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Sampulna ensures smooth transition for next DENR leadership

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MANILA — Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna ensured a smooth turnover of the agency's platforms to the incoming administration, even before the naming of a new DENR chief.

To finish his goal, Sampulna formed a transition team chaired by a DENR Undersecretary to guide the preparations for the handing over of responsibilities.

"We are ready. The documents have been prepared and will be presented to the next DENR Secretary," he said.

According to Sampulna, this move is aligned with President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's instruction to his cabinet officials to "do it right."

"By doing it right, he means you won't make excuses and you will not do any nonsensical actions. Because I have a good President, I will leave DENR in good governance," he said.

Along the top DENR projects to be handed over to the incoming DENR chief are the Boracay Rehabilitation and Manila Bay Rehabilitation.

In 2018, President Duterte ruled the recovery of Boracay Island over concerns that its famous clear blue waters and beach have transformed into a "cesspool" because of sustained environmental damage.

Boracay's successful recovery has served as a model for the rehabilitation of Manila Bay.



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The Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program, dubbed as “Battle for Manila Bay,” started on January 27, 2019, in compliance with the Supreme Court’s Writ of Continuing Mandamus ruling 13 government agencies to clean up, and preserve Manila Bay, and restore and maintain its waters to SB level to make it fit for swimming, skin-diving, and other forms of contact recreation.

As part of the historic bay’s recovery program, a solar-powered sewage treatment plant (STP) was set up along Roxas Boulevard in Manila on July 30, 2020.

The installation of solar-powered STPs in the cities of Pasay and Las Piñas is also in the pipeline.

Based on the report of the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau, the average coliform levels in the 10 sectors along the Manila Baywalk have dramatically decreased from 198,000 most probable number per 100 milliliters (MPN/100 mL) in 2019 to 47,900 MPN/100 mL in 2022.

However, coliform level in the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach area has an average of 1,200 mpn/100ml from its three monitoring stations.

The Manila Bay Dolomite Beach is a part of the beach nourishment process under the Manila Bay Rehabilitation program.

The DENR was able to draw inspiration from these initiatives as it also boost the recovery of other resorts and water bodies nationwide.

Now, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs Jonas R. Leones said that they will also be endorsing to the next administration the continuation of the task force on disaster recovery and rehabilitation created under the Duterte administration and the strict application of major environmental laws.

“The challenge is the effects of climate change; we are expecting tropical cyclones and calamities such as landslides and flooding. That’s why during the time of President Rodrigo Duterte we have the Task Force Build Back Better, a whole-of-government approach on post-disaster response,” said Leones.

“Secondly, our agency is mandated to protect the environment and conserve the natural resources, so we will focus on this and discuss with the incoming administration the strict implementation of environmental laws such as Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, and the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act,” he added.

Also, under the solid waste management program, the DENR braced the application of RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, pointed by the closure of open dumpsites nationwide.(ai/mtvn)



DENR to launch SAR ops for trees 'victimized' by erring politicians



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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said it would conduct "search and rescue" (SAR) operations for trees injured by erring politicians during the recently concluded national and local elections.

DENR Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna said "the move is especially important as injured trees if left unattended, are susceptible to infection and may not be able to grow properly with structural defects that make them prone to fail and fall over during typhoons."

DENR Undersecretary for Field Operations-Luzon, Visayas and Environment Juan Miguel Cuna last May 17, 2022, whose office oversees DENR's implementation of its "Oplan Baklas" (OB) in all its 16 regional offices, had already started carrying out Sampulna's directive.

In order to complete their OB accomplishment reports, Cuna likewise told DENR regional offices through their respective Regional Executive Directors to "conduct an inventory of trees damaged due to the election campaign and conduct possible treatments appropriate to the conditions" of the injured trees.

As of April, some 114,664 pieces of campaign materials and other paraphernalia had been taken down in DENR's OB which has been implemented nationwide under a DENR, Commission of Elections (Comelec), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Joint Memorandum to tear down or confiscate poll campaign materials posted outside of common poster areas designated by the Comelec.

Sampulna cited trees in urban areas need to be prioritized, noting that "trees in our urban areas have been decreasing through the years despite the countless benefits they give to improve the quality of life in cities, especially now that climate change is upon us."

Of particular concern to the environment, the chief said, is how many of the trees had been cleared of the nailed campaign posters and the likelihood that there are nails still left in trees that can cause long-term damage to trees, especially the young ones.

"Hammering a nail into a tree inevitably leaves a wound that exposes its insides to bacteria and fungi and causes decay of the wood, leading to a structurally weakened tree and can even shorten its life," Sampulna explained.

Juvenile trees are less able to recover from these injuries and are most vulnerable to these long-term damages from injuries compared to mature trees over 10 years old.

"Our field officers may have to revisit the trees that have been cleared of these materials to remove unpulled nails and apply a wound dressing that contains fungicide and insecticide, especially in nail holes that show signs of surface rust," according to Raul Briz, chief of Forest Protection office of the Forest Management Bureau.

Source: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2022/06/02/denr-to-launch-sar-ops-for-trees-victimized-by-erring-politicians/>



DENR opens Pawikan nesting site in Palauig

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By Carlo Lorenzo Datu



IBA, Zambales (PIA) -- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) opened a Pawikan nesting site in Magalawa Island in Palauig, Zambales.

This is to raise public awareness and community support for the protection and conservation of marine resources.

DENR Masinloc Community Environment and Natural Resources Office Head Ariel Mendoza said the coastline of the 42-hectare Magalawa Island has been an important nesting ground of marine turtles.

It is located within the more than 7,000-hectare Masinloc and Oyon Bay Protected Seascape and Landscape (MOBPLS).

"We have sighted Olive ridley and Green sea turtles nesting in the white sand of Magalawa since December of last year," Mendoza shared.

More than 400 hatchlings of these species have been released back to the sea of MOBPLS.

DENR Undersecretary Annaliza Teh explained that climate resilient infrastructure should be an integral part of a marine protected area management plan to achieve environmental sustainability.



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"Solar energy panels and rain water harvesting system are some of the important infrastructure that can help in attaining climate resiliency in protected area," she said.

For his part, United States Agency for International Development Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes Project Field Site Team Leader Felix Mendoza. pointed out the important support and assistance that they have implemented to better manage the MOBPLS.

"Marine turtle conservation, mangrove and beach forests rehabilitation training course and community managed-savings and credit association are some of the capacity building support of the project to effectively protect the MOBPLS," he said.

MOBPLS is the first and only legislated marine protected are in Zambales and in Central Luzon under Republic Act 11032 otherwise known as Expanded National Integrated Protected Area System.

It is home to unique and diverse species including the hybrid mangrove species of *Rhizophora x lamarckii*, and the blue-spotted rabbit fish.

Also, important habitat such as the 1,500-hectare coral reefs, 109-hectare mangrove forests and vast seagrass beds.

This year's environment month theme "Only One Earth", underscores the need to live sustainably in harmony with nature, and the possibilities for shifting to a greener lifestyle through policy and individual choices. (CLJD-PIA 3)

DENR, nagsagawa ng clean-up drive sa Malolos

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LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS (PIA) -- May 83 sako ng basura ang nakolekta sa isinagawang clean-up drive ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources o DENR sa barangay Tikay sa lungsod ng Malolos.

Pinagtulangang linisin ng ahensya at mga opisyal ng naturang barangay ang irrigation system ng National Irrigation Administration bilang bahagi ng Manila Bay Cleanup and Rehabilitation Program.

Ayon kay DENR Bulacan Conservation Chief Teresita Abrazaldo, ang aktibidad ay ang lundo ng pagdiriwang ng Month of the Oceans.

Dagdag pa ni Abrazaldo, ang clean-up drive ay alay nila sa mahalagang papel ng mga "estero rangers" bilang frontliners sa pagpapanatili ng kalinisan ng lahat ng uri ng katubigan sa lalawigan.

Matapos ang paglilinis, nagsagawa din ang grupo ng house-to-house information dissemination ukol sa solid waste management.

Biinigyang diin ng DENR na mahalaga pa rin ang segregation at source at wastong pangongolekta ng basura para sa epektibong solid waste management.

Kasama rin sa nasabing clean up drive ang mga kawani mula sa Environmental Management Bureau at Community Environment and Natural Resources Office. (CLJD/VFC-PIA 3)



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DENR leads bamboo planting in Apalit



(Contributed Photo)

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THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources, through its Provincial Environment Resources Office (PENRO) in Pampanga, led by PENR Officer Roger Encarnacion, held a bamboo planting activity along the Pampanga River in Barangay Sulipan.

The event is part of the PENRO's commemoration of the first day of the Philippine Environment Month with the theme Aksyon Para sa Natatanging Mundo.

A total of 200 bamboo stocks were planted in a 900-square meter site along the easements of Pampanga River.

Aksyon Para sa Natatanging Mundo #OnlyOneEarth is the campaign for World Environment Day 2022. It calls for collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore our planet.

It has been a long-standing wake-up call for people to realize that there is only One Earth.

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1930825/pampanga/local-news/denr-leads-bamboo-planting-in-apalit>

15 divers join 1st underwater clean up drive

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By Alex Lumaque



ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA) -- Fifteen volunteer licensed divers from different government and non-government organizations participated in the successful conduct of the province's first-ever underwater clean up drive, May 27, in Brgy. Balogo in Pilar town.





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The activity dubbed "Sisid Basurero: An Underwater Clean-up Drive" was in time with the Month of the Ocean last May to raise public awareness and impart knowledge to the community the importance of coastal ecosystems.

Based on the Capiz Provincial Environment and Natural Resources (CaPENRO) social media post, the divers gathered various wastes like tin cans, plastic bags, nets and clothes.

The Sisid Basurero was complimented by a clean-up along the shoreline by other participants who did not join the dive that collected about 80 kilograms of plastic waste.

The pro-environment initiative was conducted by CaPENRO in partnership with the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office of Pilar through the support of local government units of Carles and Estancia towns in Iloilo, Philippine Coast Guard, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, Capiz Police Provincial Office, Tawi Cares, Capiz Mandaragat, Capiz Emergency Response Team, 4P's Integrated Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council and Bangon Agojo Fisherfolk Association.

The underwater clean-up was initially scheduled last April at the Napti Island in Panay town in time with the Capiztahan 2022 celebration but was postponed in the aftermath of Tropical Depression Agaton. (JBG/AAL/PIA Capiz)



Urgent plea for environment

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Hailed as “very welcome (but) long overdue,” the recent court ruling against Marcopper Mining Corp. was handed down almost 30 years after “one of the worst mining and environmental disasters in Philippine history.”

On May 16, the Marinduque Regional Trial Court Branch 38 ordered Marcopper to pay P200,000 in temperate damages to each of the 30 plaintiffs affected by the 1993 Marcopper mine spill in Mogpog town, and another P100,000 in moral damages. The mining company was also ordered to pay P1 million in exemplary damages.

The court blamed the mining firm’s negligence in maintaining its Maguila-guila siltation dam, which burst and flooded the Mogpog River and nearby communities with toxic residues of heavy metals.

While describing the court decision as “a major victory for the people of Marinduque,” the province’s representative and Speaker Lord Allan Velasco said the government must continue to exact accountability from the mining firm “for the consequences of its irresponsible mining practices” that led to two major mine spills in 1993 and 1996. Poisoned with mine tailings, both the Mogpog and Boac rivers are now considered biologically dead. Meanwhile, Velasco said, his province mates “continue to suffer the effects of the mining tragedy as evidenced by health problems, making it all the more imperative to come up with stringent and long-term environmental solutions.”

While the damages awarded are widely considered to be “too little, too late,” they brought into sharp focus the huge social and economic costs, as well as environmental risks, involved in mining, and the need for stricter government regulations to protect the community. Quite a timely reminder, too, given the country’s recent lifting of its four-year-old ban on open-pit mining for copper, gold, silver, and complex ores to boost venue.

In Palawan, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) early this month canceled the environmental clearance certificate issued in 2007 and 2009 to the Coron Bay Development Project, which the DENR itself admitted was a “minor lapse” on its part.

