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# DENR forms offices to fast-track Manila Bay rehabilitation

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MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has created offices to speed up the rehabilitation of Manila Bay and strengthen the enforcement of environmental laws, the DENR announced over the weekend.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu recently issued an administrative order for the creation of Metropolitan Environmental Offices (MEO).

Cimatu said the DENR field offices in Metro Manila would be transitioning to MEOs, which will be tasked to strictly implement Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act.

The MEOs will also oversee compliance with the Supreme Court's 2008 writ of continuing mandamus for the Manila Bay rehabilitation.

"We have to strengthen our field offices to capacitate local government units (LGUs) and to accomplish our goals," Cimatu said.

He said the MEOs would serve as the DENR's "overseer in the different areas of Metro Manila on a micro-level."

Under the DENR administrative order, each MEO will be supervised by an undersecretary, assistant secretary and director.

The functions of the MEOs include serving as frontline units for the enforcement of environmental laws, and intensifying coordination efforts with partner government agencies and non-government organizations in cleaning up rivers and other water bodies.

The DENR said the MEOs should also provide technical assistance to the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority and LGUs in monitoring the quality of water bodies and proper disposal of solid waste in their jurisdiction.





## PH delegation pinuri ni Cimatú sa pagkapanalo sa international wildlife conference



MANILA, Philippines- Matapos manalo ang Pilipinas sa international wildlife conference, pinuri ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatú ang Philippine delegation sa pagkamit nito ng “Most Useful Project Resources Award” sa ginanap na Global Wildlife Programme (GWP) Annual Conference na idinaos virtually noong Nobyembre 30 hanggang Disyembre 2, 2021.

Ayon sa DENR, sa ginanap na conference, itinanghal ng Team Philippines ang pitong video clips at siyam na text documents tungkol sa wildlife at tinalo nito ang 36 projects mula sa 31 bansa sa Africa, Asia at Latin America.

Kaugnay nito sa pamamagitan ng temang “Working Together for Wildlife Conservation,” ang 2021 GWP Annual Conference ay nakatutok sa matagumpay na pagtutulungan, pag-engganyo at pagbibigay ng kapangyarihan sa stakeholders upang suportahan ang wildlife conservation at mapanatili ang local livelihood.

Sa press release ang GWP ay isang World Bank-led Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded global partnership na hangaring mabawasan ang supply and demand na nagiging dahilan ng illegal wildlife trade (IWT) sa pamamagitan ng mga proyekto sa iba’t-ibang bansa at mas malawak na proyekto na pandaigdig.

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Samantala sinabi pa ng DENR chief na “the materials are produced to encourage the audience to spread awareness about illegal wildlife trade and inspire them to partner with the agency in protecting, conserving, and managing our country’s resources for the present and future generations.”

“We are proud to share to a wider audience the fruits of our hard work and labor of love from the DENR-Asian Development Bank/GEF Project on Combating Environmental Organized Crime in the Philippines,” dagdag nito.

Layunin ng patimpalak na isinabay sa three-day annual GWP Conference, na maipakita ang “lessons learned, good practices, innovations, at success stories” sa pamamagitan ng knowledge products na kanilang nabuo at maibahagi ito sa ibang bansa na maaaring magamit ito sa kanilang mga gawain.



Kaugnay nito ang partner countries ay nagpakita ng halimbawa ng kanilang knowledge products at resources sa organizing team.

Ito ay ini-upload ng GWP Team sa “HowSpace,” isang digital collaboration platform na bukas sa lahat ng conference participants.

Sa pagtatapos ng event, bumoto ang lahat ng conference participants para sa bansa na may “Most Useful Project Resources,” at iba pang awards.

Ang award ay bahagi ng serye ng mini-competitions kabilang ang “Best Knowledge Market Pitch,” “Best Overall Knowledge Share/Need,” “Most Useful Project Resources,” at “Best HowSpace Collaborations.”

Nominado rin ang Team Philippines sa “Best Knowledge Market Pitch” category at ito ay inirepresenta ni Atty. Theresa Tenazas, OIC-Chief ng Wildlife Resources Division ng DENR. **Santi Celario**



# DENR chief lauds Philippine team's award in annual wildlife conference

BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA



Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Roy A. Cimatu has lauded the Philippine delegation for bagging the “Most Useful Project Resources Award” at the Global Wildlife Programme (GWP) Annual Conference held recently.

“We will leave no stone unturned in our pursuit of illegal poachers, traders, and buyers. We will find and arrest the large-scale syndicates, the middle-men, the financiers, the ‘illegal wildlife lords,’” Cimatu said in a news statement.

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With the theme “Working Together for Wildlife Conservation,” the 2021 GWP Annual Conference focused on successfully collaborating, engaging, and empowering stakeholders to support wildlife conservation and sustainable local livelihoods.

The GWP is a World Bank-led, Global Environment Facility (GEF)-funded global partnership that seeks to reduce both the supply and demand that drives the illegal wildlife trade or IWT through various country projects and a broader global project.

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Held during the three-day annual GWP Conference, the contest aims to showcase lessons learned, good practices, innovations, and success stories through the knowledge products that they have developed, and to share them with other countries who might find it useful to the work that they do.

The partner countries presented samples of their knowledge products and resources to the organizing team.

The GWP Team, in turn, uploaded the materials in “HowSpace,” a digital collaboration platform open to all conference participants.



At the end of the event, all the conference participants voted for the country with the “Most Useful Project Resources,” among other awards.

The award was part of a series of mini-competitions that included “Best Knowledge Market Pitch,” “Best Overall Knowledge Share/Need,” “Most Useful Project Resources,” and “Best HowSpace Collaboration.”

Team Philippines was also nominated in the “Best Knowledge Market Pitch” category and was represented by Atty. Theresa Tenazas, Officer-in-Charge Chief of the Wildlife Resources Division of the DENR’s Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB).

For its prize, the GWP Team will co-design a webinar with Team Philippines.



## [Cimatu lauds PH win in international wildlife conference](#)

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# Villanueva: Tap bulk of P2.26-B reforestation fund to provide jobs in Odette areas

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Senator Joel Villanueva on Monday, January 17 said the bulk of this year's P2.26 billion reforestation fund should go to 'typhoon 'Odette"-hit areas so that victims could earn while replanting trees in lands described as having been "scraped by steel brush."

"Using the P2.26 billion National Greening Program (NGP) budget of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) could provide jobs to residents whose livelihood has also been "blown off by the typhoon," Villanueva said.

The government is in the position to use the NGP money to serve the "employment and the environment" requirements in disaster areas, he added.

"The destruction of forest and mangrove cover has made them more vulnerable to future typhoons and the landslides they cause," Villanueva explained.

"But the good thing is that the government has the money to restore this with the added bonus of providing much needed jobs to people who will work on it," Villanueva said.

He said NGP funds could be spent on mangrove planting as this foreshore greenbelt, in addition to providing food as fish nursery, and serves as a "tsunami and storm surge armor" for coastal communities that climate change has made more vulnerable to the frequent storms it unleashes.

"This is a marriage of disaster relief and disaster resilience," Villanueva explained.

Launched in 2011, the P2.26 billion for the NGP funds one of the banner programs in the P19 billion budget of the DENR for 2022.



# Low Angat level alarms NWRB

The government must be prepared to address the possibility of a trickling water shortage... The government regulator and private concessionaires should nip the problem in the bud before it becomes a crisis

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A water crisis in the middle of a global health crisis would be unimaginable but rain scarcity is currently threatening our supply.

On Monday, the water elevation level in Angat Dam in Bulacan, the main source of water supply in Metro Manila, dropped anew to 199.44 meters from the last

recorded 200.33 meters on Friday, 14 January. Its spilling level is 217 meters.

In a text message on Monday, National Water Resources Board (NWRB) executive director Seville David Jr. attributed the decline to the low precipitation in the Angat Dam Watershed.

"The main reason (for the water level decline) is the relatively low precipitation in Angat Watershed

and rain is very scarce lately," David told the *Daily Tribune*.

