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# Sampulna pushes for proclamation of 2022 as 'Year of Protected Areas'

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Environment and Natural Resources Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna vowed to push the proclamation of the Year of the Protected Areas (YoPA) in celebration of the 90th year of the enactment of Republic Act (RA) 3915 that formally established the national parks system in the country.

"I pledge to do my best to have the proposed presidential proclamation declaring the year of the Protected Areas and June of each year as Month of the Protected Areas approved," Sampulna said during the signing of a joint declaration with the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) during the YoPA campaign launch on 23 May 2022.

The DENR has been working on the proposed presidential proclamation since 2019. Once approved, it will institutionalize the annual celebration that will significantly contribute to public information and education about the country's protected areas.

It will also enjoin other government agencies, such as DOT and DILG, to organize activities in support of the annual celebration and mainstream biodiversity and protected areas in their regular programs to mobilize collective action in protecting and conserving protected areas.

President Rodrigo Duterte recently signed into law RA 11684 or the Mt. Arayat Protected Landscape Act; RA 11685 or the Mt. Pulag Protected Landscape Act; RA 11668 or the Naga-Kabasalan Protected Landscape Act; RA 11687 or the Tirad Pass Protected Landscape Act; and RA 11688 or the Banao Protected Landscape Act – bringing the number of legislated protected areas in the country to 112.

"The DENR will continue to persevere and work with partner agencies and communities as we see the importance of the YoPA campaign in ensuring that our protected areas are known and protected by and for the Filipino people," Sampulna said.



Protected areas, as defined in RA 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS) Act of 2018, refer to “identified portions of land and/or water set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against human exploitation.”

Protected areas, through their numerous ecosystems services or benefits, serve as our life support system.



# Philippine Eagle Week 2022: Sampulna stresses role Filipinos play in Phl eagle habitat protection

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As the country celebrates the Philippine Eagle Week, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Jim O. Sampulna said Filipinos should be reminded of their responsibility as caretakers of the wildlife and importance of the Philippine eagle in sustaining life.

With this year's theme, "Kapayapaan at Kalayaan: Ang Agila at Mamamayan, May Kaugnayan," the Philippine Eagle Week celebration from June 4 to 10 will be highlighted by the release of a Philippine eagle named "Salagbanog" on 13 June.

"As we commemorate our yearly observance of the Philippine Eagle Week, we are celebrating Salagbanog's return to his forest home after 18 months of rehabilitation, an opportune time that this young bird would reunite with its kind," Sampulna said.

"Salagbanog's capture is a testament to the Philippine eagles' continuing battle on the loss of its forest habitat and a chance for the bird to get back up on its feet, survive, and live out freely, thereby carving its own niche. The battle for these birds is undeniably our own battle too," he added.

Sampulna pointed out that the presence of the Philippine eagle in the country's forests speaks of a sustainable and rich environment.

"Therefore, as we let go of a national treasure to give one more bird a chance to be free again, it should remind us that wildlife, just like people, have to fulfill their roles for the sustenance of life on earth," Sampulna said.

Salagbanog was rescued after being trapped among thorny rattan vines, while preying on a monkey at Salagbanog Falls in Brgy. Ticulab, Maitum town, Sarangani province on Jan. 9, 2021.

An x-ray of the Philippine eagle showed that a "big marble" was palpable under its skin, while a smaller pellet was detected on its right clavicle.

The marble was used in an improvised airgun as a bullet to shoot the bird.

The injuries inflicted on the bird also showed that these had probably occurred earlier and remained unnoticeable until its capture.

A veterinarian conducted a health assessment on Salagbanog prior to its release that showed the bird was healthy and free from any disease.



DENR-Region 12 has also started conducting information, education, and communication campaigns in communities near the Philippine eagle's habitat.

Aside from Salagbanog's release, DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) has also prepared other activities, such as the interactive storytelling of the book, "Fly Malaya Fly."

It will livestream the activity in Singapore at the Holy Family School of Excellence, a Filipino-run school for expats.

Students can watch the activity as part of the DENR's conservation efforts to instill awareness and appreciation of the Philippine eagle.

On June 4 and 5, four guides were stationed outside the Philippine eagle exhibit at Jurong Bird Park, which is home to Sambisig and Geothermica, a pair of Philippine eagles loaned to Singapore.

They provided information to the park's visitors about the Philippine eagle, the plight of the bird, other fun facts, and their daily activities.

Philippine eagle keeper Justin Huang will also post on JBP's official Instagram account to give information on the daily activities of the birds.

Videos of the Philippine Eagle Foundation's conservation efforts and the arrival of the birds to Jurong Bird Park will be shown across the park's tram stations from 4 to 10 June.

DENR-BMB OIC Director Natividad Y. Bernardino emphasized the role of Filipinos as "responsible citizens to usher in a new era of commitment to save our threatened fauna, especially our national bird."

"We need to stand up and chart our path that will lead us to the next level of truly understanding the plight of our national bird," said Bernardino.

The Philippine Eagle Week is celebrated every June 4-10 of each year by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 79, series of 1999.

The celebration is dedicated to the Philippine eagle with the scientific name *Pithecophaga jefferyi*—a critically endangered species that is endemic to the country.



# DENR sets release of rescued Philippine Eagle

[Rhodina Villanueva](#) - The Philippine Star June 8, 2022 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — As part of the celebration of the Philippine Eagle Week from June 4 to 10, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will release a raptor named Salagbanog on June 13.

“As we commemorate the Philippine Eagle Week, we are also celebrating Salagbanog’s return to the forest, 18 months after it was nurtured in captivity,” DENR acting Secretary Jim Sempulna said yesterday.

“Salagbanog’s capture was a testament to the Philippine Eagles’ continuing battle on the loss of its habitat and a chance for the raptor to get back up on its feet, survive and live freely. The battle for these birds is our own battle too,” Sempulna added.

The presence of eagles in the country’s forests indicate the existence of a sustainable and rich environment.

“As we let go of a national treasure to give one more bird a chance to be free again, it should remind us that wildlife, just like people, have to fulfill their role for the sustenance of life on Earth,” Sempulna said.

Salagbanog was rescued after it was trapped in the thorns of rattan vines on Salagbanog Falls in Maitum, Sarangani on Jan. 9, 2021.

An X-ray of the raptor showed a marble stuck under its skin and a pellet on its right clavicle, indicating he was shot with the use of improvised guns.

A veterinarian who assessed Salagbanog said the raptor was healthy and free from any disease.

The regional office of the DENR launched information, education and communication campaigns in communities near the Philippine Eagle’s habitat.

Sempulna said Filipinos should be reminded of their responsibility as caretakers of wildlife as well as the importance of the Philippine Eagle in sustaining life.



## PHILIPPINE EAGLE WEEK



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ALAM n'yo ba na nagsimula ika-4 hanggang ika-10 ng Hunyo ay kinikilala bilang “Philippine Eagle Week” alinsunod sa Presidential Proclamation No. 79. Muling pinangungunahan ng BMB o ng Biodiversity Management Bureau ng DENR o ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources ang pagdiriwang sa temang “Kapayapaan at Kalayaan: Ang Agila at Mamamayan, May Kaugnayan.”

Sang-ayon sa Presidential Proclamation ay kinilala ito bilang siyang pambansang ibon kahalili ng maya. Dati itong tinatawag na monkey eating eagle at kilala rin bilang agila, Haribon (Haring Ibon) at banog.

Ang Philippine Eagle o Pithecopphaga jefferyi ay kabilang sa pamilyang Accipitrade na endemic o tanging dito lamang sa Pilipinas matatagpuan. Ito ay kulay brown at cream, may sukat na 2.82 hanggang 3.35 feet, may timbang na 4.7 hanggang 8 kilograms at lumilipad sa taas na 5,900 feet. Ito ay nabibilang sa mga “rarest, largest and most powerful birds in the world”.

Itinuturing ng International Union for the Conservation of Nature at ng Birdie International ang Philippine Eagle bilang isang ‘critically endangered’ o lubhang nanganganib na maubos.

