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DENR creates regional task forces to expedite rehab of typhoon-hit areas

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by [Aaron Recuenco](#)

Environment Sec. Roy Cimatu has ordered the creation of regional task forces in the country that will facilitate the government's recovery and rehabilitation programs in typhoon-ravaged areas.

Dubbed as Regional Build Back Better Task Forces (RTFBBS), each of the country's region outside Metro Manila will have its own and it will be chaired by the regional directors of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Cimatu explained that the creation of the RTFBBS is more on expediting the preparation, implementation, and monitoring of post-disaster rehabilitation and recovery program in areas that would be hit especially by typhoons such as the recent Typhoon "Odette" which devastated the Visayas regions and other parts of Luzon and Mindanao.

"The creation of RTFBBS is in response to the intention of EO 120 for government entities to work with a clear unity of command and in a sustained and cohesive form in relation to current and future post-typhoon recovery and rehabilitation efforts," said Cimatu who chairs the Task Force Build Back Better (TFBBB) under Executive Order 120 issued by President Duterte on November 18, 2020.

The national TFBBB is co-chaired by the secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways with 26 national government agencies as its members tasked to assist the task force. The DENR heads the Intensified Environment and Natural Resources Management, which is one of the six key result areas (KRAs) of TFBBB.

Other TFBBB KRAs include Better and Resilient Infrastructure headed by DPWH; Stronger Shelter and Resilient Settlement (Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development); Improved Systems and Essential Services (Department of National Defense-Office of Civil Defense); Restored Sustainable Livelihood (Department of Trade and Industry); and Strengthened Governance through Broad-Based Citizen (Department of Interior and Local Government).

Identified as a priority for the implementation of the order are areas that bore the brunt of Typhoon Odette in December 2021.

"Beginning with those hardly-hit by Typhoon Odette, the DENR regional executive directors for Caraga, Regions 6, 7, 8, 10, and MIMAROPA as chairpersons of the Regional TFBBB in their respective regions shall, in coordination with the concerned regional line agencies and local government units, conduct damage assessment and identify appropriate interventions for recovery and rehabilitation," Cimatu said.



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**Single-use Plastic Products
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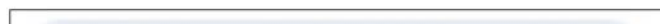
BoC-Clark seizes 4 reptiles

CLARK FREEPORT – Four exotic reptiles were rescued by the Bureau of Customs (BoC) Port of Clark. District collector Alexandra Lumontad said the four live Bearded Dragons were discovered in a shipment declared as plasticwares from Malaysia.

She said that the shipment arrived on Thursday, X-rayed and physically examined after finding suspicious images inside the plastic containers.

The reptiles were without the sanitary and veterinary documents from the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources which took possession of the animals for rehabilitation and care.

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4 na bearded dragons, nakumpiska sa Pampanga

ni [Lolet Abania](#) | January 30, 2022



File photo: BOC

Nakakumpiska ang Bureau of Customs (BOC) ng apat na buhay na bearded dragons sa isang shipment na idineklarang tupperware sa Port of Clark sa Pampanga.

Ayon sa BOC, ang naturang shipment ay dumating noong Enero 27 na nagmula sa Malaysia. Isinailalim ito sa X-ray scanning, at may lumabas na mga “suspicious images”, kaya agad na nagsagawa ng 100% physical examination ang bureau.

Nakakuha sa ginawang inspeksyon ng dalawang babae at dalawang lalaking buhay na bearded dragons na nakalagay sa mga plastic containers.

Sinabi ng BOC na ang mga misdeclared shipment ay inimport ng walang kaukulang Sanitary and Phytosanitary Certificate and Veterinary Health Certificate mula sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Maaaring masampahan ng paglabag sa Section 118 (g), 119 (f), 1113 (l, j) at 1400 ng Republic Act (RA) number 10863 o ang Customs Modernization and Tariff Act and RA 9147 o ang Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act ang consignee nito, habang inaalam na rin ng mga awtoridad ang tungkol dito.

Ayon pa sa BOC, ang mga bearded dragons ay nai-turn over na sa DENR para sa rehabilitation at pag-aalaga sa mga nasabat na shipment.

Giit naman ni District Collector Alexandra Lumontad, patuloy ang Port of Clark ng BOC para protektahan ang mga border laban sa importasyon ng mga smuggled o puslit na wildlife species upang matigil ang illegal wildlife trade sa bansa.