Based on the latest data from the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) the water level in Ipo Dam in Bulacan also slightly dipped to 98.59 meters on Monday from 98.70 meters on Friday.

The La Mesa Dam in Quezon City likewise marginally dropped on Monday to 70.18 meters from 70.20 meters on Friday.

To recall, Angat Dam ended 2021 with 202.66 meters water elevation — 10 meters lower than the 212 meters year end target.

## Avert looming crisis

According to David, the NWRB is preparing contingency measures with other concerned government agencies.

"We have been coordinating with other government agencies involved in the management and use of water from the dam preparing the mitigating measures to have a more stable water supply in the coming months particularly during summer," David said.

"This includes managing the releases and establishment of alternative water sources such as deep wells and treatment facilities along Laguna Lake and Marikina

river," he added.

The decline of the water level in Angat Dam had already called the attention of several lawmakers.

## Consumers need to take part

According to Senator Grace Poe, the government needs to prevent an impending water crisis, saying that a water shortage in the middle of a pandemic would be "unthinkable."

"The government must be prepared to address the possibility of a trickling water shortage... The government regulator and private concessionaires should nip the problem in the bud before it becomes a crisis," Poe said.

Meanwhile, House Deputy Speaker Eric Martinez urged Metro Manila residents to conserve water.

"Residents within Metro Manila should be wary of their water consumption, most especially for the months leading to the dry season," Martinez said.

"Let us practice the usual conservation measures we do at home such as opting for dippers as an alternative to showers when taking baths, utilizing excess water for other activities, and overall being mindful about water's scarcity."





## Bahagi ng ilog at dagat nagkulay kalawang; operasyon ng minahan ipinatigil

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## Mapagba river turns orange, nearby residents worried for well-being







# Davao Oriental provincial gov't says stoppage order issued to mining operation



THE MINING operations that is suspected to have caused siltation and discoloration in a river in Banaybanay town has been ordered to temporarily stop, the Davao Oriental provincial government announced Monday.

“The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) has ordered the immediate stoppage to a mining company’s operation that allegedly caused the recent siltation incident along the Pintatagan River and Maputi River in the municipality of Banaybanay, Davao Oriental,” the provincial government said in a statement.

It said Governor Nelson L. Dayanghirang received confirmation of the order from MGB Undersecretary Wilfredo G. Moncano early Monday.

Quoting Mr. Moncano, the provincial government said the MGB central office has already “given instruction to its regional office to issue the Stoppage Order to the company to give way to a joint detailed investigation to find out the causes and the means to mitigate the damages.”

The Davao regional offices of the MGB and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources did not immediately respond to a request for a separate confirmation.

Several residents used social media last Jan. 14 to raise alarm over the heavy siltation and discoloration along the Pintatagan and Maputi portions of the Mapagba River.

Mr. Dayanghirang gave assurance that the government, while recognizing the economic contribution of mining, will not “allow these mining companies to operate recklessly and destroy the environment.”

“Irresponsible mining is unacceptable.” — MSJ





## Hot lumber seized in Northern Samar

Authorities seized 127 pieces of lawaan lumber worth P83,040 loaded on a dump truck after the suspects failed to show the necessary documents or permit for the possession of said forest products

BY ELMER RECUERDO

CATARMAN, Northern Samar – The Northern Samar Police Provincial Office foiled attempts to transport illegally cut lumber worth P134,000 in two separate occasions on Friday.

Newly-installed police provincial director PCol Alfredo Tadefa said police operatives arrested the suspects while trying to transport undocumented lumber in the towns of San Roque and San Jose.

In San Roque, the authorities seized 127 pieces of *lawaan* lumber worth P83,040 loaded on a dump truck after the suspects failed to show the necessary documents or permit for the possession of said forest products.

Over at San Jose town, operatives caught an offender in the act of transporting undocumented illegally sawn lumbers and finished products worth P51,800 along the national highway of Barangays Aguadahan and Geratag of said town.

Tadefa said the provincial police office is strengthening its campaign against illegal logging in the province.

"I urge the public to help the authorities in strengthening the campaign against illegal logging since this is considered an intractable and recurring problem in the province. Under my watch, I will ensure that there will be more convictions among the violators," Tadefa said.

The suspects were brought to the respective apprehending unit together with the confiscated lumber.

Charges are now being prepared for filing in court for violation of the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines as amended against the suspects.

## Ati-Atihan revelry peaceful – MDRRMO

BY JUN AGUIRRE

KALIBO, Aklan – The Kalibo Sto. Niño Ati-Atihan Festival this year was considered peaceful despite the restrictions imposed to curb the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) during the celebrations.

Kalibo Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) chief Terence Toriano said that the revelry was culminated by a caravan held Sunday night.

"We noted that more than 150 vehicles joined the caravan which lasted for about four hours as it also went to adjacent towns such as Banga and New Washington. We consider it as a historic feat being possibly the longest one time caravan held in the province of Aklan," Toriano said.

Aside from the caravan, other activities related to festival were the Miss Kalibo Ati-Atihan and Pilgrims Mass, among others.

A fireworks display culminated after the caravan was also conducted at the Kalibo Pastrana Park.

But despite the successful celebration, Toriano urged revelers to be wary of their health and immediately seek medical advice if they feel sick.





# Incentives eyed for green financing

[Lawrence Agcaoili](#)



MANILA, Philippines — The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is firming up a set of incentives for Philippine banks that mainstream sustainable finance and mobilize capital to address urgent global challenges.

BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno said during the Asian Financial Forum 2022 that regulatory incentives could be extended to banks that embrace sustainability principles.

He said the central bank is looking at the potential use of preferential rediscount rates or provision of higher loan values to enable banks to extend green loans or finance sustainable investments

“The BSP is carefully evaluating these potential incentives so as not to create any unintended consequences. Nevertheless, we have initially proposed the inclusion of sustainable finance as a form of compliance with the mandatory credit to the agriculture sector,” Diokno said.

According to Diokno, the extension of regulatory incentives falls under the third phase of the Sustainable Finance Framework. The first phase was issued in April 2020, while the second phase was released in October last year.

“Under this framework, we expect banks to progressively increase their loan allocations for green or sustainable projects as part of their set strategic environmental and social objectives,” he said.

Through the Green Force or the inter-agency technical working group on sustainable finance, chaired by the BSP and the Department of Finance, the Philippines is taking a whole-of-government approach and well-coordinated policy formulation in mainstreaming sustainable finance.

The government also engages multilateral development agencies, including the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the International Finance Corp. (IFC) of the World Bank Group and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to mobilize the needed funding and technical assistance for sustainable projects.

Since 2017, Philippine banks have issued \$1.15 billion in foreign currency denominated and P85.4 billion in local currency denominated green, social and sustainability bonds.

Banks operating in the country have issued \$701 million worth of green bonds, \$300 million worth of sustainability bonds, and \$150 million worth of social bonds in the offshore debt market.



Likewise, these entities have also raised P48.9 billion via the issuance of sustainability bonds, P21.5 billion from social bonds, and P15 billion from green bonds in the onshore debt market.

Diokno earlier said the BSP would issue subsequent phases of regulations covering the areas of investment activities of banks, climate stress testing, disclosure requirements, prudential reporting and potential regulatory incentives.

This follows the issuance of the environmental and social risk management (ESRM) framework last October in line with its commitment to champion the sustainability agenda in the financial system.

The framework, he explained, provides granular expectations on the management of environmental and social risks in relation to credit and operational risks.

Likewise, the framework provides specific expectations on the management of environmental and social risks in relation to credit and operational risks, taking into account the size, risk profile and complexity of operations of banks.



## P2B inilaan ng DOTr sa pagpapalawig ng PH bike lanes sa 2022



MANILA, Philippines- Maglalaan ng P2 bilyong pondo ang gobyerno ngayong taon para sa pagpapalawig ng bike lane network sa buong bansa, ayon sa Department of Transportation (DOTr).

Base kay Eldon Joshua Dionisio, executive assistant at planner ng Active Transport Team ng DOTr, uunahin ang paggawa ng mas ligtas na mga kalsada para sa mga nagbibisikleta.

