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Sampulna Turns Over Land Title to DENR MIMAROPA Region

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Officer-in-Charge Secretary Jim O. Sampulna (2nd from left) hands over the transfer certificate of title of a parcel of land in Puerto Galera donated by the Locsin Foundation, Inc. to DENR to OIC Regional Executive Director Lormelyn Claudio (2nd from right) of [DENR](#) Region 4-MIMAROPA on Feb. 21 at the DENR Central Office in Quezon City. The 11,444-square-meter property located in Barangay San Antonio, Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro is covered by the MIMAROPA Region. The land will be used for the [construction of a sewage treatment plant](#) near Puerto Galera's white beach to address the issue of water pollution in the area. Also in the photo are Undersecretaries Atty. Juan Miguel Cuna and Benito Antonio De Leon (left and right, respectively).



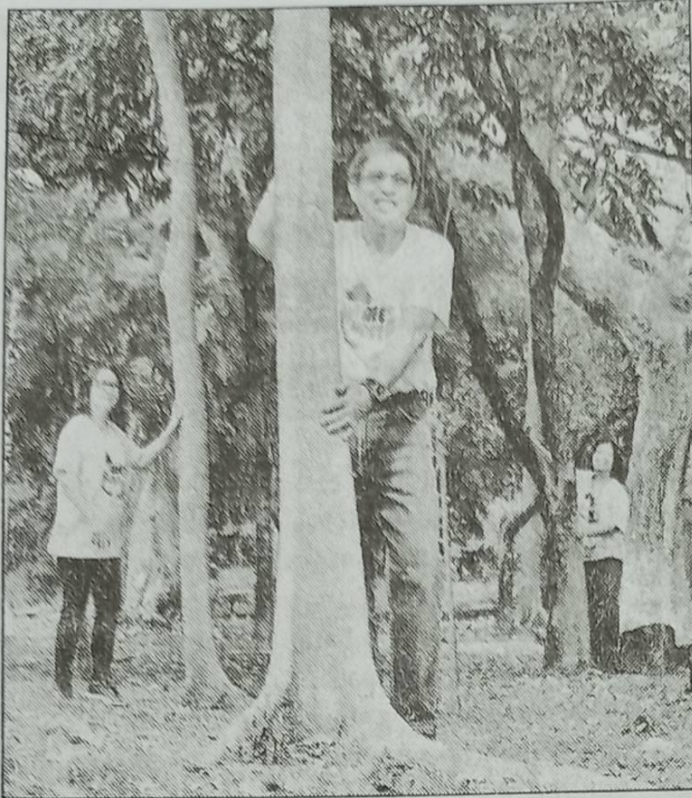
DENR-SCIS receives recognition from PCUP for environmental partnership

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[Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service (DENR-SCIS) Director Dr. Hiro V. Masuda (2nd from the left) receives the Plaque of Recognition from Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) caravan assistant program head Yvelen Moraña (2nd from right) for the partnerships forged by the [DENR](#) with PCUP particularly in its caravan activities on tree planting and seedling distribution. The awarding was held on February 15, 2022 at the DENR Central Office in Quezon City. Also in photo are SCIS Assistant Director and Tayo ang Kalikasan Executive Director Maria Matilda Gaddi (left) and PCUP Caravan member Danica May De Guzman (right).

Source: <https://journal.com.ph/denr-scis-receives-recognition-from-pcup-for-environmental-partnership/>



THREE TREE HUGGERS. Nakilahok ang tatlong environment officials na naatasang magsagawa ng forest rehabilitation programs ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na sina Assistant Secretary at concurrent Director of Forest Management Bureau (FMB) Marcial Amaro (gitna), FMB Assistant Director Edna Nuestro (kaliwa) at National Greening Program Office chief Ma. Teresa Aquino (kanan) sa paglunsad ng "I Am A Tree Hugger" campaign sa Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center sa Quezon City noong February 14, 2022. Inorganisa ng FMB ang campaign na idadaos mula Feb. 14 hanggang 18, 2022 upang maiangat ang kaalaman ng publiko sa social at health benefits ng mga puno at sa mahalagang papel nito upang matugunan ang mga hamon ng climate change. Ang sampung pinakamagandang larawan ng "tree huggers" na may kaukulang caption at na-upload sa FMB Facebook page ang siyang mananalo sa Tree Hugging Campaign online challenge.



DENR releases Brown booby back to sea in Masbate

By Connie Calipay February 23, 2022, 8:16 pm



ENDANGERED. This undated photo shows the Brown booby that was recently released back to the sea after it was turned over to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office of Mobo town in Masbate province. Under DENR Administrative Order No. 2019-09 or the Updated List of Threatened Philippine Fauna, the Brown booby is considered endangered. *(Photo from DENR-Bicol's Facebook page)*

LEGAZPI CITY – A Brown booby (*Sula leucogaster*) was recently released back to the sea after it was turned over to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) of Mobo town in Masbate province.

In a social media post on Wednesday, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Bicol (DENR-5) said fisherfolk of Purok San Francisco, Calumpang, Milagros town found the large seabird shivering and with its right foot entangled in a rope on the seashore.

“CENRO officer Jean V. Imperial together with Wildlife Enforcement Officer Ryan Moneño and Stephen Solar Ragasa immediately responded and conducted an inspection” upon receiving the report, the post read.

There is no DENR office in Milagros, the reason the seabird was brought to Mobo.

The post added that upon examination, the avifauna was found weighing some three kilograms, with a total wingspan of 4.9 feet and body length of two feet. No lacerations, wounds, nor other notable injuries were observed by the team on the bird.

CENRO personnel found that the Brown booby was in good condition and decided to immediately release it to lessen the possible effects of stress due to captivity.

Imperial also conducted a Communication, Education, and Public Awareness (CEPA) talk to the individuals who turned over the seabird and awarded them certificates, "Wildlife Turnover, Tayo ang Kalikasan" (TAK) t-shirts, and tote bags.



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Under DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2019-09 or the Updated List of Threatened Philippine Fauna, the Brown booby is considered endangered.

It is also protected under the Republic Act 9147 otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

The DENR-Bicol is appealing to the public to report similar incidents of finding distressed wildlife and turn them to the authorities for proper handling and release to their natural habitat. ***(With a report from Eliakim Neric /PNA-OJT)***

Villar renews pitch for wetlands protection, conservation



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Senator Cynthia Villar

Sen. Cynthia A. Villar has rallied behind this year World Wetlands Celebration's call to take action for wetlands and appeal to invest financial, human and political capital to save wetlands from disappearing and to restore those that have been degraded.

"In all candidness, this is no mean feat for a state like the Philippines to follow. With our country's archipelagic nature, we have an abundant number of wetlands that call for much-needed attention," said Villar, chairperson of the Senate Committed on Environment and Natural Resources.

During the celebration in Las Pinas Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP) on Feb. 22, Villar also noted that the United Nations encourages the annual celebration to raise public consciousness on wetlands, which are critically important ecosystems contributing to biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation, freshwater availability and to economies.

She thanked the LPPWP- Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) and its partners, the Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands (SCPW), the Asean Center for Biodiversity (ACB) and the Philippine Wild Bird Club of the Philippines, for their active participation in this event.

According to the senator, the 2016 Atlas of Philippine Inland Wetlands and Classified Caves has put the number at 314 inland wetlands and 2,487 river systems. Out of these, 314 wetlands are 221 lakes, 12 marshes and swamps, 9 peat lands, 39 water storage, and 31 ponds.

However, she lamented that some people, even those in our government, do not fully recognize and appreciate the significance of wetlands.



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“And what is even worse is that there are even people within the DENR who should know the significance of wetlands, yet have chosen to be ignorant of it,” stressed Villar.

She specifically cited LPPWP which has always been endangered despite being established a critical habitat, declared a Wetland of International Importance and legislated a protected area under the Expanded NIPAS Act in 2018.

She said LPPWP has been constantly exposed to the threat of being destroyed due to various reclamation projects in Parañaque and Cavite.

She also took potshots at the DENR- Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) for issuing Environmental Clearance Certificates to these reclamation projects.

Villar recalled late last year, a painful experience of being barred by EMB to join in a discussion with the technical experts in the Paranaque reclamation project.

“I was simply told that I am not an allowed participant in the meeting. What was so annoying in the incident is that the EMB personnel presiding over the meeting was ignorant of the existence of the LPPWP- PAMB, the body I represent for the meeting, even when LPPWP PAMB was actually invited by EMB itself in that meeting,” related Villar.

“I am ‘crushed’ that EMB has plainly adopted the position of the proponent on this ‘matter hook, line and sinker’ and no further discussion and independent studies were made,” she said.

“This is just one of the sad realities we are confronted with in defending this piece of wetland and we have been through tougher times along the way,” added the senator who has been involved in the conservation of the wetland park for two decades now.

“Apart from the destructive effect to the wetland park, one of the issues I wish to point out to EMB is that the 286-hectare Paranaque reclamation project will obstruct the free flow of water coming from Paranaque River, which is connected to the Las Pinas River in my hometown,” said Villar.

She said this will trigger massive flooding in Las Pinas, Paranaque and nearby places in Cavite.

“LPPWP is a showcase of biodiversity conservation in Metro Manila and we envision it to be the premiere learning environment for urban wetlands in the Philippines as well. We are doing our best also to make it a model of sustainable eco-tourism at its best, while ensuring that its natural ecological attributes are not compromised.”