Tinatayang mayroon na lamang 180 hanggang 500 ang bilang ng ibong ito sa ating himpapawirin sanhi ng mabilis na pagkakalbo ng ating mga kagubatan, pagmimina, polusyon buhat sa mga mabagsik na pestisidyo, at ilegal na panghuhuli.

Sa 16 na agila na pinakawalan na muli sa himpapawirin, kalahati na ang namamatay sanhi ng pamamaril at wala pang ni isang nahuhuli o napaparusahan.

Isa sa mga nakikitang dahilan ng walang habas na pamamaril sa mga agila ay ang kakulangan ng forest guards na siyang dapat magbabantay sa mga kagubatan ng ating bansa.

Pero sa totoo lang, ang kawalan ng pagpapahalaga at kawalan ng puso ng ilan nating mga kababayan ang dahilan nito. Kailangan talagang magkaroon ang DENR-BMB ng malawakang information campaign drive ukol sa Republic Act No. 9147 o ang Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, upang matigil na ang pagpatay sa lahat ng buhay ilang natin.

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/philippine-eagle-week/>



## DENR CALABARZON promotes Green Fins Approach for responsible coastal activities

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By DENR4A

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CALABARZON, through its Conservation and Development Division, conducted a 6-day training in Mabini, Batangas for DENR CALABARZON Green Fins (GF) Assessors and Coordinators.

The training was conducted to give the participants an understanding on the GF approach and its concepts. The role of the assessors are also reiterated to capacitate them in delivering the GF awareness in dive centers, as well as develop a GF training presentation in local context. The training also included a practice on advanced buoyancy and finning techniques and the skills required underwater to conduct proper assessments on dive. The training was facilitated by resource speakers from Reef World Foundation.

DENR CALABARZON currently has three (3) GF Assessors, three (3) GF Assessors for renewal, and two (2) GF Coordinators.

The GF Approach is a conservation initiative of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and The Reef-World Foundation, in partnership with DENR that works with dive and snorkel operators to promote a set of standards for environmentally sustainable dive and snorkeling tourism activities. (DENR4A)





## DENR CALABARZON, PAMO TVPL patuloy ang dismantling activities sa mga ilegal na istraktura sa lawa ng Taal

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By DENR4A

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna - Ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CALABARZON, sa pamamagitan ng Protected Area Management Office - Taal Volcano Protected Landscape (PAMO-TVPL), ay magsasagawa ng isang pagbabaklas ng mga ilegal at abandonadong istraktura sa Brgy. Gulod at Buso-Buso, Laurel, Batangas simula 31 ng Mayo hanggang 6 Hunyo 2022.

Batay sa isinagawang imbentaryo ng PAMO-TVPL, naitala na 63 fish corrals o baklad, and ilegal na nakatayo sa baybay lawa ng nasabing dalawang barangay. Ang nasabing mga istraktura ay maaaring maging hadlang o sagabal sa mga gagawin na pag responde sa panahon ng peligro at maituturing na panganib sa mga dumadaang banka.

Ang pagbabaklas na ito ay alinsunod sa Kautusang Pampangisdaan ng TVPL at sa PAMB Resolution No. 91, series of 2021, kung saan nakasaad ang permanenteng pagbabawal ng pagtatayo at operasyong ng ilegal na baklad sa buong Lawa ng Taal. Nakasaad din sa resolusyon na ito na pansamantalang pinayagan ang operasyon ng fish corral o baklad sa loob ng anim (6) na buwan simula Hulyo hanggang Disyembre taong 2021 ngunit tatanggalin at babaklasin pagkatapos ng ibinigay na palugit.

Ang aktibidad na ito ay pinangunahan ng DENR CALABARZON, PAMO-TVPL, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) IV-A, katuwang rin ang PNP Maritime Group, Philippine Coast Guard, at ilang mga law enforcement agencies. (DENR4A)

Source: <https://pia.gov.ph/press-releases/2022/06/07/denr-calabarzon-pamo-tvpl-patuloy-ang-dismantling-activities-sa-mga-iligal-na-istraktura-sa-lawa-ng-taal>



# Antique to plant endemic trees to mark Environment Month

By Annabel Consuelo Petinglay **June 7, 2022, 7:32 pm**



**TREE PLANTING.** Around 400 endemic seedlings will be planted in Barangay Osorio 2, San Remigio town, Antique province during the simultaneous nationwide activity as part of the Environment Month Celebration on June 8, 2022. Employees of different government agencies in the province will join the event. *(Photo courtesy of PENRO Antique)*

**SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique** – At least 400 seedlings of endemic trees will be planted in San Remigio town on Thursday to replace those which failed to survive during the last tree planting event held during the Earth Day celebration last April 22.

The tree-planting event in Antique province is part of the Environment Month celebration on June 8 with various government agencies expected to join the simultaneous nationwide activity.

“We have prepared 400 seedlings of various endemic species that will be planted,” said Mirza Samillano, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Antique Development Management Officer V and chief of the Technical Services Division, in an interview on Tuesday.

Seedlings of narra (*Pterocarpus indicus*), kamagong (*Diospyros discolor*), and Palawan cherry will be planted at their National Greening Program (NGP) site in Barangay Osorio 2, San Remigio.

Fruit trees, narra, and other trees valued as sources of lumber or timber thrive in the 150-hectare NGP site in San Remigio since 2014.

“The trees to be planted during the activity tomorrow, June 8, is intended to replace those previously planted seedlings that did not survive in the area,” Samillano said.

Some of the seedlings did not survive or had stunted growth due to the presence of stray animals and grassfires, among others.

Also on their list of activities for the month-long celebration are Coral Triangle Initiative Day with a coastal cleanup activity at Barangay Funda-Dalipe on June 9, and Family Day and the launching of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) exhibit of various local products on June 20. **(PNA)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1176096>



## MGB CALABARZON investigates alleged illegal quarrying operations in Masungi

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By DENR4A

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) CALABARZON conducted an investigation on the alleged illegal quarrying operation within the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL), particularly, within the Masungi Geopark Project on May 26, 2022.

“The MGB team coordinated with the PENRO (Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office) Patrol Sector designated in Baras/Tanay (Rizal) to conduct an investigation on an alleged illegal quarrying activity in Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape near Masungi Georeserve,” MGB Calabarzon Regional Director Dondi Sarmiento said.

“The team then conducted reconnaissance in the area. The only notable earthmoving activity within the area in question can be observed from the Marilaque Highway near Garden Cottages which is the subdivision development of Sta. Lucia Land, Inc. in Palo Alto Subdivision, Brgy. Pinugay, Baras, Rizal. It is covered by development permits and ECC. No other earthmoving activity was observed in the subject area,” the regional director added.

He said the team also visited the areas covered by the three recently suspended Mineral Production and Sharing Areas (MPSA) to monitor its status, and found that the same remained idle with no traces of any recent activities.

On May 25, 2022, Acting Environment Secretary Jim Sampulna ordered the suspension of the MPSAs of Rapid City Realty and Development Corp., Quimson Limestone, Inc., and Quarry Rock Group, Inc. within the Masungi Georeserve in Baras, Rizal “to remove the public’s speculation and ease their worries” amidst reports on illegal quarrying operations in the area.

Sampulna reiterated that the said MPSAs are no longer operational since 2004.

MGB Director, Atty. Wilfredo Moncano also previously mentioned that the Bureau would order its regional office counterpart to conduct an investigation if there were any ongoing illegal quarrying operations despite the suspensions.

In 2017, former Environment Secretary Gina Lopez and Masungi Georeserve Foundation Inc. signed a memorandum of agreement for the Masungi Geopark Project covering the 2,798 hectares of land within UMRBPL. (DENR4A)

Source: <https://pia.gov.ph/press-releases/2022/06/07/mgb-calabarzon-investigates-alleged-illegal-quarrying-operations-in-masungi>



# ‘Cancel, don’t just suspend,’ quarries in protected parks

[GOTCHA](#) - [Jarius Bondoc](#) - The Philippine Star June 8, 2022 | 12:00am

“Don’t just suspend quarries in the Marikina watershed; cancel them as they don’t belong there.” Reforesters in the uplands of Rizal province pleaded to Malacañang as the onset of the rainy season again threatens destructive floods below. Rangers of Masungi GeoPark also sought protection against physical attacks and constant harassment by trespassers.