“For this year’s program, we broke it down into 5 components, first is the establishment of protected cycling lanes and paths, installation of various end-of-trip bicycle facilities, establishment of safe and accessible pedestrian walkways, improvement of our existing bicycle lanes, and establishment of proper public transport stops,” pahayag ni Dionisio.

Bahagi rin ng programa ngayong taon ang pagpapalit at pagkukumpuni sa mga sirang bollard, at pagkukumpuni sa mga kalsada at pag-upgrade sa mga kasalukuyang bike lane.

“Marami po tayong bike lanes na pavement lang po na separated by pavement markings only. So those bike lanes, we will be upgrading to class II bike lanes with physical separators,” sabi ni Dionisio.

“Yong mga bike lanes naman po na Class II with physical separators at certain ad major corridors, we are planning to upgrade it into Class I bike lanes,” dagdag pa niya.

Magtatalaga rin umano ng “end-of-trip” facilities tulad ng bike rack, bike repair, at bike sheds. Bukod dito, bibili rin ng bike counting technology at palalawigin ang bike lane network sa Metro Manila, Metro Cebu at Metro Davao.

“We are currently expanding the Metro Manila bike lane network so we call it the east and south expansion of the Metro Manila bike lane network which are not covered po doon sa Bayanihan 2 bike lane network considering the lack of time and limited funds po provided,” ani Dionisio.

Binabalak din ang pagpapatupad ng bike share system upang makatulong sa kasalukuyang transport system sa mga metropolitan area.

Batay sa tala ng DOTr, umaabot na ngayon sa 497 kilometro (km) ang bike lane network sa buong bansa, 129.66 km dito ay nasa Metro Cebu, 54.74 km sa Metro Davao, at 312.12 km sa Metro Manila. **RNT/SA**



# PANOORIN: Sisiw na Philippine Eagle pinapakain gamit ang eagle hand puppet



Masayang kumakain ang agilang si Chick 29 sa tulong ng isang hand puppet na agila sa video na ibinahagi ng Philippine Eagle Foundation kamakailan.

Gumagamit sila ng puppet-rearing para hindi masanay sa presensya ng tao ang sisiw. Ayon pa sa PEF, ang limitadong interaksyon ng tao ay makatutulong para masigurong matagumpay ang natural pairing nito sa ibang agila.

Si Chick 29 ang itinuturing na "bunso" sa mga agila sa Philippine Eagle Center sa Davao City.

Noong Disyembre 4, napisa ang ika-29 na Philippine Eagle sa PEC na si Chick 29, anak ng mga agila na sina Ariela at MVP Matatag.

— Ulat ni Hernel Tocmo





# Mining firms help typhoon victims

Nearly 12,000 households benefitted from the joint relief operation dubbed “Tabang Caraga” launched by three mining companies along with a non-government organization to help victims of Super Typhoon Odette that battered the Caraga Region and the rest of the country.

The relief operations was jointly conducted by TVI Resource Development Philippines Inc., Agata Mining Ventures Inc., Greenstone Resources Corp. and the Villar Sipag Foundation. The initiative was launched a day after Odette hit two Surigao provinces and Dinagat Islands. Employees of the three companies immediately packed and distributed rice, canned goods and noodles for the typhoon victims.

The relief effort covered the eight barangays under Agata’s nickel mining operations, including the coastal barangays of Binuangan, Tinigbasan, Tagpangahoy and Lawigan. Also included were residents of inland barangays E. Morgado, Tagbuyacan, Colorado and La Paz. A total of 3,163 households in the area received assistance.

The operations also benefitted the host and nearby communities of Greenstone in the town of Tubod. Some 4,830 food packs were distributed to the typhoon victims while another 3,400 were given to affected households in Surigao and Dinagat Islands.



# Philex may extend Padcal mine life

BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA



Philex Mining Corp. (Philex) is considering further extending the operation of its underground mine in Padcal, potentially overlapping with the start of the commercial production at its Silangan mine in 2025.

A decision to extend Padcal's mine life beyond 2024 will depend on the study of the remaining mineable reserve, favorable price of copper and gold, as well as the cost of producing the metals moving forward and obtaining the required government permits, Philex said in a statement.

Padcal, where copper and gold have been extracted starting 1958, is scheduled to cease operation by the end of 2024 after several extensions of its mine life.

Philex will begin the development of a starter mine in Silangan this year. The copper and gold mine will start commercial operation by early 2025, limiting any major impact on Philex's income flow even if Padcal ceases operation as scheduled in 2024, it said.

An overlap in Padcal and Silangan's operation could further bolster Philex's income stream. Eulalio B. Austin Jr., president and CEO of Philex said studies are ongoing.

"The extension of Padcal's operation will be dependent on the study of the remaining mineable reserve, favorable price of copper and gold, as well as cost of producing the metals moving forward and obtaining the required government permits. If prices hold on to the levels where they are now, which we consider high, then there is a possibility of extension," he said.

Philex has secured all regulatory approvals for Silangan, including the nod of the local government units, indigenous people, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The Mineral Production Sharing Agreement, which was scheduled to expire in 2024, had also been extended by the full 25-year term or up to 2049.

An initial investment of \$224 million is needed to develop a starter mine that will produce around 2,000 tons of ore per day. Production, under the current development plan, will be ramped up to 12,000 tons a day or 4 million tons a year by the 12th year.

Over its 28-year-mine life, Philex estimated total investment, including spending to operate and maintain the mine, will reach \$1.5 billion. It is expected to generate thousands of jobs, particularly in Surigao del Norte towns of Placer, Tubod, Tagana-an, and Sison, and contribute billions of pesos in taxes to both the LGUs and the national government.



# Big brands call for global pact to cut plastic production

By [John Geddie and Joe Brock via Reuters](#)



International brands including Coca Cola and PepsiCo called on Monday for a global pact to combat plastic pollution that includes cuts in plastic production, a key growth area for the oil industry.

World officials will meet at a United Nations Environment Assembly conference (UNEA 5.2) later this year to start negotiations on a treaty to tackle a plastic waste crisis that is choking landfills, despoiling oceans and killing wildlife.

It remains unclear whether any deal will focus on waste management and recycling or take tougher steps such as curbing new plastic production, a move that would likely face resistance from big oil and chemical firms and major plastic-producing countries like the United States.

The more than 70 signatories to [Monday's joint statement](#) include consumer goods companies like Unilever and Nestle, which sell a myriad of products in single-use plastic from shampoo to chocolate bars, as well as retailer Walmart and French bank BNP Paribas.

"We are at a critical point in time to establish an ambitious U.N. treaty," the statement said, noting that any deal should "reduce virgin plastic production and use."

"UNEA 5.2 is the decisive, most auspicious moment to turn the tide on the global plastic pollution crisis. We cannot afford to miss it," the statement said.

Less than 10% of all the plastic ever made has been recycled, and a Reuters investigation last year revealed that new recycling technologies touted by the plastics industry have struggled to combat the problem.

Meanwhile, production of plastic, which is derived from oil and gas, is projected to double within 20 years. This is a key source of future revenue for energy majors, as demand for fossil fuels wanes with the rise of renewable energy and electric vehicles.

While scaling-up global recycling is critical to tackling plastic waste, these efforts will not prevent plastic pollution from continuing to skyrocket without constraints on production, a landmark 2020 study by Pew Charitable Trusts found.

As pressure mounts on firms that sell products in hard-to-recycle plastic to tackle the resulting waste, some have teamed up with cement makers to burn plastic waste as a cheap fuel in the developing world, a Reuters investigation found last year. —**Reporting by John Geddie and Joe Brock Editing by Mark Potter**

Source: <https://interaksyon.philstar.com/politics-issues/2022/01/17/208693/big-brands-call-for-global-pact-to-cut-plastic-production/>



# Tonga cut off by volcanic blast



Tonga was virtually cut off from the rest of the world Monday after a massive volcanic blast that crippled communications with the Pacific island nation, and experts warned internet connection may not be fully restored for weeks.