Isko will allow mining if firms are 'responsible'

by [Rey E. Requejo](#) January 30, 2022, 11:20 pm

Presidential candidate and Manila Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso said he will allow mining in the country as long as its players are responsible and adhere to the lawful standard of operations to ensure that the environment is protected if elected president in 2022 elections.



SIBERIAN TIGER. Mayor Francisco Isko Moreno Domagoso meets Kois, the White Siberian Tiger at the the Manila Zoo. Moreno said he is hoping that those visiting the Manila Zoo will meet Kois soon. The tiger is originally from the Clark Zoo.

“What we need is to create jobs because we’ve lost so much. What we need is new business because the economy is really affected by this pandemic. We have to be aggressive. We have to be practical but at the same time we have to be responsible also for the next generation,” Moreno told TV host Boy Abunda during Abunda’s “Presidential Interviews” show.

According to Moreno, the standard-bearer of Aksyon Demokratiko, the country needs mining as it provides jobs and other livelihood related to the industry, and revenues for the government, particularly in this time of pandemic when the economy is hurting.

“With the hardships of life in our country, with the devastating impact of this pandemic on our economy, we need to generate more FDIs, Foreign Direct Investments, more jobs, more sources of income. You cannot keep on taxing our people so that we can run the government. We need to make money (in mining) but we can be responsible in (dealing with) our environment,” Moreno stressed.

The government, he said, should take advantage of luring foreign investors into the country with the lifting of the nine-year moratorium on new mining agreements and the four-year ban on open-pit mining of minerals by President Duterte.

With these twin developments, Moreno maintained that the government could further expand the sector by creating mining-related industries and mineral processing factories that will create additional employment and income from the resources being mined in the country.

“When we open a mine, we must have an industry created,” Moreno said, as he cited the construction of steel factories as an example. “It seems that we will not just stop mining and then sell it out. We should create another industry.”

Moreno, however, shunned backyard mining operations, which he said are mostly unregulated, leading to the destruction of the environment.



“We can’t go backyard there and just be irresponsible. It has to have a rule and there is a global gold standard on that. That is important because with that, you will have sustainable mining and then you can protect the environment,” Moreno said.

In April 2021, President Duterte signed Executive Order 120 which lifted the moratorium on the granting of new mining permits. The EO reversed a presidential directive issued by then-President Noynoy Aquino in 2012 which banned new mining operations in the country.

The ban on open-pit mining, meanwhile, was issued in 2017 by then Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Gina Lopez. Incumbent Secretary Roy Cimatu overturned the policy with the issuance of Administrative Order No. 2021-40 last month that allows the resumption of the open-pit method of mining for copper, gold, silver and complex ores in the country.



Return of mining investment seen delayed after gov't bans

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By **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson**

THE Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (CoMP) said the recovery of investment in mining may be delayed because of the various moratoriums and shutdowns ordered on the industry over the past nine years.

“Because of the policy issues that the Philippine mining industry has faced, our country’s reputation as an investment destination took a big hit, and it will take time for investors to regain their confidence in the Philippines,” CoMP Vice-President for Communications Rocky G. Dimaculangan said in an e-mail interview.

On Dec. 23, the government lifted the four-year ban on open-pit mining, rescinding an order issued by the late Environment Secretary Regina L. Lopez, an anti-mining advocate.

In April, President Rodrigo R. Duterte lifted the nine-year moratorium on granting new mining permits.

“Foreign investment in mining allows the government access to capital and technology that are meant to benefit the nation and its people over the long term. Some exploration and mining projects require huge capital requirements, which the government does not have, and Filipino investors may not be willing or able to provide,” Mr. Dimaculangan said.

“It also takes time for a mining project to reach operational status. Apart from having to prove its financial capability to operate a large-scale mine, and we’re talking about hundreds of millions to billions of dollars here, a project has to undertake such steps as an environmental impact assessment, and to secure a social license to operate, which in our experience is the more challenging one to get. That’s why the government’s recent mining policy pronouncements are indeed most welcome developments,” he added.

Three copper-gold projects are in the pipeline for Mindanao: Silangan, Tampakan and King King, which are expected to bring in close to \$5 billion in total capital investment over several years, according to CoMP.

Mining’s gross domestic product contribution is expected to increase from 0.6% to 1.5% a year, while enhancing National Government revenue by P12 billion, LGU revenue by P1.5 billion, exports by \$2 billion, and social expenditures by close to P800 million a year.

“You can imagine what yearly expenditures of almost P800 million per year can do to the development of those far-flung yet highly mineralized areas that don’t see much development at all. Also, royalties to indigenous tribes of a little over P600 million a year. It is no wonder that the indigenous people in such areas have been clamoring for the start of development of these projects,” he said.



