drinks are not allowed.

Likewise, it will not allow pets inside.

Swimming, vaping or smoking, and littering are prohibited, the DENR said.

On Tuesday morning, there were just a few visitors seen at 7 a.m., unlike the [voluminous crowds](#) that were last seen in October. —**KG, GMA News**

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Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach buuksan na sa publiko sa Disyembre 28-29, 2021



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Manila, Philippines – Binuksan na sa publiko ang Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach ngayong Martes, Disyembre 28, batay sa ulat.

Ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), bukas ang dolomite beach mula Disyembre 28 hanggang 29.

Sarado naman ito sa Bagong Taon at magbubukas sa Enero 4, 2022.

Kakailanganin munang magparehistro sa online ng mga nais bumisita sa DENR Manila Bay Dolomite Beach Appointment System sa <http://denrnrcsys.online> bago ang pagbisita.

Makatatanggap naman ang successful registrants ng email galing sa DENR para sa kumpirmasyon ng appointment.

Hindi naman papayagan ang mga batang nasa edad 11 pababa.

Narito ang slots para sa mga bibisita:

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- 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 nn
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Pinaalala rin ang pagdadala ng vaccination cards, pagsusuot ng face masks, at pagpapanatili ng social distancing.

Bawal din dito ang pagkain at inumin sa loob ng lugar gayundin ang mga alagang hayop.

Ipinagbabawal din ang paglalangoy, vaping, smoking, at pagkakalat. **RNT/FGDC**

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/manila-baywalk-dolomite-beach-buuksan-na-sa-publiko-sa-disyembre-28-29-2021/>



Dolomite Beach, muling nagbukas

December 28, 2021



People gathering at the Dolomite Beach located in Manila Bay. (PNA photo by Joey Razon)

[By Lorenz Francis Tanjoco | Radyo Pilipinas](#)

Binuksan na sa publiko ang Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach ngayong Martes, December 28, 2021.

Ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), bukas ang Dolomite Beach mula December 28 hanggang December 29. Sarado naman ito sa Bagong Taon at muling magbubukas sa January 4, 2022.

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6:30-7:30 a.m.
8:00-9:00 a.m.
9:30-10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.-12:00 nn
1:30-2:30 p.m.
3:00-4:00 p.m.
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Pinaalala rin ang pagdadala ng vaccination cards, pagsusuot ng face masks, at pagpapanatili ng social distancing.

Bawal naman ang pagkain at inumin sa loob ng lugar, gayundin ang mga alagang hayop. Ipinagbabawal din ang paglalangoy, vaping, paninigarilyo, at pagkakalat. **(Radyo Pilipinas) - ag**

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Online scheduling para sa mga nais pumunta sa Dolomite Beach, nagsimula na

Zandro Ochona, ABS-CBN News

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MANILA - Sinimulan na ngayong Martes ang pagpapatupad ng online appointment sa mga nais bumisita sa Dolomite Beach sa Manila Bay.

Bagamat maaari nang mag-book ng schedule online, pinapayagan pa rin ang mga walk-in visitors - kailangan lang mag-fill-up ng form ng mga nais makapasok.

Ayon ito kay Reuel Sorilla, ang ground commander sa Manila Bay Dolomite Beach.

"It's very effective so far. Per our observation, for the last three hours, maganda. Getting smoother ang system," ani Sorilla.

"So far, we received naman mga positive feedback. But of course, we welcome all the suggestions and all the recommendations for how to improve yung ating system dito para naman ma-maintain natin ang safety and security of all," dagdag pa niya.

Bukod dito, inilipat na rin ang pasukan ng mga tao ilang metro ang layo mula sa footbridge at inilagay sa mismong arko ng dolomite beach.

"Nakikita natin, naglo-long queue, nagco-conglomerate yung mga tao sa bridge, even up to doon sa maliit sa space between the foot of the bridge and the gate."

"Now, niligay natin doon sa kabila at saka yung pila towards the south portion. So na-free up 'yung space. So maganda ngayon... So organized naman yung pagpasok nila sa online at sa walk-in," paliwanag ni Sorilla.

Pinapayagan lamang ang 300 na katao kada isang oras, at may 30 minutong break sa pagitan ng bawat schedule, kung saan pinapalabas ang lahat ng tao sa dolomite beach.

Pinaalalahanan ng pamunuan ang publiko na sumunod sa itinakdang oras ng kanilang pagbisita sa dolomite beach.

Kailangan ring fully-vaccinated at sumusunod sa minimum health protocols ang lahat.

"Para wala nang [hassle] masyado, 'wag na tayo magdala ng foods and drinks para tuloy-tuloy. At saka yung pets, bawal din dito. And be reminded, pagpasok dito, wala na tayo--bawal magdala, mag-collect ng dolomite sand natin, and mga littering," ani Sorilla.