“The progress of the project should have been closely monitored [by local environmental officials],” DENR Undersecretary Jonas Leones said of the reclamation project that had already covered 40 of its original 48-hectare proposed expanse, when the damage it had inflicted on Coron’s coastal area and ecosystem was discovered.

With government agencies busy addressing the pandemic, the proponents and the provincial government “took advantage [of the situation] to reclaim and reclaim,” the DENR official said.

While the project was halted due to “lack of funds” between 2012 and 2018, it was reinstated by Palawan Gov. Jose Alvarez, who entered into a joint venture with developers for the construction of hotels, docking stations, and other tourism-related facilities in Coron town proper.



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The DENR should crack the whip and file charges for violating environmental laws against those responsible for the destructive project that was noted to have already changed the landscape of Coron. According to a study conducted by a marine biologist, 27 percent of corals in the area are now dead, while the rest are threatened by sedimentation.

Similar cases of environmental peril are in the news as well, among them the reopening on June 12 of the P389-million dolomite beach on Manila Bay, despite warnings from health experts of the harm that crystalline silica, found in dolomite, can cause to the lungs, eyes, and skin.

Just as worrying is the possible operation of the mothballed Bataan Nuclear Power Plant that, following the 1979 Three Mile Island accident in the United States, underwent a safety inquiry that revealed 4,000 defects, including its being built near a major geological fault line.

Such issues underscore the need for the incoming administration to include environmental concerns among its priorities because of their immediate and catastrophic impact. Climate change, for one, has unleashed increasingly violent storms, devastating floods, and massive landslides on vulnerable countries like ours. With the typhoon season upon us, it would be timely for authorities to review government policies that touch on these perennial disasters, and reconsider rationalized land use, the protection of natural watersheds, antilogging laws, land conversion, reforestation as part of urbanization, and so on.

Just as urgent is finding and developing cheaper and renewable sources of fuel in the face of skyrocketing gas prices because of the ongoing Ukraine-Russia crisis. Coal as an alternative would mean balding forests, while nuclear energy could have cataclysmic consequences.

Addressing all these environmental ills won't be easy, and the temptation is to look for short-term solutions to get them out of the way. The real challenge, though, is to take a long view on how to conserve and prudently use the country's limited resources, given that future generations depend on them as well.

Read more: <https://opinion.inquirer.net/153586/urgent-plea-for-environment#ixzz7VBUnIK7W>

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Peña: World Environment Day 2022

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THIS Sunday, June 5, is the 50th celebration of World Environment Day (WED). This event was established by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment. It is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people across the world including the Philippines.

It was also in June 5 that the UN General Assembly created the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the principal body of the UN in the field of environment. The first celebration, under the slogan "Only One Earth" took place in 1974. This year, "Only One Earth" is still the campaign slogan, with the focus on "Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature". This year's host is Sweden.

Past World Environment Days have focused on everything from air pollution to food waste, and each year has seen an increase in the number of people participating. In 1977, the event focused on the depletion of the ozone layer and in 1983 on acid rain. Climate change was the theme in 1989. Last year the theme was 'ecosystem restoration', focusing on resetting our relation with nature.

In the Philippines, WED is observed not just for a day but for the whole month of June. This yearly observance started in 1988 when President Corazon C. Aquino signed proclamation No. 237 declaring the month of June as Philippine Environment Month.

Today our planet Earth, our only home, faces numerous environmental threats like global warming which is causing climate change, pollution of the air, land and water, plastic waste and habitat loss. WED 2022 calls for collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore our planet. While nations and governments are in the best position to effect change through their laws and policies, individually we can also act. We can change our lifestyle and consumption habits. We are living unsustainably.

We are using the equivalent of 1.6 Earths to maintain our current way of life, and ecosystems cannot keep up with our demands. Our lifestyles are associated with two thirds of all greenhouse gas emissions. Studies show that sustainable lifestyles and behaviors could reduce our emissions by 40 to 70% by 2050.

We have to act fast. Time is running out. To keep global warming below 1.5°C this century, we must halve annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Without action, exposure to air pollution beyond safe guidelines will increase by 50 per cent within the decade and plastic waste flowing into aquatic ecosystems will nearly triple by 2040.



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Experts say it is clear that urgent, transformative action is required to halt the decline of the natural world. To support this UNEP has produced the #OnlyOneEarth Practical Guide, a compass providing governments, cities, businesses, community groups and individuals with key environmental actions they can take to effect real change.



NegO cc's award-winning wetlands area documented in photo exhibit

By Nanette Guadalquiver June 3, 2022, 7:16 pm



EXHIBIT. The photo documentation of the Negros Occidental Coastal Wetlands Conservation Area, which garnered the province the 2021 Galing Pook Award through the program titled "Network of Alliances for Coastal Wetlands Conservation", can be viewed on the second floor of a mall in Bacolod until June 15, 2022. The exhibit is part of the 30th Provincial Environment Month celebration. *(Photo courtesy of PEMO Negros Occidental)*

BACOLOD CITY – Photographs of the award-winning Negros Occidental Coastal Wetlands Conservation Area (NOCWCA) shot by a group of local enthusiasts are featured in an exhibit as part of the 30th Provincial Environment Month celebration this June.

On Thursday, the photo display of the NOCWCA, which garnered the province the 2021 Galing Pook Award through the program titled, "Network of Alliances for Coastal Wetlands Conservation", was held on the second floor of SM City Bacolod North Wing and will run until June 15.

From June 16 to 24, the exhibit can be viewed at the mall's bridge area.

Head of the Provincial Environment Management Office (PEMO), Julie Ann Bedrio, said the activities during the month-long event aim to increase environmental awareness and highlight the role of Negrenses as stewards in the conservation, protection, and restoration of the environment.

The photo documentation, themed "Connecting People and Wetlands Ecosystems Services", is being presented through the collaboration among the Camera Club of Negros, Provincial Administrator's Office, and PEMO.

It shows the sights across the wetlands located in southern Negros, which has been declared the seventh Ramsar site (wetland of international importance) in the Philippines on Oct. 20, 2016, and later, the fourth East Asian Australasian Flyway Site.



NegO cc's award-winning wetlands area documented in photo exhibit

The Negros Occidental Coastal Wetlands Area Management Alliance (NOCWAMA) manages the NOCWCA that spans a contiguous wetlands area with a coastline of 109.52 km. across 10 local government units.

About 80 bird species were recorded in the NOCWCA, including the globally endangered Great knot, Far Eastern curlew, and Nordmann's greenshank, as well as threatened species, such as the Irrawaddy dolphin and three species of marine turtles, the critically endangered Hawksbill turtle, and the endangered Green turtle and Olive ridley turtle.

The Provincial Environment Month is being observed under Provincial Ordinance 152, series of 1998.

In its 30th year, the provincial government has adopted the United Nations Environment Program World Environment Day 2022 theme, "Only One Earth", which highlights the need to live sustainably in harmony with nature by bringing transformative changes – through policies and our choices – towards cleaner, greener lifestyles. (PNA)



Mangrove island in Negros Occidental featured in int'l film 'Amon Banwa sa Lawod'

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DIRECTOR Anton Juan shooting a scene in the international film 'Amon Banwa sa Lawod' at the mangrove island of Suyac in Sagay City, Negros Occidental. (Photo courtesy of the Sagay City PIO and Tourism Office)

BACOLOD CITY – The mangrove island of Suyac in Barangay Tabaaao, Sagay City, Negros Occidental is featured in an international full-length film set to premiere next year.

The film "Amon Banwa sa Lawod" or "Our Island of the Mangrove Moon" is the first feature film ever shot on Suyac Island which was done with the community's permission and participation.

The film is directed by Anton Juan and was produced by the US-based Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Erehwon Center for the Arts, the Performance Laboratory, Negros Cultural Foundation, the Negros Museum, and the city government of Sagay.

It revolves around the memories of the island centered on the life, love, and passing of the people. It was devised from the play "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder and was written by Juan and Mark Garcia, a Sagaynon filmmaker, who also served as an assistant director of the film.

Juan is an internationally acclaimed theater and film director, whose film, "Winged Fragments of our Children," premiered at the Busan International Film Festival in 2017, and won the best film at Chandler International Film Festival and Toronto International Diversity Film Festival.

Juan, in a statement, said the film would articulate the mangrove community, resurrect the lives of the people living and dead, their struggles and simple joys, their resilience, and connection with the environment, and their relationship with the sea and their protection of their mangrove island



Mangrove island in Negros Occidental featured in int'l film 'Amon Banwa sa Lawod'

which, in turn, protects and sustains the community as a source of food, economic survival, and protection from huge flooding in the typhoon and monsoon seasons.

The central dramatic line grows from the everyday resilience of fisherfolk, living by hope, work, and faith, confronting a global problem: The erasure of a people's historical existence by power structures and neo-colonial moves on the high seas, he added.

Juan thanked the city government of Sagay and Mayor Alfredo Marañon III for helping to create a film that will speak of the people's beauty "in these crucial times we need to consolidate creative forces."


The film starred local actors from Sagay and Bacolod City and most of them were first time actors in a film. It wrapped production last month.

Marañon said they support this creative undertaking because they believe that film is powerful and persuasive.

The film has also the potential to promote tourism and with the strong local filmmaking movement, we can collaborate and make Sagay as a film tourism destination in Negros provided that it will be environment and community friendly respecting the culture and sensibilities of our people, the Sagay mayor added.

The film will have a scheduled screening on the island, Sagay City, and Negros Museum.



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ISANG BABY SERPENT EAGLE, NASAGIP SA MATI CITY, DAVAO ORIENTAL

Isang baby serpent eagle ang matagumpay na nasagip sa Macambol, Mati City, Davao Oriental noong Miyerkules (June 1).

Ayon kay Ferdinand Mabandos, isang retiradong pulls, agad niya itong kinumpiska sa isang residente na dumaan sa kaniyang pagmamay-aring beach resort.

Ayon naman kay City Environment chief Zaldy Lumaan, bagaman hindi napapabilang sa endangered species ang serpent eagles, ilegal pa rin ang pagdakip dito.

Agad namang nai-turn over ni Mabandos ang nasabing agila sa DENR office sa Mati City at inaasahang illipat ito sa isang rehabilitation facility sa Tagum City.

Ang coastal village ng Macambol ay idineklara ng national government bilang santuaryo ng Philippine eagles. Bahagi ito ng Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary, ang nag-iisang World Heritage Site sa Mindanao.//





Avian flu threatens Philippine Eagle Center

By [Ruth Palo](#)

June 4, 2022



These two Philippine eagles are among the 35 protected by the Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF) at Malagos village, Davao del Sur. PEF FILE PHOTO

DIGOS CITY: The [Philippine Eagle Foundation](#) (PEF) is now working to relocate the [Philippine Eagle Center](#) to a more secure and viable location for breeding amid the looming threat of the avian flu.

[Andi Baldonado](#), PEF development manager, said this is due to threats brought by the [avian influenza](#), adding they are on standby to relocate the Philippine eagles to the 50-hectare local government property in [Barangay Eden Toril District](#) in this city.

Baldonado said the recent avian flu infection in Magsaysay town in Davao del Sur, which is less than a hundred kilometers away from the center, "practically brings the threat at their doorstep."

She said a single case of avian flu in the center can potentially wipe out all 34 Philippine eagles that they have right now.

"That's why we've said that we are on standby for a possible lockdown again if ever there's a case that will be detected in [Davao City](#) because we cannot risk having avian flu in the only captive breeding facility for the Philippine eagle," Baldonado said.



Avian flu threatens Philippine Eagle Center

"The long-term plan is to really move, Malagos is no longer conducive for breeding wildlife and keeping the birds safe from the avian flu threat. In 2017, we had the threat as well so it's becoming more frequent. To prevent contamination, we need to isolate them," Baldonado said.

Right now, Baldonado said they are intensifying its biosecurity measures where the keepers are given access to the eagles in the center.

These keepers, she said, are assigned to specific eagles; they go to strict measures such as showering and changing into scrubs whenever they come in contact with the eagles.

The center, however, is still open to the public but stricter measures will have to be followed like not allowing vehicles to come inside the property anymore.

Baldonado also cited some game breeding farms around the 8.4-hectare Philippine Eagle Center, which houses 34 birds apart from several other wild bird species susceptible to infection.