Rescued eagle named 'Bangsa Bae' to honor Bangsamoro women



BY MANUEL CAYON

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Bangsa Bae

DAVAO CITY – The essence of the Bangsamoro woman now flies high in a recently rescued female Philippine eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*) in Lanao del Sur.

The injured eagle was named “Bangsa Bae” by the Bangsamoro government after a resident turned it over to its environment office in Lanao del Sur.

The eagle was rescued on February 9 by a concerned citizen in the province’s interior town of Marogong.

“It was the first time that we found and rescued an injured Philippine Eagle which signifies the Bangsamoro region’s vast environment and natural resources,” said environment officer Benjamin Alangca of the Community of Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy Office (CENREO) in Lanao Del Sur-2nd district.



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He said Hadji Solaiman Olama found the injured eagle and informed environmental authorities of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (Barmm).

Alangca said it was a female Philippine Eagle and it was named Bangsa Bae "to honor the Bangsamoro women for their momentous efforts and sacrifice as a wife, mother, and sister of the Mujahideen (freedom fighters) who fought for the victory of Bangsamoro region".

Upon the successful rescue, Bangsa Bae underwent an immediate surgical operation on its injured right wing since the bacterial infection was already fast spreading beyond its injured body parts.

Dr. Anita Chua, a veterinarian specialist of the Regional Wildlife Rescue Center of Zamboanga del Sur Province, operated on her, applying the first aid treatment and immediate medical assistance. Cenreo conservation and development section and DENR IX's technical personnel assisted her.

Bangsa Bae has a wingspan of 51 centimeters and its injured right wing weighs five kilograms.

They turned over Bangsa Bae to the Philippine Eagle Foundation in Davao City on February 12 to perform additional medical procedures.

Meanwhile, Mohamad Ali R. Dimaren, director of Biodiversity, Ecosystems, Research and Development Services (BDS) said "this proves that there is the presence of the Philippine Eagle in the Bangsamoro region, which we are committed to protecting and conserving endangered species".

He reminded residents to turn over any wildlife animals to government and not to harm them. He said wildlife protection and conservation, as well as penalty for harming animals, is covered under Republic Act 9147 also known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection

Act, "the collection, trading, hunting, and care without a proper permit is strictly prohibited, especially for critically endangered wildlife such as the Philippine Eagle".



Only 9% of plastic waste recycled worldwide, says OECD

Agence France-Presse

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

Less than 10% of the plastic used across the world is recycled, the OECD said Tuesday, calling for "coordinated and global solutions" ahead of expected talks on an international plastics treaty.

A new report by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development report found that 460 million tonnes of plastics were used in 2019, the number nearly doubling since 2000.

The amount of plastic waste had more than doubled during that time to 353 million tonnes, the Paris-based OECD said.

"After taking into account losses during recycling, only nine percent of plastic waste was ultimately recycled, while 19% was incinerated and almost 50% went to sanitary landfills," it said in its Global Plastics Outlook.

"The remaining 22% was disposed of in uncontrolled dumpsites, burned in open pits or leaked into the environment."

The COVID-19 pandemic saw the use of plastics drop by 2.2 percent in 2020 compared to the previous year. However, single-use plastics rose and overall use is "projected to pick up again" as the economy rebounds.

Plastics contributed 3.4% of global greenhouse emissions in 2019, 90% of it from "production and conversion from fossil fuels", the report said.



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In the face of rampant global warming and pollution, it is "crucial that countries respond to the challenge with coordinated and global solutions", OECD secretary-general Mathias Cormann said in the report.

The OECD proposed a series of "levers" to address the issue, including developing the market for recycled plastics, which only represent six percent of the total -- largely because they are more expensive.

It added that new technologies related to decreasing the environmental footprint of plastic represented only 1.2% of all innovation concerning the product.

While calling for "a more circular plastics lifecycle", the OECD said that policies must also restrain overall consumption.

It also called for "major investments in basic waste management infrastructure", including 25 billion euros (\$28 billion) a year to go towards efforts in low and middle-income countries.

- Plastic treaty talks -

The report comes less than a week before the UN Environment Assembly begins on February 28 in Nairobi, where formal talks are expected to begin on a future international plastics treaty, the scope of which will be discussed.

Shardul Agrawala, the head of the OECD's environment and economy integration division, said Tuesday's report "further accentuates the need for countries to come together to start looking towards a global agreement to address this very important problem".

Asked about the priorities of the treaty to be discussed in Nairobi, she said that "there is an urgent waste management problem which is responsible for the bulk of the leakage to the environment".

"But we should not limit our focus just to the end of pipe solutions, there is a greater need in the long term to forge international cooperation and agreement towards alignment of standards," she told an online press briefing Monday.

In a survey published Tuesday by polling firm Ipsos for the World Wildlife Fund, 88% of respondents stressed the importance of an international treaty to combat plastic pollution.

In the 28 countries surveyed, 23% of the respondents said such a treaty was "fairly important", 31% said it was "very important" and 34% found it "essential".



PLASTIC POLLUTION | 75% of people want single-use plastics banned, says global survey

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By John Geddie

LONDON, Feb 22 (Reuters) – Three in four people worldwide want single-use plastics to be banned as soon as possible, according to a poll released on Tuesday, as United Nations members prepare to begin talks on a global treaty to rein in soaring plastic pollution.

The percentage of people calling for bans is up from 71% since 2019, while those who said they favoured products with less plastic packaging rose to 82% from 75%, according to the IPSOS poll of more than 20,000 people across 28 countries.

Activists say the results send a clear message to governments meeting in Nairobi this month to press ahead with an ambitious treaty to tackle plastic waste, a deal being touted as the most important environmental pact since the Paris Agreement on climate change in 2015.

“People worldwide have made their views clear,” said Marco Lambertini, WWF International’s director general. “The onus and opportunity is now on governments to adopt a global plastics treaty ... so we can eliminate plastic pollution.”

Nearly 90% of those surveyed said they supported a treaty, but it remains to be seen whether any such deal will focus on waste collection and recycling or take more radical measures such as curbing production and use of throwaway plastics.

Reuters revealed last week that big oil and chemical industry groups were devising strategies to persuade conference participants to reject any deal that would limit production of plastic, which is made from oil and gas and a key source of their revenues.

If the United Nations cannot agree on a deal to put the brakes on plastic pollution, there will be widespread ecological damage over the coming decades, putting some marine species at risk of extinction and destroying sensitive ecosystems such as coral reefs and mangroves, according to a WWF study released this month.

It is likely to take at least two years to finalise any treaty. But whatever is agreed at the Nairobi conference from Feb. 28 to March 2 will determine key elements of any deal.

The biggest support for single-use plastic bans in the poll came from the likes of Colombia, Mexico and India, developing countries at the sharp end of a waste crisis.

The IPSOS poll also showed that 85% of respondents globally want manufacturers and retailers to be held responsible for reducing, reusing and recycling plastic packaging, up from 80% previously.

(Reporting by John Geddie in London; Editing by Mark Potter)



The psychological impact of climate change and disaster risk



By [Glenn S. Banaguas](#)

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CLIMATE change and disaster risks are deemed to be perilous. The enormity of impacts that they have brought have changed the mental health and well-being of the affected individuals. They are at risk of psychological distress in the case of traumatic events. Signs of anxiety, panic attacks, depression and suicide are some of these patterns.

These psychological impacts show an increasing recognition of mental health stressing with acute and post-traumatic stress disorder (Galea, Nandi and Vlahov, 2005); somatic disorders (van den Berg, Grievink, Yzermans and Lebet, 2005); major depression (Marshall et al., 2007). Psychological impacts are likely to be mediated and moderated by flexibility or susceptibility to catastrophes and environmental changes (Brklacich, Chazan and Dawe, 2007), and social and cognitive factors (Leiserowitz, 2007; Weber, 2006). According to Burley (2010), farmers and fishers living in rural areas who rely heavily on natural resources for their economic well-being are likely to be strongly affected, directly or indirectly, especially populations living in places such as coastal areas and circumpolar regions (Doherty and Clayton, 2011; Swim et al. 2010, 2011).

Trauma, fear, apprehension

The affected individuals mostly experienced apprehension and anxiety concerning the preservation of their well-being, especially of the children. Association of the self with the safety of their livelihood were observed, claiming, "Mahirap din naman pong pabayaan mo lang... malaking kawalan din po sa amin 'yan." Disaster consequences such as financial loss and evacuation further aggravate disaster-related stress (Ehrenreich, 2001), though not considered a direct function of calamities. This association accounts for the devastating effects of different climate hazards — the severity of the disaster was not expected and has never been experienced before. Human attachment to a location can be disrupted and undermined by the loss of places, people and livelihoods that are important to well-being in psychological, as well as physical terms. Different fields of work correlate geographical research with culturally specific emotional ties with the land, demonstrating the importance of place for a sense of identity and well-being (Ford et al., 2010; Panelli and Tippa, 2007). The effects resulted in locals' resilience and stability for upcoming occurrences of disasters due to relative adaptation, where apparent emotional effects of disasters are rather short-term compared to those that are economic and societal in nature (Ehrenreich, 2001). People have claims on having post-disaster "trauma" though further examination argues that their circumstances do not meet the prescribed six symptoms of DSM 5 (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 2013) for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as their reported shock and anxiety categorizes more as a state rather than a trait, ergo do not warrant any psychopathological diagnosis. These stressful events, however, may lead to adjustment disorder if it continues to persist from three to six months and is encompassed by acute stress disorder.