“We hope the next administration will continue policies that will help stabilize business and investment policies. Our country has a lot of catching up to do in terms of investment attractiveness compared to other mining jurisdictions all over the world,” he added.

After the ban on open-pit mining was lifted, various environmental groups criticized declared their opposition, citing the impact on the environment, changes to the landform, and the risk of acid leaks and deteriorating water quality.

With regard to sustainability, the chamber said sufficient laws in place to assure that mining does not unduly damage the environment.

“We believe that the regulatory environment governing mining is adequate. The Philippines already has among the strictest mining laws, rules and regulations in the world that impose on exploration and mining companies many social, economic, and environmental limitations and conditions. Where we can explore and mine is already well-defined. We need to secure a social license before we can explore and mine. We have to contend with voluminous environmental requirements and reports from inception to termination — and beyond — of our mining projects,” Mr. Dimaculangan said.

“In the last nine years, our government has done a thorough review of the regulatory framework of the mining industry and has put in place additional rules and regulations to enhance the industry’s productivity while increasing the protection for the environment and the benefits to host communities,” he added.

Mr. Dimaculangan said the chamber adopted the Climate Change Protocol in 2017, one of the eight protocols of the Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) initiative.

“TSM is a set of tools and indicators to drive environmental and social performance and ensure that key mining risks are managed responsibly at members’ facilities. The program was established in 2004 by the Mining Association of Canada and its main objective is to enable mining companies to meet society’s needs for minerals and metal products in the most socially, economically, and environmentally responsible way,” he said.

The CoMP said it undertook a thorough “Filipinization” process for TSM from 2018 to 2020 to ensure the program is responsive to Philippine conditions.

Apart from Canada and the Philippines, TSM is currently being implemented in Argentina, Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Colombia, Finland, Norway, and Spain.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources also issued a memorandum authorizing large-scale mining companies to realign their mandated social development funds, equivalent to 1.5% of operating costs, to support affected communities quarantined due to the pandemic.

“Consequently, large-scale mining companies spent over P380 million on PPEs, disinfectant, and medical supplies, as well as food assistance and supplies for social amelioration measures. This benefitted 297,491 frontliners and 1,099,090 households and families living in host communities and beyond,” Mr. Dimaculangan said.

Source: <https://www.bworldonline.com/return-of-mining-investment-seen-delayed-after-govt-bans/>



Scientists slam Manila Bay rehab

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The Advocates of Science and Technology for the People has criticized the government's slow progress with the Manila Bay rehabilitation program.

"It has been three years since a so-called Manila Bay rehabilitation program was implemented by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), but what have they really achieved so far?" the scientist group said in a statement.

The group said rehabilitation is not only about cleanup. "The goal of the DENR should not only revolve around making Manila Bay swimmable but also to restore marine ecosystems and improve fishery production."

It added that aside from addressing solid wastes, it is also important to conserve and restore marine ecosystems such as mangrove forests and mudflats in Manila Bay. "In this aspect, the Duterte administration failed." — **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson**

Source: <https://www.bworldonline.com/scientists-slam-manila-bay-rehab/?fbclid=IwAR2kg6Y9LI904MpZM4lzvGy-WMVEXr153MWcVMjXsUHErZq-RbQ0dzPuXp4>



Workers go 24/7 to clean up Cebu City

[Sanden J. Anadia](#) - The Freeman January 31, 2022 | 12:00am

CEBU, Philippines — Cebu City Hall workers will be working round the clock to rid the city of garbage.

Cebu City Environmental Sanitation Enforcement Team (CESET) head Grace Luardo revealed that the Cebu City government is determined to clean the streets 24/7 as part of Basura Cleanup Storm.

Luardo said various city hall workers from different departments were assigned to different schedules for this program.

She said some city workers did not take a day off to ensure smooth operation.

"Sukad pagkahuman sa bagyo, kasagaran sa atong mga personnel kay wala nag-day off aron lang maseguro ang kalimpyo sa atong siyudad," said Luardo.

Luardo asked the people to track and strictly follow the garbage collection schedule in their area.

She said she really felt that there were other people who would still throw their garbage anywhere on the road even though the street is clean.

She said discipline is very important to maintain the cleanliness of the city.

"Magtinabangay tang tanan. Dili ta magpataka og labay sa atong mga basura," she added.

As of this month, nearly 50 individuals have been penalized for indiscriminately dumping garbage anywhere.

For those caught throwing away their garbage indiscriminately, a fine of P1,000 will be imposed.