"So it's not ideal anymore for a long-term plan of Philippine eagle conservation like breeding. And we find that it's time that we really need to secure the population and move them away from these areas," Baldonado added.

"We are working with the CPDO (City Planning and [Development Office](#)) towards releasing a usufruct which would allow us to use the facility for captive breeding and rescue rehabilitation," Baldonado said.

The PEF is seeking to raise P56 million as an initial budget to start the establishment of a new Philippine Eagle Facility in Eden, Toril.

Meanwhile, the PEF is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year with the theme "#AgiLaya: Lasting Freedom for the Philippine Eagle."

Highlights of the celebration include an exhibit from June 6 to 12 featuring Philippine eagle conservation milestones at SM Lanang Premier Atrium.



Environmental group applauds rejection of board's resolution lifting open-pit mining ban in S. Cotabato

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by [Armando Fenequito, Jr.](#)

DAVAO CITY – An environmental group here has expressed elation over the decision of South Cotabato governor Reynaldo Tamayo to veto a Provincial Board's resolution lifting a ban on open-pit mining.

The environmental group Interface Development Interventions for Sustainability (IDIS) said the governor's rejection of the board's resolution lifting a ban on open-pit mining was the fruit of their insistent call not to allow environmental destruction.

"Proud to be a part of the thousands of people who went out and braved the scorching heat of the sun to call for the veto of the ordinance amending the environment code of South Cotabato," said lawyer Mark Peñalver, executive director of IDIS, in his social media post.

However, Peñalver said they have to maintain their vigilance since the Provincial Board can still override the governor's veto.

"This is not yet the end. Uphold the ban," said Peñalver.

In rejecting the board resolution, Tamayo said he is hoping that the outgoing members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan will no longer override his decision and let the next council review it.

The governor explained that he junked the lifting of the ban on open-pit mining for being prejudicial to the public welfare and inimical to the overall interest of the province.

"Time and time again, it is always stressed that the province's holistic development is anchored first and foremost on its people," governor Tamayo said.

Tamayo said he could not see any compelling reason that a decade-old ordinance to ban open-pit mining needed to be amended since this protects the residents and the environment from any destruction.



South Cotabato bishop calls for veto of local open-pit mining law

By [Interaksyon](#)

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Bishop Cerilo Casicas of Marbel (front row, 3rd from right) joins a march towards the South Cotabato capitol building in Koronadal City to protest the lifting of the ban on open-pit mining in the province, June 1, 2022. (Photo courtesy of Clyde Jomoc/Sac Marbel via CBCP News)

A Catholic bishop is calling on South Cotabato's top official to veto a measure allowing large-scale mining projects in the province.

Bishop Cerilo Casicas of Marbel joined a massive rally outside the capitol building in Koronadal City on Wednesday to protest the lifting of open-pit mining ban in the province.

The bishop particularly urged Gov. Reynaldo Tamayo Jr. to veto the local legislator's controversial decision made a week after the elections.

The Marbel Diocesan Social Action Center claimed more than 10,000 people joined the demonstration, which started with a march from Christ the King Cathedral to the capitol.

"The people have spoken and this is the ultimate truth that you should consider as governor. To do otherwise, I may even say, you will be remiss in your duty," Casicas said at the rally.

This was the second rally in two weeks after the provincial board on May 16 amended its environmental law, paving the way for a \$5.9 billion copper-gold project.

Located in Tampakan town, the mine is said to be one of the largest undeveloped copper-gold deposits in the world.

The move was seen as a "slap in the face" for those who are campaigning for the environment and welfare of communities.



South Cotabato bishop calls for veto of local open-pit mining law

"We hope the governor will not do the same to us and listen to the voice of the majority of the people of South Cotabato, who are against the lifting of the ban on open-pit mining," Casicas added.

Addressing the crowd, the prelate asked them to continue praying that their voices will be heard by their political leaders.

"Prayer is still our ultimate weapon," he said.



SoCot gov vetoes open-pit mining ordinance

By Roel Osano June 3, 2022, 9:21 pm



South Cotabato Governor Reynaldo Tamayo Jr. (Photo courtesy of South Cotabato PIO)

KORONADAL CITY – South Cotabato Governor Reynaldo Tamayo Jr. has vetoed the amended Environment Code Ordinance that sought to lift the open-pit mining ban in the province.

In a press conference Friday, Tamayo said he was quite surprised that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) "quickly" approved the amendments to the ordinance during a session on May 16.

He was out of the country when a majority of the SP members passed the amended ordinance.

"I don't know the reason behind the quick approval; I am returning the ordinance to the SP," Tamayo said.

Since the council is in recess, the governor said the matter would be discussed by the next set of provincial board members.

In his veto, Tamayo invoked Section 55 of the Local Government Code (Republic Act 7160), describing the amendment as "prejudicial to the public welfare and inimical to the overall interest of South Cotabateños."

"I could not find any compelling reason why the SP would amend a decade-old ordinance that ably and effectively protect the people of South Cotabato from the ill-effects of the wanton destruction of our God-given resources," he said.



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Tamayo was quick to add though that the environment code has nothing to do with the operation of Sagittarius Mines, Inc. (SMI) in Tampakan town.

"The ordinance only regulates mining operations within the authority of the local government unit like small-scale mining," he said.

Ordinance 04, series of 2010, entitled "An Ordinance Providing for the Environment Code of the Province of South Cotabato", was passed on June 9, 2010.

In 2015, the SP filed a resolution affirming the open-pit mining ban in the province.

Pro-mining groups earlier said the open-pit mining ban in South Cotabato hampered the development of the copper and gold mine project in Tampakan, touted as the largest in Southeast Asia.

Anti-mining groups, however, said the project endangered not only the environment but also the lives of residents.

SMI has been pursuing the Tampakan gold project for more than a decade. (PNA)



Plant indigenous trees along BRT route, proponents urged

[IVAN REY R. TAN](#)

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AN ENVIRONMENTAL advocate hopes that implementers of the Cebu Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project will use indigenous trees for their greening program.

Architect Patrick Gozon, a member of the Philippine Native Plants Conservation Society Inc., told SunStar Cebu Friday, June 3, 2022, that the BRT implementation group should consider trees that can provide greater shade and are native to Cebu or other parts of the country.

A total of 228 trees will be earth-balled in Cebu City and the majority of these are Indian Trees.

In a recent interview, BRT project head engineer Norvin Imbong said they have already downloaded P17.5 million for the earth-balling activity. He said for a tree that will be affected by the project, the BRT project team will be planting another 100 trees in other locations.

According to Gozon, the team should choose indigenous species of trees rather than sticking to Indian trees that do not provide a good deal of shade because of their spindle-looking form.

Gozon added that choosing the right kind of trees on the sidewalk will be beneficial to pedestrians since it contributes to lowering the heat index.

Among the native trees that Gozon recommended for sidewalk planting are Narra, Molave, Banilad, Talisay, Dangkalan, and Dita.

In response, Imbong said they will just follow the guidelines that will be set by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources when it comes to planting new trees.

The earth-balling of trees is part of the preparation for Package 1 of the BRT Project—the construction of terminals and dedicated bus routes from the Cebu South Bus Terminal going to the Cebu Provincial Capitol.

BAN Toxics: Be careful in choosing kiddie school bags

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By BAN Toxics



BAN Toxics cautions the public on buying children's school bags after it tested positive for lead based on the recent test buy operations conducted last May 22 to 29 in three cities in Metro Manila: Manila, Pasay, and Quezon City.

Using a SCIAPS X-200 HH XRF Analyzer, the kiddie bags, with prices ranging from 100 PHP to 180 PHP, were found to have exceeding amounts of lead, with levels up to 500 parts per million (ppm). The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Department Administrative Order 2013-24 or Chemical Control Order for Lead and Lead Compounds strictly prohibits the use of lead in the production and manufacturing of school supplies.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), children are at risk of lead exposure. Lead exposure is particularly dangerous to children because their growing bodies absorb more of the chemical than adults do. Children's nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead. Even at low levels, lead in children's blood can result in learning and behavior problems, lower IQ, hyperactivity, slowed growth, hearing problems, and anemia.

"We call the attention of regulatory agencies, Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, to conduct enforcement action on the continued selling of unlabeled kiddie school bags with toxic lead in the market," said Thony Dizon, Toxics Campaigner of BAN Toxics.

June is declared "Philippine Environment Month" by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 237. The observance of World Environment Day in the country is not only a gesture of the Philippines' support to the cause of enhancing world ecology, but also a recognition of the imperative need to instill environmental awareness and concern among the various sectors of Philippine society.



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"We likewise call the attention of the Department of Education to initiate environmental awareness activities among students, parents, and teachers to promote Toxics-Free Schools Program to safeguard our homes and schools from toxics and wastes exposure." BAN Toxics added.

BAN Toxics is an independent non-government environmental organization that promotes Toxics-Free Schools Program (TFSP). It is a systems approach of implementing school awareness and programs on various toxics and wastes concerns and developing a safe environment for students, teachers, parents, and the communities in general.



Calling on the next administration to take urgent action on climate change

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In less than a month, a new administration will take the reins of the country. We would know by then the direction of the next president's agenda, which will shape the future of this nation. As of the moment, there are still no announcements with regards to the environment team that will lead the various agencies related to the use and upkeep of our country's natural resources. This is something that is much awaited especially by the scientific community.

A few days ago, members of the academe, the scientific community, and concerned citizens called on the next administration to "prioritize and take urgent action on the climate emergency."

"With the impacts of climate change affecting more and more Filipinos year on year, the group is hoping for the climate emergency agenda to be part of the next administration's priority programs," according to a statement also released by The Climate Reality Project Philippines, a group of climate advocates who share a vision of a better reality for the country and the world.

The call, first posted last April 24, 2022, two weeks ahead of this year's election, makes a case for the integration of a climate emergency agenda alongside national plans and priorities in anticipation of how a harsher and less predictable climate will exacerbate existing problems in poverty, food security, economic recovery, and disaster mitigation, among others.

As one of the countries with the richest forest biodiversity in the world and where the majority of the population live along coasts, it is important for the next administration to ensure that biodiversity conservation be strengthened, and management of coastal resources must be sustainable.

Incidentally, tomorrow, June 5, is World Environment Day. Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), it has been held annually on June 5 since 1973. This is the "largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions across the world." The slogan used for this event annually is #OnlyOneEarth.



Calling on the next administration to take urgent action on climate change

In a statement from UNEP, the slogan stresses that we have “only one earth.” “In the universe are billions of galaxies; in our galaxy are billions are planets; but there is only one earth, so let’s take care of it.” It also lists down the “triple planetary emergencies” that we are currently facing and what must be addressed immediately: “First, the climate is heating up too quickly for people and nature to adapt; second, habitat loss and other pressures mean an estimated one million species are threatened with extinction; and last, pollution continues to poison our air, land, and water.”

To address these concerns, the UNEP advised governments all over the world that the “way out of this dilemma is to transform economies and societies to make them inclusive, fair, and more connected with nature.” It stressed: “We must shift from harming the planet to healing it.”

Amid the dire news on our planet, there are solutions and technology that exist to address various climate-related challenges. One of the most urgent, according to climate experts, is to keep global warming below 1.5-degree Celcius. “Time is running out and nature is in emergency mode. We must halve annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Without action, exposure to air pollution beyond safe guidelines will increase by 50 percent within the decade and plastic waste flowing into aquatic ecosystems will nearly triple by 2040. We need urgent action to address these pressing issues, making ‘Only One Earth’ and its focus on living sustainably in harmony with nature, as pertinent as ever.”

The next administration, then, must be prudent and practical to study the entire spectrum of climate change in the context of experts and reliable data. Whoever will implement the president’s environment agenda must ensure to get the support and cooperation of individuals and civil society who are green advocates, awareness raisers, and sustainability supporters.

The UNEP has said that “the more we raise our voices, emphasize what needs to be done, and point out who is responsible, the faster change will come.” This is what is needed in the days to come. As long as green advocates raise their voices to be heard by the next administration, the green agenda will not be forgotten or left on the sidelines.