It is two days since the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Haa'pai volcano exploded, cloaking Tonga in ash, triggering a Pacific-wide tsunami and releasing shock waves that wrapped around the entire Earth.

But still neighbouring countries and international agencies are clambering to try to grasp the scale of the damage, with New Zealand's leader Jacinda Ardern stating Sunday it is believed to be "significant".

Wellington and Canberra scrambled reconnaissance planes in an attempt to get a sense of the damage from the air on Monday, with both also putting C-130 military transport aircraft on standby to drop emergency supplies or to land if runways are deemed operational.

What is known is that the volcanic blast Saturday seriously damaged the ash-covered capital Nuku'alofa and severed an undersea communications cable -- which could take two weeks to restore.

The eruption was recorded around the world and heard as far away as Alaska, triggering a tsunami that flooded Pacific coastlines from Japan to the United States.

"We know water is an immediate need," Ardern told reporters.

She added New Zealand was relying on satellite phones to communicate with the island nation that is home to some 100,000 people.

The reconnaissance flights would help to advise Tonga's government of the scale of the volcanic and tsunami damage and help to identify aid needs, Ardern added.

The premier, who has spoken to the New Zealand embassy in Tonga, has described how boats and "large boulders" washed ashore north of Nuku'alofa.

Wellington's defence minister said he understood the island nation had managed to restore power in "large parts" of the city.

- 'We know nothing' -

Crippled communications left Tongans outside of the country desperate for news of loved ones.

"I cannot raise my family, there is no communication," Filipo Motulalo, a journalist with Pacific Media Network, told AFP.





"Our home is among those close to the area that was flooded already so we don't know how much damage there is."

Motulalo said many Tongans abroad were worried.

"I think the worst part is the blackout and the fact that we know nothing," he added. Many fretted about elderly relatives coping in volcanic dust-filled air.

Tonga's internet may remain down for two weeks, Southern Cross Cable Network's networks director Dean Veverka told AFP.

"We're getting sketchy information but it looks like the cable has been cut," he said.

"It could take up to two weeks to get it repaired. The nearest cable-laying vessel is in Port Moresby," he added, referring to the Papua New Guinea capital, more than 4,000 kilometres (2,500 miles) from Tonga.

Southern Cross is assisting Tonga Cable Limited which owns the 872 kilometre cable linking the island nation with Fiji -- and from there to the rest of the world.

Initially it was believed the fault was due to power failure following the powerful eruption.

But further testing once power was restored indicated a break in the cable.

Tonga was previously isolated for two weeks in 2019 when a ship's anchor cut the cable and a small, locally operated satellite service was set up to allow minimal contact with the outside world.



# Ozone pollution costs Asia billions in lost crops: study

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TOKYO, Japan — Persistently high levels of ozone pollution in Asia are costing China, Japan and South Korea an estimated \$63 billion annually in lost rice, wheat and maize crops, a new study says.

While ozone forms a protective layer around the Earth in the upper atmosphere, it is a harmful pollutant at ground level.

It is created by a chemical reaction when two pollutants, often emitted by cars or industry, combine in the presence of sunlight and it can interfere with plant photosynthesis and growth.

The research published Monday harnesses pollution monitoring data from the region and field experiments to show ozone affects Asia's crop yields more than previously thought.

The study's authors said the findings should push policymakers to reduce emissions that produce ozone.

"Air pollution control in North America and Europe succeeded in lowering ozone levels," said Kazuhiko Kobayashi, a co-first author of the study and professor emeritus affiliated with the University of Tokyo.

"We need to repeat that success across East and South Asia," he told AFP.

Previous estimates of ozone's effects on staple crops such as rice, wheat and maize have sometimes used varieties that are not prevalent in Asia, or tested plants grown in pots rather than fields.

To get a more accurate picture, the researchers looked at varieties common in the region and did experiments with crops in pots but also in fields.

They exposed rice, wheat and maize to varying levels of ozone and used the resulting crop yields to model how different exposures affected plant development.

They also tested the model with a second experiment in which the crops were treated with a chemical that protects against the effects of ozone, to see if the yield increased in line with



their estimations.

– **'Threat to food security'** –

To determine real-world effects, the researchers then applied ozone data from more than 3,000 monitoring sites in China, South Korea and Japan to their model.

They found a mean of 33 percent of China's wheat crop is lost annually because of ozone pollution, with 28 percent lost in South Korea and 16 percent for Japan.

For rice, the mean figure in China was 23 percent, though the researchers found hybrid strains were significantly more vulnerable than inbred ones. In South Korea the figure was nearly 11 percent, while in Japan it was just over five percent.

And maize crops in both China and South Korea were also affected at lower levels. The crop is not grown in Japan in significant quantities.

The researchers said their findings were limited by several factors, including that ozone monitors are mostly in urban areas and levels in rural areas are often higher.

Surface ozone "poses a threat to food security" given its effects in a region that supplies 90 percent of the world's rice and 44 percent of its wheat, the authors wrote.

"It has been well known that ozone exerts large impacts on crop production," Kobayashi told AFP.

"Nevertheless, the estimated yield loss in rice, particularly of hybrid type cultivars, may be a bit shocking for those who have learned about it for the first time."

In all, the study estimates \$63 billion in annual losses, and Kobayashi said he hoped the findings would "encourage people to take action".

"We in Asia could repeat the success of air pollution control in North America and Europe, where ozone-induced crop yield loss has been declining."



# 'Climate change makes labor hard'

**LEEDS:** A punishing mix of heat and humidity that makes outdoor labor difficult and dangerous is causing around 677 billion lost working hours a year around the world, said a new study that warns climate change is making it worse.

Researchers in the [US](#), who estimated the current cost at \$2.1 trillion every year, said that the negative effects of stifling temperatures on people doing heavy work in agriculture and construction had been underestimated.

The new figures come amid a growing focus on the severe health impacts of climate change, not just as projections of future harm from heatwaves and other extreme events, but also as consequences playing out across a warming world.

The study, published in the journal Environmental Research Letters, looked at data on humid heat, particularly dangerous because the body is less able to cool down by sweating. Researchers estimated the number of workers exposed to unsafe levels over the 20 years to 2020, and the impact on labor compared to period 1981 to 2000.

Researchers incorporated the findings from laboratory research published in 2021 that suggest productivity drops off at lower temperatures and humidity levels than previously thought. They found that during 2001-20, exposure to high humidity and heat was linked to approximately 677 billion lost working hours a year in heavy outdoor labor.



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1.1. REQUIRED CARDS, DOCUMENTS AND THE NUMBER OF COPIES

See website for available for completing the cards.

OPTION 1: The Project Proposer shall indicate the preferred media outlet (television, radio, newspaper, etc.) for coverage (and comments on the Project) within sixty (60) days of the following completion.

Year	Document Card or Form (Date of Issuance)	Number of Copies (Indicate in Table)
Year A (e.g., 2019)		
Year B		
Year C		
Year D		
Total		

1.2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT/ACTIVITY

Describe the project activity or activities and how they will meet the carbon reduction goal of avoided methane emissions.

For all emissions listed, include information on any construction, equipment or activity activities, including a description of how various permit requirements, standards and other matters are covered.

1.3. Project Location

Include the project address and geographic coordinates. For marine projects, coordinates may be submitted separately as a table file.

1.4. Conditions of the Project Start

Describe the existing land use and other conditions.

1.5. Description of the Laws, Decrees and Other Regulatory Instruments

Identify and describe compliance of the project with all and any relevant local, national and national laws, national and regulatory instruments.

1.6. Ownership

Provide evidence of project ownership control, in accordance with the CARMO specifications or project signage.