Along with CESET in cleaning the streets are various City Hall departments such as

Prevention, Restoration, Order, Beautification, and Enhancement (Probe), Department of Public Services (DPS), Cebu City Transportation Office (CCTO), Cebu City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CCENRO), among others.

It may be recalled that on December 30, and January 2, 2022, Mayor Michael Rama implemented the Enhanced Citywide Qualitative Health and Sanitation (ECQ-HS) Drive fragment of executive order (No. 152) called Oplan Barug Cebu.

In the two-day ECQ-HS, the city collected a total of 1,900 tons of garbage.

At that time, garbage had littered the streets such as fallen trees, debris, etc. which was one of the results of the storm.

The city government personnel were divided into five teams deployed to different barangays.

The Department of Public Services deployed 60 dump trucks for the garbage collection.



During two-day clean-up drive, the Philippine Army, Cebu City Police Office , Cebu City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, different organizations and officials and volunteers from the 80 barangays also helped in the program.

Rama has also formed Task Force Ratsada for the clearing of “spaghetti wires” in the city.

This after the city government received complaints regarding this the matter since the dangling wires are posing danger to the general public.

The mayor has instructed representatives of utility companies to recover fallen poles and damaged wires.

Members of Task Force Ratsada are personnel from the Cebu City Disaster Response Reduction and Management Office (CCDRRMO), PROBE, CCTO, DPS and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) – Special Rescue Force (SRF).

In a previous meeting with representatives of telcos, Rama said he wanted the damaged wires and fallen posts to be fixed before the city celebrates its foundation day on February 24, 2022.

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Lunar New Year: Tigers maintaining balance, harmony in nature

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By ACB

Happy Lunar New Year!

The 2022 Lunar New Year, which starts on February 1, marks new beginnings for many citizens of the ASEAN. The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity joins the region in celebrating this holiday as we welcome the year of the tiger.

Lunar traditions and celebrations welcoming the year of the tiger bear more significance for the ASEAN region, being home to three out of the six existing subspecies of Tigers: the Indochinese Tiger, which has been recorded in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam; the Sumatran Tiger in Indonesia; and the Malayan Tiger in Peninsular Malaysia and southern Thailand.

Tigers (*Panthera tigris*), the largest member of the cat family (Felidae), are mostly solitary and highly adaptable. They prey on large animals like deer, wild boar, and even elephant calves and require large contiguous areas approximately between 70 and 600 square kilometres to thrive.

These powerful apex predators continue to be pivotal players in ensuring the health of our ecosystems, and consequently, the wellbeing of humanity. Yet, throughout their range, wild tiger populations are declining due to various threats resulting from human activities.

In Malaysia, the dwindling population of the Malayan Tigers, considered as one of the country's iconic species, is a major concern. Based on the latest figures from the survey that the Malaysian government is conducting, fewer than 150 tigers remain in the wild.

In Thailand, a group of 18 tigers has been recorded from June 2016 to February 2017 in the Dong Phrayayen and Khao Yai forest complex, based on a survey conducted by the country's Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Freeland Foundation, and Panthera Foundation.

In Myanmar, tigers have been rarely spotted in the region and have been considered "extirpated," according to the country's 6th National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

We laud the efforts of the ASEAN Member States in addressing the decline of wild tigers and their prey. The ACB is currently supporting transboundary efforts between Malaysia and Thailand in protecting the important tiger and elephant landscape at the border of these countries.



In Malaysia, routine patrolling is supplemented by the all-year-round anti-snare programmes and the recently established National Tiger Conservation Task Force chaired by the Prime Minister. In Indonesia, ex-situ wildlife conservation efforts have succeeded in breeding several endangered animals, including the Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*).

We congratulate the government of Malaysia and the Global Tiger Forum for successfully hosting the 4th Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation from 19-21 January 2022 and adopting the Kuala Lumpur Joint Statement on Tiger Conservation. These developments reflect the strong commitment of the tiger range states to protecting the region's majestic felines. The ACB is ready to support further collaborations and dialogues to address the main threats to the tiger populations, including contributing to actions outlined in the Joint Statement.

Amid the challenges of biodiversity loss, we urge everyone to take part in the shared responsibility of protecting tigers, their prey, and their habitats. This endeavor can only be possible through stronger partnerships and effective strategies on the ground to address threats, such as wildlife trafficking and habitat loss.