Bawal pa rin ang paliligo sa Manila Bay dahil mataas pa rin ang antas ng coliform sa tubig.

"Yan ang gusto sana natin later on. 'Yan naman ang ating ultimate objective: maging swimmable yung ating area dito. But as of now, hindi pa pwede."

Hanggang 5:30 p.m. lang pinapayagan na makapasok sa dolomite beach, na sakto sa oras ng sunset.

Matatandaang nitong Oktubre ay libo-libo ang dumagsa sa artificial beach matapos itong buksan kasunod ng pagluwag ng quarantine protocols noon sa Metro Manila.



Higit 121,744 indibidwal ang pumunta noon sa beach, kaya hindi na nasunod ang minimum public health protocols gaya ng social distancing.

Sinibak ang ground commander ng Manila Baywalk Dolomite beach noon kasunod ng insidente.



Dolomite beach, muling binuksan sa publiko

On Dec 28, 2021



Binuksan nang muli sa publiko ang Manila baywalk dolomite beach nitong araw ng Martes hanggang December 29.

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By [RadyoMaN Manila](#) -Dec. 28, 2021 at 12:44pm



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Santas keep it clean at Manila Dolomite Beach

George Calvelo, ABS-CBN News

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Workers in Santa hats pick up trash at the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach as the man-made tourist attraction reopens on Tuesday. Visitors are required to pre-register online and secure the confirmation email through the DENR Manila Bay Dolomite Beach Appointment System. Around 300 visitors will be accommodated to visit the beach on an hourly basis on December 28 until 29. The beach will reopen again on January 4, 2022.

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DENR to upgrade land titling system

By [Eireene Jairee Gomez](#) December 29, 2021

THE [Land Management Bureau](#) (LMB) of the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR) expressed its continued commitment to work on an efficient system to manage and dispose of lands across the country.

"Though the LMB has achieved much in 2021, we remain committed to the effective implementation of policies and programs that are responsive to the demands of the public, especially in the administration and management of alienable and disposable public lands in the year ahead," DENR Secretary [Roy Cimatu](#) said in a statement.

Cimatu recently signed the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of [Republic Act](#) (RA) 11573, which aims to improve the confirmation process for imperfect land titles. It amended [Commonwealth Act](#) 141 or The [Public Land Act](#), and Presidential Decree 1529 or the Property Registration Decree.

The IRR of RA 11573 provides the guidelines in the processing of agricultural free patent applications with the streamlined process to facilitate the land titling program of the DENR.

In 2021, President [Rodrigo Duterte](#) signed RA 11573 removing the deadline for agricultural free patent applications and reducing the required period of land possession.

"We will continue to leverage on digital transformation, partnerships, as well as on creating new policies, to remain in the forefront of improving the land administration function of the Department," said DENR-LMB Director [Atty. Emelyne Talabis](#).

To ease land transactions, the DENR has partnered with the [Land Registration Authority](#) on system linkage and exchange of land information databases of both agencies to make the registration of DENR-approved plans and DENR-issued patents more efficient and secure.

The Rapid Land Tenure Appraisal inventory approach is also being conducted by the DENR to get more accurate land data and determine the remaining scope for land titling.

Set to be completed in 2025, the DENR, through its regional offices, and Provincial and Community Environmental and Natural Resources Offices, has forged a total of 31 memorandum of partnership agreements with local government units of which 20 municipalities are involved in the training of field personnel.

In total, the DENR offices have also prepared 16 Consolidated Cadastral Maps and produced 14 Land Tenure Profiles.

Moreover, the LMB continues to enhance the Land Administrations Management System (LAMS) being implemented in the DENR regional offices, which include the pilot operation of the Public Land Application, automation of land transaction services, as well as the Inspection, Verification and Approval of Surveys to eliminate red tapes and nuances in the processing of land surveys and titling applications.

A total of 42,146 survey plans using the LAMS [Philippines](#) were approved from January to Nov. 15, 2021, broken down into 36,766 survey plans for simple subdivision and 5,380 survey plans for complex subdivision.



As of October 2021, the LMB has also served 1,701 requests from its [Online Land Records Services](#) through elandservices.lmbdenr.ph.

It also received the Freedom of [Information Service Experience Award](#) from the Freedom of Information Philippines for its transparency and immediacy in providing the requesting public access to land records and information.

For titling of agricultural and residential free patents, the Land Sector transmitted a total of 15,697 agricultural free patents covering 9,328.3470 hectares to the Registry of Deeds (RoD) from January to Oct. 31, 2021, while 21,824 residential free patents were transmitted to the RoD covering 575.8309 hectares.