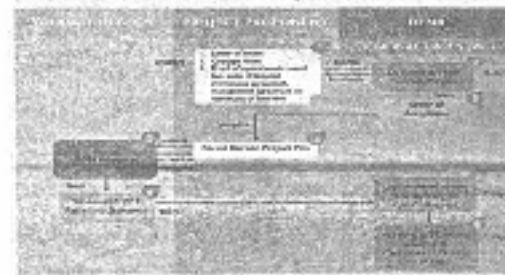
1.7. Additional Information Related to the Project

Include any additional project objectives, activities, economic, technical, social, environmental, geographic, non-physical assets, transportation that may have a bearing on the subject of the project, the value chain, supply chain and avoided methane emissions, or the development of the Project. (Include Project's carbon footprint, and avoided emissions)

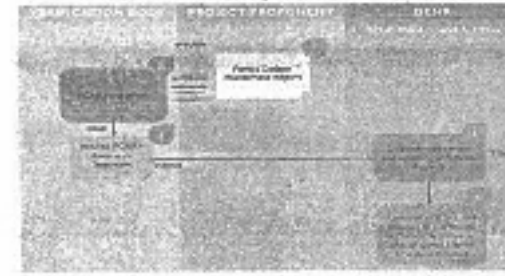
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Appendix A. CAVEN Process Flow - Application Phase



Appendix B. CAVEN Process Flow - Implementation Phase







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DENR Administrative Order  
No. 2021 - 42

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXPANSION OF AREAS UNDER COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (CBFMA) TO COVER ADJACENT UNTENURED AREAS WITHIN FORESTLANDS**

Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 263, Series of 1995 adopting Community-Based Forest Management as the National Strategy to Achieve Sustainable Development of the Country's Forestland Resources, and DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2004-29 its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations, EO No. 318, Series of 2004 entitled "Promoting Sustainable Forest Management in the Philippines" which requires the government to provide incentive mechanisms for those stakeholders performing sustainable forest management activities, Philippine Master Plan for Climate Resilient Forestry Development (2016-2028), and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations, the guidelines for the expansion of Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) covering adjacent untenured areas within forestlands is hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned.

**SECTION 1. Basic Policy** - It is the policy of the state to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthy environment in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature and to promote the socio-economic upliftment of forest communities, and ensure the sustainable management of forestlands.

**SECTION 2. Objectives** - The main objective of this Order is to set the criteria and procedures on the expansion of existing CBFMA covering adjacent untenured areas within forestlands for management, development, maintenance and protection. The specific objectives are:

- 2.1. To provide incentives by granting POs specific portions of forestlands to develop, utilize, and manage for the enhancement of environmental conditions; and generation of additional income to improve the POs socio-economic condition towards poverty reduction and hunger mitigation;
- 2.2. To place untenured areas adjacent to CBFMA areas into proper management regime cognizant with the programs and strategies of the Philippine Master Plan for Climate Resilient Forestry Development; and
- 2.3. To ensure continuous protection and sustainable management of developed areas and natural forests.

**SECTION 3. Scope and Coverage** - This Order shall apply to adjacent untenured areas within forestlands including those areas separated from the CBFMA by the presence of Alienable and Disposable lands (A&D) or Natural Forest as expansion to existing CBFMA areas for management, development, maintenance and protection.

**SECTION 4. Definition of Terms** - For the use of this Order, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- 4.1. **Adjacent Untenured Areas** - are areas within forestland contiguous or joined by a common endpoint/border to the existing CBFMA area subject for expansion.
- 4.2. **Amendment** - a process executed by the parties, after the issuance of the CBFMA, containing the mutually agreed changes in the original provisions in the CBFMA, which changes constitutes as the new agreement of the parties. Said amendment forms an integral part of the CBFMA.
- 4.3. **Expansion** - a process of extending or expanding the coverage area of a qualified CBFMA holder based on the criteria prescribed herein to include adjacent untenured areas within forestlands described under Section 6 of this DAO for further development, protection and maintenance.
- 4.4. **Untenured Areas** - refers to parts of forestlands, developed or undeveloped, which are not covered by any tenure or management arrangement and other legal issuances.
- 4.5. **Stakeholders** - any individual, group or organizations who directly or indirectly have an interest or stake in the endeavor/initiatives in the area being applied for expansion.
- 4.8. **Peoples Organization (PO)** - CBFMA holders which may be an association, cooperative, or federation established by the community to undertake collective action to address community concerns and needs and mutually share the benefits from the endeavor.

**SECTION 5. Areas Available for CBFMA Expansion.** The following untenured areas may be applied for expansion by an existing CBFMA PO.

- 5.1. The adjacent untenured area has no established plantation or project - The PO managing the CBFMA adjacent to the subject area has the preferential right to apply for expansion. Provided that said CBFMA holder has fully developed (100%) its existing plantable area.
- 5.2. The adjacent untenured area has an established plantation or project - The CBFMA PO who established and developed said plantation or project has the preferential right to apply for expansion. However, the extent of expansion shall only be confined to the actual plantation/project area developed and/or based on the approved MOA or contracts.



- 5.3. The adjacent untenured area has an established plantation or project, however, the PO/entity (whose members are not living therein) who established and developed the plantation/project has no interest to continue to develop, protect and manage the subject area – The PO managing the CBFMA adjacent to the said land may opt to apply for expansion, provided that said holder has fully developed (100%) its existing plantable area. The DENR shall then secure a waiver from the PO/entity who established the plantation/project.
- 5.4. The adjacent untenured area has an established plantation or project with residents living therein, however, the PO/entity who established and developed the plantation/project has no interest to continue to develop, protect and manage the adjacent untenured area – The PO managing the CBFMA adjacent to the said land may opt to apply for expansion, provided that said holder has fully developed (100%) its existing plantable area. Provided further, that it shall enjoin the participation of the residents living within the adjacent untenured area to be a member of the PO. The DENR shall then secure a waiver from the PO/entity who established the plantation/project.
- 5.5. The subject untenured area has an established plantation or project but is separated from the CBFMA area by the presence of Alienable and Disposable (A&D) land or Natural Forest – The CBFMA PO who established and developed said plantation or project has the preferential right to apply for expansion, however, application must be supported by a GIS-generated map; and subject untenured area is within the jurisdiction of the same municipality and CENRO.

- 5.6. The subject untenured area has no established plantation and is separated by the presence of A&D land or Natural Forest- The PO managing the CBFMA adjacent to the subject area may opt to apply for expansion. Provided that said CBFMA holder has fully developed (100%) its existing plantable area.
- 5.7. The adjacent untenured area is classified as natural forest – The PO managing the CBFMA adjacent to the natural forest may apply for expansion provided that the purpose is for protection and maintenance of the natural forest.

**SECTION 6. Qualifications of CBFMA Holders Peoples Organizations.**  
Interested CBFMA PO shall satisfy the following qualifications in order to apply for expansion:

- 6.1. With affirmed Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF) as of the time of request for expansion;
- 6.2. With an updated Certificate of PO Registration with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) and list of PO Officers and members;
- 6.3. With good performance as determined through Compliance Monitoring/ Performance Evaluation:
  - 6.3.1. For non-expiring CBFMA, the holder should be good performing in terms of project implementation and compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement as determined through the conduct of Compliance Monitoring.
  - 6.3.2. For renewed CBFMA that has undergone Performance Evaluation pursuant to FMB Technical Bulletin No. 38, the holder should have at least an Achiever or Extraordinary Performer rating.