May the citizens of ASEAN draw inspiration from the magnificent wild tigers of our region in wielding the opportunities that the Lunar New Year has to offer. Just like how tigers are, may we be key figures in maintaining the harmony and balance in ecosystems because #WeAreASEANBiodiversity.

Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim

Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity



Peru oil spill twice as big than 1st thought

By [Agence France-Presse](#) January 30, 2022



Peruvian Army members remove oil washed ashore at the Chacra y Mar beach, close to Huaral, [Peru](#), on January 27, 2022, 65 kilometers north of the site where a spill occurred during the offloading process of the Italian-flagged tanker "[Mare Doricum](#)" at La Pampilla refinery, north of [Lima](#) on January 15, caused by the abnormal waves recorded after an eruption of the [Tonga](#) volcano. [AFP PHOTO](#)

LIMA: The oil spill off the coast of Peru sparked by a volcanic eruption thousands of miles away is twice as big as previously reported, the government said Friday (Saturday in Manila).

The announcement came hours after a court banned four directors from the Spanish oil company [Repsol](#), which owns the refinery where the accident took place, from leaving the country for 18 months.

Environment Minister [Ruben Ramirez](#) told reporters the country has "a figure so far of 11,900 barrels" dumped into the sea on January 15, instead of the 6,000 reported earlier.

Repsol confirmed that the figure was higher, but gave a slightly lower estimate than the minister.

The spill, described as an "ecological disaster" by the Peruvian government, happened when an Italian-flagged tanker, the Mare Doricum, was unloading oil at the La Pampilla refinery, just off Peru's coast around 30 kilometers (19 miles) north of Lima.

Repsol said the tanker was hit by freak waves triggered by a tsunami after a massive volcanic eruption near Tonga, more than 10,000 kilometers away.

The oil slick has been dragged by ocean currents about 140 kilometers north of the refinery, prosecutors said, causing the death of an undetermined number of fish and seabirds.

In addition, it left hundreds of local fishermen unable to take their boats out. They have staged protests against the Spanish company.

Deputy [Environment Minister Alfredo Mamani](#) said that 4,225 barrels of oil had been recovered from the sea and some 20 beaches, just over a third of the total.

For its part, Repsol said in a statement in Lima that "the amount of oil spilled is 10,396 barrels and 35 percent of that has already been recovered."



Earlier Friday, Judge [Romualdo Aquedo](#) granted the prosecution's request to prevent the four executives, including Repsol Peru's Spanish president Jaime Fernandez-Cuesta Luca de Tena, from leaving the country, as investigators look into the catastrophic oil spill.

Peru has demanded compensation from Repsol, and the energy giant faces a potential \$34.5 million fine, the [Environment Ministry](#) has said.

The Mare Doricum is anchored with a ban on setting sail.

Fernandez-Cuesta Luca de Tena is accused of being responsible for the crime of "environmental pollution to the detriment of the state," with the three other executives considered "accomplices."

If found guilty, Repsol's president faces a potential prison sentence of four to six years.

In Madrid, the oil company pledged to "fully cooperate with any criminal investigation, as we are already doing with the ongoing preliminary investigation," Repsol said in an email to AFP.



Oil spill 'nail in the coffin' for COVID-hit Thai beach businesses

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This handout from the Royal Thai Navy taken and released on January 27, 2022 shows the clean-up operation underway for a crude oil spill caused by a leak from an undersea pipeline owned by Star Petroleum Refining Public Company Limited in the Gulf of Thailand, near Rayong. *Handout / ROYAL THAI NAVY / AFP*

RAYONG - Oil washing up on a beach on Thailand's east coast could be the "nail in the coffin" for pandemic-hit hotels and restaurants, local hospitality businesses said Saturday.

The Thai navy and pollution experts are scrambling to clean up Tuesday night's spill in the Gulf of Thailand where at least 60 tons of crude leaked about 20 kilometers (12 miles) off the coast of Rayong province.

Crews in yellow plastic protective suits were seen at Mae Ram Phueng Beach -- about two and a half hours from Bangkok -- on Saturday afternoon cleaning up the oil slick which began washing up late the previous night.

Star Petroleum Refining Public Company Limited, the operator of the undersea pipeline that leaked, said it was trying to minimize oil reaching the shoreline using booms.

An aerial surveillance aircraft is monitoring the slick on the sea, and local media reported that satellite imagery on Friday showed a pollution zone of 47 square kilometers.

Marine scientist Thon Thamrongnawasawat said the oil slick is expected to continue to wash up on shore over the coming days due to stronger wind.

People should "definitely avoid" swimming in affected areas, Thon said in a Facebook post.