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TAYTAY, Rizal – Higit pa sa asam na regalong karaniwang natatanggap sa panahon ng Kapaskuhan, ang magkatuwang na iginawad ng lokal na pamahalaan at mga ahensyang may mandatong kaugnay ng palupa at pabahay, ang pagpapamahagi ng lupang kinatitirikan ng mga kabahayan sa Sitio Tapayan, Barangay Sta. Ana.

Sa isang kalatas, binigyang pagkilala ng mga residente ng Samahang Masigasig ng Sitio Tapayan Homeowners Association (SAMATHOA) sina Taytay Mayor Joric Gacula, Undersecretary Benny Antiporda ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at Presidential Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP) Chairman Alvin Feliciano, sa inisyatibong mapasakanila ang lupang kinatitirikan ng kanilang bahay matapos ang 30 taong paghihintay.

Pagtitiyak naman ni Gacula, sisimulan ang pamamahagi ng Original Certificate of Title (OCT) para sa dalawang ektaryang bahagi, sa pagpasok ng buwan ng Enero, habang ang nalalabing tatlong ektarya naman ay isasalin sa mga aktuwal na nakaposisyon bago pa man matapos ang taong 2022.

Paalala pa ng alkalde, tanging processing fee ng mga titulo at payback taxes ang gagastusin ng mga benepisaryong miyembro ng SAMATHOA, sa kabila pa ng pagpapaunlad, pagpapaganda ng nasabing komunidad mula nang sila'y manirahan sa nasabing lugar, may 30 taon na ang nakaraan.

“Ang tagumpay na ito ay tagumpay ng bawat mamamayan ng ating bayan na naging kasangga natin sa laban na ito na magkaroon ng sariling lupa na titirahan ng ating pamilya. Ang pangyayaring ito ay magmamarka sa ating kasaysayan,” ani Gacula sa kanyang Facebook post. (FERNAN ANGELES)

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Coca-Cola, Plastic Bank renew partnership to prevent ocean-bound plastic waste, uplift lives of Caviteños

December 29, 2021



A total of 102,604 kilos equivalent to 102.60 metric tons of ocean-bound plastic had been collected and diverted to better use through Plastic Bank's partners since September 2020. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

COCA-COLA and [Plastic Bank](#) have renewed their partnership to continue ocean-bound plastic collection in 2022.

Since the partnership started in September 2020, a total of 102,604 kilos equivalent to 102.60 metric tons of ocean-bound plastic had been collected and diverted to better use through Plastic Bank's partners.

In 2018, The [Coca-Cola Company](#) pledged robust World Without Waste global goals to help collect and recycle the equivalent of a bottle or can for every one the company sells by 2030; to make 100 percent of its packaging recyclable by 2025; and to use at least 50 percent recycled material in its packaging by 2030. The partnership with Plastic Bank aims to deliver on this pledge.

"When we shared our World Without Waste vision three years ago, we recognized at that time that it was an ambitious goal. But with partners like Plastic Bank, we are optimistic that our efforts will significantly contribute to diverting plastic waste from the ocean and help improve the welfare of individuals and communities involved in the waste value chain," said [Tony del Rosario](#), Coca-Cola [Philippines](#) President and VP for Franchise Operations for Coca-Cola [Asean](#) and South Pacific-East Region.

Despite limitations set by the [Covid-19](#) pandemic and mobility challenges, Coca-Cola and Plastic Bank have managed to collect P5 million worth of plastic bottles and positively improved the welfare of 89 collectors, 356 households and five communities.

With the goal of organizing citywide collections, Plastic Bank continues to closely partner with the local government of General Trias, Cavite to activate collection points alongside communities, local junk shops, and individual collectors.

Aside from collection efforts, the program also improves the lives of collector communities through the monetary support they gain from collecting plastic waste, tools of trade including provision of pedicabs and Covid-19 safety kits.

"Plastic Bank and Coca-Cola both share the values on collecting and recycling plastic waste while improving and changing the lives of communities. We are pleased to be working on another year and look forward to bringing the value of servant-leadership as part of our roadmap together," Plastic Bank Chief Country Development Officer [Gidget Velez](#) said.



Coca-Cola also said it would continue working with social enterprises like Plastic Bank in establishing and sustaining ecosystems that would prevent plastic waste from getting into oceans while focusing on capacity building for the waste value chain, as this can positively encourage individuals and organizations to work together in creating a world without waste.

Visit <https://www.coca-colacompany.com/reports/world-without-waste-2020> to learn more about Coca-Cola's World Without Waste roadmap and progress and [PlasticBank.com](https://www.plasticbank.com) to learn more about the project.