“Mere suspension means the quarries can resume operations and even be extended,” Engr. Ben Dumaliang wrote President Duterte on June 2. He heads the Masungi Georeserve Foundation that replants and rewilds 2,700 hectares of watershed.

The Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources suspended the other week three rock quarries in Baras town, Rizal. All three are within the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape. Downhill are Antipolo, Marikina, San Mateo, Cainta, Pasig and Quezon cities.

Suspended were Rapid City Realty and Development Corp., Quarry Rock Group Inc. and Quimson Limestone Inc. The interrelated firms hold Mineral Production Sharing Agreements in 1,000 hectares of fragile forests. The lower slopes of the quarries overlap Masungi GeoPark.

In signing the suspension, DENR Acting Sec. Jim Sampulna said there should be no “activity within the MPSA contract area... pending review of [Masungi’s] allegations.” Quarries contravene nature, conservationists decry.

“Cancellation is long overdue because the quarries are located in a geohazard zone prone to floods and landslides,” Dumaliang explained. “Besides, national parks and protected areas are closed to quarrying. Therefore the MPSAs are void from the start.” MGF has restored thousands of endemic trees since authorized in 2017 by then-Sec. Gina Lopez. Birds, butterflies, reptiles and wild boar have returned.

In March 2020, then-Sec. Roy Cimatu ordered the MPSAs revoked “for being anathema to the protected watershed.” Inspecting the site, he and anti-illegal logging officers tore down fences along Marikina-Infanta Highway ascending the Sierra Madres.

National Scientist and former Sec. Angel Alcala lauded Cimatu. In 1993, he forbade quarries and other destructive businesses in the area (Department Administrative Order No. 33). The 1977, Presidential Proclamation No. 1636 declared as a national park, wildlife sanctuary and game preserve the uplands of Rizal, Bulacan, Laguna and Quezon provinces.

PP 1636 and DAO 33 preceded and thus debarred the quarry permits of 1998, Dumaliang said. The 25-year MPSAs are about to expire. Replying to Sampulna’s show-cause order prior to suspension, the quarriers said they “will not give up.”

The quarries have been idle, Dumaliang said. But a dozen private swimming pool resorts sprouted. The two largest fenced off and diverted half a kilometer of riverway into their compounds. Word has reached Malacañang that a retired DENR official and an active police general have erected manors.

Masungi park rangers have been shot at while replanting and fencing off trespassers. Last February, seven of them were mauled and stoned by 30 employees of the resorts; two rangers were hospitalized for serious injuries. On April 26, Press Secretary Martin Andanar conveyed Malacañang’s order to investigate forest trespassing and timber cutting. As then acting presidential spokesman, he zeroed in on the quarries and resort construction: “We urge the



DENR Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force to look into the matter and file charges against violators of environment laws.”

Masungi is a showcase of the Duterte administration. “Safeguarding the environment and natural resources is an important component in our sustainable development,” Andanar said.

Sixteen other quarries operate in the mountains of Rodriguez (Montalban), Rizal. The biggest is owned by a former DENR chief.

The 16 quarries in Rodriguez and the three in Baras were blamed for the catastrophic floods from Typhoon Ulysses in November 2020. Lives were lost; homes and shops inundated up to rooftops; vehicles, business equipment, home appliances, furniture and personal records ruined.

Rizal Gov. Rebecca Ynares urged DENR to stop all mining and rock crushing in 4,964 hectares. The quarrying goes on.

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**SMC RECEIVES 2 HIGH-CAPACITY EXCAVATORS FROM JAPAN FOR PASIG REHAB EFFORTS**

Two high-capacity excavators from Japan recently arrived in the country for the multi-billion Pasig River rehabilitation initiative spearheaded by San Miguel Corporation (SMC).

The said mega equipment, delivered by shipping giant NYK Line, is part of Japan's \$1.5 million donations to SMC's clean-up efforts in Pasig River.

SMC President and CEO Ramon Ang formally accepted the equipment from NYK President Hitoshi Nagasawa.

The ceremony, held on Tuesday (June 7), was attended by Ambassador of Japan to the Philippines Kazuhiko Koshikawa, and Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines (DENR) undersecretary Jonas Leones.

"We are deeply honored and thankful to receive this donation to boost our river rehabilitation operations at a time when heavy rains and typhoons threaten most Metro Manila cities with severe flooding," Ang said.

"We hope this will encourage other companies in the country to cooperate with each other in aggressively pursuing initiatives that will benefit future generations," he added.

This year is the project's first year since SMC started the Pasig clean-up drive in July 2021. / mnp



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# ‘Climate change policies should be in sync with socioeconomic agenda’

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NEDA Director General Karl Chua

Integrating climate change policies with socioeconomic planning would ensure not only poverty reduction but also sustained growth for the Philippine economy, according to the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda).

In a virtual summit of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) School of Environmental Science and Management, Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Karl Kendrick T. Chua said the outgoing administration has already embarked on efforts to address climate change through mitigation and adaptation. He, however, stressed that more needs to be done.

“If we were to eradicate extreme poverty in the Philippines by 2040, and hand down a better planet to our children and grandchildren, climate change, adaptation and mitigation needs to be placed at the heart of socioeconomic planning,” Chua said.

Chua said Neda has formulated the Philippine action plan for sustainable consumption and production. This was done to provide a framework toward the shift to sustainable and climate smart practice in various sectors and the government.

He also said the outgoing administration has proposed the theme of the next Philippine Development Plan to be “Saving Our Planet, Saving Our Country,” to highlight the importance of climate change to the country in the coming years.

The Neda, Chua said, has also aligned all its network programs and staff groups with the goal of climate change adaptation and mitigation.

“If there is a large scale of inequality in the country where the poor cannot afford many, for instance, that the culture of the pandemic we have temporarily set us back in achieving our development targets. But we have put in place reforms in policy to put us back on track towards rapid and inclusive growth,” Chua said.

The Neda chief said the country has done well in terms of reducing poverty prior to the pandemic. He noted that the country achieved its highest ever poverty reduction of lifting 6 million Filipinos out of poverty in 2021.



While the pandemic has caused millions to lose their jobs and thousands of firms to close, Chua said the Philippine economy has slowly gotten back on track to sustained economic growth.

Chua noted that the economy has grown 5.7 percent in the first quarter of 2022 growth further accelerated by 8.3 percent. -30-





# Climate change mitigation crucial to socioeconomic planning: NEDA

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Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua (File photo)

**MANILA** – Climate change adaptation and mitigation need to be placed at the heart of socioeconomic planning for the country to achieve its 2040 vision of eradicating extreme poverty, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) said Tuesday.

“Addressing the triple planetary crisis (of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution) has become our top development challenge. If we are to eradicate extreme poverty in the Philippines by 2040 and hand down a better planet to our children and grandchildren, climate change adaptation and mitigation need to be placed at the heart of socioeconomic planning,” Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua said at the Philippine Environment Science Summit 2022.

Chua said urgent actions are needed to curb greenhouse gas emissions to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius in response to climate change.

The health of terrestrial and marine ecosystems has been deteriorating at a rapid pace, he added.

Chua described the third planetary crisis –pollution and waste– as the toxic trail of economic growth that results in premature deaths of millions of terrestrial and marine life, and even people.

In response to the triple planetary crisis, Chua said NEDA has proposed for the theme of the next Philippine Development Plan to be ‘saving our planet, saving our country.’

The NEDA chief added that the government formulated the Philippine Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production (PAP4SCP) to provide the guiding framework towards the shift to sustainable and climate-smart practices and behaviors across sectors.

Chua said the PAP4SCP can facilitate green recovery by integrating circular economy approaches to attain the sustainable development goals.

Within the agency, NEDA has also formed a ‘climate change community of practice’ to align all NEDA work programs and staff groups with the goal of climate change adaptation and mitigation.



Chua said the Philippine government will continue to pursue human capital development and inclusive economic growth.

“The country will be hard-pressed to address pollution and shift to sustainable consumption and production if there is a large scale of inequality in the country, where the poor cannot afford to eliminate, for instance, the ‘tingi (retail) culture,’” he said.