For struggling resorts and tourism-dependent businesses at Mae Ram Phueng Beach and the surrounding area, the pollution and lack of swimmers could spell disaster for livelihoods.

"There have been fewer customers because of Covid-19 and the lethargic economy and now the oil spill is like a nail in the coffin," said Korn Thongpiijit, 45, who manages Barnsabhaisabai Resort which is situated right where authorities have set up a clean-up operation.

"We already reduced accommodation prices by 50 percent because of Covid-19 for survival."

Bhorn, the owner of a nearby seafood restaurant said most of her wild-caught produce came from local fishermen and already customers were phoning up worried about the situation.

"Our income has dwindled by more than 50 per cent since Covid-19 started," she told AFP, adding she is waiting to assess the impact.



A dozen ships are spraying dispersant chemicals and so far more than 80,000 liters has been doused over the affected area, the Royal Thai Navy said Saturday.

Star Petroleum said divers had found a failure in a flexible hose that formed part of the undersea equipment around a single point mooring -- a floating buoy used to offload oil from tankers.

A pipeline leak in the same area in 2013 led to a major slick that coated a beach on nearby Ko Samet.

There are fears a national park Ko Samet could be affected in this spill which could take more than a month to clean up.

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PH logs 27,638 Covid-19 recoveries

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor [January 30, 2022, 11:02 pm](#)



MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Sunday reported 27,638 recoveries and 16,953 new coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) infections.

The latest Covid-19 bulletin indicated 202,604 active cases while total recoveries rose to 3,288,925 or 92.8 percent of 3,545,680 infections since the pandemic started in March 2020.

Out of the active cases, 185,550 are mild, 3,176 are moderate, 11,277 are asymptomatic, 1,534 are severe, and 327 are critical.

“Of the 16,953 reported cases today, 16,647 (98 percent) occurred within the recent 14 days – Jan. 17 to Jan. 30, 2022,” the DOH reported.

The regions with the most cases in the recent two weeks were the Western Visayas with 2,000 infections or 12 percent, National Capital Region (NCR) with 1,967 or 12 percent, and Calabarzon with 1,871 or 11 percent of the new infections.

The death toll has reached 53,891 with 20 new deaths, representing 1.52 percent of overall cases.

“Of the 20 deaths, 16 occurred in January 2022 (80 percent), 1 in October 2021 (5 percent), 1 in September 2021 (5 percent), 1 in August 2021 (5 percent), and 1 in July 2021 (5 percent) due to the late encoding of death information to COVIDKaya,” the DOH said.

COVIDKaya is a digital application used by healthcare workers to collect and share data about Covid-19 cases.

According to the January 30 data, about 31.4 percent of 56,078 who were tested turned out positive for Covid-19.

“Some 69 duplicates were removed from the total case count as 43 of these are recoveries and one is a death,” the DOH said.

Meanwhile, eight cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after validation.

All laboratories were operational on January 28 but one was not able to submit their data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System.



The DOH said the one laboratory contributed, on average, 0.3 percent of samples tested, and 0.3 percent among positive individuals based on data in the past 14 days.

To date, 46 percent of 3,900 intensive care unit (ICU) beds, 47 percent of 21,100 isolation beds, 49 percent of 15,400 ward beds, and 25 percent of 3,100 ventilators are used by patients with Covid-19 nationwide.

In the NCR, 39 percent of 1,400 ICU beds, 37 percent of 5,100 isolation beds, 42 percent of 3,900 ward beds, and 23 percent of 1,000 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are in use. **(PNA)**



PHL logs 16,953 fresh Covid infections on Sunday

BY CLAUDETH MOCON-CIRIACO JANUARY 30, 2022



A TOTAL of 16,953 additional Covid-19 cases were logged by the Department of Health (DOH) on Sunday, bringing the total number of infections in the country to 3, 545,680.

The case bulletin issued by DOH as of 7:30 p.m. also showed 27,638 recoveries and 20 deaths.

Of the 16,953 reported cases, 16,647 (98 percent) occurred within the recent 14 days (January 17-January 30, 2022).

The top regions with cases in the recent two weeks were Region 6 (2,000 or 12 percent), National Capital Region (1,967 or 12 percent) and Region 4A (1,871 or 11 percent).

Of the 20 deaths, 16 occurred in January 2022 (80 percent), 1 in October 2021 (5 percent), 1 in September 2021 (5 percent), 1 in August 2021 (5 percent), and 1 in July 2021 (5 percent), due to late encoding of death information to COVIDKaya. This issue is currently being coordinated with the Epidemiology and Surveillance Units to ensure information is up to date, the DOH said.