Unmanned vessel runs aground at Pangasinan coral sanctuary

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by [Waylon Galvez](#)

An unmanned vessel with no cargo on board ran aground at the coral sanctuary roughly 1.5 nautical miles (NM) away from the shoreline of Silaqui Island, Bolinao, Pangasinan on Monday, Dec. 27.

Personnel of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), including members of the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute (UPMSI), responded to this maritime incident involving POE 86 KUCHING.

The UPMSI assisted the local government unit (LGU) of Bolinao in determining the extent of damage.



photo: PCG

The incident occurred at 6 a.m. before the operation was halted at around 9:50 a.m. due to rough sea conditions.

Aside from the vessel unmanned with cargo on board, the Coast Guard personnel likewise found no traces of oil at the site. This, despite the observation made that the barge was non-propelled and had no machinery.

As of Tuesday, Dec. 28 the PCG is still monitoring the said barge.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/12/28/unmanned-vessel-runs-aground-at-pangasinan-coral-sanctuary/>



Barge runs aground at coral sanctuary

By [Franco Jose C. Baroña](#)

December 29, 2021

AN unmanned barge ran aground at the coral sanctuary in the vicinity of Bolinao, Pangasinan early morning Monday, according to the Philippine [Coast Guard](#) (PCG).

In an initial report, the PCG said POE 86 Kuching ran aground 1.5 nautical miles away from the shoreline of [Silaqui Island](#) at around 6:30 a.m.

The PCG disclosed that the vessel also had no cargo on board. Likewise, there were no sighted traces of oil at the grounding site due to the fact that the said barge was non-propelled and had no oil or machinery.

The PCG said it responded to the maritime incident involving the said barge, but the operation was halted around 9:50 a.m. due to rough conditions at sea.

Together with the [University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute](#), the PCG said it assisted the local government unit of Bolinao in assessing the extent of damage at the grounding site.

The PCG reported that it continues to monitor the said barge for further measures.



Eagle found wounded in MisOcc on Christmas Day

By Nef Luczon December 28, 2021, 4:49 pm



SAVED EAGLE. An eagle said to have been wounded by an air gun on Christmas Day recuperates at the Misamis Occidental Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office in Tangub City on Dec. 27, 2021. Governor Philip Tan said once the eagle is completely healed, they will transfer it to the Philippine Eagle Foundation in Davao City for further treatment. *(Photo courtesy of Gov. Tan's FB page)*

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY - Residents of Tangub City in Misamis Occidental on Christmas Day found and rescued an eagle thought to have been wounded by an "air gun" but is now recuperating.

In an interview on Monday afternoon, Misamis Occidental Governor Philip Tan said the bird sustained a wound on its right wing and was transferred to the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office for further treatment.

"Once the eagle is safe, we will endorse it to the Philippine Eagle Foundation in Davao City because they have the adequate facilities there," he said.

Tan said unruly forest hunters most likely attempted to hit the bird, as he reminded the public that poaching eagles is against the law.

Under Republic Act No. 9147, also known as the Wildlife Conservation and Protection Act, the killing of a critically endangered species is punishable by imprisonment of between six and 12 years or a fine of between PHP100,000 to PHP1 million.

The wounded eagle was found and rescued after being reported by children and barangay officials.

Ralphinno Sanchez from Oroquieta City, who is taking up a master's degree in zoology at the University of the Philippines - Los Baños, commented on Tan's Facebook post that the bird may be that of a juvenile Crested Serpent Eagle or a Philippine Serpent Eagle.

"This bird species has a wide geographic distribution from East Asia to Southeast Asia while the second one has distribution confined in the islands of Luzon, Visayas (except Palawan), and Mindanao," he said. **(PNA)**



Odette smashed delicate island bird sanctuary in Cebu

By HOWIE SEVERINO, GMA News

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BEFORE AND AFTER: Olango Island off Mactan in Cebu was model for how the needs of both wildlife and humans could be met on a small island. That delicate balance was brutally upended by Typhoon Odette. (L: File Photo. R: By Myrson Taneo)

Over 10 years ago, I did a story about a rare achievement for the Philippines: thousands of wild birds feeding fearlessly within slingshot distance of human settlements.

That place was Olango Island, just off the densely populated Mactan Island in Cebu province.

It was a model for how the needs of both wildlife and humans could be met on a small island. When I was there, one could approach rare Chinese egrets and whiskered terns on its tidal flats without them flying away, a sign that they felt at home with humans.



Chinese Egrets on Olango. Photo Courtesy of [Drakesketchit \(talk\)/ Wiki Commons](#)

That delicate balance was brutally upended by Typhoon Odette.

Olango is just one of countless communities wrecked by the strongest typhoon in the Visayas in recent memory. The devastation there is no worse than many other places. But Olango occupied a precious space in the global imagination as an inspiration for biodiversity conservation.