Chua also invited the attendees to work together to address the “most pressing crisis of our time.”

“We have seen how a single crisis or disaster can cause significant delays in our progress. The only way to sustain our growth is by ensuring our country’s resilience against the impact of climate change... Each of you has a significant role to play if we are to pass on a better planet for our children,” he said.

The Philippine Environmental Science Summit 2022 was organized by the University of the Philippines Los Baños-School of Environmental Science and Management.

The event was attended by educators from international and Philippine higher education institutions, government agencies, and non-government organizations. **(PR)**



# BBM tackles food security, climate change and RE in meetings with envoys

BY BUSINESSMIRROR JUNE 7, 2022



Aerial view of solar farm and windmills for electric power production in Ilocos Norte.

FOOD security, climate change, and renewable energy (RE) were among the topics discussed by President-elect Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos Jr. with ambassadors from Spain, Morocco, and Germany during separate meetings on Tuesday morning.

Jorge Moragas, Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines, Ambassador Mohammed Rida El Fassi of Morocco, and German Ambassador Anke Reiffenstuel were received by Marcos Jr. separately during a series of meetings at the BBM headquarters in Mandaluyong.

In a news briefing after the private meeting with Marcos Jr., Ambassador Reiffenstuel said that apart from enhancing cooperation between their two countries, they also discussed global challenges, including food security and climate change.

“We exchanged [views] about the ongoing bilateral cooperation and the cooperation in the international frame in the multilateral formats, and discussed potentials for furthering cooperation not only on mutual interests but also to address global challenge like climate change,” the ambassador said.

The envoy added that she informed the incoming President about the ongoing programs of Germany to help the Philippines in addressing climate change, including their Euro 25 million donation for climate change-related projects.

They likewise discussed the priority project of Marcos Jr. regarding food security.

“I informed him about the upcoming international ministerial conference on global food security, this is also against the background of the impact of the Russian war against Ukraine with regards to the challenges on global food security,” she noted.

Reiffenstuel also disclosed that they also tackled about the safeguarding of rule of law and the human rights.

“I also underlined the importance of Germany attaches to the rule of law and safeguarding human rights, and of our continued commitment to the same,” she continued.

“In this context that I also mentioned, the [continuing] German support, contribution and funding of the United Nations joint program on human rights here in the Philippines,” she emphasized.

Reiffenstuel disclosed that they also focused their discussion on RE, which is also among Marcos’s campaign promise to provide lower power rates to the people.



# Villar joins World Enviro Day; calls on everyone to help heal the earth

BYBMPPLUS JUNE 6, 2022



Senator Cynthia Villar, presumptive Palawan Congressman Edward Hagedorn, Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla, conservationist Atty. Antonio Oposa Jr. and other environmentalists, signed a marker for Verde Island Passage (VIP), an internationally acknowledged “Center of Marine Biodiversity” in a ceremony in Brgy. Solo Anilao Mabini, Batangas on Sunday, June 5, 2022, on the occasion of the United Nation World Environmental Day

As the we celebrated the 49th World Environment Day on June 5 (Sunday), Sen. Cynthia A. Villar encouraged everyone to be responsible and passionate to contribute and inspire others to do their own part in healing Mother Earth.

Villar, chairperson of the Senate committee on environment and natural resources, guaranteed that our collective efforts will make a difference in the protection and conservation of our environment.

Speaking during the installation of Verde Island Passage (VIP) Marker on the occasion the of the UN World Environment Day organized by environmentalist Atty. Tony Oposa. Villar noted the United Nations has confronted us with the severe reality that the earth faces a triple planetary emergency. She relates that these are the following:

- the climate is heating up too quickly for people and nature to adapt,
- the continuing habitat loss and other pressures mean an estimated one million species are threatened with extinction, and
- pollution continues to poison our air, land and water.

“Due to this, the United Nations finds it fitting to adopt the “Only One Earth” slogan as a reminder for us, earthlings, that while there are billions of galaxies, planets and stars, the Earth is just our one solitary home and we should take care of it,” she said.

“All of us are being encouraged to be more connected to it, focus on living sustainably in harmony with nature, and shift our lifestyles from harming the Earth to healing it,” she added.

The invitation of Oposa, the senator said, has brought into her consciousness the need to accord the appropriate protection status to VIP, the channel that cuts through the Philippines by the south of Luzon.

The marker is right in the center of the Coral Triangle that is considered an area of extreme ecological importance.

It was reported in the 2005 study led by marine biologist Dr. Kent Carpenter that the VIP has the highest concentration of marine shorefish biodiversity on the planet.



Because of this, Villar said it has been labeled as “the epicenter of marine biodiversity”.

“Even with this little information I gathered, I am a little bit surprised why up to now it seems that no protection status “by legislation” has been accorded to VIP that could ensure its sustainability,” said Villar, who has been espousing on environmental protection.”

Villar also related she is one of the many that was inspired by Oposa’s brilliant work in instigating the continuing mandamus for the clean up and rehabilitation of Manila Bay.

“The continuing mandamus has provided the needed justification that helped in boosting my very own continuing efforts that I have started way back in 2002 to clean up two (2) rivers in my hometown, namely the Zapote River and the Las Pinas River, and even my more recent efforts of cleaning up as well the neighboring Molino River in Bacoor City. All of these rivers directly flow into Manila Bay,” she related.

“To finally witness a clean and pollution-free Manila Bay that is fit for recreational swimming (just like in the old days) is indeed an aspiration worth pursuing for the benefit of the living and future generations,” she further stated.



# 100 cyclists in Davao pedal for environment



(Photo courtesy to Sustainable Davao Movement on Facebook)

IONA FINLAY C. MENDOZA

June 07, 2022

IN celebration of World Environment Day, more than 100 Dabawenyo cyclists participated in the Pedal for People and Planet on May 5, 2022 to advocate for various environmental issues.

The cyclists endured a 15-kilometer bike ride that started in Freedom Park, Roxas Boulevard to Lanang area while bearing different signs and placards calling for renewable energy, watershed protection, protection of urban wetlands, and wildlife and nature conservation.

"Now, more than ever, we need to urge our new set of leaders, corporations, and the people to heed the call of the environment. I believe that by working together, we can build a more equitable society that benefits people, the economy, and the environment. We have the opportunity to invest in nature-based solutions that can aid in the mitigation of climate change and make our communities and ecosystems more resilient to its effects," said Atty. Mark Peñalver, executive director of Dava-based environmental group Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability (Idis).

Idis, along with other groups under the Sustainable Davao Movement, urge the local governments and corporations to address environmental issues in Davao City and Davao Region, including the nickel mining operation in Barangay Macambol in Mati City and the proposed waste-to-energy incineration project in Barangay Biao Escuela, Davao City.

The advocates also highlighted the gold copper mining in Tampakan, South Cotabato.

In a statement released by Sustainable Davao Movement, Rara Ada of the Philippine Movement for Climate Justice said the climate crisis must be addressed urgently.

"With the worsening climate, millions of people will be severely affected by flooding, droughts, heatwaves, and other extreme weather events. As climate change is one of the defined issue of the upcoming administration, it is high time to finally put their priority focus on policies and programs that will ensure environmental sustainability and protection," she said.

The cycling event is the second leg of the Pedal for People and Planet, wherein the first leg was done last April 24, 2022.

The Pedal for People and Planet is a simultaneous event done across 11 countries in Asia. Aside from Davao City, eight other provinces in the Philippines have also participated. **(ICM)**

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1931276/davao/local-news/100-cyclists-in-davao-pedal-for-environment>



## KALIKASAN AT INSPIRASYON



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GINUNITA kahapon ang World Environment Day o WED.

Tuwing June 5 ang selebrasyon nito, bilang pagkilala sa mahalagang obligasyon ng mga tao na pangalagaan at maging responsable sa tamang paggamit ng kalikasan at likas-yaman.

Ang naging tema ngayong 2022 ay Only One Earth o “Nag-iisang Mundo”.

Napakalaking hamon sa panahon natin ngayon na maglabas ng mga polisiya ang gobyerno natin, para sa tunay na pagbabago tungo sa mas malinis na kapaligiran para sa lahat.