There 69 duplicates were removed from the total case count. Of these, 43 are recoveries.

Moreover, 8 cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation.

All laboratories were operational on January 28, 2022 but one laboratory was not able to submit its data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System.

Based on data in the last 14 days, the single lab contributes, on average, 0.03 percent of samples tested and 0.03 percent of positive individuals.



NCR, 7 lalawigan Alert Level 2 na sa Pebrero 1-15

By [Mer Layson](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - January 31, 2022 - 12:00am



Residents engage in outdoor activities at the Marikina River Park on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022.

The STAR/Walter Bollozos

MANILA, Philippines — Dahil sa pagtuloy na pagbaba ng mga naitatalang bagong kaso ng COVID-19, ibinaba na sa Alert Level 2 ang National Capital Region (NCR) at pito pang lalawigan sa bansa simula bukas, Pebrero 1.

Bukod sa Metro Manila, inilagay na rin ng Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) sa Alert Level 2 ang mga lalawigan ng Batanes, Bulacan, Cavite, Rizal, Biliran, Southern Leyte, at Basilan.

Iiral ang Alert Level 2 sa mga naturang lugar hanggang sa Pebrero 15.

Sa Alert Level 2, pinapayagan ang face-to-face classes at itinataas din ang operating capacity ng mga negosyo.

Samantala, mananatili naman sa Alert Level 3 ang mga lugar ng Abra, Apayao, Baguio City, Benguet, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Dagupan City, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, City of Santiago, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, Angeles City, Aurora, Bataan, Nueva Ecija, Olongapo City, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Batangas, Laguna, Lucena City, Quezon Province, Marinduque, Romblon, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Puerto Princesa City, Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate, Naga City, Sorsogon, Aklan, Antique, Bacolod City, Capiz, Iloilo City, Iloilo, Negros Occidental, Guimaras, Cebu City, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City, Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Ormoc City, at Tacloban City.

Mananatili pa rin sa Alert Level 3 ang Eastern Samar, Leyte, Northern Samar, Western Samar, City of Isabela, Zamboanga City, Zamboanga Del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga Sibugay, Bukidnon, Cagayan de Oro City, Iligan City, Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Davao City, Davao Del Sur, Davao Del Norte, Davao Oriental, Davao de Oro, General Santos City, North Cotabato, Sarangani, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Surigao del Norte, Surigao Del Sur, Agusan Del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Butuan City, Maguindanao, Cotabato City at Lanao Del Sur.

Ang Alert Level naman para sa Ifugao ay nakabinbin pa at naghihintay ng pag-apruba mula sa IATF. — **Gemma Garcia**

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2022/01/31/2157578/ncr-7-lalawigan-alert-level-2-na-sa-pebrero-1-15/amp/>



OCTA: NCR may be 'low risk' for COVID-19 in 2 weeks if cases continue to decline

By [Currie Cator, CNN Philippines](#)

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, January 30) — The National Capital Region could be at "low risk" for COVID-19 in two weeks if the decrease in daily infections is sustained, according to OCTA Research.

"NCR could improve to low risk within two weeks if downtrend continues," OCTA fellow Guido David said on Sunday.

His statement comes as the government placed Metro Manila under the more relaxed Alert Level 2 [effective Feb. 1 until Feb. 15](#) despite the ongoing COVID-19 surge in other areas.

NCR, Cavite, and Rizal are currently at "moderate risk" for COVID-19.

OCTA on Saturday said there is an uptick in new infections in Metro Manila, which was a "surprise and not really supported by other indicators."

The capital region reported 3,625 cases on Jan. 29, much higher than the 2,256 logged on Jan. 28.

"Resurgence?" David said. "It beat the Jan. 20 projections for the first time. Hopefully, it is just backlog."

David also said Metro Manila's COVID-19 reproduction number — or the number of people an infected person can transmit the virus to — dropped to 0.47 [from 0.50](#). The positivity rate decreased by 1% to 20%, although this is still "very high," he added.

"We need to strictly comply with health protocols to bring this down to low risk," David said.



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

5.7%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
202,864

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

92.8%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
3,288,925

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.52%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
53,891

MGA BAGONG KASO **16,953**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **27,638**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **20**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **3,545,680**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING ENERO 28

DATOS NGAYONG ENERO 30
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG ENERO 28

31.4%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
NAGPOSITIBO

56,078

BILANG NG
TINIST

HALOS
97.5%
ANG MILD AT
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NA KASO!