December is the height of the bird migratory season when as many 20,000 visiting birds could be seen feeding on the island's wetlands.

Well-known to birders and ornithologists (bird scientists) the world over, Olango had evolved perhaps even before human habitation as a common "fuel stop" for birds flying south every year from Siberia and other northern climes. Some migratory species even learned to end their southern journeys in Olango's food-rich mud flats.

Humans gradually settled around these natural bird habitats, learning to share a unique island environment with such threatened wetland birds as Asian Dowitchers and Great Knots.

I didn't learn of any tradition of bird hunting on Olango.

That's probably the main reason why migratory birds have loved it there: Humans accepted them as part of their environment, even when the population grew and ecosystems were being encroached.



Mudskippers and shells cluster along the concrete steps to the bird-watching platform.

After all, their feeding grounds and habitats were separate and different. Olango was a place where humans didn't feel they needed to occupy and exploit everything.

But the island's limited land and the pressure to develop like their neighbors in Cebu threatened this fragile co-existence between people and wildlife.

In 1992, Olango garnered the distinction of becoming one of the pioneering Protected Areas in the Philippines under the then-new law creating the National Integrated Protected Areas System, or NIPAS.

Olango made history again when it was declared a Ramsar site in 1994, recognizing it as an important wetlands biodiversity area in the world and the first in the Philippines. (The designation was named after the city Ramsar in Iran where the international treaty on wetlands conservation was signed in 1971).

Since then, Olango has blazed another trail in wildlife tourism as it hosted birders from around the world, and the government established a visitors center for Olango's knowledgeable guests.



Typhoon Odette smashes Olango Island in Cebu. Photo by Myrson Taneo



After Typhoon Odette ripped through the central belt of the Philippines and relief was rushed to other well-known destinations, Olango somehow fell below the radar. Its 40,000 residents have been waiting for days for any relief in scale. The constant rains have made conditions even more miserable for the residents.

Olango beeped into my consciousness again when my friend Arne Jensen, the respected ornithologist and longtime Philippine resident, posted a public plea addressed to me shortly before Christmas:

“How to get Olango Island with its famous Ramsar Site wildlife sanctuary on the media and relief radar? Despite estimated damage of up to 90% and being a short ride from Mactan International Airport, the 40,000 people have received nothing on the 6th day after Odette.”

Since then, Arne, Olango schoolteacher Myrson Taneo, and I have been working to connect people in Olango with relief agencies and Good Samaritans despite the near absence of communications on the island.

Olango’s birds flew off to safer destinations. But most of the people on the island have nowhere else to go. The desperate wish of many is that more help arrives soon, lives are rebuilt better, and birds and humans are reunited so they continue to be an inspiration for the world. — **LA, GMA News**

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Pacquiao eyes climate change 'super agency' following Odette

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The aftermath of Typhoon Odette in the Municipality of Dapa in Siargao Island on December 20, 2021 days after the typhoon wreaked havoc in parts of the Philippines. Val Cuenca, ABS-CBN News

PROMDI presidential candidate Sen. Manny Pacquiao said on Tuesday that Congress should prioritize creating a super-agency that will not only manage the country's disaster response and disaster resilience but also create long-term strategies addressing climate change.

This, he said, is better than just upgrading the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) into an executive department.

The senator pointed out that the super-powerful typhoons that hit Mindanao and Palawan in recent years are concrete indicators of a shifting climate pattern.

He said climate change caused by global warming has turned Mindanao into a "typhoon alley" from November to December.

"I grew up in Mindanao and we never really experienced strong typhoons. Biyaya para sa aming mga taga Mindanao ang tubig. Ngayon lang talaga namin nararansan ang mga ganitong kalalakas na mga bagyo," Pacquiao observed.

"Dati madalas lang ang ulan sa amin pero natutuwa kami kasi nakapapag-apon kami ng tubig para sa aming inumin. Kaya maganda ang magtanim sa Mindanao dahil maliban sa masustansiya ang aming mga lupa ay maganda pa ang klima. Ngayon lang talaga namin nararansan ang mga ganitong mga bagyo."

(Rain water was a blessing to us in Mindanao. It is only recently we experience these strong typhoons. In the old days, we were delighted to save water for us to drink. It was ideal to farm in Mindanao because our land was fertile and our climate was good. It is only recently we get repeatedly hit by such typhoons.)

Pacquiao also said the NDRRMC is only equipped to respond but not to create long-term disaster adaptation strategies, hence, the need to include climate change adaptation in the proposed DDR as part of its primary mandate.

Pacquiao said that it was in 2011 when Typhoon Sendong first exposed the vulnerability of Mindanao from powerful typhoons, pummeling Cagayan de Oro with unprecedented rains that killed at least 2,500 people.