The psychological impact of climate change and disaster risk



Rising egalitarian female gender roles

The fathers provide for the material needs of the family and do not evacuate to look after their belongings. The men would assume leadership as the family members vacate their areas while the females depend on males for financial needs and are expected to boost the morale of the other members. Traditionally, husbands are not expected to attend to the emotional needs of their wives and children, and are mostly expected to provide for the basic needs of their families (Knox and Schacht, 2015). According to Eagly (2007), the traditional gender role for women is that they should act as caregivers for their children. Men, on the one hand, must serve as the breadwinner of the family. These set of behaviors are common and expected from each member according to societal and cultural dissimilarities. Though women are not expected to work and provide for the family (Knox and Schacht, 2015), egalitarian actions of women were found among the families where volunteerism is implemented as they actively participate with their respective barangay programs.

Though accordance of the parents in the survival of the children and unity among family members were more pronounced from the data gathered, due to the expectation from women to tend to the physical and emotional needs of their husbands and children, a wife's distress due to economic challenges and dejection by material loss would cause tension between the parents, and would eventually reverberate to the offspring. Females are more predisposed to psychological effects of disasters due to trait neuroticism (APA, 2013) making them more susceptible to negative emotions such as anxiety, fear and distress.



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Relative adaptation

Climate-related events are anticipated to severely impact those with reduced mobility such as children and elderly (Doherty and Clayton, 2011; Swim et al., 2010, 2011) where recent interdisciplinary discussions recognize related adaptation processes as aspects of a psychological response to climate change threats (Brewer, 2008; Norgaard, 2009; Reser and Swim, 2011). Other than backgrounds of fear and gratitude for no loss of family members, children were recorded to undergo relative adaptation, the ability of an individual to adjust after undergoing comparatively cases of scenarios (Ehrenreich, 2001), quoting, "parang nasanay na ba sila pagdating ng masamang panahon."

Frustration with lack of aid

Environmental stressors associated with global climate change are likely to have immediate effects on the occurrence and severity of mental health issues in affected communities and constant disturbances to the social, economic and environmental causes that promote mental health in general (Costello et al., 2009; Few, 2007; Fritze et al., 2008; Page and Howard, 2010). With natural calamities, emergency situations and disasters causing problems at the individual, family, community and societal levels, pre-existing problems of social injustice and inequalities would be further amplified at all levels depending on the actions of the government afterwards as levels of trust towards the government are inversely correlated to the proximity of the disaster and personal affliction. This suggests that the nearer the person is to the disaster and the more affected the person is, the lower the trust would be towards government officials (Hommerich, 2012). Residents show dismay at the lack of service and indignation over unfair treatment in dispersion of goods leading to loss of trust in the government, although socio-economic disparities may allow differentially experiencing these climatic events, with low-income people excessively experiencing the most negative impacts (Swim et al., 2010). Social justice implications from the people would demand consideration due to their less economic privilege and social status (Agyeman, Bullard and Evans, 2003; McMichael, Friel, Nyong and Corvalan, 2008). A report by the Oxford Research Group (Abbott, 2008) stresses the psycho-social impact of climate change on civil conflicts, noting that when governments fail to effectively defend against natural disasters or respond to their effects, people may lose confidence and trust in civil establishments, resulting in criticism.

Oneness in the community

Occupants of the different locations show cooperation and sharing of resources en masse strengthening domestic bonds. Social support theory according to Cobb (1976) suggests that social interactions that provide individuals with actual assistance or relationships are perceived to be caring and readily available in time of need, especially during disasters. Supportive social relationships are beneficial for physical and emotional health where sorting severe loss of income through disaster may only be a partial explanation in the decrease of one's psychological well-being (Becchetti and Castriota, 2010).

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/02/24/opinion/columns/the-psychological-impact-of-climate-change-and-disaster-risk/1834083>



Geocycle boosts sustainable programs



By [Eireene Jairez Gomez](#)

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BUILDING solutions provider Holcim Philippines's waste management unit, Geocycle, is aiming to strengthen contribution to sustainable waste management in the Philippines, its officials said.

Holcim recently held a webinar on the extended producer (EPR) bill for Zero Waste Month. The panel featured Sen. Cynthia Villar, the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate and one of the primary sponsors of an EPR bill.

Also in the panel discussion were Geocycle New Revenue Streams Manager Alan Cuyno, Geocycle Commercial Manager Riyann Moster, Mondelez Philippines Country Manager for Corporate and Government Affairs Atty. Joseph Roco Fabul, Michikazu Kojima from the Economic Research Institute for Asean and East Asia, and Holcim Philippines Sustainability Manager Stephanie Anne Frogoso.

During the event, Holcim Philippines President and Chief Executive Officer Horia Adrian reported that the Geocycle converted almost 200,000 tons of biomass and industrial and municipal wastes into alternative fuels and raw materials for cement production through co-processing in 2021.

The addition of 11 local government partners in 2021 from three in 2020 was the driver in the improvement in co-processing of qualified municipal solid wastes, he said.

Geocycle also ramped up efforts to raise public awareness about waste management and co-processing through webinars, broadcast interviews, and social media campaigns. The webinar discussed how the extended producer responsibility is aligned with the company's sustainability journey as it steps up waste reduction initiatives related to its manufacturing and post-consumer waste.

The company partnered with Calapan City, Department of Education, and Oriental Mindoro's Federation of Parents-Teachers Association, to increase awareness and active involvement of students, educational groups, and families in eco-friendly practices and sustainable waste management as part of its Zero Waste Month activities. The project called "Makiisa, Makisama at Makibaka: Basura ay Ating Solusyunan Upang Kalikasan ay Mas Mapag-ingatan," was launched through webinars on Jan. 26 and 27, 2022. The event drew over 1,300 participants from Calapan.

"Aside from our innovative building solutions, we are proud to help build progress in the country by helping partners in managing their wastes sustainably through our Geocycle and co-processing operations. We made huge strides in this area in 2021 and we are determined to build on these further this year to help in making a Zero Waste Philippines a reality," Adrian said.

In September 2021, the company completed storage and processing facilities at its Bulacan plant to increase usage of alternative fuels and raw materials in cement production through its waste management arm Geocycle.



Geocycle boosts sustainable programs

Using alternative fuels and raw materials in producing cement is a key focus of Holcim Philippines to lower the carbon footprint and consumption of non-renewable resources in its operations. This is aligned with the goals of the global building materials leader Holcim Group to further make operations sustainable.



MWSS planted 5M seedlings in 4 yrs

More than 5 million seedlings have been planted from 2017 to 2021 through the Annual Million Trees Challenge (AMTC) project of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS).

MWSS Administrator Leonor Cleofas and Million Trees Foundation Inc. president Melandrew Velasco said the project helps a long way to develop a watershed restoration roadmap held at MWSS La Mesa Guesthouse inside the La Mesa Dam Compound in Novaliches, Quezon City.

According to the report from 2017 to 2021, a total of 5,212,344 seedlings have been planted in beneficiary watersheds.

Greening watersheds

Of this number, 2,512,754 were planted in Ipo-Angat; 853,580 in La Mesa; 404,043 in Laguna de Bay; 257,099 in Kaliwa Umiray; 1,040,964 in Upper Marikina; and 143,904 in Manila Bay.

Thus far, the AMTC has met its targets. The tree-planting activities have resulted in the reforestation of 12,486.09 hectares in the watersheds as of end 2021: Ipo-Angat, 5,653.21 hectares; La Mesa, 1,913.59 hectares; Laguna de Bay, 802.73 hectares; Kaliwa-Umiray, 642.44 hectares; Upper Marikina, 3,150.99 hectares; and Manila Bay, with 323.13 hectares.



MWSS, MTFI to develop water restoration roadmap

By [Catherine Talavera](#) (The Philippine Star)

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MANILA, Philippines — The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) and the Million Trees Foundation, Inc. (MTFI) are eyeing to develop a water restoration roadmap, following the success of a five year watershed rehabilitation project.

In a statement yesterday, the MTFI said it recently attended a strategic planning activity to develop a watershed restoration roadmap, along with the MWSS and watershed stakeholders.

“Tackled at the strategic planning activity were the gaps, challenges and opportunities to improve watershed restoration,” the MTFI said.

MTFI said the event was also a venue to formulate goals, strategies and arrangements to enhance the restoration of the seven critical watersheds particularly the Umiray, Angat, Ipo, La Mesa, Laguna de Bay, Kaliwa and Upper Marikina, which support Metro Manila’s water supply.

“These watersheds are threatened by destructive anthropogenic human activities and climate change, which leads to massive losses in forest cover, degradation and deteriorating water quality,” the MTFI said.

The planned roadmap, to be implemented from 2022-2030, will contain goals and outcomes, implementation strategies, institutional arrangements and action plans to achieve improved biodiversity, ecological health and ecosystem services.

During the event, the MWSS and the MTFI reported that more than five million seedlings have been planted from 2017-2021 through the Annual Million Trees Challenge (AMTC).