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PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

KALAGAYAN NG MGA
AKTIBONG KASO

ICU BEDS (3.9K TOTAL BEDS)	46% Utilized
ISOLATION BEDS (21.1K TOTAL BEDS)	47% Utilized
WARD BEDS (15.4K TOTAL BEDS)	49% Utilized
VENTILATORS (3.1K TOTAL VENTILATORS)	25% Utilized

ICU BEDS (1.4K TOTAL BEDS)	39% Utilized
ISOLATION BEDS (5.1K TOTAL BEDS)	37% Utilized
WARD BEDS (3.9K TOTAL BEDS)	42% Utilized
VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)	23% Utilized

11,277 Asymptomatic
186,550 Mild
3,176 Moderate
1,534 Severe
327 Critical

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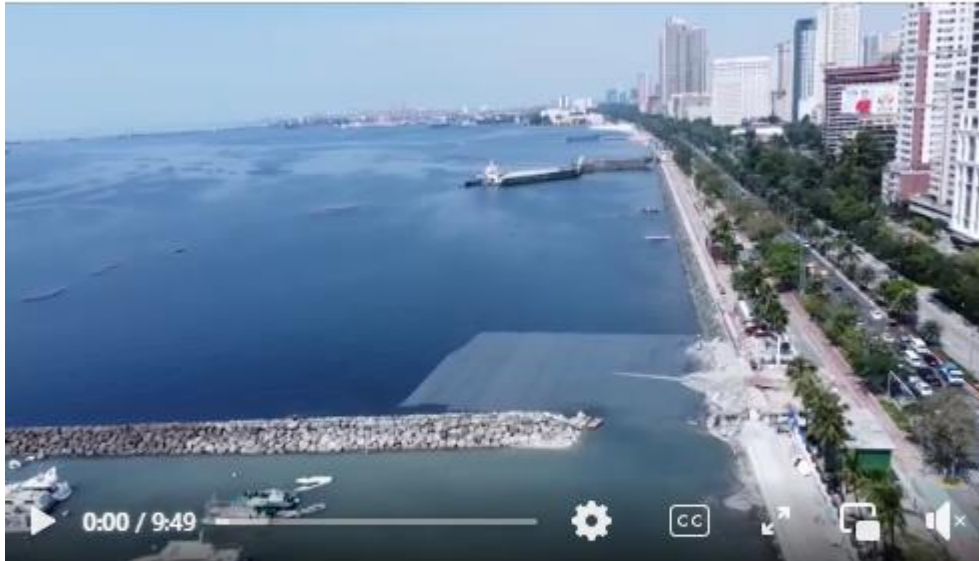


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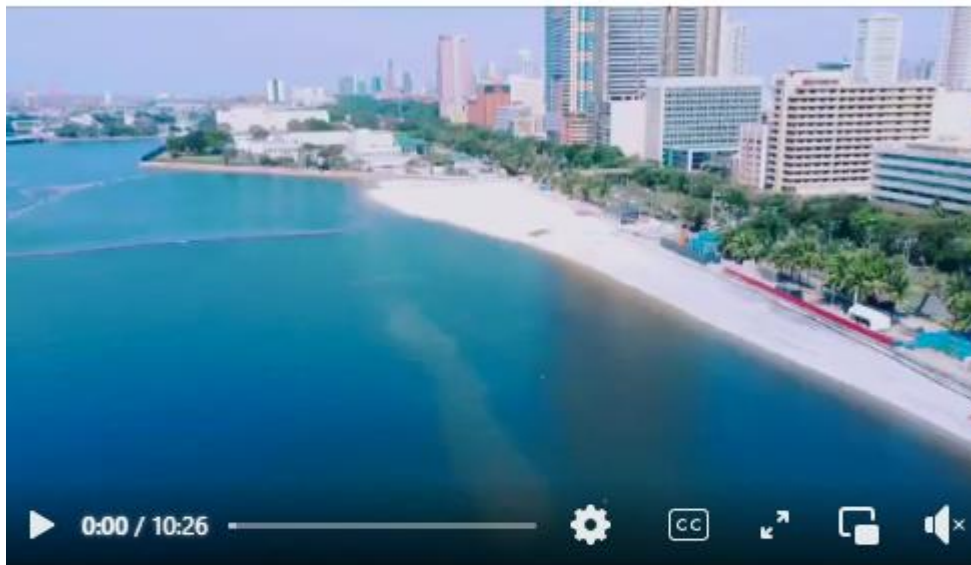


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