Walang duda, isa lang ang planetang Earth na tahanan nating mga tao, at kapag nasira ito, wala ng pupuntahan ang sangkatauhan.

Sa bagong gobyerno na uupo sa June 30, palagay ko ay ito ang isa sa pinaka-importanteng tema na babalikatin nila.

Nito kasing nakaraang kampanya, halos walang nailatag na agenda o program na pang-kalikasan ang nai-proklamang bagong mamumuno ng ating bansa.

Napansin ko lang, med-yo masaya yata ang mga maka-kalikasang grupo ngayong weekend ng WED 2022.

Halos sunod-sunod ang mga magagandang balita na nakita ko, patungkol sa mga environmental na isyu sa iba’t ibang probinsya.

Naisulat ko na kamakailan ang pagpapatigil ng reclamation project sa Coron, Palawan.

Salamat naman.

Noong nakaraang linggo naman, lumabas ang desisyon ng korte sa Marinduque, kung saan pinagbabayad ng danyos ang Marcopper Mining Company, sa pinsala at sakit na idinulot ng mine spill ng minahan noong 1996.

Nitong Byernes, June 3, 2022, dalawang panalo ang nakuha ng mga environmentalist.

Nakansela ang Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) ng Ozamis Coal Power Plant na pinangangambahang mag-dudulot ng tiyak na polusyon.

Ilang oras lang ang nakalipas, nagpa-presscon naman si Gov. Tamayo ng South Cotabato, kung saan pinatawan niya ng veto ang bagong ordinansa na nagtatanggal na ng ban sa open-pit mining sa lalawigan.

Sana nga ay magbunga ng magagandang kaganapan ang mga makakalikasan sa mga desisyong ito.





Kailangan ni Inang Kalikasan ang mga ganitong panalo.

Para makikinabang ang mas maraming Pilipino

Siyanga pala, Pentecost Sunday din kahapon.

Ang pagbaba ng Espiritu Santo sa mga apostoles para sa kalinawan ng isip, tibay ng pananampalataya at inspirasyon para ipahayag ang katotohanan at kaba-nalan.

Nawa'y maging mas inspirado ang mas maraming tao at mga lider natin na pangalagaan ang kalikasan at kinabukasan ng mga susunod na henerasyon.



## 'Tapon to Ipon,' inilunsad ng Pasay City

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By Jimmyley Guzman

***Mga larawan mula sa Pasay City LGU***

**LUNGSOD QUEZON, (PIA) --** Inilunsad ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Pasay at ng Coca Cola Philippines ang '*Tapon to Ipon*' program.

Ayon sa pamahalaang lungsod, ang naturang programa ay programa na naglalayong makapagrecycle ng mga PET-Classified bottles kung saan ang mga naiipong bote na may kabuuang timbang na kalahating kilo ay maaring ipalit sa mga Coke products.

Bilang bahagi ng nasabing proyekto, ang mga boteng may label na "1" ang tatanggapin. Ito ay dapat na klaro o walang kulay, malinis na walang basura o amoy at tuyo o walang laman.

Ang mga nasabing bote ay maaring dalhin sa mga sumusunod na partner collection hubs:

- EDM Store (2407 M. Dela Cruz, Pasay City)
- Rhyelnetts Eatery (2193 Luna St. Pasay City)
- Omar Minimart (2642 Tramo St. Brgy. 51, Pasay City)
- Jacquelyn Store (2413 P. Villanueva St. Pasay City)
- Bhebang Store (Market Rd. cor. Taft, Pasay City)
- Freya Consumer Good Store (2336 Leveriza St. Brgy. 40, Pasay City)

Ayon kay Pasay City Mayor Emi Calixto-Rubiano, ang kalikasan ay bahagi ng kanyang mga prayoridad na programa na H.E.L.P. bilang bahagi ng sustainable goals ng lungsod.

Kasama rin sa naturang H.E.L.P program ay: Health and Housing, Education, Economic Growth, and Environment, Livelihood and Lifestyle, and Peace and Order, Palengke (Market) and Pamilya. (***Pasay City/PIA-NCR***)



# ‘Protect PH from becoming the world’s toxic waste dump site’

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With the commencement of the second segment of the BRS Conventions’ Triple Conference of Parties, BAN Toxics urges the Philippine government to fast-track the ratification of the Basel Ban Amendment or risk becoming the world’s dumping ground.

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Since 2006, BAN Toxics has been advocating for environmental justice through the promotion of sound chemicals and wastes management. Together with allied environmental groups, the organizations campaigned for the immediate repatriation of the Canadian waste and the ratification of the Basel Ban Amendment.



“With more and more countries ratifying the Ban Amendment, the Philippine administration should follow their footsteps and stop the flow of hazardous wastes on our shores. We call on the attention of President-elect Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to protect the Philippines from becoming the world’s hazardous waste dump site again,” says Reynaldo San Juan Jr., executive director of BAN Toxics.

“Let’s not wait for a repeat incident of the infamous Canada Waste issue. The government should take a stronger stance against illegal importation of hazardous wastes by ratifying the Basel Ban Amendment. We cannot leave our gates open and at the mercy of richer countries.” [BAN Toxics](#) added.



## Olongapo City to hold river, beach cleanup drive

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Trash and other solid materials end up at a beach area in Barangay Barretto, Olongapo City.

(Photo by Joanna Rose Aglibot)

**OLONGAPO CITY** — The local government will hold a coastal cleanup drive in various locations in the city as part of its celebration of the 56th Cityhood Anniversary.

Based on an advisory, the cleanup drive that will cover several rivers and beach areas in the city would be spearheaded by the Olongapo City Agriculture and EcoTourism office at 6 a.m. on June 13.

Areas for cleanup include Parola in Barangay Kalaklan, Driftwood Beach in Barangay Barretto, and rivers in the villages of Banicain, New Kababae, and New Ilalim.

Residents in these areas were encouraged to join as volunteers to help rehabilitate these bodies of water that suffer from pollution due to industrialization and commercial activities. INQ



## Boy collects plastic bottles to buy food

Jire Carreon, ABS-CBN News

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A boy sorts discarded plastic bottles, which he would sell to a junk shop to hopefully earn P50-100 for him buy food for the day, at NIA Road, Quezon City on Tuesday. With the unprecedented rise in oil prices, the poor and marginalized are hit the hardest as prices of basic items including food also soar.

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# Iconic Philippine eagle na si Pag-asa, muling makikita sa isang exhibit

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Ipinakita sa isang exhibit ang preserved o stuffed na Philippine eagle na si Pag-asa, na pumanaw noong nakaraang taon. *Larawan kuha ni Hernel Tocmo*

Muling nakita ang iconic Philippine eagle na si Pag-asa nang maisali ang preserved o stuffed eagle sa Philippine Eagle Week exhibit sa isang mall sa Davao City.

Pumanaw si Pag-asa noong Enero 6, 2021 sa edad na 28 dahil sa impeksiyon.

Si Pag-asa ang pinakaunang Philippine Eagle na isinilang sa pamamagitan ng cooperative artificial insemination (CAI) techniques sa Philippine Eagle Center.

Ibinida rin sa interactive exhibit ang "35 milestones in Eagle Conservation."

Ngayong taon ang ika-35 na taon ng Philippine Eagle Center sa Davao City, ang tanging captive breeding facility para sa Philippine eagle sa buong mundo.

Itinuturing itong "home away from home" para sa rescued Philippine eagles at iba pang wildlife.

Idinadaos tuwing Hunyo 4 hanggang 10 ang Philippine Eagle week bilang pagdiriwang sa buhay ng pambansang ibon at para ikampanya ang proteksyon at conservation ng mga ipinagmamalaking uri ng agila.

Ang giant bird of prey na ito ay makikita sa Luzon, Samar, Leyte, at Mindanao, at itinuturing na critically endangered species ng International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Mayroon na lamang tinatayang 400 pares nito sa kagubatan.

— **ulat ni Hernel Tocmo**

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# Global crises must not delay action on climate, UN talks told

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Activists of the Fridays For Future climate action movement demonstrate in central Stockholm on June 3, 2022, in connection with the Stockholm +50 UN meeting.