A year later, Mindanao was again hit by Typhoon “Pablo” that slammed into Siquijor, Misamis Oriental, Surigao del Sur, Agusan del Sur, Compostela Valley, and Davao Oriental.

Pacquiao also blamed the country’s extreme vulnerability to strong typhoons and heavy monsoons on the unabated illegal logging and mining operations.

Various proposals are now pending in Congress to upgrade the NDRRMC to a full-time executive department including his Senate Bill 198 which seeks to create the Department of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management.



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This year, severe weather from climate change has destroyed properties worth \$170 billion around the world, based on insurable values, which do not reflect the actual costs on lives and properties in poorer countries, which bear the brunt of weather aberrations, Bloomberg reported.

TEN of the most destructive weather events cost a combined \$170 billion in damages, according to a new study.

Hurricane Ida, a tropical storm that pummeled much of the eastern US with lashing rain in August, killed at least 95 people and cost the economy \$65 billion, Bloomberg reported.

A month earlier, floods in Europe caused 240 deaths and an economic loss of \$43 billion, according to research published by UK charity Christian Aid.

Floods in China's Henan province in July killed more than 300 and cost over \$17 billion.

"The costs of climate change have been grave this year," said Kat Kramer, Christian Aid's climate policy lead and author of the report. "It is clear that the world is not on track to ensure a safe and prosperous world."

6th time global natural disasters cost over \$100-B

This year is expected to be the sixth time global natural disasters have cost more than \$100 billion, the report stated, citing insurer Aon Plc. All six of those years have happened since 2011, the same Bloomberg report said.

The report's authors estimated the damage based on insured losses, meaning the true costs of these disasters are likely to be even higher. Calculations are usually costlier in richer countries due to higher property values and insurance, while some of this year's deadliest weather events hit poorer counties that contributed little to global warming.

The injustice of climate crisis

South Sudan has been struck by floods that forced almost a million people to leave their homes, while East Africa has been ravaged by drought. That highlights the injustice of the climate crisis, said Christian Aid, which warned that such events will continue in the absence of concrete action to slash emissions.



Mohamed Adow, director of Kenya-based think tank Power Shift Africa, said the continent has “borne the brunt” of some of the deadliest, most expensive climate impacts. Severe droughts in East Africa, which are expected to last until mid-2022, are “pushing communities to the brink,” Adow warned.

More urgent action needed in 2022

The Paris Agreement on global warming, which aims to hold the increase in global temperatures to below 1.5 degrees Celsius, will not achieve its goals unless more urgent action is taken, according to the report.

More needs to be done in 2022 to provide financial help to vulnerable nations, including a fund to deal with the damage caused by climate change — something that was not delivered at this year’s global climate talks in Glasgow, according to the study.

“It was bitterly disappointing to leave COP26 without a fund set up to help people who are suffering from permanent losses from climate change,” said Nushrat Chowdhury, Christian Aid’s climate justice advisor in Bangladesh. “Bringing that fund to life needs to be a global priority in 2022.”



HEAVY CRISIS | Malaysia seeks UN climate change adaptation funds amid deadly floods

December 28, 2021 , 09:04 AM

By Rozanna Latiff

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 27 (Reuters) – Malaysia is seeking \$3 million from the U.N. Green Climate Fund (GCF) to develop a national plan to adapt to climate change, the environment ministry said last week, amid deadly [floods](#) that have displaced nearly 70,000 people this month.

The funds requested are paltry relative to the amount the country has pledged to spend on flood mitigation efforts, though experts say the plan's implementation would likely cost much more.

Since Dec. 18, torrential rain has caused severe flooding that killed at least 48 people in eight Malaysian states, prompting calls for the government to improve its preparedness to extreme weather events.

In response to questions sent to the Environment and Water Ministry on Dec. 20 on Malaysia's approach to climate adaptation, Secretary-General Zaini Ujang replied that the ministry will request the GCF funds to help develop a National Adaptation Plan by the end of next year.

The plan will focus on areas such as water, agricultural, and food security, public health, forestry, and infrastructure, Zaini said in a written response.

"The ministry also has long-term plans to request for climate funds that can assist in implementing programs addressing the impact of climate change," he said.

Zaini did not give specific details on the adaptation plan, or how much the government would need to implement it.

The GCF funds are the first time the Malaysian government has sought any money for climate adaptation, which are policies that a country puts in place to deal with climate change effects.

The funds pale in comparison to the 9.8 billion ringgit (\$2.33 billion) for flood mitigation projects such as building water barriers, catchment areas, and deepening rivers that Zaini said Malaysia has set aside already.

"Adaptation will take much more funds compared to mitigation because we need to overhaul our urban planning, all these costly infrastructure projects," said Ili Nadiah Dzulfakar, a co-founder of climate activist group Klima Action Malaysia.