AMTC is a five-year watershed rehabilitation program spearheaded by the MWSS in partnership with various organizations that include national government agencies, local government units, civil society groups, and the private sector, which aimed to plant one million seedlings per year in seven critical watersheds in the country.

According to the report from 2017-2021, a total of 5.2 million seedlings have been planted in beneficiary watersheds. Of this number, 2.5 million were planted in Ipo-Angat; 853,580 in La Mesa; 404,043 in Laguna de Bay; 257,099 in Kaliwa Umiray; 1.04 million in Upper Marikina; and 143,904 in Manila Bay.

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“Reforestation activities were undertaken through collaborative efforts of various organizations from national government agencies, local government units, civil society groups and the private sector,” the MTFI said.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/business/2022/02/24/2162893/mwss-mtft-develop-water-restoration-roadmap/amp/>



3 PHL cities partner with WWF for zero carbon emissions project

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CITY of San Fernando, La Union. — JAN RUZEL

THE CITIES of Baguio, Makati, and San Fernando in La Union joined an international partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines for action plans that target net zero carbon emissions.

“No matter how good our data, climate transition today is less of an information and technology issue, and more about implementation and cooperation,” the WWF said in a statement.

“Sharing knowledge, in real time, across countries, contexts and continents, about what works and what doesn’t, aligning experts within cities and across departments behind an overarching political plan and motivating everyone to take ownership, will lead to success,” it added.

The partnership will be under the One Planet Cities project, led by WWF-Philippines and climate technology software company Futureproofed.

Under the project, the local governments of each city will “develop more impactful climate action plans while collaborating with their own city departments, residents, and other cities across countries.”

This initiative will strengthen both external and internal collaborations and move forward to an effective climate action plan for the cities, WWF said.



3 PHL cities partner with WWF for zero carbon emissions project

The project is in line with the Paris Agreement, the international treaty on climate change, and will provide measures and policies on effective and cost-efficient actions to reduce emissions.

In February, city government officials from Baguio, Makati, and San Fernando City began working on climate change action plans with other cities from Indonesia, Sweden, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. — **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson**



Mas mahigpit na implementasyon ng environment, entrepreneurship laws iginiit ni Loren



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Manila, Philippines-Inihayag ni senatorial candidate at Antique Rep. Loren Legarda na makatutulong ang mahigpit na pagpapatupad ng mga batas na may kinalaman sa kapaligiran at pagnenegosyo na kinabibilangan ng small and medium enterprises para makarekober ang bansa sa pandemic.

Sa panayam ng Politikscope, tinanong si Legarda tungkol sa tatlong dapat unahin ng isang kandidato at sinabi niyang environment, economy at health sabay banggit sa mga batas at panukalang inakda niya na tutugon sa mga ito.

“Sa pandemic recovery kailangan po, una, alagaan ang kalikasan at kapaligiran. In my three terms I was able to author, co-author, and sponsor 10 environmental laws. Mula sa karagatan, sa tubig, sa ating air quality, sa ating solid waste, ang mahalaga dito ‘yung istriktong implementasyon at ‘yung oversight function ng Congress, at ‘yung pagpopondo ng mga batas na ito. Ito po’y papaigtingin ko,” ani Legarda.

“Pangalawa po, sa ekonomiya. Gaya po ng binanggit ko, sa micro enterprises and small business, na siyang 99% ng ekonomiya. The backbone of the Philippine economy is small business, kaya nga po ‘yung DTI Shared Service facilities, ‘yung DOLE Pangkabuhayan, ‘yung sustainable livelihood program para sa 4P families – ito po’y maliliit na programa ng gobyerno na dapat ipagsama-sama sa isang Pangkabuhayan Law, para po taon-taon ito’y mapondohan for our pandemic recovery. And that’s what I’m doing and will continue to do,” dagdag pa niya.



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Binanggit din niya ang kahalagahan ng “One Tablet, One Student Act” na makatutulong sa maraming estudyante sa kanilang online classes sa sandaling maging ganap na batas at ang institutionalization ng social services for employment, tulad ng DOLE Tupad Cash for Work.

Binigyan diin pa ng mambabatas ang kahalagahan ng entrepreneurship sa economic recovery ng bansa.

Aniya, mahalagang bumaba sa grassroots kaya muli niyang inilunsad ang LOREN sa Bawat Barangay na sinimulan niya noong 1998.

“LOREN sa Bawat Barangay is not my name only. That is Livelihood, Opportunity to Raise Employment and Entrepreneurship Nationwide. Ito po’y nilulunsad nating muli para ipakita po ang kahalagahan ng local, not politics, but local sustainable governance.” RNT



PAGASA encourages Metro Manila folks to conserve water due to dwindling Angat water level

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by [Ellalyn De Vera-Ruiz](#)



Angat Dam (JANSEN ROMERO / MANILA BULLETIN / FILE PHOTO)

Residents in Metro Manila were advised to start conserving water, as the level of Angat Dam, which supplies 98 percent of the region's domestic water requirements, may drop to its minimum operating level of 180 meters by April.

“May posibilidad na ma-reach natin yung 180-meter low-water level as early as April. Kasi po ang expected natin sa March 31, 2022 eh magiging 183.29 meters po ang ating water level sa Angat provided na ang forecast basin rainfall natin ay nasa 81.8 millimeters at ang dam allocation natin ay 63 cms [cubic meters per second]. (There is a possibility that we will reach the 180-meter low water level as early as April. Because what we are expecting on March 31, 2022, is that our water level in Angat will be 183.29 meters provided that our forecast basin rainfall is 81.8 millimeters and our dam allocation is 63 cms cubic meters per second),” said weather specialist Sonia Serrano of the Hydro-Meteorology Division of the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2022/02/23/pagasa-encourages-metro-manila-folks-to-conserve-water-due-to-dwindling-angat-water-level/>



Lebel ng tubig sa Angat Dam, patuloy sa pagbaba



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MANILA, Philippines – Patuloy ang pagbaba ng antas ng tubig sa Angat Dam sa kabila ng mga nararanasang pag-ulan sa mga nakalipas na araw.

Kahapon, Pebrero 22, bumaba pa sa 195.36 meters ang lebel ng tubig sa dam na malayong-malayo sa normal na lebel nito na 212 meters.

Ayon sa PAGASA, bagama't may naitalang mga pag-ulan sa watershed ng Angat Dam sa nakalipas na limang araw ay hindi ito sapat para mapataas ang antas ng tubig sa dam.

“Ang talaga pong makakapagbigay ng significant na pag-ulan within the watershed ay ang bagyo,” ani Rosalie Pagulayan, weather specialist ng PAGASA.

Sa darating na mga buwan ng Abril at Mayo, isang bagyo lamang ang inaasahang papasok sa bansa.

Dahil dito, pinangangambahan ng National Water Resources Board (NWRB) na bumagsak pa ang lebel ng tubig sa Angat sa minimum operating level nito na 180 meters pagsapit ng Abril.

Samantala, ayon sa Maynilad, karaniwang tumataas hanggang 20 million liters ang demand sa tubig sa kanilang mga kustomer tuwing summer season o tag-init.

Kaugnay nito, plano ng water concessionaire na magtayo ng apat na modular treatment plants na makakapag-generate ng karagdagang 33.6 million liters ng tubig kada araw.

Aprubado na rin ng NWRB ang hiling ng Maynilad na gumawa ng karagdagang 11 deep well. **RNT**

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/lebel-ng-tubig-sa-ang-at-dam-patuloy-sa-pagbaba/>



Tubig sa Angat Dam tuloy sa pagbaba

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Sa kabila ng pag-uulan sa mga nakalipas na araw ay tuloy pa rin ang pagbaba ng lebel ng tubig sa Angat Dam.

Nitong Martes ay bumaba pa sa 195.36 meters ang antas ng tubig sa dam na malayo kung ikukumpara sa 212 meters na lebel nito.

Sinabi ng PAGASA na bagama't may naitalang mga pag-uulan sa watershed ng Angat Dam ay hindi anila ito sapat para mapataas ang antas ng tubig sa dam.

Bukod dito ay isang bagyo lang ang posibleng pumasok sa buwan ng Abril at Mayo kaya namimiligro pang bumaba ang lebel ng tubig sa Angat sa minimum operating level nito na 180 meters pagsapit ng Abril.

Nabatid din sa Maynilad na karaniwang tumataas hanggang 20 million liters ang demand ng kanilang mga kustomer sa tubig tuwing sumasapit ang tag-init.



PAGASA issues flood warning in Eastern Visayas

By Sarwell Meniano February 23, 2022, 11:56 am



FLOODING. A flooded community in San Miguel, Leyte in this Feb. 10, 2022 photo. The shear line affecting the eastern section of Southern Luzon and the Visayas may trigger flooding in major rivers in the Eastern Visayas region, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) warned on Wednesday (Feb. 23, 2022). *(Photo courtesy of San Miguel local government)*

TACLOBAN CITY – The shear line affecting the eastern section of Southern Luzon and the Visayas may trigger flooding in major rivers in the Eastern Visayas region, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has warned.