House calls for stronger action on climate change

By [Edu Punay](#) (The Philippine Star)
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In the final plenary session of the 18th Congress before adjournment sine die last Wednesday afternoon, congressmen decided to adopt a resolution seeking more measures to address the climate crisis through a whole-of-government approach toward enhancing climate justice and disaster resilience.

MANILA, Philippines — The House of Representatives has called for stronger action on climate change mitigation and environmental sustainability.

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House Resolution 2605, authored by Deputy Speaker and senator-elect Loren Legarda, calls on developed countries to deliver on their financing commitments as well as to do their fair share in improving climate justice and the environment.

"I hope that we continue to give more teeth to our 10 landmark environmental laws for effective and efficient implementation, so we will be ensured a climate-resilient, sustainable, green and regenerative economy that will be fair and just to all the vulnerable populations of our country," Legarda said in her privilege speech.

The resolution, entitled "Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives for Climate Justice, Strengthened Implementation of the Philippines Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Laws, and for the Developed Countries to Deliver on Their Commitments," also calls for the urgent and effective implementation of the country's environment and climate change



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laws, projects and programs and supports the establishment of an accountability mechanism for climate change and a specific Loss and Damage Fund.

The measure further calls for an enabling policy environment to transition the country toward sustainability and climate resilience and strengthen the government's actions in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

"In 2020, the global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the atmosphere reached record high with carbon dioxide levels surging to 413.2 parts per million (ppm), or 149 percent higher than the pre-industrial level.

Methane and nitrous oxide rose by 262 percent and 123 percent, respectively, compared to their levels in 1750," the resolution read.

It warned how climate change threatens food security in the Philippines, citing 2020 data showing moderate or severe prevalence of food insecurity here stood at 62.1 percent, more than double the global rate of 25.5 percent.

Filipinos who are at risk of hunger may increase by 1.4 million in 2030 and 2.5 million in 2050. The resolution called on government agencies to ensure agricultural resilience by improving the ability of agricultural systems and food producers.

Lastly, it urged the government to build climate-resilient communities and ecosystems.



Legarda wants more teeth for laws to achieve climate justice

By Filane Mikee Cervantes June 3, 2022, 10:07 pm



MANILA – House of Representatives Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda on Friday stressed the need to give more teeth to effectively and efficiently implement landmark environmental laws to advance climate justice.

Legarda made the remark after the House adopted Resolution 2605, expressing the House's sensibilities toward climate justice as it pushes for the strengthened implementation of the country's climate change and environmental sustainability laws.

"*Sana po ay patuloy nating bigyan ng ngipin*, (Hopefully we would continue adding more teeth) for the effective and efficient implementation, *ang ating* (of our) 10 landmark environmental laws, so we will be ensured a climate-resilient, sustainable, green, and regenerative economy that will be fair and just to all the vulnerable populations of our country," she said.

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Kabataan Party-list Rep. Sarah Elago lauded the adoption of the resolution as it is another step toward climate justice.

"This youth rep would just like to put on the record our utmost gratitude to various groups of climate action and climate justice advocates and eco-warriors who have tirelessly worked with and



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alongside us for the adoption of House Resolution 2605 and for the advancement of multiple legislative measures, which aim to urgently address the planetary emergency," Elago said. (PNA)



Climate commission, DOE to promote hybrid, e-vehicles

By [Rhodina Villanueva](#) (The Philippine Star)
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MANILA, Philippines — The Climate Change Commission (CCC) and the Department of Energy (DOE) are partnering toward promoting and mainstreaming the use of hybrid and electric vehicles in pursuit of a low-carbon, sustainable and climate-resilient development in the country.

A plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) was turned over to the CCC by the DOE last May 30 at the energy department's office in Bonifacio Global City.

The transfer is in line with DOE's "Alternative Fuels Program for Transportation and Other Purposes," which promotes the use of cleaner alternative fuels and energy technologies for transportation.

The initiative is timely, especially with the recent enactment of Republic Act 11697, otherwise known as the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act (EVIDA).

EVIDA provides for a national policy framework to develop the electric vehicle industry in the Philippines.

"The endeavor is one step towards reducing the transportation sector's direct dependence on oil and gasoline, especially amidst rising fuel prices affecting consumers. It is also a move towards reducing air pollution levels, as it aligns with the climate change mitigation actions being articulated by the commission," Climate Commission Secretary Robert Borje said.



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Borje expressed gratitude to the DOE and reaffirmed the CCC's commitment to working with DOE and other national government agencies on sustainable energy and transport initiatives and other mutually beneficial initiatives.



Negros Oriental farmer orgs get forage choppers for climate change

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THE Department of Agriculture (DA)-Central Visayas distributed three forage choppers to cattle raisers while supporting the adaptation of climate-resilient livestock raising in the province.

This is to equip livestock producers for producing silage, a climate-resilient technology for livestock raisers, said Livestock Focal Team Voltaire Amper of DA-Central Visayas.

The forage chopper is a farm implement that has the advantage of shredding forages at a uniform length.

The shredded forage is then compacted and stored in airtight conditions to be used as preserved animal feed or silage, said Amper.

DA is currently advocating for silage production to build resiliency for livestock raisers confronted with frequent weather anomalies and natural calamities.

Prior to the distribution of the forage choppers, DA-Central Visayas conducted a social preparation activity to prepare the members to efficiently operate the machines.

The farmers' associations that are recipients of forage choppers include Mabinay-Arebasore Farm Family Association, Pamplona-Fatima Farmers' Association, and Guihulngan City-Kapunungan sa Makugihong Mag-uuma sa Trinidad with around 60 farmer-members.

The three farmers' associations are recipients of the cattle fattening project of DA -Central Visayas. (PIA)

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1930952/dumaguete/local-news/negros-oriental-farmer-orgs-get-forage-choppers-for-climate-change>



World Bicycle Day



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MANILA, Philippines- Binaybay ng bikers ang bike lane sa kahabaan ng Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, nitong Hunyo 3 sa pagdiriwang ng World Bicycle Day.

Kinikilala sa World Bicycle Day ang kahalagahan ng mga bisekleta bilang simple, mura, maaasahan at environment-friendly na uri ng transportasyon. Danny Querubin

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Bad air quality in Asia causing spike in asthma

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By Brontë H. Lacsamana, *Reporter*

AIR POLLUTION and climate change, interlinked causes of allergic diseases and deaths around the world, are health crises that require immediate action, according to experts from the Asia Pacific Association of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology (APAAACI).

"The most hazardous air pollution is in Asia, where we've seen rising asthma rates due to changes in ozone," said Shazia Z. Rafi, president and convenor of an international air quality advocacy group AirQualityAsia, at a recent APAAACI webinar on the impact of climate change on allergic diseases.

"The right to clean air is our first human right, that first gulp of air we take when we are born," she added.

A good way to ensure better air quality is measuring it — the [Air Quality Index](#) (AQI), for example, can do so in real-time from both ground level and satellite-based monitors.

In the Asia Pacific, around 2.3 billion people are exposed to levels of nitrogen dioxide several times higher than the annual mean of 10 µg/m³, a guideline value set by the World Health Organization (WHO) for assessing outdoor air pollution (nitrogen dioxide is a byproduct of combustion processes).

This data point should be correlated with updated data on emergency visits for asthma and pulmonary disease as well as number of deaths, said Ms. Rafi.

In 2021, the WHO released a [fact sheet](#) that said 4.2 million people die prematurely every year due to outdoor pollution, the majority of which are from Asia and Africa.



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Meanwhile, an [air quality study](#) published by the WHO in 2018 said that there are 45.3 air pollution-related deaths for every 100,000 Filipinos.

Such data shows policymakers that air quality is something that tangibly affects people's lives and welfare, according to Antique Rep. Lorna Regina "Loren" B. Legarda, an advocate of mitigating air pollution and climate change in the Philippines.

"When we implement policies and measures to improve air quality, we get two for one because we advance both climate and health goals at once," she said.

The Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 and the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, both of which were authored and supported by Ms. Legarda, are among the laws that were put in place for environmental governance in the country.

Studies about the effects of climate change on allergens in the environment must also be brought to light to highlight the severity of the issue, said Dr. Jae-Won Oh of the pediatrics department of Hanyang University's College of Medicine in Seoul.

"When put under elevated carbon dioxide levels expected to occur due to climate change, oak, and ragweed produce significantly higher amounts of pollen," he said, citing a [2021 study](#) on the increased sensitization to pollen in allergic children in Seoul.

Dr. Oh added that the ongoing increase in temperature may contribute to extended seasonal duration — a pattern expected to continue due to changing climate.



Tourist arrival sa Boracay sa buwan ng Mayo, higit sa 201-K

By [Bombo Radyo Kalibo](#)

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KALIBO, Aklan— Mahigit sa 201,000 ang naitalang tourist arrival ng Malay Tourism Office noong buwan ng Mayo sa isla it Boracay.

Sa inilabas na datos ng tanggapan, nasa 201,368 ang mga turistang bumisita sa isla kung ihambing noong Abril na umabot lamang sa bilang na 186,751.

Mayorya sa mga bakasyunista ang domestic tourists na nakatala ng 193,298.

Samantala, ang Overseas Filipino Workers at Overseas Filipinos ay halos 3,802 habang ang foreign tourists ay umabot sa 4,268.

Ang tourist arrival ng Abril at Mayo ay naka-surpassed sa pre-pandemic records ng Boracay kung saan, senyales umano ito na nasa normal na ang industriya ng turismo sa itinuturing na tourism crown jewel ng bansa.

Maalala na bago pa man ang lockdown noong Marso 2020, nakatala ng kabuuang 167,070 tourist arrival sa Boracay.

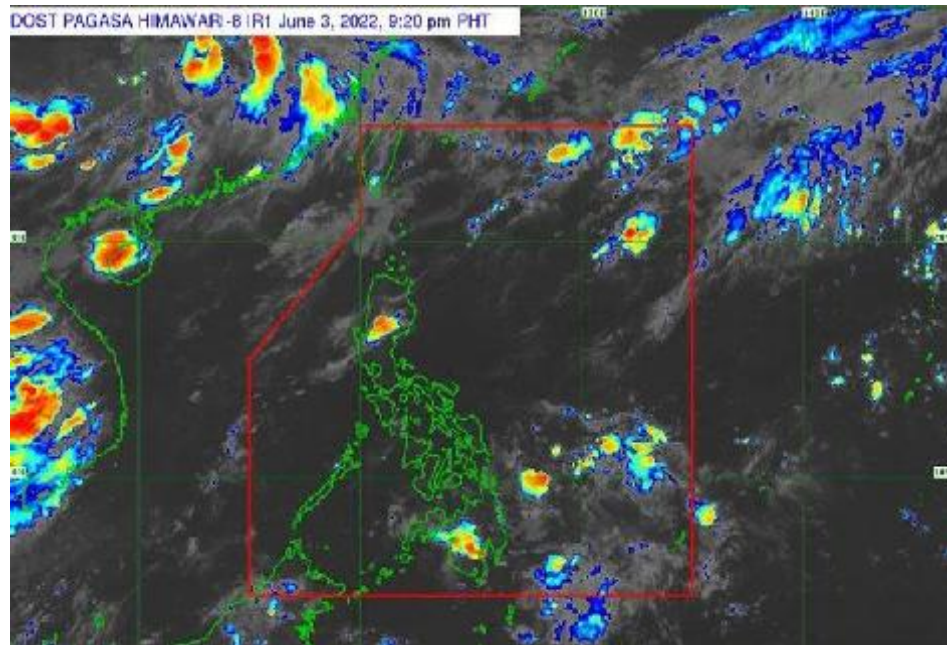
Inaasahan naman ngayong taon ang paglobo ng mga dayuhang turista kasunod sa anunsyo ng Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines o CAAP Aklan na bumalik na ang 24/7 na operasyon ng Kalibo International Airport mula noong Hunyo 1 ng kasalukuyang taon.

Source: <https://www.bomboradyo.com/tourist-arrival-sa-boracay-sa-buwan-ng-mayo-higit-sa-201-k/>



PAGASA expecting fair weather this weekend

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PAGASA

MANILA, Philippines — Most parts of the country can expect fair weather conditions this weekend, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) announced yesterday.

The state weather bureau said it will be sunny and warm during the next three days with chances of isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms toward the afternoon and evening.