AFP/Meli Petersson Ellafi/ TT News Agency

PARIS, France — A barrage of global crises must not deflect attention from urgent climate action, the UN's climate chief warned Monday, as negotiators from nearly 200 nations began talks in Germany against the backdrop of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The conference will set the stage for a fresh round of major United Nations talks later this year in Egypt, as climate-driven weather extremes are increasingly felt across the planet.

But nations also face a formidable collection of inter-related challenges, including the Ukraine conflict, energy, food and economic crises, as well as the continued impact of the Covid pandemic.

Issuing a call for international unity to hold firm, outgoing UN climate change chief Patricia Espinosa told delegates not to lose focus or give up hope.

It was "not acceptable to say that we are in challenging times", she argued.

"We must understand that climate change is moving exponentially," she said, opening the June 6 to 16 meeting.

"We can no longer afford to make just incremental progress. We must move these negotiations along more quickly. The world expects it."

## 'Lack of action'

Governments have already accepted that climate change is a grave threat to humanity and the planet, and have advocated immediate action to cut fossil fuel emissions and prepare for the growing impacts of warming.

The summary to this year's landmark climate report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded that any further delay in action "will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all".

But as things stand, the world is unlikely to be able to meet the Paris climate deal's commitment to limit warming "well below" two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and preferably 1.5C.





"There is this disconnect between the scientific evidence of global crisis in the making, of potentially rushing towards unmanageable climate impacts, versus the lack of action," Johan Rockstrom, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, told AFP.

### **"This is a deep worry."**

While the conference in the German city of Bonn is largely aimed at preparing for the UN COP27 meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh in November, a number of key issues are up for debate.

Among them is a push for countries to speed up their timetable for updating their carbon-cutting plans, to close the gap between warming targets and emissions-cutting action.

### **Funding promises not met**

In May, an analysis from non-profit groups found that countries in the G20 group of major economies had yet to strengthen greenhouse gas reduction goals, despite agreeing to revisit their plans.

Funding from rich polluters to help vulnerable developing nations least responsible for global heating will also be particularly in focus.

A promise of \$100 billion a year from 2020 to help them adapt to a warming world has still not been met.

Meanwhile, there are growing calls for "loss and damage" funding for countries already struck by devastating climate impacts.

"The inability to reduce emissions and ensure adequate adaptation funding is leading to increasing losses and damage in our countries, and we are the ones paying the price," said Madeleine Diouf Sarr, chair of the Least Developed Countries group.

Espinosa expressed concern that money to help green the economies of developing nations could shift away as a result of the war in Ukraine, which has roiled energy markets and raised the spectre of a global food crisis as wheat prices soar.

### **'Urgency'**

Fears of a food crisis have intensified in recent weeks, with India moving to ban wheat exports after the hottest March and April on record -- blamed largely on climate change -- hit harvests.

Countries with exposure to Russian fossil fuels -- particularly in Europe -- have also scrambled to shore up energy supplies.

The US, criticised over plans to resume oil and gas drilling, on Monday said it would invoke a key power to compel domestic manufacture of clean energy technology and suspend some solar tariffs to try and boost renewable capacity and tackle climate change.

Espinosa told reporters that the "very difficult situation" caused by the war only adds to the "urgency of addressing climate change".

She urged nations to prepare to arrive in Egypt able to demonstrate progress since the 2021 COP26 climate summit in Glasgow.

Countries made a raft of promises on the sidelines of last year's meeting -- to curb deforestation and methane leaks, for example.

If honoured in full they could, along with official carbon-cutting commitments under the Paris deal, theoretically cap global warming under 2C, research suggests.



But that means the focus at this year's meetings needs to be on "accountability", said Rockstrom.

"We are now in the delivery phase".



# Higit P20 milyon napinsala sa pagsabog ng Mt. Bulusan

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Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management officers guide vehicles passing through the highway of Juban town, Sorsogon Province, after the sudden eruption of Bulusan Volcano on June 5, 2022.

AFP/Sharbyn Sayat

MANILA, Philippines — Tinatayang umaabot sa mahigit P20-milyon ang halaga ng agrikultura ang napinsala sa pagsabog ng Bulkang Bulusan sa Sorsogon nitong Linggo.

Ayon sa Office of Civil Defense-Bicol (OCD-5), ang P20.2 milyong halaga ay may sukat na 2,683.40 ektarya ng lupang pang-agrikultura.

Sinabi ni Jessar Adornado, OCD-5 assistant regional director, naitala ang mga pinsala sa tatlong munisipalidad ng Sorsogon partikular sa Casiguran, Juban, at Irosin.

“DA-5 is closely monitoring and coordinating with the provincial disaster risk reduction management of Sorsogon and other affected municipalities. They also reported that the regional dairy production and technology center in Sorsogon City was initially designated as a primary livestock evacuation center,” ani Adornado.

Dagdag pa ni Adornado, kasalukuyang nasa “blue alert” ang OCD-5 at ang Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council para sa pagde-deploy ng mga kinakailangang assets.

Nasa 2,784 pamilya o 13,920 indibiduwal naman ang apektado ng ashfall at masangsang na amoy mula sa phreatic eruption ng Mt. Bulusan sa mga munisipalidad ng Juban at Irosin, habang 75 pamilya o 278 na indibidwal ang lumikas at kasalukuyang nanunuluyan sa Tughan evacuation center sa bayan ng Juban.

Samantala, ikinabahala naman ng National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) ang supply ng tubig sa Juban, Sorsogon na kontaminado na ng abo dahil sa pagsabog ng Bulkang Bulusan.

Ayon kay NDRRMC Spokesman Mark Timbal, nagkaroon ng problema sa patubig sa komunidad na spring water ang pinagkukunan dahil exposed ito at nahaluan ng abo.

Sinabi ni Timbal na nag-deploy na ang lokal na pamahalaan ng water tankers upang magbigay ng suplay ng tubig sa mga apektadong komunidad. Namahagi rin ang isang pribadong sektor at Philippine Red Cross ng bottled water.

Sa kabila nito, manageable pa rin sa level ng LGU ang sitwasyon kaya hindi pa kailangan ang pagdedeklara ng state of calamity.

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# DENR, Army intensify forest protection

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BY JONAS REYES

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga** – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Philippine Army's 3rd Regional Community Defense Group (3RCDG) inked an agreement to augment the forest protection in Central Luzon.

DENR regional executive director Paquito Moreno Jr. said that the agreement also includes improving the greening programs in Region 3, stressing that the alliance between the DENR and the Army will be fundamental in the government's quest to conserve the country's natural resources.

"The Army has been among our steady and reliable partners in environmental stewardship. Their consistent support is a big boost not only in our anti-illegal logging campaign but in our conservation efforts as well," Moreno said.

DENR Assistant Secretary for Administration and Legislative Affairs Joan Lagunda, on the other hand, said that the Army will be a strong support system for the DENR in enforcing forest protection laws,

defending the country's natural resources against environmental crimes which have grown bolder over time.

"Criminal elements have become bolder, and our ecological wealth, if left undefended, is an easy target for unscrupulous groups. Hence, we must keep watch and continue to act against environmental threats with the help of the Army," Lagunda said.

The signing of the agreement was led by Lagunda, Moreno, Army Reserve Commander Major General Fernando Felipe, and 3RCDG Commander Col. Roberto Sarmiento. As part of the agreement the Ready Reserve Units (RRU) of the 3RCDG will adopt a non-contiguous 20-hectare existing plantation in each province.

Areas identified by provincial and community offices of the DENR here will be planted with endemic species, and the RRU shall be in charge of its maintenance and protection needs.

Meantime, Felipe vowed to continuously support the DENR in its environmental protection programs, noting that achieving environmental sustainability is paramount to realizing just and lasting peace.

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## Group presses government to hasten ratification of Basel Ban Amendment

**T**HE Philippines continue to risk becoming the world's dumping ground unless it ratifies the Basel Ban Amendment, the group Ban Toxics warned.

The group issued the statement following the commencement of the second segment of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions' Triple Conference of Parties.

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nand Marcos Jr. to protect the Philippines from becoming the world's hazardous waste dump site again," Reynaldo San Juan Jr., executive director of BAN Toxics said in a news release.