In an advisory issued early Wednesday, PAGASA identified several rivers in six provinces that would likely be affected by the downpour -- Sangputan, Palo, Solano, Daguitan, Marabong, Cadacan, Bongquirogon, Salug, Pagbanagaran, Pagsangahan, and Binahaan in Leyte; and Catarman, Bugko, Pambujan, Catubig, Palapag, Mano, and Gamay in Northern Samar.

Other rivers include Oras, Dolores, Ulot, Taft, Borongan, Suribao, Llorente, Balangiga, and Sulat in Eastern Samar; Basey, Silaga, Calbiga, and Jibatan in Samar; Bisay, Himbangan, and Pandan in Southern Leyte; and all river systems in Biliran.

People living in low-lying areas near these river systems have been advised to stay alert for possible flash floods.

Those residing near mountain slopes have been told to watch out for signs of landslides.

Several areas in the region have been experiencing rain showers since Tuesday noon due to this weather disturbance.

Shear line is the convergence of northeasterly and easterly winds that forms rain clouds. **(PNA)**

BFAR medium-term plan targets major output increases for shellfish, crabs

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THE Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources' (BFAR) next five-year plan has set aggressive targets for shellfish and crab output, with more modest goals for other segments of the fishing industry, the Agriculture department said.

Shellfish were set a target for output gains of 250% by the end of the five-year period, while mangrove crab production had a goal of 500% growth. Both commodities had exceeded their targets between 2016 and 2020.

Commercial fishing production was set a growth target of 4%, while that of municipal fisheries had a goal of 5% growth. The growth target for production of *bangus* or milkfish was 6%.

The post-harvest segment of the fisheries industry was set a goal of reducing losses by a 10%, and an 80% compliance rate on hygiene and sanitation standards for all fish processing establishments.

The emphasis of the plan is "large-scale production, commercialization and consolidation," Agriculture Secretary William D. Dar said in a statement.

"This endeavor shall serve as an impetus in improving the productivity of the fisheries sector, while empowering stakeholders, especially fisherfolk, towards food security, inclusive growth, and global competitiveness," he added.

The trade and marketing segment of the industry was tasked with upgrading market linkages, developing capacity, and improving access to credit.



BFAR medium-term plan targets major output increases for shellfish, crabs

The four major fisheries segments are aquaculture, marketing, post-harvest and the capture fishery.

“The bureau has consolidated (industry inputs) to serve as a guide to both policy makers and program implementers towards the sustainable management and development of the country’s fisheries and aquatic resources for the next five years,” the BFAR added. — **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson**

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MWSS planted 5M seedlings in 4 yrs

More than 5 million seedlings have been planted from 2017 to 2021 through the Annual Million Trees Challenge (AMTC) project of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS).

MWSS Administrator Leonor Cleofas and Million Trees Foundation Inc. president Melandrew Velasco said the project helps a long way to develop a watershed restoration roadmap held at MWSS La Mesa Guesthouse inside the La Mesa Dam Compound in Novaliches, Quezon City.

According to the report from 2017 to 2021, a total of 5,212,344 seedlings have been planted in beneficiary watersheds.

Greening watersheds

Of this number, 2,512,754 were planted in Ipo-Angat; 853,580 in La Mesa; 404,043 in Laguna de Bay; 257,099 in Kaliwa Umiray; 1,040,964 in Upper Marikina; and 143,904 in Manila Bay.

Thus far, the AMTC has met its targets. The tree-planting activities have resulted in the reforestation of 12,486.09 hectares in the watersheds as of end 2021: Ipo-Angat, 5,653.21 hectares; La Mesa, 1,913.59 hectares; Laguna de Bay, 802.73 hectares; Kaliwa-Umiray, 642.44 hectares; Upper Marikina, 3,150.99 hectares; and Manila Bay, with 323.13 hectares.



MWSS, MTFI to develop

water restoration roadmap

The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) and the Million Trees Foundation, Inc. (MTFI) are eyeing to develop a water restoration roadmap, following the success of a five year watershed rehabilitation project.

In a statement yesterday, the MTFI said it recently attended a strategic planning activity to develop a watershed restoration roadmap, along with the MWSS and watershed stakeholders.

"Tackled at the strategic planning activity were the gaps, challenges and opportunities to improve wa-

tershed restoration," the MTFI said.

MTFI said the event was also a venue to formulate goals, strategies and arrangements to enhance the restoration of the seven critical watersheds particularly the Umiray, Angat, Ipo, La Mesa, Laguna de Bay, Kaliwa and Upper Marikina, which support Metro Manila's water supply.

"These watersheds are threatened by destructive anthropogenic human activities and climate change, which leads to massive losses in forest cover, degradation and deteriorating water quality," the MTFI said.

The planned roadmap, to be

implemented from 2022-2030, will contain goals and outcomes, implementation strategies, institutional arrangements and action plans to achieve improved biodiversity, ecological health and ecosystem services.

During the event, the MWSS and the MTFI reported that more than five million seedlings have been planted from 2017-2021 through the Annual Million Trees Challenge (AMTC).

AMTC is a five-year watershed rehabilitation program spearheaded by the MWSS in partnership with

various organizations that include national government agencies, local government units, civil society groups, and the private sector, which aimed to plant one million seedlings per year in seven critical watersheds in the country.

According to the report from 2017-2021, a total of 5.2 million seedlings have been planted in beneficiary watersheds. Of this number, 2.5 million were planted in Ipo-Angat; 853,580 in La Mesa; 404,043 in Laguna de Bay; 257,099 in Kaliwa Umiray; 1.04 million in Upper Marikina; and 143,904 in Manila Bay.

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"Reforestation activities were undertaken through collaborative efforts of various organizations from national government agencies, local government units, civil society groups and the private sector," the MTFI said.

- Catherine Talavera



Regional Updates

3 PHL cities partner with WWF for zero carbon emissions project

THE CITIES of Baguio, Makati, and San Fernando in La Union joined an international partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines for action plans that target net zero carbon emissions.

"No matter how good our data, climate transition today is less of an information and technology issue, and more about implementation and cooperation," the WWF said in a statement.

"Sharing knowledge, in real time, across countries, contexts and continents, about what works and what doesn't, aligning experts within cities and across departments behind an overarching political plan and motivating everyone to take ownership, will lead to success," it added.

The partnership will be under the One Planet Cities project, led by WWF-Philippines and climate technology software company Futureproofed.

Under the project, the local governments of each city will "develop more impactful climate action plans while collaborating with their own city departments, residents, and other cities across countries."

This initiative will strengthen both external and internal collaborations and move forward to an effective climate action plan for the cities, WWF said.

The project is in line with the Paris Agreement, the international treaty on climate change, and will provide measures and policies on effective and cost-efficient actions to reduce emissions.

In February, city government officials from Baguio, Makati, and San Fernando City began working on climate change action plans with other cities from Indonesia, Sweden, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. — **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson**



CITY of San Fernando, La Union.

JAN RUZEL



Angat may drop to minimum level; Metro folk urged to conserve water

By ELLALYN DE VERA-RUIZ

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magiging 183.29 meters po ang ating water level sa Angat provided na ang forecast basin rainfall natin ay nasa 81.8 millimeters at ang dam allocation natin ay 63 cms [cubic meters per second]. (There is a possibility we will reach the 180-meter low water level as early as April. By March 31, 2022, we expect Angat water level at 183.29 meters provided that our forecast basin rainfall is 81.8 millimeters and our dam allocation is 63 cms cubic meters per second)," said

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weather specialist Sonia Serrano of the Hydro-Meteorology Division of the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

"Kapag na-reach natin yung 180 meters, ang gagawin ng Angat Dam, magi-stop sila ng allocation sa power generation pero ang irrigation ay tuluy-tuloy pa rin. (When we reach 180 meters, what Angat Dam will do is stop allocating power generation but irrigation will continue)," Serrano said during PAGASA's climate outlook forum on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Under the National Water Resources Board's (NWRB) protocol in the release of water from Angat Dam, water releases for irrigation needs in Bulacan and Pampanga will be temporarily halted or reduced once the dam's level falls below its 180-meter minimum operating level.

This means that Metro Manila's domestic water needs will be prioritized over irrigation and power generation.

Serrano said Angat Dam's water level of 195.78 meters, as of Feb. 22, is the lowest during this period for

the past 11 years.

PAGASA's Climate Monitoring and Prediction Section chief Ana Liza Solis said regular technical working group (TWG) meetings are being conducted to sustainably manage the water in Angat Dam.

The TWG is composed of the NWRB, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, National Irrigation Administration, National Power Corporation, and PAGASA.

Solis and Serrano appealed to the public to "conserve water as much as possible" amid the absence of significant rainfall over the Angat watershed in Bulacan and the impending dry season in the country.



Retrofitting for net-zero carbon spaces

AS businesses aim to achieve their carbon reduction targets, they must ensure their real estate portfolio—which in the Philippines may include buildings over 50 years of age—can achieve a certain level of sustainability.

The demand for sustainability is quickly shaping up today's-built environment.

JLL Philippines said simply focusing the carbon-reduction plan on new properties will be insufficient, as many corporate real estate portfolios include existing buildings, some built pre-2000s.

Hence, retrofitting existing properties will be crucial in meeting market demand for net-zero carbon spaces.

Retrofitting or rehabilitation is an approach to increase the life span of an existing structure rather than redeveloping it.