A draft adaptation plan should examine the interaction of flooding or droughts on food security and crop yields and the need for energy efficient healthcare services with strong communication systems, she said.

In 2018, Yeo Bee Yin, Malaysia's then-environment minister, proposed a so-called Climate Change Act along with an adaptation strategy but a formal plan was never submitted to the parliament and progress faltered amid political turmoil in 2020.



Malaysia typically has flooding on its eastern coasts that are exposed to the northeast monsoon between October and March.

But authorities were [caught off-guard](#) by unusually heavy rainfall and flooding this month in highly-populated urban areas in its western and central regions, which some experts say were worsened by poor drainage and overdevelopment.

(\$1 = 4.1990 ringgit)

(Reporting by Rozanna Latiff; Editing by Christian Schmollinger)

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DOH, private sector back Alert Level 2 for January

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, December 28) — The Department of Health (DOH) wants the country to remain under Alert Level 2 in January 2022 due to growing concerns about the Omicron variant.

Alert Level 2 is in effect until Dec. 31.

"Our recommendation would be...retain the Alert Level 2," DOH Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire told CNN Philippines' *The Source* on Tuesday.

Vergeire said that "most areas" are already eligible to shift to the lowest alert level, but the DOH is erring on the side of caution to "prevent the entry of this Omicron into our community."

However, in the unfortunate event that this new variant of concern triggers a rise in cases, the country is "well prepared" to handle it because of improved COVID-19 response and higher vaccination rates, the undersecretary said.

The official, citing projections, also said the COVID-19 cases are expected to continue to decline until the end of January, provided there is no community transmission of Omicron. She added they will make new case projections that take into consideration a scenario where Omicron has spread in communities.

The World Health Organization has said it is not yet clear whether Omicron is more contagious or if it causes more severe effects than other variants of concern. But preliminary evidence suggests there may be an increased risk of reinfection with Omicron.

Meanwhile, Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship Joey Concepcion said the private sector sees no problem with a status quo on the alert level classification for next month.

"Let's not be aggressive by bringing it down to Alert Level 1. Let's stay at Alert Level 2... At this point in time, we all agreed to keep it at Alert Level 2," he said in a separate interview.

He noted many entrepreneurs have "rebounded" following struggles amid the pandemic when the country shifted to Alert Level 2.



For his part, pandemic response chief implementer Carlito Galvez said, "by January, maybe because of the Omicron, we will stay under Alert Level 2."

The government may announce the alert level classification for Jan. 1 to 15 on Wednesday, acting Presidential spokesperson Karlo Nograles said in his press briefing.

OCTA warns NCR of possible uptick in COVID-19 cases

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, December 28) – The OCTA Research group warns of a potential rise in COVID-19 cases in Metro Manila.

OCTA Research fellow Guido David said the capital region's daily positivity rate - or the percentage of all COVID-19 tests performed that turned out to be positive - rose on Monday to more than 5% for the first time since October.

The seven-day positivity rate is at 2.4%, he added.

Metro Manila's reproduction number - or the number of individuals an infected person can pass the virus to - also increased to 1.03 as of Dec. 25, and may still rise to 1.39 if the current trend continues.

David also said at least 400 new infections are expected to be recorded in Metro Manila, and around 1,200 nationwide by Wednesday.

"There is now concern that this is not just a holiday uptick," David said.

According to the World Health Organization, countries or regions may reopen borders if they are able to maintain positivity rates of below 5% for at least 14 days. However, the country has kept restrictions tight due to the threat of the more infectious Omicron variant.

The country has started to record more than 400 daily COVID-19 cases since Christmas Day, majority of which are from Metro Manila.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergiere earlier mentioned some cities like San Juan, Las Piñas, Manila, Makati, and Parañaque - which saw increases in COVID-19 cases from Dec. 13 to 26.

OCTA researchers advised to people to continue following minimum public health standards.

Source: <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/12/28/OCTA-warns-NCR-possible-uptick-cases.html>



PANG-4 KASO NG OMICRON VARIANT BUMULAGA; MAAARING DARAMI PA



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MERON na tayong pang-apat na Omicron variant at idinating sa atin ng isang babaeng galing sa United States.

Naramdamang sintomas ng biktima ang pangangati sa lalamunan at pagkakaroon ng sipon.

Dumating ang biktima noong Disyembre 10 at ngayo'y sinasabing asymptomatic o wala nang sintomas at nasa home quarantine.

Sana, hindi siya makapanghawa sa kanyang pamilya at kabarangay.

Nauna rito, lalaki, isang overseas Filipino worker, taga-Cavite at nanggaling sa Qatar ang pangatlong may Omicron.