PAGASA said the ridge of a high-pressure area extending toward the eastern section of the Visayas and the eastern part of Southern Luzon will bring sunny weather in these areas.

Some cloud clusters were sighted in the eastern sections of Mindanao, but these are not expected to bring heavy rainfall though there are chances of rain in coastal areas.

Generally, PAGASA said the entire country is forecast to have fair weather from Saturday to Monday, with no low-pressure area sighted inside and outside the Philippine area of responsibility.

Some areas will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies also with chances of isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening.

PAGASA said Metro Manila will have temperatures ranging from 25 to 34 degrees Celsius while Baguio City will be cooler at 16 to 25 degrees.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2022/06/04/2185942/pagasa-expecting-fair-weather-weekend>

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Magalawa island now pawikan nesting site

BY JONAS MEYERS

PALAUIG, Zambales — As part of the Philippine Environment Month celebration this June, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) — through its Community Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO) — has launched the pawikan nesting site in Magalawa Island here.

CENRO Masinloc chief Ariel Mendoza revealed that the launching of the pawikan nesting site is to raise awareness and community support in the protection and conservation of marine resources.

He added that the coastline of the 42-hectare Magalawa Island has been an important nesting ground of marine turtles.

Mendoza also stressed that the agency has sighted Olive ridley and Green sea turtles nesting in the white sand of Magalawa since December of last year.

Magalawa Island is located within the more than 7,000-hectare Masinloc and Oyon Bay Protected Seascape and Landscape (MOBPLS).

He added that more than 400 hatchlings of these species have been released back to the sea of MOBPLS.

DENR Undersecretary Annaliza Teh cited that climate resilient

infrastructure should be an integral part of a marine protected area management plan to achieve environmental sustainability.

“Solar energy panels and rain water harvesting system are some of the important infrastructure that can help in attaining climate resiliency in protected area,” Teh said.

On the other hand, Felix Mendoza, field site team leader of the United States Agency for International Development Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes project, pointed out the important support and assistance that they have implemented to better manage the MOBPLS.



ADB, France lend \$809 M for Phl climate action plan

By ELIJAH FELICE ROSALES

The Philippines has obtained loan packages worth \$809 million from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the French government to bankroll mitigation measures against climate change.

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said the Philippines has finalized \$250 million in funding from the ADB for the multilateral's pioneer climate change policy-based loan and an additional \$159 million from its French counterpart in support of the country's efforts to alleviate the impact of climate change.

The outgoing finance chief said the government will allocate the financing for its climate change measures with the objective of hitting its green targets.

The Philippines has embarked

on a 10-year program to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent by 2030.

The government also intends to retrofit hydropower plants in Mindanao to wean the island from coal energy.

In line with this, the country is participating in the ADB's energy transition mechanism wherein coal facilities would be decommissioned within the next 15 years.

"We have not only set a bold carbon reduction goal, but have also shifted the focus from merely

theorizing about climate change to implementing practical projects on the ground," Dominguez said.

The government also received another loan from the ADB amounting to \$400 million to finance the completion of sustainable infrastructure.

According to Dominguez, the funding also expands the government's access to long-term financing, as it can be used to improve the efficiency of the debt market and increase investments in insurance funds.

Moving forward, Dominguez said that both programs support the government's target of shifting to green infrastructure.

Dominguez added that by pooling resources for climate action, the economy can weather the challenges

posed by environmental risks.

"An improved infrastructure backbone will increase the efficiency of our economy. It will enable us to improve our climate resiliency and spur sustainable growth," Dominguez said.

Based on estimates, the Philippines lost a total of P506.1 billion to climate hazards from 2010 to 2020, forfeiting an average of P48.9 billion, or 0.33 percent of the gross domestic product, every year to weather extremes.

Despite this, the country only contributes roughly 0.3 percent of the planet's greenhouse gas emissions, pushing Dominguez to remind developed economies of their commitment to cut their carbon footprint.



Green group lauds climate justice resolution

EIREENE JAIREE GOMEZ

ENVIRONMENTAL group Climate Reality Philippines lauded the adoption of House Resolution 2605 expressing the sense of the House of Representatives for climate justice.

The resolution also called for strengthened implementation of climate change and environmental sustainability laws in the country, and for developed countries to deliver on their commitments.

Emphasizing the critical role of the House in accelerating climate action in the country, Nazin Castro, manager of Climate Reality Philippines, thanked the 18th Congress for standing in solidarity with climate and environmental groups in the Philippines in calling for the global community to align its actions with the 1.5 degrees Celsius global goal of the Paris Agreement and for mandating all government instrumentalities to maximize the utilization of their resources toward sustainable and climate-resilient development.

"In line with the spirit of this resolution, we urge the Incoming 19th Congress to put climate action front and center of its policy agenda and to challenge and complement the executive departments' implementa-

tion of climate change-related programs and projects," Castro said.

On the last day of the session of the 18th Congress, the House adopted Resolution 2605 "Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives for Climate Justice, Strengthened Implementation of the Philippines Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Laws, and for the Developed Countries to Deliver on Their Commitments."

The House Resolution, authored by Antique Rep. Lorna Regina "Loren" Legarda, Bohol First District Rep. Edgar Charro and Kabataan Partylist Rep. Sarah Jane Elago, calls for the urgent and effective implementation of the country's 10 environment and climate change laws, projects and programs.

Through the resolution, all government agencies are directed to maximize the utilization of their resources to improve the country's resilience to climate change and natural disasters.

The resolution also demands developed countries to deliver on their Paris Agreement commitments, particularly in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing targets on their nationally

determined contributions.

Developed countries are also urged to provide assistance to developing countries in the form of technology, capacity development and climate finance, which includes jointly mobilizing \$100 billion annually from 2020 to 2025.

The resolution supports the establishment of an accountability mechanism for climate change and a specific loss and damage fund through a policy framework.

It also calls for an enabling policy environment to transition the country toward sustainability and climate resilience by prioritizing relevant legislation, and complementing national policies and frameworks on the environment and climate change.

Moreover, the resolution seeks for climate justice from corporations and developed countries who are the major contributors to environmental degradation.

Lastly, the resolution commits to ensure more youth participation in legislative proceedings and prioritize government funding for youth-oriented capacity-building programs for their various initiatives on environmental protection and climate action.

10 landmark laws

"I wish that we will continue to give teeth for effective and efficient implementation of the ten landmark environmental laws, so we will be ensured a climate-resilient, sustainable, green and regenerative economy that will be fair and just to all the vulnerable populations of our country," Legarda, an incoming senator, said in her privileged speech partly in Filipino.

The 10 landmark environmental laws are as follows: Clean Air Act of 1999 (Republic Act [RA] 8749); Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (RA 9003); Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001 (RA 9147); Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act (RA 11038); Clean Water Act of 2004 (RA 9275); National Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008 (RA 9512); Renewable Energy Act of 2008 (RA 9513); Climate Change Act of 2009 (RA 9729), as amended by the People's Survival Fund Act of 2012 (RA 10174); and the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 (RA 10121).



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Emphasizing the critical role of the House in accelerating climate action in the country, Nazin Castro, manager of Climate Reality Philippines, thanked the 18th Congress for standing in solidarity with climate and environmental groups in the Philippines in calling for the global community to align its actions with the 1.5 degrees Celsius global goal of the Paris Agreement and for mandating all government instrumentalities to maximize the utilization of their resources toward sustainable and climate-resilient development.

"In line with the spirit of this resolution, we urge the Incoming 19th Congress to put climate action front and center of its policy agenda and to challenge and complement the executive departments' implementa-

tion of climate change-related programs and projects," Castro said.

On the last day of the session of the 18th Congress, the House adopted Resolution 2605 "Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives for Climate Justice, Strengthened Implementation of the Philippines Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Laws, and for the Developed Countries to Deliver on Their Commitments."

The House Resolution, authored by Antique Rep. Lorna Regina "Loren" Legarda, Bohol First District Rep. Edgar Charro and Kabataan Partylist Rep. Sarah Jane Elago, calls for the urgent and effective implementation of the country's 10 environment and climate change laws, projects and programs.

Through the resolution, all government agencies are directed to maximize the utilization of their resources to improve the country's resilience to climate change and natural disasters.

The resolution also demands developed countries to deliver on their Paris Agreement commitments, particularly in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing targets on their nationally

determined contributions.

Developed countries are also urged to provide assistance to developing countries in the form of technology, capacity development and climate finance, which includes jointly mobilizing \$100 billion annually from 2020 to 2025.

The resolution supports the establishment of an accountability mechanism for climate change and a specific loss and damage fund through a policy framework.

It also calls for an enabling policy environment to transition the country toward sustainability and climate resilience by prioritizing relevant legislation, and complementing national policies and frameworks on the environment and climate change.

Moreover, the resolution seeks for climate justice from corporations and developed countries who are the major contributors to environmental degradation.

Lastly, the resolution commits to ensure more youth participation in legislative proceedings and prioritize government funding for youth-oriented capacity-building programs for their various initiatives on environmental protection and climate action.

10 landmark laws

"I wish that we will continue to give teeth for effective and efficient implementation of the ten landmark environmental laws, so we will be ensured a climate-resilient, sustainable, green and regenerative economy that will be fair and just to all the vulnerable populations of our country," Legarda, an incoming senator, said in her privileged speech partly in Filipino.

The 10 landmark environmental laws are as follows: Clean Air Act of 1999 (Republic Act [RA] 8749); Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (RA 9003); Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001 (RA 9147); Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act (RA 11038); Clean Water Act of 2004 (RA 9275); National Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008 (RA 9512); Renewable Energy Act of 2008 (RA 9513); Climate Change Act of 2009 (RA 9729), as amended by the People's Survival Fund Act of 2012 (RA 10174); and the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 (RA 10121).



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Calling on the next administration to take urgent action on climate change

In less than a month, a new administration will take the reins of the country. We would know by then the direction of the next president's agenda, which will shape the future of this nation. As of the moment, there are still no announcements with regards to the environment team that will lead the various agencies related to the use and upkeep of our country's natural resources. This is something that is much awaited especially by the scientific community.

A few days ago, members of the academic, the scientific community, and concerned citizens called on the next administration to "prioritize and take urgent action on the climate emergency."

"With the impacts of climate change affecting more and more Filipinos year on year, the group is hoping for the climate emergency agenda to be part of the next administration's priority programs," according to a statement also released by The Climate Reality Project Philippines, a group of climate advocates who share a vision of a better reality for the country and the world.

The call, first posted last April 24, 2022, two weeks ahead of this year's election, makes a case for the integration of a climate emergency agenda alongside national plans and priorities in anticipation of how a harsher and less predictable climate will exacerbate existing problems in poverty, food security, economic recovery, and disaster mitigation, among others.

As one of the countries with the richest forest biodiversity in the world and where the majority of the population live along coasts, it is important for the next administration to ensure that biodiversity conservation be strengthened, and management of coastal resources must be sustainable.

Incidentally, tomorrow, June 5, is World Environment Day. Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), it has been held annually on June 5 since 1973. This is the "largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions across the world." The slogan used for this event annually is *Only One Earth*.

In a statement from UNEP, the slogan stresses that we have "only one earth." "In the universe are

billions of galaxies; in our galaxy are billions of planets; but there is only one earth, so let's take care of it!" It also lists down the "triple planetary emergencies" that we are currently facing and what must be addressed immediately: "First, the climate is heating up too quickly for people and nature to adapt; second, habitat loss and other pressures mean an estimated one million species are threatened with extinction; and last, pollution continues to poison our air, land, and water."

To address these concerns, the UNEP advised governments all over the world that the "way out of this dilemma is to transform economies and societies to make them inclusive, fair, and more connected with nature." It stressed: "We must shift from harming the planet to healing it."

Amid the dire news on our planet, there are solutions and technology that exist to address various climate related challenges. One of the most urgent, according to climate experts, is to keep global warming below 1.5-degree Celsius. "Time is running out and nature is in emergency mode. We must halve annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Without action, exposure to air pollution beyond safe guidelines will increase by 50 percent within the decade and plastic waste flowing into aquatic ecosystems will nearly triple by 2040. We need urgent action to address these pressing issues, making 'Only One Earth' and its focus on living sustainably in harmony with nature, as pertinent as ever."