"There is a mismatch between

what occupiers want and what existing buildings offer. Over 50 percent of buildings in major cities are over 20 years old and most have not been upgraded to meet post-COVID (new coronavirus disease 2019) requirements," said Calum Swinnerton, JLL Philippines head of Project and Development Services.

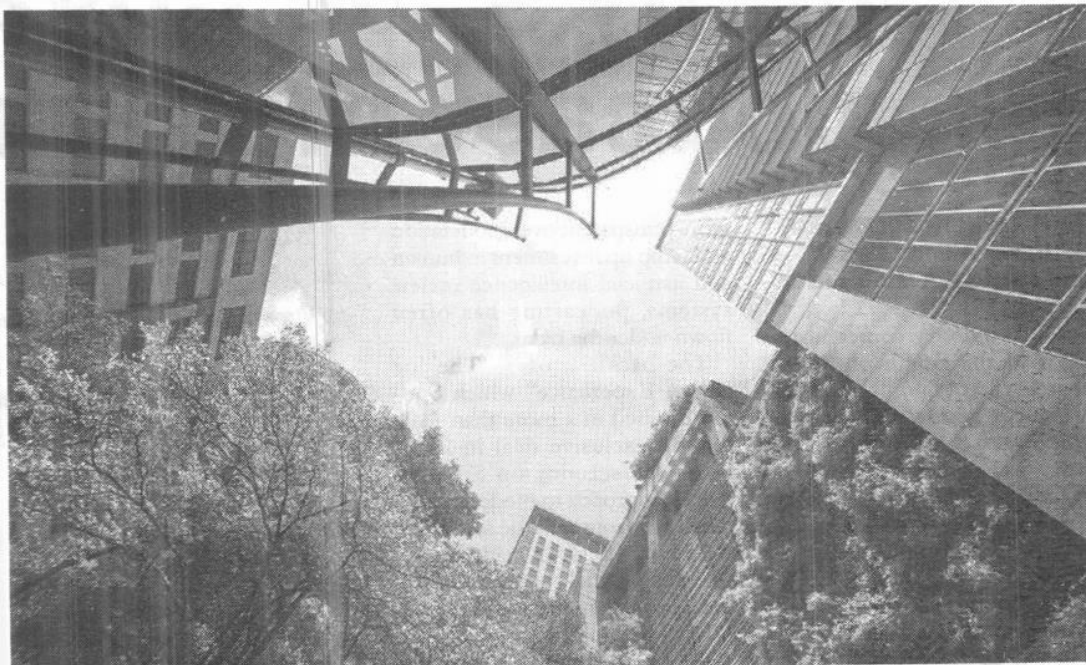
In the Philippines, a sizeable percentage of the active property market constitutes the built environment.

"The older business districts such as CBD (central business district) Makati have a number of buildings between 40 to 50 years in age. These buildings tend to be between 6 and 12 storeys in height, have underperforming elevators, poor natural light, inherent problems such as leaking decks and aged facades, and not fully compliant with latest National Building Codes," Swin-

nerton said.

Swinnerton identified the key drivers for asset enhancement, which may serve as guidelines for clients who wish to improve the sustainability of their portfolio. These include green building and WELL certification, rental corrections, occupier demand for experience, aged assets and obsolescence, new supply and need to retain tenants, rebound of investment volumes, and a move up the risk curve.

"The option for building owners with aging assets is to demolish and redevelop, which could take an excess of five years and may not be the best move to achieve net-zero portfolio. Alternatively, we advocate that they rehabilitate or enhance their assets and address speed to market and at a lower—up to 70 percent cheaper—capex cost," Swinnerton added.



Pledges into action. Growing climate commitments are making occupiers and tenants more carbon conscious.



Media urged to help expand climate literacy

FINANCE Sec. Carlos Dominguez III has called on the media to help accelerate climate action in the country by spearheading the education and advocacy campaigns necessary to motivate Filipinos to be at the frontlines of the global fight against climate change.

With the media playing an indispensable role in keeping people informed about relevant concerns and contextual issues that frame the daily grind of news, climate change should be among their top priorities given the urgency in addressing this worsening environmental crisis, Dominguez told members of the Tuesday Club during their media forum.

"I know that environmental news can sometimes be boring. It can be too scientific, complicated, and full of gloom and doom. But you have an important mission to bring new perspectives to the climate change discourse and inspire communities to take action in mitigating this crisis. I am confident that you all have creative ways to center climate change and environmental issues as top priorities in business and politics," he said.

Joining the media forum were several members of the National Panel of

Technical Experts of the Climate Change Commission. This new composition of the NPTE represents all corners of the country and has been selected to help engage and educate communities in adopting localized climate adaptation and mitigation programs.

Dominguez said members of the Tuesday Club, which include editors, columnists, and public relations practitioners, can start by writing newsworthy and incisive articles that would encourage Filipinos to "spring into action" to help reverse the ill effects of the climate crisis.

"The greatest defense to this fight against climate change is climate literacy. I urge you to accelerate climate action through advocacy and education," he added.

Stressing the urgency of mitigating the effects of climate change in the country, the DoF chief note that the country ranks ninth out of 181 nations in the world as the most affected country from extreme weather events in the 2020 World Risk Index, on top of being visited by an average of 20 tropical cyclones yearly as it sits squarely at the Typhoon Belt.

The Philippine archipelago is also sinking at a rate four times faster than

the global rate, which is alarming, especially because most of the population is situated in coastal communities and low-lying areas, he said.

He cited as an example the town of Masantol, Pampanga, which has been experiencing an uninterrupted cycle of flooding.

Dominguez also said that over the last decade, the country incurred losses and damages estimated at P506 billion from climate-related hazards, which is a "staggering amount" equivalent to an annual average of about P50 billion.

In 2021, damage to infrastructure and agriculture from Typhoon Odette alone ballooned to about P25 billion.

"Clearly, climate change is a real threat and a daily reality for the Philippines. For us, turning back the effects of climate change is a matter of survival," he said.

As the President's official representative to the Climate Change Commission, Dominguez said he is "very determined" to shift the country's focus from "merely theorizing and talking about climate change, to implementing practical and doable projects on the ground to mitigate its destructive effects".



'Masungit' ang panahon sa Rizal

HINDI maganda ang panahon sa Kamaynilaan nitong mga nakaraang araw gayundin sa mga karatig lugar nito tulad ng lalawigan ng Rizal

Nagkaroon 'umano ng karahasan o ng pagsasakitan ang mga tauhan ng mga 'umano'y mga "illegal resorts" na nasa loob ng Masungi Georeserve at sa pagitan ng mga nanganalaga ng Kalikasan sa Masungi, isang protected area ng Baras Rizal.

Sa pahayag namañ ng Masungi Georeserve Foundation, kinokendena nila ang marahas ng pagsalakay sa kanilang mga forest rangers at sa iba pang residente ng komunidad sa Masungi.

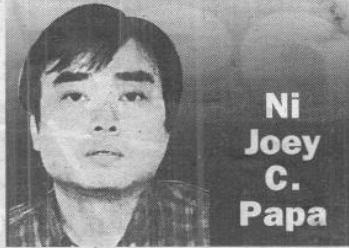
Ang mga Forest Rangers, mga conservationist, at mga environmentalist ay naglalayon lamang protektahan ang Masungi Forest Area mula sa nagtayo at magtatayo pa ng mga illegal structures sa loob ng Masungi.

Noong nakaraang taon ay nagutos ang dating DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu na tanggalin lahat ang mga iligal na istruktura sa Upper Marikina Watershed. Ano'ng nangyari?

Matagal nang hindi dapat pinatitirhan ang malaking bahagi ng Rizal tulad ng Antipolo, Baras at Tanay dahil ito'y mga Protected Mountain Area.

Hindi na kailangan pang imemorize na ang mga lugar na ito ay mga watershed "area and it is beyond the commerce of men" sabi nga ng isang dating opisyal ng DENR.. Hindi daw

BANGON KALIKASAN



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ito dapat ginagawang lugar ng mga negosyo.

Ngunit tingnan ang bayan ng Tanay ngayon. Marami nang dismayadong nanggaling doon dahil kung dati ay iilan pa lang ang tinututulang mga istruktura, "dumami na ngayon"! sabi ng isang ina na kailan lang ay bumisita sa bayan ng Tanay.

Matagal nang may tumatawag ng pansin ko hinggil sa pagpasok sa Masungi ng mga "maiimpluwensyang" tao at nagtatayo ng negosyo na hindi pinapayagan ng batas. Matagal ko nang nakita ang lugar na ito at ang masasabi ko lang ay tulad ng ibang lugar sa Rizal, napakaganda nito.

Kailangang protektahan ang Masungi sa lahat ng sandali. Kailangan ding kumilos ang pamahalaan upang maprotektahan at maayos ang Inang Kalikasan.

Sa isang press release ng DENR CALABARZON, may nakita 'umano

ang mga "residente" na may dalang bag ang isang forest ranger at hininala nilang may baril ito sa loob. Subalit hindi ito napatunayan ng pulis at wala rin daw silang "search warrant."

Bakit malakas ang loob na sumalakay kung gayon ng mga 'umano'y "residente" na lusubin ang mga forest rangers?

Hindi ba dapat pa ngang tulongan ng mga "residente" ang mga forest rangers sa pangangalaga sa Masungi?