Ban Toxics said a repeat incident of the infamous Canada Waste issue could've been avoided if the government should take a stronger stance against illegal importation of hazardous wastes by ratifying the Basel Ban Amendment.

"We cannot leave our gates open and at the mercy of richer countries," the group stressed. *Jonathan L. Mayuga*



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## BBM tackles food security, climate change, renewable energy with European envoys

By Ryan Ponce Pacpaco

**FOOD security, climate change, and renewable energy were among the topics discussed by President-elect Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos with ambassadors from Spain, Morocco, and Germany during separate meetings on Tuesday morning.**

Jorge Moragas, Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines, Ambassador Mohammed Rida El Fassi of Morocco, and German Ambassador Anke Reiffenstuel were received by Marcos separately during a series of meetings at the BBM headquarters in Mandaluyong.

In a press briefing after the private meeting with Marcos, Ambassador Reiffenstuel said that apart from enhancing cooperation between their two countries, they also discussed global challenges including food security and climate change.

"We exchanged (views) about the ongoing bilateral cooperation and the cooperation in the international frame in the multi-lateral formats, and discussed potentials for furthering cooperation not only on mutual interests but also to address global challenge like climate change," the ambassador said.

The envoy added that she informed the incoming president about the ongoing programs of Germany to help the Philippines in addressing climate change including their Euro 25 million donation for climate change-related projects.

They likewise discussed the priority project of Marcos regarding food security.

"I informed him about the upcoming international ministerial conference on global food security, this is also against the background of the impact of the Russian war against Ukraine with

regards to the challenges on global food security," she noted.

Reiffenstuel also disclosed that they also tackled about the safeguarding of rule of law and the human rights.

"I also underlined the importance Germany attaches to the rule of law and safeguarding human rights, and of our continued commitment to the same," she continued.

"In this context that I also mentioned, the (continuing) German support, contribution and funding of the United Nations joint program on human rights here in the Philippines," she emphasized.

Reiffenstuel disclosed that they also focused their discussion on renewable energy which is also among Marcos' campaign promise to provide lower power rates to the people.

"Renewable energies of course are of great importance to us, to Germany, and we exchanged about the experiences and the commitment and the distributions and the shares of renewable energies in our two countries' power protections," she added.

The ambassador noted that Marcos illustrated his early commitment to renewable energy by mentioning the wind farm in Ilocos Norte, and they agreed that there is a need to continue to deepen the discussions since this has been an area of mutual interest.

Last Monday, Marcos also met separately with ambassadors from Italy and different ASEAN countries during which they discussed expanded cooperation between the Philippines and their respective countries.

The ambassadors relayed congratulatory messages of their heads of state on his victory and affirmed their interest in improving bilateral and diplomatic relations with the Philippines.



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## Villar stresses need to address global warming

SENATOR Cynthia Villar has called for responsibility and passion in doing one's part to help heal Mother Nature.

Villar, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, issued the call in line with the global observance of the 49th World Economic Day on Sunday (June 5).

The senator gave assurance that the people's collective efforts would make a difference in the protection and conservation of our environment.

Speaking during the installation of Verde Island Passage (VIP) Marker on the occasion of the UN World Environment Day organized by environmentalist lawyer Tony Oposa, Villar noted that the United Nations has warned that the earth faces a triple planetary emergency.

She identified these challenges as: the climate heating up too quickly for people and nature to adapt,

continuing habitat loss and other pressures resulting in estimated one million species threatened with extinction, and pollution continuing to poison the air, land and water.

"Due to this, the United Nations finds it fitting to adopt the "Only One Earth" slogan as a reminder for us, earthlings, that while there are billions of galaxies, planets and stars, the Earth is just our one solitary home and we should take care of it," Villar said.

"All of us are being encouraged to be more connected to it, focus on living sustainably in harmony with nature, and shift our lifestyles from harming the Earth to healing it," she added.

The invitation of Oposa, the senator said, has brought into her consciousness the need to accord the appropriate protection status to VIP, the channel that cuts through the Philippines by the south of Luzon. Macon Ramos-Araneta





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# Phl lags behind in terms of green transition

By DANESSA RIVERA

The Philippines still lags behind Southeast Asian peers in terms of green transition and climate ambition, based on the latest report of Massachusetts-based global management consultancy Bain & Co.

The Southeast Asia's Green Economy 2022 Report – by Bain & Co. and Temasek, with contributions from Microsoft – showed the 10-member region has charted positive progress, as countries with net zero targets increased by six to eight nations with Singapore and Indonesia piloting carbon taxes.

Unfortunately, the Philippines' climate ambition still falls behind its peer countries due to few concrete plans or policies.

As the country has yet to define its net zero target, the report recommended the development of clear decarbonization targets and establish decarbonization roadmap.

Meanwhile, the Philippines has the slowest progress among Southeast Asian nations for carbon tax, with ongoing discussions over the last few years, but no concrete decision and/or implementation plan laid down, Bain &

Co. said in the report.

While the country's implementation of coal power moratorium is encouraging, the report cited the importance to enact moratorium on current pipeline, and phase out all coal by 2040.

The Philippines still has four gigawatts (GW) of coal power in the pipeline despite the moratorium announced in 2020.

The report also lauded the improved government policy support for electric vehicle (EV) manufacturers and infra providers, such as tax incentives and duty exemptions, but also noted that the country lacks of incentives to spur local consumer demand.

To further concretize plans, Bain & Co. recommended government actions, such as increasing renewable sourcing requirements from one percent of total energy today.

The Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), a mechanism under the Renewable Energy (RE) Act of 2008, directs distribution utilities, electric cooperatives and retail electricity suppliers to source a percentage of electricity requirements from RE sources—which is currently

set at one percent.

While the Department of Energy (DOE) has yet to raise the RPS level, it is looking to raise the yearly minimum level of RE contracted by mandated on-grid participants to 2.52 percent beginning 2023 next year.

The adoption of the higher annual increment on RE percentage will help the country "meet the aspirational target of at least 35 percent in the total power generation mix by 2030 and more than 50 percent by 2040," the agency said.

The Bain & Co. report also recommended to eliminate land restrictions for foreign firms to further facilitate foreign investment in renewables and remove contractual obligations to produce energy from coal.

While improvements were noted in the region, Bain & Co. said the recent progress has not overcome the existing emission reduction and investment gap.

"Despite bolder new ambitions, most SEA countries need more concrete roadmaps, as well as incentives and climate financing plans," the report said.



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# Bataan Freeport bags oil company investment

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**FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN** – A memorandum of agreement (MoA) was signed between the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB) and the United Union Oil and Gas Inc. (UUOGI) that aims to setup an oil refinery and waste-to-energy facility here as an expansion area.

According to AFAB administrator Emmanuel Pineda, they assured the UUOGI that they will provide active cooperation to the construction of the oil refinery and waste-to-energy facility here.

He added that the construction of the two facilities is geared towards the AFAB's thrust of providing clean, efficient and safe supply of energy in

the Freeport Area of Bataan.

Meantime, UUOGI chairperson and chief executive officer Bruce Bagheri expressed his gratitude to the agency chief saying that the 25 megawatt waste-to-energy facility and oil refinery will provide job opportunities to residents near the Freeport Area.

He added that the oil refinery that they are building has a capacity of processing 24,000 barrels of oil every day.

The agreement stated that the AFAB will provide assistance to the UUOGI in acquiring an official registration as a Freeport Expansion Area and move forward with the plans to build the facilities.

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## PINDOT AT SUNDOT

NI JR REYES

MARAMI ang tumatalima sa disiplina sa basura ngunit marami pa rin ang hindi.

Habang nagpupugay tayo sa mga sumusunod sa mga disiplina sa pag-aksyon at tamang pagtatapon ng basura, piraaalalahanan naman natin ang mga hindi kumikilos o mali ang pagtatapon ng kanilang mga basura.

Sa Metro Manila, hinhangaan natin ang mga lokal na pamahalaan mula sa mga barangay hanggang sa mga lungsod at bayan, kasama ang Metro Manila Development

Authority, sa pagkilos upang halos hindi na makita ang mga palatandaan ng nakaraang halalan.