The next administration, then, must be prudent and practical to study the entire spectrum of climate change in the context of experts and reliable data. Whoever will implement the president's environment agenda must ensure to get the support and cooperation of individuals and civil society who are green advocates, awareness raisers, and sustainability supporters.

The UNEP has said that "the more we raise our voices, emphasize what needs to be done, and point out who is responsible, the faster change will come." This is what is needed in the days to come. As long as green advocates raise their voices to be heard by the next administration, the green agenda will not be forgotten or left on the sidelines.



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S. Cotabato gov keeps ban on open-pit mining

South Cotabato Gov. Reynaldo Tamayo Jr. has rejected the amended local Environment Code that would have lifted the ban on open-pit mining. He said the measure passed by the provincial board was "prejudicial to the public welfare," adding there was no compelling reason to amend the ordinance that has shielded residents from the destructive effects caused by "multinational corporations" extracting natural resources. —STORY BY ALLEN Y. ESTABILLO

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South Cotabato gov vetoes lifting of open-pit mining ban

No compelling reason to amend ordinance that has protected residents from 'wanton destruction' of our God-given resources by the multinational corporations,' says Gov. Reynaldo Tamayo Jr.

By Allen V. Estabillo
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KORONADAL CITY—Saying it was hastily decided and includes questionable provisions, South Cotabato Gov. Reynaldo Tamayo Jr. has vetoed the controversial measure passed by the provincial board two weeks ago lifting the ban on open-pit mining in the province.

Tamayo announced his decision in a public statement at the provincial capitol on Friday afternoon, a day before the deadline for him to act on the amendment of the 12-year-old Ordinance No. 22 or the South Cotabato Environment Code.

"I am informing the general public of South Cotabato that Resolution No. 137, enacting Ordinance No. 23 series of 2022 amending pertinent provisions of the Environment Code of South Cotabato is vetoed by the provincial governor," he said.

The governor said he mainly heeded the recommendation made by the technical working committee earlier created by his office to study the amendment of the code, specifically the ban on open-pit mining contained in Section 22.

In his formal veto message to Vice Gov. Vicente de Jesus and the board members, Tamayo said the amended ordinance is "prejudicial to the public welfare and inimical to the overall interest" of South Cotabato residents.

"I could not find any compelling reason why the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) would amend a decade-old ordinance that ably and effectively [protected] the people of South Cotabato from the ill effects of the wanton destruction of our God-given resources by the multinational corporations which will only leave the province after the extraction of our natural wealth," Tamayo emphasized.

The SP approved the pro-

posed changes without any objection on second and third reading during its regular session on May 16 despite opposition from various sectors and neighboring local governments.

Tamayo said that while he found the open-pit mining ban "ultra vires" or beyond the authority of the provincial government being contrary to existing national policy, the provincial board appeared to have rushed its decision on the matter.

He said the amended ordinance also included a provision setting the mandatory review of the code every 10 years, instead of every five years.

No effect on Tampakan

Tamayo said his decision did not affect the fate of the planned \$5.9-billion large scale copper and gold mining project of Sagittarius Mines Inc. (SMI) in Tampakan town, noting that the local government's jurisdiction only



Reynaldo Tamayo Jr.

covers small scale mining.

The province's ban on open-pit mining has been considered as the only remaining hurdle to the operation of the Tampakan project.

SMT had declared open-pit mining as the most viable method in extracting the area's copper-gold resources, touted as the largest in Southeast Asia and among the biggest of its kind in the world.

The governor earlier said the project could proceed with or without him vetoing the lifting of

the open-pit mining ban. Tamayo said such prohibition set in the environment code cannot cover large-scale mining as it is regularized by Republic Act No. 7942 or the Philippine Mining Act.

In his letter to De Jesus, Tamayo prayed that the provincial board will no longer override his veto and instead allow the next set of provincial legislators to tackle the matter, noting also that the provincial board is already on recess.

Tamayo is himself returning to the capitol having been reelected into office in the May 9 elections.

Cannot override

But if the provincial legislators decide to hold a session to consider an override, observers said the proponents might no longer have the numbers. A veto override will require 10 votes. Of the 10 who approved the measure on May 16, two have changed their stand.

Board members Grace Achurra, Alyssa Fale, Jinky Avance, Ellen Grace Subere-Albios and Ester Carorce have manifested their "final objection" to the lifting of the open-pit mining ban.

Achurra and Fale, who were present during the May 16 session, are ex officio board members representing the Philippine Councilors League and Sangguniang Kabataan, respectively.

"It was a mistake that I just kept silent that time," Fale said.

Carorce, who is ending her term on June 30 but elected to a new term as top Koronadal City councilor, said she remained firm on her stand against open-pit mining and would continue the fight "until the end."

"This is not yet over ... God be with us. God bless South Cotabato," she said.

Albios, who was also elected councilor of Koronadal, said she was disheartened by the lifting of the open-pit mining ban. INQ



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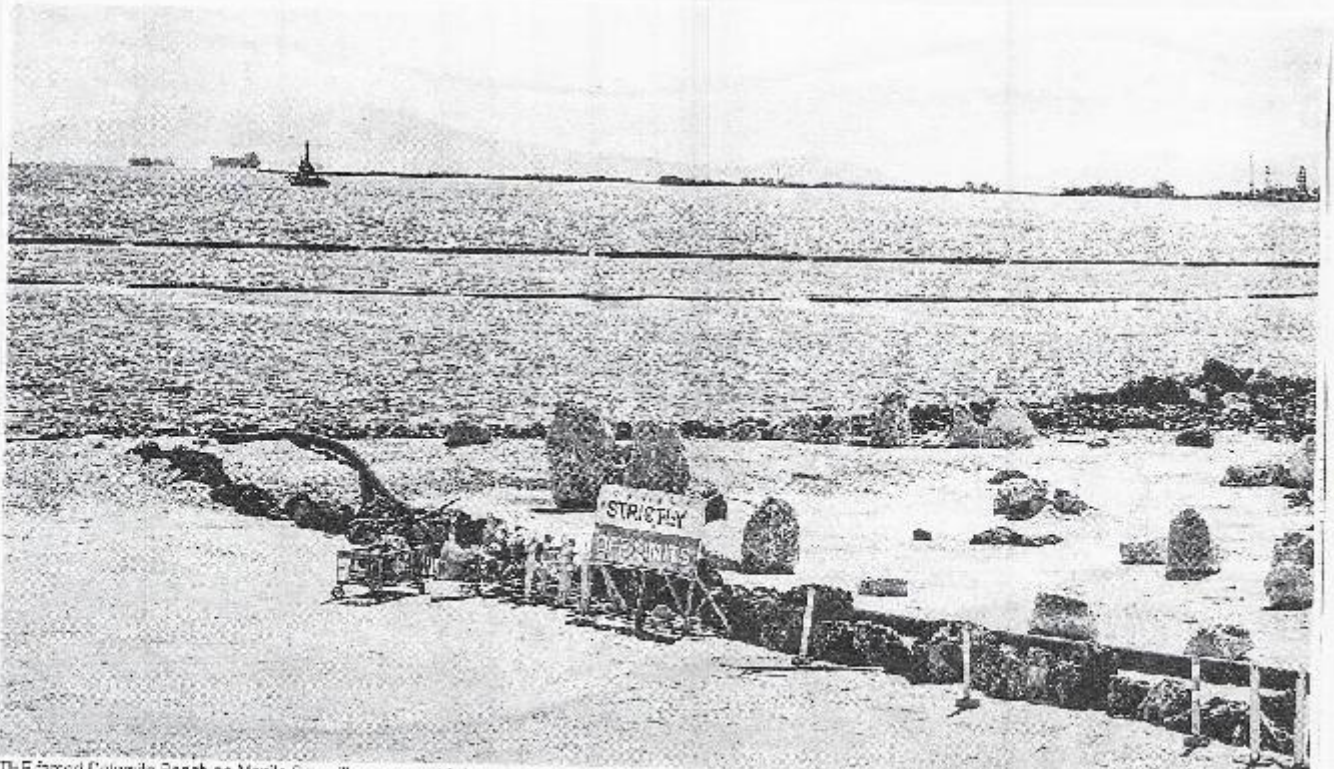
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The famed Calamite Beach on Manila Bay will reopen on 12 June, Independence Day.

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PATULOY ang paglilinis at pagsasaayos ng Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach sa Roxas Blvd., Manila bilang paghahanda sa muling pagbubukas nito sa publiko sa susunod na Linggo, June 12.
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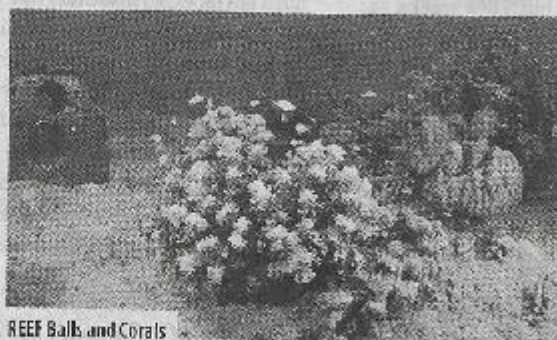
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DIVER among Reef Balls

Meet Bernard, the guardian of Aquos Foundation in Banwa Private Island

At Banwa Private Island, team members are everyday heroes who passionately work together in the noble pursuit of protecting Mother Nature. Surrounded by the untouched beauty of the island sanctuary in North-eastern Palawan, the team's collective love of nature has inspired each one to be custodians of the environment.

Meet Bernard, one of the invaluable team heads who leads the Aquos Foundation in its various local conservation endeavors and research initiatives. The Aquos Foundation, with the mission to conserve, protect and nurture the rich biodiversity in and around the marine protected reserve, is the environ-

mental arm of Banwa Private Island.

Palawan being his childhood playground, Bernard has developed his strong affinity for flora and fauna at a very young age. As a registered nurse by profession, his intrinsic gift of care and empathy has transcended both people and nature. Bernard, a pioneer of Aquos Foundation, has played a vital role in protecting and restoring the habitats of the critically endangered Mantanani Scops Owl, Hawksbill Turtle, and the Tabon Bird (Megapode).

Bernard works with scientists and researchers of note recording the growth of birdlife from 15 species in 2014 to 60 spe-



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cies in 2021 through area search methods and photo documentation. Tabon Bird nests grew from only 3 nests in 2017 to 200 nests in 2021. The thriving island landscape provides the perfect habitat for various migratory and native birds.

In 2018, there were 180 reef balls laid out on the seafloor as part of the Reef Rehabilitation Programme providing shelter to Hawksbill Turtles. From learning how to swim with a life jacket, Bernard is currently in the process of furthering his dive education to Dive Master. He proudly inspects these reef balls with flourishing marine life and growing coral colonies.

Every morning, you will find Bernard checking on the Megapode nesting sites at the Tabon Bird Sanctuary and inspecting the Hawksbill Turtle laying grounds in the Coconut Grove and the villa gardens. Since 2016, over 5,800 Hawksbill Turtle eggs were laid, of which 80 percent hatchlings emerged.

Guests can have an active part in these eco-initiatives by joining Bernard on nature walks around the island, snorkeling the house reef and exploring the radiant corals, keeping count of how many local bird species one can spot in the lush vegetation, or witnessing the magic of baby turtles being released to the turquoise waters.



RAMPANT ILLEGAL FISHING IN QUEZON WATERS ALARMS GROUP

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LUCENA CITY—Rampant destructive fishing methods were again reported in the bays of Tayabas and Lamon in Quezon province, prompting an environmental group to urge the local government to curb the illegal activities.

Jay Lim, project officer of Tanggol Kalikasan (TK), said the resurgence of illegal fishing activities was confirmed by a local fisherman in this city's coastal village of Dalahican along the Tayabas Bay. TK is a public interest law office that advocates environmental protection.

A local fisherman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, blamed the presence of large commercial fishing operations for the dwindling catch in the bay area.

"Sad to admit that there are some of us who were forced to (engage in) illegal fishing. I

can't blame them," the fisherman told the Inquirer in an interview on Thursday.