Nanggaling naman ng Japan at lumapag sa Pilipinas ang Pilipinong may Omicron at naunang dumating ang isang Nigerian National na may Omicron din.

Magandang balita na negatibo sa COVID ang mga close contact ng mga ito.

KAHIT BAKUNADO 'WAG PAGTIWALAAN

Magandang malaman na bakunado nang doble o kaya'y nagka-COVID na o negatibo sila sa COVID nang sila'y pasakay ng eroplano palipad sa atin.

Kailangan kasi ang mga kondisyon na ito sa mga eroplano na pampasahero at sinakyan ng mga biktima.

Pero alalahaning parehong carrier o tagadala ng COVID ang bakunado at hindi.

'Yun bang === nahahawa sila at nakahahawa sila sa iba.

Imported o galing sa ibang bansa ang tawag sa Omicron sa ngayon at wala pang naitatalang lokal na hawaan.

Kaya naman, kapag may nanggaling sa ibang bansa at dumating sa ating barangay, dapat na busisiin ang pangkalusugang kalagayan nito.

Pairalin ang quarantine tatal bawat barangay, munisipyo at siyudad, may quarantine facilities naman.

Dapat tumulong ang lahat ng mga taga-barangay sa pagtukoy sa mga dumarating sa kanila, kamag-anak o hindi, at magsagawa ng mga pag-iingat gaya ng pagre-report sa mga kinauukulan kung kaduda-duda ang pagdating ng mga ito.



PAGBABANTAY AT TRAVEL BAN

Pangunahing nakaatang sa pamahalaan ang pagbabantay laban sa Omicron variant dahil may nakatalagang mga tauhan nito sa mga paliparan at pier.

Pero hindi lang ito ang dapat na ikonsidera.

Dapat gumawa ng matibay na paninindigan ang pamahalaan sa mga bansang dapat sarhan nito ng pintuan.

Halimbawa ang United States na kalat na ang Omicron variant sa lahat ng 52 estado nito.

Kasama rin ang United Kingdom at France sa mga pinuputakte ng nasabing variant.

Tanong: Pupwede bang isama ang mga bansang ito sa mga travel ban?

HEALTH SYSTEM NAPAPARALISA

Sana nga totoong hindi masyadong delikado ang Omicron dahil kakaunti pa lang ang namamatay rito.

Pero paano ang nagaganap sa ibang bansa, gaya nga sa UK, France at US na nagkakasakit ang mga doktor at nars at kasabay nito ang pagsirit ng mga may Omicron?

Ngayon nga ay nagsisimulang maparalisa ang sistema sa kalusugan nila sa magkasabay na pangyayari.

Kinukulang na ng mga doktor at nars ang mga ospital sa harap ng pagdami ng mga naoospital na dapat magamot at maalagaan.

Paano kung mangyari ito at dito magsimula ang mga kamatayan at malawakang hawaan?



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

0.3%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
9,750

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

97.9%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,778,148

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.80%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
51,213

MGA BAGONG KASO **421**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **248**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **2**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,839,111**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING DISYEMBRE 26

DATOS NGAYONG DISYEMBRE 28
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG DISYEMBRE 26

2.6%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
NAGPOSITIBO

18,122

BILANG NG
TINEST

HALOS
43.6%
ANG MILD AT
ASYMPTOMATIC
NA KASO!

D UMISTANSYA NG
ISANG METRO AT LIMITAHAN
ANG PISIKAL NA
INTERAKSYON SA IBA

KABUANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (3.5K TOTAL BEDS)
18% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (19.3K TOTAL BEDS)
23% Utilized

WARD BEDS (12.3K TOTAL BEDS)
11% Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
10% Utilized

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (1.2K TOTAL BEDS)
21% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.6K TOTAL BEDS)
20% Utilized

WARD BEDS (3.7K TOTAL BEDS)
17% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
12% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA
AKTIBONG KASO

489 Asymptomatic

3,766 Mild

3,343 Moderate

1,778 Severe

374 Critical



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Laging isa-isisip at isapuso ang pagsunod sa **Minimum Public Health Standards**. Laging tatandaan na sa maayos na pagsunod sa ganitong alituntunin ay maililigtas natin ang bawat isa laban sa COVID-19. Kasabay nito ang ating pagiging alisto sa mga sintomas. Sa oras na makaramdam ay agad makipag-ugnayan sa **BHERTS** o sa **One COVID Referral Center** na maabot sa **1555**, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333, para sa karampatang gabay.

Para sa iba pang pangangailangang medikal, puntahan ang <http://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine> upang malaman kung papaano maabot ang serbisyo ng ating **Telemedicine Service Providers**, at ang <http://bit.ly/DOHHospitalHotlines> para maabot ang ating mga ospital sa lalong mabilis na panahon.



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