**SECTION 7. Application Requirements, Processing and Approval of CBFMA Area Expansion.** Qualified CBFMA Holders shall submit the following necessary documentary requirements which shall be processed/evaluated and approved by the concerned DENR Field Offices. (see Annex I for the Process Flow)

- 7.1. The CBFMA holder shall submit the following documentary requirements to concerned CENRO/Implementing PENRO for review and evaluation:
  - 7.1.1. PO Board Resolution authorizing the PO President or Authorized Member/Representative to apply for CBFMA expansion with attachments such as Attendance sheet, minutes of meeting and geo-tagged photos;
  - 7.1.2. Letter of Intent for CBFMA area expansion signed by the PO President or Authorized Representative (see Annex II);
  - 7.1.3. Authenticated/Certified True Copy of the CBFMA Agreement;
  - 7.1.4. Updated Authenticated/Certified True Copy of Certificate of PO Registration with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)





Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) including the updated list of PO Officers and members; and

- 7.1.5. Affirmed CRMF (affirmation page only).
- 7.2. The CENRO/Implementing PENRO shall review and evaluate the documents submitted by the CBFMA holder and conduct ground validation and survey of the applied area for expansion in coordination with the PO concerned, LGU and other stakeholders to ensure the validity of the application for area expansion. Provided that the maximum CBFMA area shall not exceed 5,000 hectares or five (5) hectares per PO member.
- 7.3. If the ground validation merits the application for area expansion, the CENRO/Implementing PENRO shall also assist the PO in preparing or securing the following documents as requirements in the application for area expansion:

7.3.1. LGU endorsement in the form of resolution from concerned Sanggunian where the area is located:

Coverage for CBFMA Expansion	Applicable LGU Endorsement
Areas within one barangay	Sangguniang Barangay or Sangguniang Bayan or Sangguniang Panlungsod
Areas within two or more barangays of the same municipality and CENRO	Sangguniang Bayan or Sangguniang Panlungsod or all Sangguniang Barangays concerned

*The CBFMA area expansion application shall be deemed endorsed 20 working days upon receipt thereof if the LGU fails to act on it unless the CBFMA-PO is notified in writing of any deficiency or objection pursuant to Republic Act 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018.*

- 7.3.2. GIS-generated map of CBFMA covered area showing all developmental projects (e.g. UDP, CBFM-CARP, NGP);
- 7.3.3. CENRO or PENRO Certification that the PO applying for area expansion is the same PO that developed the established plantation for areas under Item 5.2 of this DAO; and
- 7.3.4. Draft CBFMA Amendment in four (4) original copies (see Annex III).
- 7.4. Upon completion of the requirements, the CENRO/Implementing PENRO shall again review and evaluate the completeness and authenticity of the submitted documents within ten (10) working days upon receipt thereof. If found in order, the CENRO shall endorse the application to PENRO; and in the case of Implementing PENRO, the application shall be endorsed to the RED.
- 7.5. The PENRO shall review and evaluate the applications for CBFMA area expansion endorsed by the CENRO within five (5) working days upon receipt thereof. If found in order, the PENRO shall endorse the application to the Regional Executive Director (RED).
- 7.6. The RED shall review and evaluate the applications for CBFMA area expansion endorsed by the PENRO within five (5) working days upon receipt thereof. If found in order, the RED shall approve the application for CBFMA area expansion by signing the attached draft CBFMA amendment.
- 7.7. Once the CBFMA amendment is approved, the agreement shall be notarized at the Regional Office before transmitting the same to the CENRO/Implementing PENRO for further appropriate actions. The CBFMA area expansion will bear the same tenure number and is co-terminus with the original CBFMA.
- 7.8. The signing of the CBFMA amendment signifies the full assumption of the CBFMA holder of all the rights and responsibilities over the expanded area. The original copy of the approved and notarized document on CBFMA area expansion shall be provided to the CBFMA holder, DENR Regional Office, PENRO and CENRO, copy furnished FMB; and certified photocopy for the LGU for their information and record purposes.
- 7.9. Reports on basic information of the approved CBFMA with area expansion which include name of PO, location, CBFMA number, date of issuance, area, and GIS-generated maps, among others shall be submitted by the Regional Office to FMB for record purposes.

**SECTION 8. Database and Monitoring and Evaluation** - The concerned personnel from the different DENR field offices shall update the Enhanced Forestry Information System (eFIS) and other related CBFMA database to include the approved document for consistencies. Likewise, the Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF) and Five-Year Work Plan (FYWP) shall be updated, subject to the affirmation of the RED, to incorporate plans for the approved expansion area. The development to be introduced in the expansion area shall be in harmony with the approved Forest Land Use Plan of the area and other forest management plan (FWMP, CLUP, etc.). The Regional Offices shall include the expansion area in the regular monitoring and evaluation of CBFMA holders.



**SECTION 9. Budgetary Support** - The budget needed by the field offices for the processing of applications for CBFMA area expansion based on the provisions stated herein shall be included in the CENRO, PENRO and the Region's Work and Financial Plans as part of the DENR's major final output. Objectively verifiable indicators of the different activities shall likewise be identified as basis for monitoring and evaluation.

**SECTION 10. Separability Clause** - If any of the provisions of this Order shall be held invalid and unconstitutional, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11. Repealing Clause** - All Orders and other similar issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. Effectivity Clause** - This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgement of receipt of a copy thereof by the Office of the National Administrative Registrar (ONAR).

ROY A. CIMATU

Secretary



ANNEX L Flow Chart for the Processing and Approval of CBFMA Area Expansion







**Annex II. Letter of Intent of CBFMA Holder Applying for Area Expansion**

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

The DENRO/Implementing PENRO

Office Address

**Subject : Application for CBFMA Area Expansion of CBFM**

PO \_\_\_\_\_ Located at \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Sir/Madam:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman/Authorized PO Representative, of Name of People's Organization, express our intention to develop, maintain and protect the adjacent unenclosed area to our Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) Area with CBFMA No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued on \_\_\_\_\_ with a total area of \_\_\_\_\_ hectares and located at \_\_\_\_\_. Our organization is composed of \_\_\_\_\_ males and \_\_\_\_\_ females including officers.

The said adjacent area has a total area of \_\_\_\_\_ hectares and situated at \_\_\_\_\_ . Attached are pertinent documents for your review.

1. PO Board Resolution authorizing the PO President or Authorized Member/ Representative to apply for CBFMA expansion with attachments such as Attendance sheet, minutes of meeting and geo-tagged photos;
2. Authenticated/Certified True Copy of the CBFM Agreement;
3. Updated Authenticated/Certified True Copy of Certificate of PO Registration including the updated list of PO Officers and members; and
4. Affirmed CRMF (affirmation page only).

Hoping this merit your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Over Printed Name

PO Chairman/Authorized Representative

CBFM- PO \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNEX III: Template for Expansion of Area Coverage**

Republic of the Philippines

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

(Office Address)

**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST  
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

(CBFMA NO. \_\_\_\_\_ )

of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of CBFMA Holder)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Location)

This **AGREEMENT**, made and entered into by and between the \_\_\_\_\_ (Regional Executive Director) \_\_\_\_\_ for and in behalf of the Republic of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the **FIRST PARTY** and \_\_\_\_\_ s/an association/ peoples organization/ cooperative/ duly organized under the existing laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with SEC/CDA registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ and represented herein by \_\_\_\_\_ (PO Chairman/Representative) \_\_\_\_\_, with residential and postal address at \_\_\_\_\_ (PO Address/Location) \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the **SECOND PARTY**.



- Headline
- Editorial
- Column
- Opinion
- Feature Article

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the **FIRST PARTY** and the **SECOND PARTY** entered into a Community Based Forest Management Agreement (hereinafter referred to as CBFMA No. \_\_\_\_\_ for brevity) sometime in \_\_\_\_\_ (date of issuance). Said agreement was registered in the notarial registry of Atty. \_\_\_\_\_ as Doc. No. \_\_\_\_\_; Page No. \_\_\_\_\_; Book No. \_\_\_\_\_ Series of \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, the **FIRST PARTY** in \_\_\_\_\_ issued DAO No. \_\_\_\_\_ Series of \_\_\_\_\_ entitled "Guidelines on the Processing of Application for Expansion of Areas Under Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) To Include Adjacent Areas Within Forestlands".