On June 1, three illegal fishing boats known as "buli-buli" (modified Danish seine) that operated in the municipal water of Pagbilao town fronting Tayabas Bay were apprehended by combined operatives from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, the Philippine Navy and the Philippine Coast Guard, Lim said in a separate interview.

Late last month, government authorities also stopped the operations of commercial fishers whose three boats used destructive "taksay" (ring nets) off the island of Alabat in Lamon Bay in the Pacific Ocean, Lim added.

More support needed

The Quezon police have also been reporting the daily arrest of illegal fishers in Tayabas and Lamon bays.

Lim said other destructive fishing methods using "pangu-

long" (purse seines), dynamite and cyanide were also happening at the bays.

"TK has always been a supportive and active partner of government agencies to stop illegal and destructive fishing methods. But it seems that our combined efforts need more support," he admitted.

Lim called on all local government officials here to take decisive actions to stop illegal fishing.

"With the rising cost of living, more fishers—legitimate and illegal—will resort to unlawful activities just to earn and the heck with the environment," Lim said.

Protection

Thirty-four of Quezon's 42 towns are coastal—17 along Lamon Bay in the Pacific Ocean, 12 off the Tayabas Bay facing the China Sea and five along the Ragay Gulf.

Lim stressed that protecting the rich marine resources of Tayabas Bay from illegal fishing

is a serious concern.

"For the first time, a hawksbill sea turtle, which is classified as critically endangered, has been recently spotted in the bay. A whale shark has also been sighted," Lim disclosed.

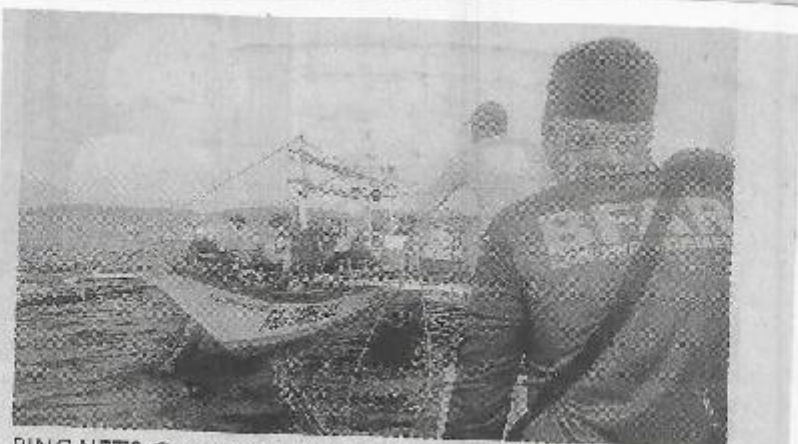
He said their continuous monitoring also showed that the fish sanctuaries in Tayabas Bay were again showing life, as sea turtles, manta rays and assorted fish species have started to return to the areas.

The Tayabas coastline in Sariaya town serves as a sanctuary for turtles that usually come to lay and hatch their eggs from October to December.

Fishermen, fish wardens and local government workers were trained to care for the hatchlings of different sea turtle species in five nesting sites.

Deadly threats

But numerous "baklad" or huge stationary fish traps sunk into the bottom of the bay pose



RING NETS Government law enforcers apprehend on May 29 suspected illegal fishers allegedly using "taksay" (ring nets) off the island of Alabat in Lamon Bay, Quezon. —PHOTO COURTESY OF DANILLO LARITA JR.

deadly threats to the marine turtles, a number of whom had been found dead along the beach from suffocation after getting entangled in fish traps.

Coral reef poachers also threaten the marine life at the bay, in some instances involving the fishermen who needed to augment income lost to commercial fishers.

Years of illegal and com-

mmercial fishing and pollution have damaged Tayabas Bay, which covers 287,332 hectares, according to a TK study.

The depletion of marine resources in Lamon Bay in northern Quezon and Tayabas Bay covering parts of Quezon, Marinduque and Batangas provinces has long been the subject of concern among environmentalists. □



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COCA-COLA'S BANE. Garbage recyclers throw empty Coca-Cola plastic bottles in front of Coca-Cola's offices demanding for a recycling law that includes them and against funding for private recycling systems, in Buenos Aires on June 2, 2022. AFP



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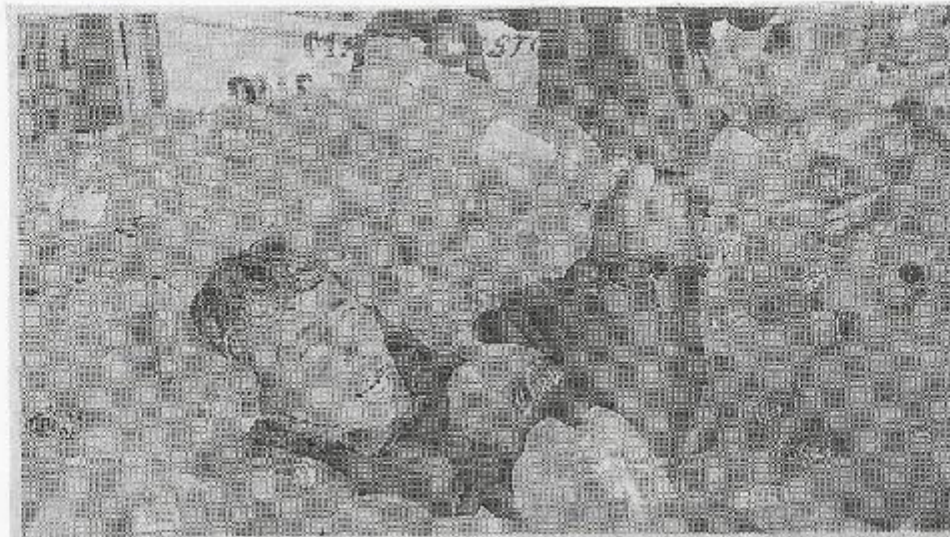
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EMPTY Coca-Cola plastic bottles are banged by a garbage recycler in front of the soda company's office, demanding for a recycling law that includes recyclers and against funding for private recycling systems, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



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Climate change 'greening' Alps

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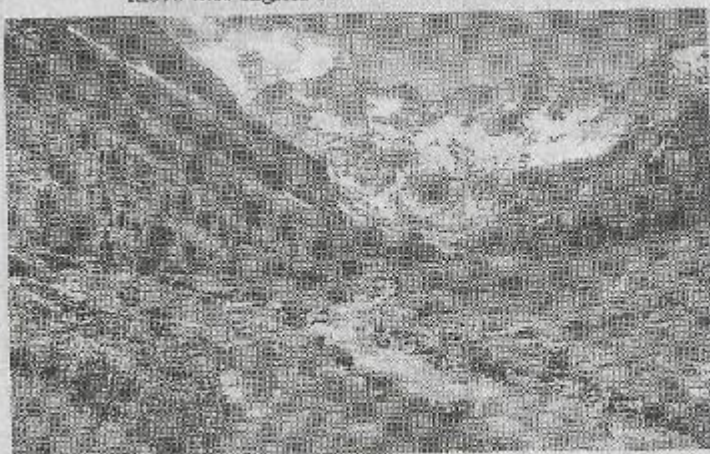
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VEGETATION atop the Alps as seen from space signals worsening global warming.



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For their analysis, the team examined regions at 1,700 meters above sea level, to exclude areas used for agriculture. They also excluded forested areas and glaciers.

According to the findings, which covered 1984-2021, snow cover was no longer present in summer on nearly 10 percent of the area studied.

Rumpf pointed out that satellite images can only verify the presence or absence of snow - but the first effect of warming is to reduce the depth of the snowpack, which can't be seen from space.

Secondly, the researchers compared the amount of vegetation using wavelength analysis to detect the amount of chlorophyll present, and found plant growth increased across 77 percent of the zone studied.

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"It is climate change that is driving these changes," said Rumpf.

"Warming means that we have longer vegetation periods, we have more benign conditions that foster plant growth, so plants can just grow more and faster," she added.

The effect is additive: "The warmer it gets, the more precipitation falls as rain rather than snow."

And there are several harmful consequences.



Water service firms told: Avoid interruptions

BY JAVIER JOE ISMAEL

SEN. Mary Grace Poe on Friday appealed to major water concessionaires to do their best to avoid water service interruptions in their service areas in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

Poe made the statement as water levels in some dams, including Angat, decreased despite the onset of the rainy season.

"Having waterless days amid the rains shouldn't be the norm. Consumers should never bear the brunt of concessionaires' inability to store sufficient volumes of water to meet reasonable demands," Poe, chairman of the Senate public services committee, said.

"Residents don't deserve to live

miserably, as their taps run dry for reasons that can be duly managed in the first place," the senator stressed.

In February, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) Regulatory Office penalized Maynilad Water Services Inc. (Maynilad) for its unusually prolonged water service interruptions from December to February.

Poe, who sponsored the renewal of Maynilad and Manila Water Co.

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The senator pointed out that concessionaires are mandated to modify or improve their facilities, pipelines and equipment for an efficient and reliable service.

She said that the two companies must also ensure that service interruptions would be minimal and that mechanisms are in place for consumer complaints and stakeholder consultations.

"Water interruptions affect not only households, but also struggling businesses that are just beginning to recover from the lockdowns. A few hours without water could be disruptive," she explained.

Poe said the government and con-

cessionaires should also embark on timely efforts in developing concrete backup supply sources.

"Water firms are expected to address recurring strains in their capacity to deliver water to our people," Poe said.

"Consumers who strive hard to set aside hard-earned sums to pay for their water bills should also get their fair share of clean water flowing without interruption," Poe added.

Likewise, the MWSS Regulatory Office should have received the plans and programs of the water concessionaires for the next rate-rebasing exercise, the periodic performance review that also sets the tariff rates that can be charged for their services.

"Water is a basic right and we hope the MWSS fulfills its role as a regulator to ensure that consumers aren't shortchanged," Poe said.



Water firms ^{p.2} urged to ensure stable supply

Water firms urged to ensure stable water supply

SENATOR Grace Poe asked the major water concessionaires to do their utmost to avoid water service interruptions in their coverage areas in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

Despite the rains, water level at Angat Dam decreased, as well as in other dams except Ambuklao and Ipo. However, water level in these dams remains below normal as of June 2.

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Notice is hereby given that the DENR-Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENRO) of Trece Martires City will accept oral or written bids not later than ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 am) on 26 July 2022 for the lease of Industrial-Commercial (mixed use) purposes of the tract of Foreshore/Offshore land herein below described:

Location	: Barangay Calibuyo, Tanza, Cavite
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A policeman carrying an automatic rifle stands guard with a colleague along a popular market street in Manila on June 1, 2022, as security forces are on heightened alert in the capital following the twin bombings in Basilan island, near Jolo, a stronghold of Islamist militants.

MANILA, Philippines (Updated 3:26 p.m.) — The Philippines has detected its first cases of the more infectious Omicron BA.5 subvariant, the Department of Health announced Friday.

The cases

The subvariant was detected in two people from the same household in Central Luzon, according to the DOH.

It is not known where they contracted the subvariant as they do not have a travel history, except going to their election precincts and office in Metro Manila.

Both are fully vaccinated and have booster shots.

Both developed mild symptoms, namely colds and coughs, last May 15 and immediately isolated until May 30. They are now asymptomatic and are recovered.

Close contacts of the two patients with the subvariant are now undergoing isolation. One of them tested positive, while another tested negative.



Philippines detects first two Omicron BA.5 cases

Why this matters

BA.5 is one of two Omicron subvariants that the World Health Organization identified as having driven infections in South Africa in May.

During that month, South Africa's new COVID-19 cases shot up by more than 50% in a single day, rising to 9,757 cases to 6,170 cases.

The DOH says though that the BA.5 subvariant does not cause severe and critical disease and that existing protocols to curb transmission of the virus still work.



State of Calamity 'di pa panahon na tanggalin — DOH

By [Danilo Garcia](#) (Pang-Masa)

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MANILA, Philippines — Inihayag ng Department of Health (DOH) na hindi pa panahon para tanggalin ang 'state of calamity' sa bansa, kasunod nang bahagyang pagtaas ng mga kaso ng Covid-19.