Matagal nang maraming paglabag sa Inang Kalikasan sa ating bansa. Hindi na natatakot ang mga violator sa patakaran at batas ng pamahalaan lalo na sa mga batas pangkalikasan.

Matagal nang nilalapastangan, sinasalaula ang ating kabundukan, kagubatan at karagatan. Kailan papasok sa mga isip nila na malubha na ang epekto ng global warming at climate change sa ating bayan dahil sa mga pagsira sa ating Inang Kalikasan? Taon-taon na paghampas ng malalakas na bagyo, matataas na tubig-baha, matinding init at lamig na sumisira hindi lamang sa kalusugan ng mga Pilipino at mga pananim kundi sa buong ekonomya ng ating bansa.

Ang mga puno sa kagubatan at kabundukan ang kalasag natin sa malalakas na hagupit ng mga kalamidad na gawa ng tao. Ngunit naan saan na ang mga ito?



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RFM SCIENCE PARK OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.,
Applicant. Case No. 21-3236

NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system (for residential rates) within Light Industry and Science Park III, Pueblo De Oro Batangas, Barangays Santiago, San Rafael and Sta. Anastacia, Sto. Tomas City, province of Batangas, with the following proposed rates:

PROPOSED TARIFF
Residential and Institutional

| Pipe Size | 0-5 m3 (min) | 6-10 m3 | 11-20 m3 | 21-30 m3 | 31-40 m3 | Over 40 m3 |
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This application will be initially heard by the Board on **28 March 2022**. The hearing will start at **9:00 o'clock in the morning** at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing, applicant shall publish this notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Batangas and serve by personal delivery or registered mail a copy of the (i) application and its attachments, and (ii) this notice, to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above scheduled date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant.

Failure on the part of any person affected to file its opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of their right to be heard. The Board will proceed to hear and decide the application based on the evidence submitted.

Likewise, failure by the applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 10th day of January 2022.

By Authority of the Board:
Dr. SEVILLO D. DAVID, Jr., CESO III
Executive Director

Affected Parties:
The Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod, Sto. Tomas City, Batangas
The Barangay Chairman
Barangays Santiago, San Rafael & Sta. Anastacia,
Sto. Tomas City, Batangas
The Homeowners Assn. President
Barangay Light Industry & Science Park III, Pueblo De Oro Batangas
Barangays Santiago, San Rafael & Sta. Anastacia, Sto. Tomas City
Province of Batangas
The General Manager
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to participate in the Public Hearing for the proposed **PLDT Domestic Submarine Cable Area 1 (DSCA1) Project - Region VI Segment 10** on the following date, onsite registration is at 12:30 PM and the Public Hearing proper will promptly start at 1:00 PM.

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| Date / Time | 8 March 2022 (Tuesday) / 1:00 PM |
| Venue | Online Meeting via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81860013512?pwd=VDBUa25hcDNVbGwvaENreEIDMDJlUTD9 Meeting ID: 818 6001 3512 Passcode: 566874 |
| Brief Description | PLDT Inc. has a nationwide fiber optic backbone network comprised of nodes connected by terrestrial and submarine cable links used to deliver PLDT's voice, video, data, and other broadband and multimedia services nationwide. These also provide alternative segment route protection for added resiliency against single and multiple fiber breaks along the different segments. To date, PLDT's network has an approximate aggregated loop capacity of more than 7.0 Terabits per second and includes international connectivity. The PLDT Domestic Submarine Cable Area 1 (DSCA1) Project proposes to link the islands of Samar, Luzon, Burias, Lubang, Mindoro, Semirara, and Panay. |
| Proposed Location | Barangay Tinogboc, Semirara Island, Caluya, Antique to Barangay Poblacion, Malay, Aklan, R6 |
| Proponent | PLDT, Inc. |

The public hearing aims to achieve efficient exchange of information and views between and among the project proponent, the EMB-DENR, relevant agencies, LGUs and other stakeholders on environmental impacts of the proposed project currently applying for Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

Full copies of Environmental Performance Report and Management Plan (EPRMP) and EIS Summary for the Public can be accessed thru EMB R6 website at <http://r6.emb.gov.ph/>.

For health and safety of everyone in this time of COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage interested participants to join the meeting via video conferencing or online meeting.

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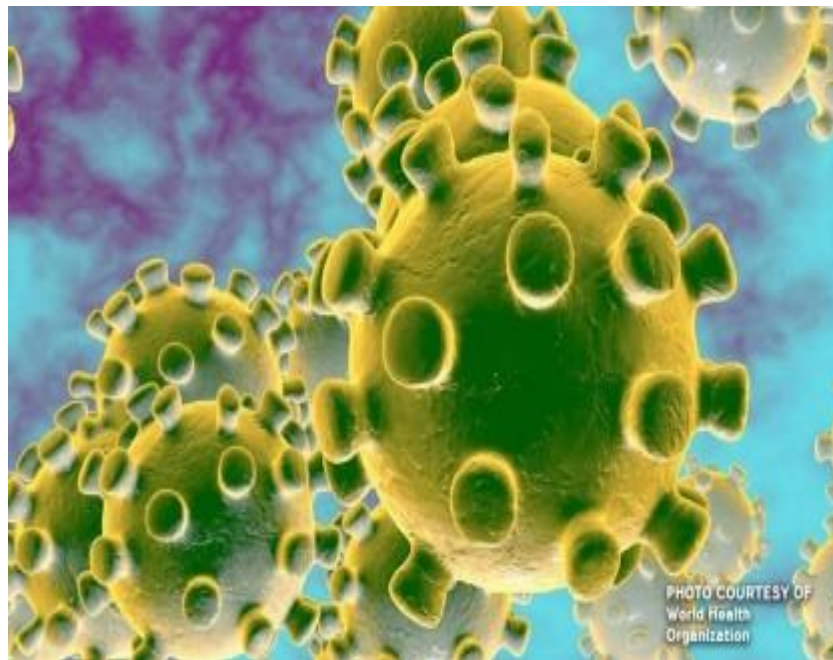
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PH records 1,534 new Covid-19 cases

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor February 23, 2022, 5:01 pm



MANILA – The Department of Health on Monday recorded 1,534 new cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), pushing the nation’s overall tally of confirmed infections to 3,655,709.

Wednesday’s record is 515 cases higher than Tuesday’s 1,019, the lowest single day tally of infections this year.

The latest Covid-19 bulletin indicated 55,449 active cases while total recoveries rose to 3,544,283 after 2,729 new recovered cases were recorded.

Out of the active cases, 50,258 are mild, 2,811 are moderate, 652 are asymptomatic, 1,426 are severe, and 302 are critical.

“Of the 1,534 reported cases today, 1,057 (69 percent) occurred within the recent 14 days – February 10 to 23, 2022,” the DOH reported.

The regions with the most cases in the recent two weeks were the National Capital Region (NCR) with 205 or 19 percent, Central Luzon with 114 or 11 percent, and Calabarzon with 113 or 11 percent.

The death toll has reached 55,977 with 201 new deaths, representing 1.53 percent of overall cases.

“Of the 201 deaths, 69 occurred in February 2022 (34 percent), 118 in January 2022 (59 percent), 2 in December 2021 (1 percent), 1 in November 2021 (0 percent), 4 in October 2021 (2 percent), and 7 in September 2021 (3 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.



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According to the February 21 data, about 6.1 percent of 24,527 who were tested turned out positive for coronavirus.

“Some 109 duplicates were removed from the total case count as 99 of these are recoveries,” the DOH said.

Meanwhile, 187 cases previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after validation.

All laboratories were operational on February 21 but two were not able to submit their data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System.

The DOH said the two laboratories contributed, on average, 0.7 percent of samples tested, and 0.7 percent among positive individuals based on data in the past 14 days.

To date, 29 percent of 3,800 intensive care unit (ICU) beds, 25 percent of 20,500 isolation beds, 18 percent of 13,900 ward beds, and 16 percent of 3,000 ventilators are used by patients with Covid-19 nationwide.

In the NCR, 25 percent of 1,300 ICU beds, 24 percent of 4,600 isolation beds, 25 percent of 3,600 ward beds, and 17 percent of 1,000 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are in use. *(PNA)*



Keep NCR at Alert Level 2 as #Halalan2022 campaign goes on, says expert

ABS-CBN News

Posted at Feb 24 2022 12:25 AM

NTF adviser fears India-type COVID surge during campaign season



MANILA—An expert on Wednesday recommended that Metro Manila stay at Alert Level 2, as campaign activities continued.

Ted Herbosa, special adviser of the National Task Force Against COVID-19, said the campaign period, which began officially on February 8, has multiplied mass gatherings.

Herbosa brought up the case of India last year when restrictions were dropped in the middle of a massive election campaign, leading to the spread of the fatal Delta variant and 6-figure fatalities.

"Nakita natin 'yung mga image sa TV, 'yung namamatay doon sa pinto ng emergency room at walang oxygen. 'Yan ang takot ko," he said.

Herbosa confirmed that officials will deliberate whether the NCR was ready to shift as new COVID-19 cases continued to drop in the region and throughout the country.

Metro Manila mayors earlier urged the inter-agency task force (IATF) to place the capital region under Alert Level 1 beginning March 1.

A resolution was unanimously passed by the mayors.