**WHEREAS**, the **SECOND PARTY** passed and approved PO Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ entitled \_\_\_\_\_ whereby the **SECOND PARTY** resolves to protect and sustainably manage an additional \_\_\_\_\_ hectares of forestland located in \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in CBFMA No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, per assessment and evaluation conducted by the **DENR-CENRO** implementing **PENRO** \_\_\_\_\_, the **SECOND PARTY** possesses all the qualification and none of the disqualification required of a tenure holder under existing laws, policies or guidelines being implemented by DENR. That, the **SECOND PARTY** has the legal, socio-economic preparedness and organizational capacity to protect and sustainably manage the existing CBFMA area as well as the additional area subject of this agreement. That all the relevant and necessary requirements for the amendment of CBFMA No. \_\_\_\_\_ have been complied with by the **SECOND PARTY**;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, both parties mutually agree to amend the area covered by CBFMA No. \_\_\_\_\_ to include an additional \_\_\_\_\_ hectares of forest land located in \_\_\_\_\_. The map and technical description of the boundaries of the additional area is hereto attached and made as an integral part of this agreement. The area covered by CBFMA No. \_\_\_\_\_ shall now be \_\_\_\_\_ hectares which shall be protected and manage sustainably by the **SECOND PARTY** in accordance with the terms and conditions of CBFMA No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is co-terminus with the original CBFMA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their signatures below at \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

FOR THE FIRST PARTY:

FOR THE SECOND PARTY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
PO Chairman/Representative

**WITNESSES:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
DENR/PENRO Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
From the Second Party

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Republic of the Philippines )  
Province of \_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.  
Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ )

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in \_\_\_\_\_ Philippines, this \_\_\_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared the following with their respective certification opposite their names:

NAME	VALID GOVERNMENT ID	DATE/PLACE ISSUED

known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that the same in their free and voluntary act and deed, as well as the free and voluntary act and deed of the entities represented herein.

This instrument, which is the **AMMENDED COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**, consists of \_\_\_\_\_ pages including this page where the Acknowledgement is written, and is signed by the parties and their instrument on each page thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, at the place and on the date first written above.

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## **COVID-19 NEWS**

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# PH's active cases at record high for 6th straight day with 37,070 new infections

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**Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, January 17)** — The number of patients currently ill with COVID-19 in the country reached another record high for the sixth straight day at over 290,000 after the Department of Health (DOH) logged 37,070 fresh cases on Monday.

There are now 290,938 active cases. Of this number, 277,020 are experiencing mild symptoms, 9,187 are asymptomatic, 2,947 have moderate symptoms, 1,480 are severe, and 304 are in critical condition.

The DOH also noted that the positivity rate—or percentage of tested people with positive results—slightly declined to 46.0% based on 77,410 tests reported on Jan. 15. The country's positivity rate has been over 47% in the past five days.

Under the World Health Organization standards, the ideal positivity rate is below 5%.

Out of the new cases reported, 36,001 occurred in the past two weeks, from January 4 to January 17. The regions with the most cases in the last 14 days were the National Capital Region with 13,061; Calabarzon with 9,048; and Central Luzon with 4,173.

The death toll is now at 52,929 with 23 new fatalities, while 33,940 others have recovered, raising the survivor count to 2,898,507.

Of the new reported deaths, 20 occurred this month, one in September 2021, one in April 2021, and one in September 2020. The late reporting was due to the delayed encoding of information to the COVID-Kaya data storage system, the DOH explained.

The DOH also said that 94 duplicates were removed from the nationwide count. Of these, 64 were recoveries and one was a death.

It added that two cases that were previously tagged as recoveries were reclassified as deaths after final validation.

The DOH also said all laboratories were operational last January 15. However, 12 others failed to submit their data to the COVID-19 Documentary Repository System. Data over the past 14 days showed the non-reporting laboratories contributed, on average, 5.1% samples tested and 5.1% positive cases.

Source: <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2022/1/17/PH-active-cases-record-high-6th-straight-day-.html>





# OCTA: Metro Manila's COVID-19 cases could be 6-15 times higher than DOH figures

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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**Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, January 17)** — Actual COVID-19 infections in Metro Manila could be six to 15 times higher than official figures being reported by the government, OCTA Research fellow Guido David warned Monday.

David said that the random antigen testing conducted by the Transportation Department on passengers of the Metro Rail Transit and Light Rail Transit on January 12 and 13 showing 12.4% of those who were tested were positive for COVID-19 could indicate the situation in Metro Manila.

"Assuming it is completely random, there was 12.4% positivity rate among these passengers who were tested, that's about 1 out of 8 random people. It indicates that if you go out and if you meet eight people on the road, chances are, one of them likely has the virus," he told CNN Philippines' The Source.

David noted that comparing the situation with National Capital Region's population of around 14 million, about 1.04 to 2.44 million people may have been infected with COVID-19 as of January 13 alone.

On that day, OCTA said Metro Manila only had 17,069 new cases. From January 1 to 14, total new cases reported by the Health Department were around 165,000 in the capital region, OCTA added.

"Taking into consideration the number of cases that were reported from January 1 to 14, there will be roughly six to 15 times higher the number of actual infections which would include asymptomatics, those who don't get tested and those tested with antigen but were not reported," David said.

David noted that despite the daily growth rate of cases in Metro Manila reaching -1%, the trend still needs validation because of limitations in testing in the capital region. He added that they will have to monitor the situation in the region to see if cases decrease further.



UP Pandemic Response Team data analytics researcher Jomar Rabajante shared a similar sentiment in his interview with New Day, saying that the country still has to record a sustaining decline in positivity rate and the healthcare utilization rate to confirm whether Metro Manila is past its peak in cases.

"It's too early to call it a decreasing trend so we have to see what happens in the next few days because sometimes there are data lags, backlogs, late reports and there's also a possibility that we may have reached our ceiling as far as testing capacity is concerned in NCR," David said.



# CSC to gov't agencies: Look after employees' health

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor [January 17, 2022, 3:51 pm](#)



Civil Service Commission Commissioner Aileen Lizada

**MANILA** – An official of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) on Monday reminded government agencies to look after their employees' safety and security amid the prevailing pandemic.

In a televised public briefing, CSC Commissioner Aileen Lizada said government agencies must adhere to the guidelines set by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases on the reduction of onsite workforce while Alert Level 3 is hoisted in their areas.

To date, about 161 government employees are confirmed positive with Covid-19.

Under Department of Budget and Management Circular (DBM) No. 2020-14, government agencies have the option to utilize their respective budgets for purposes of implementing health protocols at no cost to the employees.

*"Puwede ho tayong gumawa ng home care Covid kit para sa ating mga empleyado, kunin natin sa MOOE [maintenance and other operating expenses]. Allowed na po naman ito, mayroon naman (We can produce Covid kits for our employees from our MOOE. This is allowed, per) DBM circular,"* Lizada said.

The provision of Covid-19 home care kits for government employees would "de-clog the health centers" frequented by the public, she added.

For government agencies in areas under Alert Level 2, Lizada noted that alternative work arrangements must be implemented.

"We talked about reduction of workforce, but it does not talk about stoppage of government workforce," she said. "We need to serve the public continuously but likewise hand in hand, we also have to protect our government employees." **(PNA)**





# Public health, public response

[TOWARDS JUSTICE](#) - [Emmeline Aglipay-Villar](#) - The Philippine Star

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The times we live in now are harrowing. While we never believed ourselves to be free of the COVID-19 pandemic, the increasing numbers of vaccinated people and the decreasing new cases towards the tail end of the year was a much needed reprieve, and a source of cautious optimism. But even that was mixed with fear as the news of the Omicron variant arrived. At the end of the first week of 2022, we had over 20,000 new COVID-19 cases – a monstrous increase from 288 barely half a month before, and the highest since September 2021.

The Omicron surge of the past two weeks has led to our highest COVID cases in a single day, with the highest recorded tallies broken day after day. As of writing this article, the latest highest number of new cases is 39,004 – logged last Jan. 15, 2022. Almost all of the new cases occurred from Dec. 31 to Jan. 13. This highly transmissible virus has spread mostly in Metro Manila, Calabarzon and Central Luzon; and whole households are getting infected.

When we feel powerless, it's easy to look for someone to blame. In our country, those who flaunt mandatory quarantine protocols have been placed beneath an unforgiving spotlight. Around the world, governments have singled out the unvaccinated as being the drivers of the pandemic, a continued risk to those around them. Increasingly there have been efforts to paint the pandemic as a matter of individual choice, with Rochelle Walensky, the director of the Center of Disease Control of the United States, stated that “your health is in your hands.”

In our powerlessness, these kinds of statements can feel comforting. But is our health truly in our own hands?