Sinabi ni Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire bukod sa kaunting pagtaas, may banta pa ng mga subvariants na pumapasok sa Pilipinas na mas mabilis kumalat at may 'immune escape mechanism'.

Sa kasalukuyan, nasa 22 na ang kaso ng Omicron subvariant BA.2.12.1 na natukoy sa bansa. Isang kaso rin ng Omicron subvariant BA.4 ang natukoy noong Mayo.

Nakatakdang magtapos ang 'state of calamity' sa Setyembre at mapupunta sa papasok na administrasyong Marcos ang desisyon kung palalawigin pa ito.

Tinanggihan din ng DOH ang mungkahi na alisin na ang alert level sa bansa dahil ito umano ang paraan para mabatid ang banta ng isang rehiyon o lugar kaugnay ng virus.

Anyang, may 40 pang lugar ang hindi pa nakakaabot sa vaccination target kaya lantad pa rin ang mga ito sa hawahan.

Samantala, nagdeklara naman ang World Health Organization (WHO) ng 'public health emergency' dahil sa inaasahang pagtaas ng mga kaso ng Covid sa katapusan ng Hulyo o sa umpisa ng Agosto dahil sa bumababang bisa ng bakuna.



PH confirms first cases of Omicron BA.5

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, June 6) — Another Omicron subvariant, known as BA.5, has reached the country, the Department of Health confirmed on Friday.

Health Undersecretary Ma. Rosario Vergeire said the coronavirus subvariant was detected in two individuals from Central Luzon, based on a May 31 report of the Philippine Genome Center.

The two are from the same household and have unknown exposure as they did not have a travel history, the DOH said. They are also fully vaccinated with booster shots.

According to Vergeire, both had cough and colds but are now asymptomatic and tagged as recovered.

Identified close contacts are household members who are currently under isolation, with one also testing positive for COVID-19.

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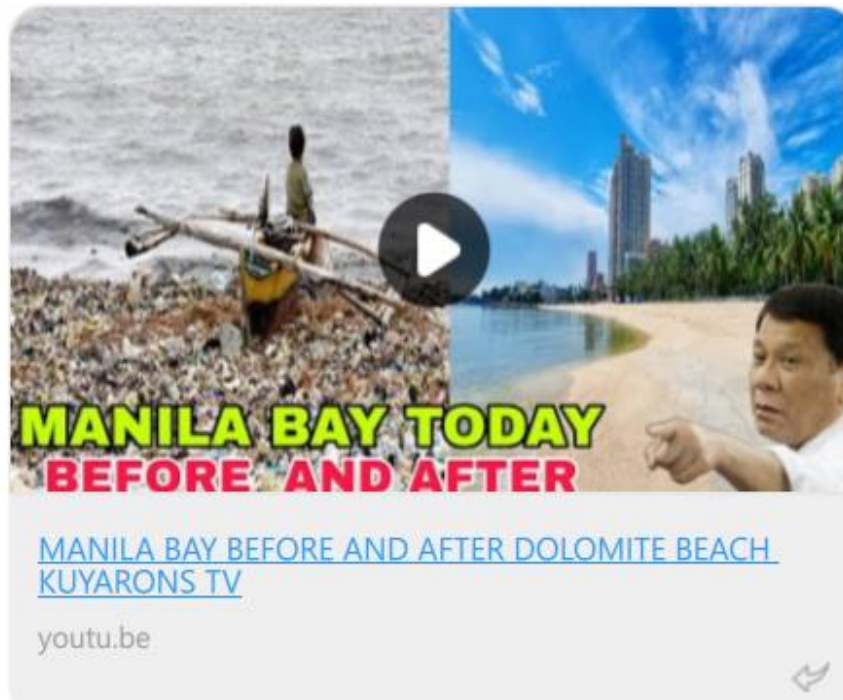
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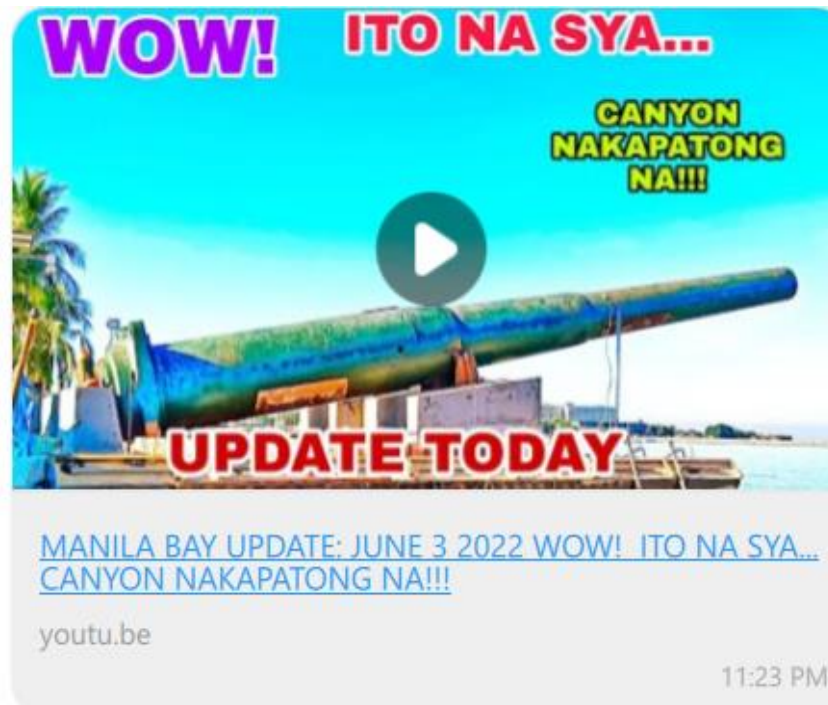
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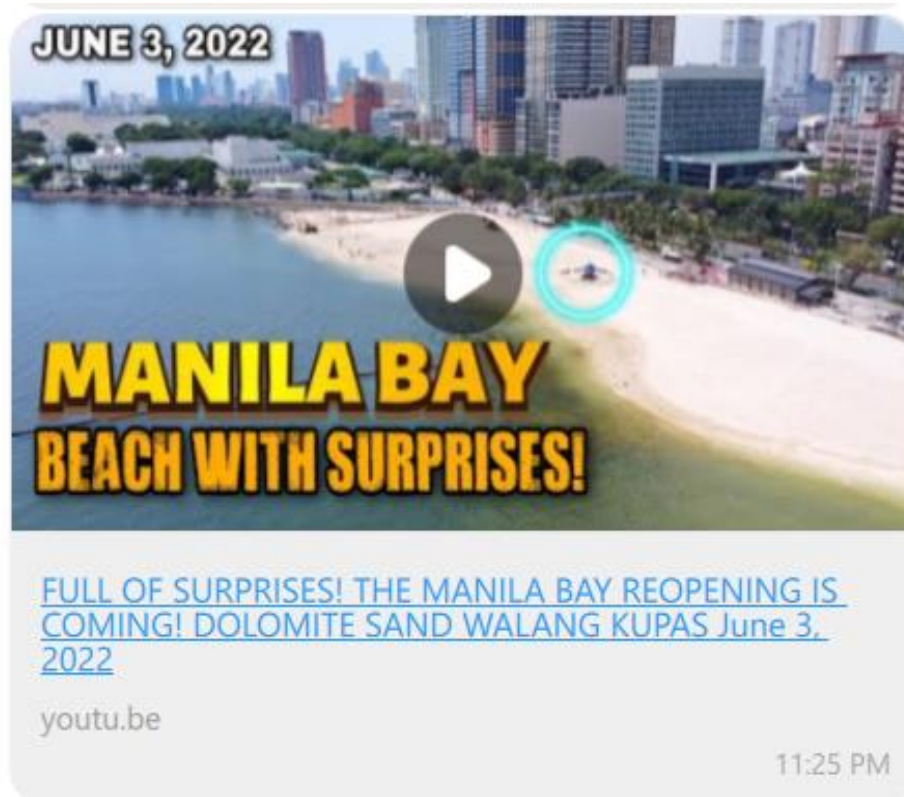
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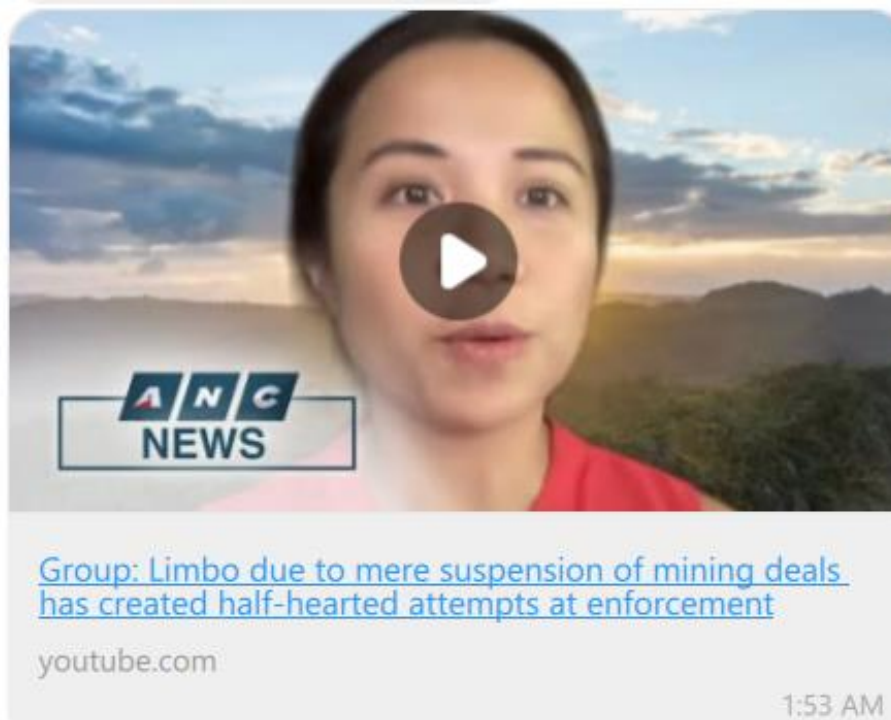
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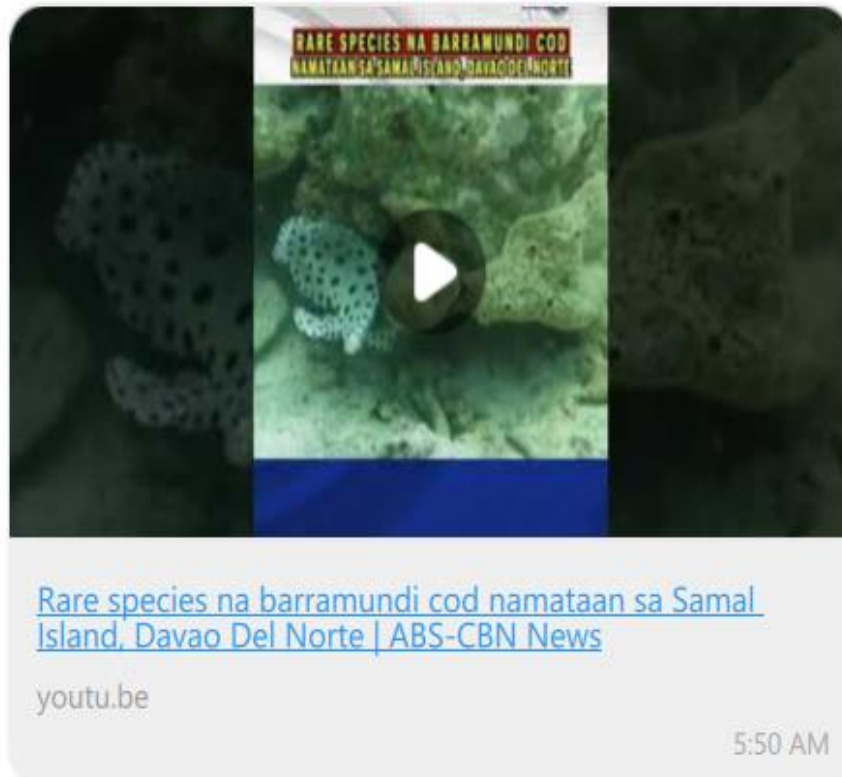
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