Last week, Malacañang said officials were "finalizing" the road map regarding the loosest lockdown restriction.

Source: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/spotlight/02/24/22/keep-ncr-at-alert-2-as-campaign-goes-on-says-expert>



NCR mayors recommend downgrade to Alert Level 1 beginning March

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz and Christopher Lloyd Caliwan February 23, 2022, 2:45 pm **Updated on** February 23, 2022, 2:55 pm



(File photo)

MANILA – The Metro Manila Council (MMC) has made an official recommendation to place the National Capital Region (NCR) under the least restrictive Alert Level 1 beginning March 1 as Covid-19 cases continue to fall in the capital and most of the country.

In a virtual briefing on Wednesday, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) officer-in-charge and General Manager Romando Artes said the recommendation has been sent to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) and was unanimously agreed on by the MMC—composed of the 17 mayors in the NCR.

“The resolution was already sent to the IATF earlier today. The basis of the MMC to ease the restrictions in the region is to open up the economy to ensure job generation,” Artes said.

He said the positivity rate in NCR has dropped to 4.64 percent, “way below” the 5 percent standard of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The data he used was gathered by the Department of Health (DOH) and was based on the distribution of RT-PCR tests done and positivity rates by local government units (LGU).

As of Monday, the healthcare utilization rate (HCUR) and Covid-19 bed utilization rate in the NCR are on a downward trend at 24.8 percent.

He noted that there was no notable spike of Covid-19 cases despite the ongoing political activities in preparation for the 2022 elections such as motorcades and caravans.



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To address the possible surge in vehicular volume in NCR roads, he said the MMDA is eyeing the expansion of the modified Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program (UVVRP) or number coding scheme to include morning rush hour.

To date, the UVVRP is only implemented on weekdays except for holidays, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and only applies to private vehicles.

“We are studying to widen the coverage of our modified number coding scheme from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. I have met with the district heads of our Traffic Discipline Office. Based on their assessment, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., a light traffic situation is observed on major thoroughfares,” Artes said.

He said there are currently no plans on implementing the number coding scheme for whole days due to lack of public transportation.

Manila is ready

Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso said Manila is ready for the possible implementation of Alert Level 1.

“In the case of Manila, kami naman ay handa, ang mga pasilidad ay nandiyan, salamat kay Doc Willie yung inadvice niyang gamot tangan tangan ng Maynila, ang aming oxygen level reserve ay mataas at ang aming mga doctor at nurse ay malusog, ligtas (we are ready, we have the facilities, thanks to Doc Willie, the city has all the medicines needed, our oxygen level reserve is high, and our doctors and nurses are all healthy), so we are ready,” Domagoso said.

He said de-escalation to the lowest restriction will help those who lost their jobs find another one while affected businesses may restart anew.

Domagoso said people of Manila have been clamoring to shift to the new normal so that their children could attend face-to-face classes again.

“Tulad ng sinasabi ni Doc Willie na yung mental health is an issue already sa buhay ng mga estudyante natin at ng ibang indibidwal. Kailangan na makalabas ng lolo’t lola at makabalik sa eskwelahan ang mga bata (Just like what Doc Willie said that mental health of the students and other individuals is an issue already. The elderlies should also start going out of their houses and the children go back to school),” he said.

A total of 15,253 children aged 5 to 11 years old in Manila have received their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine while 130,790 minors aged 12 to 17 years old are fully vaccinated as of February 22.

The city’s Covid-19 active cases dropped to only 359.

Up for IATF discussion

Meanwhile, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) said the MMC resolution will be tackled in Thursday’s meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF).



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"The MMC resolution was submitted to IATF and it will be a subject for discussion at the IATF meeting tomorrow (Thursday). Its consequent effect on election campaign activities shall also be tackled and considered. We have yet to listen also from our health experts on the latest data analytics on the Covid-19 situation in the NCR," DILG Secretary Eduardo Año said in a message to reporters.

Año, however, said the wearing of face masks will remain mandatory under Alert Level 1.

"Wearing of face masks will still be required at any alert level while the use of face shields will be required at Alert Level 4 and 5," he said.

The Department of Health (DOH) earlier said the mandatory wearing of face masks will be the last health protocol to be scrapped even as the country continues to see declining coronavirus cases.

The Philippine National Police (PNP), meanwhile, said it is ready to implement new security and health protocols in the event that Alert Level 1 will be declared in some areas.

"The most lenient Alert Level 1 will open prospects for more economic activities by lifting some restrictions on venue capacities, but the minimum public health standard is still in effect," PNP chief, Gen. Dionardo Carlos said in a statement.

Under Alert Level 1, there will be no age restrictions for those who will move around in public places including interzonal travels, subject to LGU rules.

Earlier, the IATF placed the NCR and several other regions under Covid-19 Alert Level 2 from February 16 to 28.

Under Alert Level 1, all establishments will be allowed to operate at full capacity except in areas under granular lockdown.

Activities at full-seating capacity can also be conducted indoors as long as minimum health standards remain observed.

"We have observed major improvements in our efforts to curb the spread of the coronavirus as reflected in the decreased number of cases and hospital utilization rate with increased vaccination coverage. The situation is better now because of the discipline that the public is showing. We expect to observe the same attitude even if the health protocol will be relaxed," Carlos said. **(with reports from Marita Moaje/PNA)**

Metro Manila mayors unanimously call to downgrade NCR to Alert Level 1 by March 1

(Philstar.com)

- February 23, 2022 - 8:30am



Residents buy from the many pop-up stalls which offer an assortment of local or foreign food choices as they dine in alfresco along the Cristobal Food Street in Sampaloc, Manila on Sunday night, Feb. 13, 2022.

MANILA, Philippines (**Updated 8:42 a.m.**) — All Metro Manila mayors recommended lowering the alert level status in the capital region to the most lenient Alert Level 1 starting March 1.

Parañaque City Mayor Edwin Olivarez, chairman of the Metro Manila Council (MMC), made the announcement Wednesday morning to downgrade the pandemic restrictions.

JUST IN | Inirekomenda ng Metro Manila mayors na ibaba na sa Alert Level 1 status ang National Capital Region simula March 1, ayon kay Mayor Edwin Olivarez. pic.twitter.com/EY4bQwX9HB

— News5 (@News5PH) [February 22, 2022](https://www.facebook.com/news5ph/posts/10159842121000000)

The MMC is composed of the National Capital Region's 17 mayors.

This announcement came after it was determined that the capital region's COVID-19 positivity rate has decreased to below 5% for the first time since December 26.

NCR positivity rate dipped to below 5% but remained at low risk. Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal also remained at low risk while Quezon improved to very low risk.

— Dr. Guido David (@iamguidodavid) [February 22, 2022](https://www.facebook.com/guidodavid/posts/10159842121000000)

OCTA Research fellow Guido David said that the average daily attack rate in the region went down to 2.85 while the reproduction number was stable at 0.21 indicating very low risk.



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This means that the positivity rate, which refers to the percentage of all tests that came out positive, is now within the World Health Organization's recommendation of 5% for opening economies.

At a press briefing Monday morning, acting Palace spokesperson Karlo Nograles said that experts are still studying the de-escalation of several areas down to Alert Level 1. — **with report from Franco Luna.**



MGA PLASTIC COVERS AT BARRIERS SA MGA ESTABLISYEMENTO, PINATATANGGAL NA NG DTI SA IATF

by [DWIZ 882](#) February 23, 2022



Maghahain ng panukala ang Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) sa Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) para tuluyang tanggalin ang plastic covers at barriers sa loob ng mga establisyemento.

Ayon kay Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez, parte ito ng ipapatupad na Covid-19 protocols sa oras na ibaba na ang Metro Manila sa alert level 1.

Ang plastic barriers ang nagporpotekta sa mga tao upang maiwasan ang pagkahawa sa covid-19 kasabay ng pagsunod sa minimum health protocols. —sa panulat ni Abby Malanday



OCTA flags four cities with ‘very high’ COVID-19 positivity rates

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

Published Feb 23, 2022 8:56:35 PM

Updated Feb 23, 2022 9:42:00 PM



Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, February 23)— Four major cities outside Metro Manila have logged “very high” COVID-19 positivity rates as of Feb. 22, according to the independent OCTA Research group.

In its report published Wednesday, OCTA fellow Guido David said Puerto Princesa in Palawan recorded a positivity rate of 39%, followed by General Santos City at 33%.

Iligan and Naga meanwhile both logged 21%.

The positivity rate refers to the percentage of tested people with positive results. For the World Health Organization, 5% or below is an acceptable figure.

Other areas that posted high positivity rates, according to OCTA, are Cagayan de Oro, Cotabato City, Iloilo City, Ormoc, and Zamboanga City.

Source: <https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2022/2/23/OCTA-HUC-very-high-positivity-rate-February-22.html>



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

1.5%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
55,449

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

97.0%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
3,544,283

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.53%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
55,977

MGA BAGONG KASO **1,534**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **2,729**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **201**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **3,655,709**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING PEBRERO 21

DATOS NGAYONG PEBRERO 23
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG PEBRERO 21

6.1%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
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PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (3.8K TOTAL BEDS)
29% Utilized

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25% Utilized

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18% Utilized

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25% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.0K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
17% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

652 Asymptomatic

50,258 Mild

2,811 Moderate

1,426 Severe

302 Critical

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
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