If the problem is the spoiled and the powerful flaunting quarantine regulations, then harsh punishments for them and a tightening of regulations seem an easy answer. If the unvaccinated are what drives the continuation of the pandemic, then a strategy aimed at “pissing them off” until they accept shots should become a primary goal of public policy, similar to the strategy of French President Emmanuel Macron. If our health is in our hands, then if we do everything correctly, we can keep ourselves and those that we love completely safe from the thread of COVID-19.

But such comforts are false, and as we enter the third year of this pandemic, we cannot afford to take succor from falsehoods. One of the things that the pandemic has taught us is how we are all connected. While this means that the individual decisions we make can have wide-ranging effects in our community, it also means that the decisions of others can and will affect us, whether directly or indirectly.

This is one of the reasons why we must battle the pairing of a COVID-positive result and some sort of personal failing. You can be fully vaccinated, firmly masked, only go out for essentials – you can do everything right on a personal level and still get hit by the virus.

This doesn't mean that individual decisions don't matter. We've seen how the actions of quarantine breakers can endanger those closest to them, and we know that, scientifically, those who refuse vaccinations even when these are available to them pose a greater risk to both themselves and their communities. There are things that we can do, things we must take personal responsibility for.

However, it must be made clear that acknowledging personal responsibility doesn't mean that other forms do not – responsibilities of employers, of the media, of national and local governments, of organizations and communities beyond our own selves. This is something that should be obvious – there are many things that are beyond the power of an individual to do.



We can choose to get vaccinated, but the authorization of these vaccines must come from national bodies, the distribution of vaccines lies in the hands of local governments and the supply may depend on rich nations recognizing their responsibility not to hoard vaccines. We can choose to properly isolate if we have symptoms of COVID-19, but if we do not have prompt and affordable access to tests, our asymptomatic close contacts will not know if they too should isolate or inform their own contacts.

We can choose to wear masks, but our risk will still increase if the office/establishment doesn't enforce the proper wearing of masks, if we are forced to wait for public transportation without adequate social distancing, if stores do not take the proper precautions to ensure that the masks we were sold are authentic. Our responsibilities towards health are not a zero sum game – they exist side-by-side with each other, build and assume each other, depend on each other.

A pandemic such as this one is a matter of public health, and a public health problem cannot be resolved solely by personal choices. It requires that the personal choices we make be supported and enabled by government institutions and multi-sectoral initiatives, within the context of a communal responsibility.

A community pools its strengths and builds upon what others have made. In a sense, the various COVID waves have attacked us in a communal manner, each new wave adding to the destruction of the last, battering and eroding our frontliners, our systems, our willpower. This is one of the reasons why the latest waves – perpetuated by the Omicron variant across much of the globe – have been so devastating to health care systems. As a recent article in the Atlantic states: "Here, then, is the most important difference about this surge: It comes on the back of all the prior ones. COVID's burden is additive."

Yet just as the effects of these COVID waves accumulate, so too can our efforts to battle it. Our individual decisions – to get vaccinated, to wear masks, to follow quarantine protocols, to minimize our exposure to others – all of these can cause ripple effects that make things easier for other people, for our communities, for our frontliners.

But these individual efforts cannot take the place of, and must be supported by, institutional and community interventions. Part of our individual efforts must be to continue to fight for and demand these.

Public health demands nothing less than a public response.



## NO BAKUNA? NO BIYAHE, NO TSIBUG, NO TRABAHO!



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KAHIT saang sulok ng bansa ngayon, grabe ang pag-atake ng COVID-19, lalo na ang Omicron at Delta variant nito.

Hindi tulad noong 2020 at unang mga buwan ng 2021 na wala pang Omicron at Delta, ngayo'y ang dami, pami-pamilya at magkakapitbahay na ang nagkakasakit nang sabay-sabay.

Mula Enero 11, 2021 na may nagka-COVID na 27,943, ngayon, umakyat na ang bilang ng mga ito sa 38,867 nitong Sabado.

Hindi lang 'yan, hindi biro ang dami rin ng mga namamatay na naglalaro sa 50-218 katao araw-araw mula rin noong Enero 11.

Pero ito ang isa sa mga natatangi: Mga hindi bakunado ang bumubuo ng 83 porsyento sa mga naoospital at 95 porsyento sa mga namamatay, ayon na rin sa Department of Health.

### BAKUNA, PINAKAMABISA VS COVID

Alam na ng lahat na ang sari-saring bakuna ang pinakamabisang panlaban sa COVID at sa pandemyang nililikha nito.

Sa ating bansa, meron na tayong natanggap at ginagamit na bakuna na nasa 220 milyong dose at sapat na para mabakunahan nang doble ang nasa 100 milyong Pinoy.

Meron nang doble bakunado na 54.5 milyon habang nasa 56M ang isahan.

Kung sa loob ng dalawang buwan ay makumpleto ang doble bakuna sa 56M, mas ligtas na ang karamihan sa atin sa pagkakaospital at kamatayan.

Magkagayunman, maituturing lang na doble bakunado ang naturukan nang pangalawa at nakapagpalpas ng dalawang linggo.

### MGA HINDI BAKUNADO

Isinasama na sa mga hindi maituturing na bakunado ang milyones na may anim na buwan nang may doble bakuna ngunit walang booster shot o pangatlong turok.

Hindi rin maituturing na bakunado ang isa pa lang ang bakuna at kahit nga may doble bakuna na, kung hindi pa lumilipas ang dalawang linggo makaraan nito, hindi pa rin ito doble bakunado.

Gayunman, kinokonsidera na bakunado sa pagkakaroon na ng natural na immunity ang mga nagka-COVID ngunit nakaligtas sa kamatayan.





Sa ibang salita, mga Bro, milyon-milyon ang maituturing na hindi bakunado.

#### NO BIYAHE, TSIBUG, TRABAHO

Silang mga hindi bakunado ang tatamaan ng patakarang No bakuna, No biyahe, No tsibug, No trabaho at iba pang No... magsimula sa araw na ito, Enero 17, 2022.

Sa biyahe, bawal sumakay sa lahat ng pampublikong sasakyan, kasama ang eroplano, tren, barko at bangka.

Kung pribado ang sasakyan mo, hindi ka rin basta makalusot dahil may harangan sa mga bawndary ng mga lungsod, bayan at lalawigan.

Bawal ding kumain sa loob at labas ng mga restoran at bawal ding pumasok sa trabaho.

Pero tinatanggap ang mga may negatibong resulta sa reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction o antigen test kung wala ang una.

Pero wala pang huhulihin at pagmumultahin kundi pauwiin sila sa kani-kanilang mga tahanan o pinanggalingan, kasabay ng katakot-takot na paliwanagan, sa loob ng isang linggo.

#### MAGPABAKUNA

Para makalaya tayo sa mga patakarang NO... na proteksyon ng lahat laban sa COVID, dapat tayong magpabakuna.

Dapat ninyong malaman na may mga bahay-bahay nang pagbabakuna o kaya'y bara-barangay.

Sumali po tayo lahat dito.



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

# 9.0%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO  
290,938

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

# 89.4%

TOTAL NG GUMALING  
2,898,507

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

# 1.63%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY  
52,929

MGA BAGONG KASO **37,070**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **33,940**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **23**

KABUUKANG BILANG NG KASO **3,242,374**

### MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING ENERO 15

DATOS NGAYONG ENERO 17  
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG ENERO 15

# 46.0%

PORSYENTO NG MGA  
NAGPOSITIBO

# 77,410

BILANG NG  
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### KABUUKANG PILIPINAS PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

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

### KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

ICU BEDS (3.5K TOTAL BEDS) **49%** Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (20.2K TOTAL BEDS) **47%** Utilized

WARD BEDS (14.2K TOTAL BEDS) **50%** Utilized

VENTILATORS (1,000 TOTAL VENTILATORS) **22%** Utilized

ICU BEDS (1.4K TOTAL BEDS) **58%** Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (5.0K TOTAL BEDS) **48%** Utilized

WARD BEDS (4.0K TOTAL BEDS) **62%** Utilized

VENTILATORS (1,000 TOTAL VENTILATORS) **30%** Utilized

9,187 Asymptomatic

277,020 Mild

2,947 Moderate

1,480 Severe

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