Tone-tonelada ang mga nasamsam na basura at ang iba, ni-recycle habang ang iba, itinapon sa mga basurahan o kaya't iniuwi ng mga mamamayan para sa kanilang mga pangangailangan.

Pero sa labas ng lugar na ito, nagkalat pa rin ang napakaraming tarpulin at iba pang campaign materials.

Nakapako pa rin sa mga puno, nakabitin sa

mga alambre o nakadikit sa mga pader.

Ganap na kinalimutan ng mga politiko at mga tauhan nila na suyurin at tanggalin ang kanilang mga basura na pawang masasakit sa mata.

Pero merong pagbasura na pumapatay sa mga daluyan ng tubig o kaya'y umaalingasaw sa baho na sumisira sa kalusugan ng mga mamamayan.

At lumalason sa mga tao kung nakain o nainom ng mga isda at iba pang lamang dagat na kumokonsumo sa mga ito.

Ang mga solidong basura ang siyang bumabara sa mga daluyan ng tubig at lumilikha ng mga baha.

At kung bumaha, alam

na ng lahat ang nagaganap.

Hindi lang masisira ang daloy ng mga sasakyan, negosyo at pagpasok sa trabaho ng mga mamamayan.

Nasisira maging ang mga tahanan hanggang sa walang masisilungan at mapagpapahingahan ng mga nasiraan.

May mga kasama ring sakit ang mga baha gaya ng leptospirosis na nakamatatay o ikinahihirap ng mga biktima sa mahal ng pagpapagamot dito.

Pero ang mga likidong basura ay mabagsik din.

Nagbubunga ang mga ito ng impeksyon sa mga may sakit o sugat at nakasisira sa kapaligiran at magandang paghinga.

Imadyinin na lang na

napakahirap mabuhay, kumain at manirahan sa mga lugar na sobrang baho sa kapaligiran na karaniwang nanggagaling sa mga kontaminado o may lasong mga tubig.

Sana naman, matutunan talaga ng lahat ang kumilos laban sa mga basura, solido man o likido.

Magandang pairalin ang patakaran sa paghihiwalay ng mga nabubulok at hindi nabubulok ng basura.

At ikarga ang mga ito sa mga umiikto na mga trak ng basura.

Hindi dapat na itapon na lang ang basura kahit saan, lalo na kung walang nagbabantay na mga kinauukulan.

Tamang disiplina sa basura ang kailangan.

## TAG-ULAN AT DISIPLINA SA BASURA



# Global crises must not delay action on climate, UN talks told

By KELLY MACNAMARA

**P**ARIS (AFP) — A barrage of global crises must not deflect attention from urgent climate action, the UN's climate chief warned Monday, as negotiators from nearly 200 nations began talks in Germany against the backdrop of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The conference will set the stage for a fresh round of major United Nations talks later this year in Egypt, as climate-driven weather extremes are increasingly felt across the planet.

But nations also face a formidable collection of inter-related challenges, including the Ukraine conflict, energy, food and economic crises, as well as the continued impact of the Covid pandemic. Issuing a call for international unity to hold firm, outgoing UN climate change chief Patricia Espinosa told delegates not to lose focus or give up hope.

It was "not acceptable to say that we are in challenging times," she argued.

"We must understand that climate change is moving exponentially," she said, opening the June 6 to 16 meeting.

"We can no longer afford to make just incremental progress. We must move these negotiations along more quickly. The world expects it."

## Lack of action

Governments have already accepted that climate change is a grave threat to humanity and the planet, and have advocated immediate action to cut fossil fuel emissions and prepare for the growing impacts of warming.

The summary to this year's landmark climate report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded that any further delay in action "will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all."

But as things stand, the world is unlikely to be able to meet the Paris climate deal's commitment to limit warming "well below" two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and preferably 1.5C.

"There is this disconnect between the scientific evidence of global crisis in the making, of potentially rushing towards unmanageable climate impacts, versus the lack of action," Johan Rockstrom, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Re-



ACTIVISTS of the Fridays For Future climate action movement demonstrate in central Stockholm on June 3, 2022, in connection with the Stockholm +50 UN meeting. (AFP)

search, told AFP.

"This is a deep worry."

While the conference in the German city of Bonn is largely aimed at preparing for the UN COP27 meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh in November, a number of key issues are up for debate.

Among them is a push for countries to speed up their timetable for updating their carbon-cutting plans, to close the gap between warming targets and emissions-cutting action.

## Funding promises not met

In May, an analysis from non-profit groups found that countries in the G20 group of major economies had yet to strengthen greenhouse gas reduction goals, despite agreeing to revisit their plans.

Funding from rich polluters to help vulnerable developing nations least responsible for global heating will also be particularly in focus.

A promise of \$100 billion a year from 2020 to help them adapt to a warming world has still not been met.

Meanwhile, there are growing calls for "loss and damage" funding for countries already struck by devastating climate impacts.

"The inability to reduce emissions and ensure adequate adaptation funding is leading to increasing losses and damage in our countries, and we are the ones paying the price," said Madeleine Diouf Sarr, chair of the Least Developed Countries group. Espinosa expressed concern that money to help green the economies of developing nations could shift away

as a result of the war in Ukraine, which has roiled energy markets and raised the specter of a global food crisis as wheat prices soar.

## Urgency

Fears of a food crisis have intensified in recent weeks, with India moving to ban wheat exports after the hottest March and April on record — blamed largely on climate change — hit harvests.

Countries with exposure to Russian fossil fuels — particularly in Europe — have also scrambled to shore up energy supplies.

The US, criticized over plans to resume oil and gas drilling, on Monday said it would invoke a key power to compel domestic manufacture of clean energy technology and suspend some solar tariffs to try and boost renewable capacity and tackle climate change.

Espinosa told reporters that the "very difficult situation" caused by the war only adds to the "urgency of addressing climate change."

She urged nations to prepare to arrive in Egypt able to demonstrate progress since the 2021 COP26 climate summit in Glasgow.

Countries made a raft of promises on the sidelines of last year's meeting — to curb deforestation and methane leaks, for example.

If honoured in full they could, along with official carbon-cutting commitments under the Paris deal, theoretically cap global warming under 2C, research suggests. But that means the focus at this year's meetings needs to be on "accountability," said Rockstrom.

"We are now in the delivery phase."



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**DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
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**SUBJECT: MANUAL OF AUTHORITIES ON HUMAN RESOURCE MATTERS**

In the interest of the service, and in order to align delegated authorities of certain DENR Officials with the existing organizational structure, the Manual of Authorities on Human Resource Matters is hereby prescribed.

The attached Manual shall enhance transparency/accountability and serve as reference to expedite the processing/approval of documents pertaining to human resource matters. It shall provide guidance to officials and employees on the delegated authorities at the Central and Regional/Field Offices, Bureaus, including relevant concerns of the Attached Agencies.

This Order supersedes DENR Administrative Order No. 2014-03 dated 26 March 2014 and all other issuances inconsistent herewith involving delegated authority.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgement of receipt of a copy thereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register, UP Law Center.

NOTE: For the detailed copy of the administrative order, please click the link <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-SvHCquHIC-1VS5bT3gw6Zlls7FT2i3f?usp=sharing>

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**DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
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**SUBJECT REVISED DENR MANUAL OF AUTHORITIES ON  
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Pursuant to Executive Order No. 366 entitled "Directing a Strategic Review of the Operations and Organizations of the Executive Branch and Providing Options and Incentives for Government Employees Who may be Affected by the Rationalization of the Functions of the Agencies of the Executive Branch" and to effectively implement the new DENR Organizational Structure in its regional and field offices and further simplify and facilitate transactions regarding technical matters, DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2016-07, otherwise known as the DENR Manual of Authorities on Technical Matters, is hereby amended for the guidance of all concerned.

All Offices of the DENR, including its bureaus, attached agencies, foreign-assisted and special projects and programs and field offices shall adhere to the provisions of this Revised Manual which forms part of this Order.

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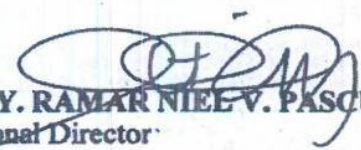
Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to participate in the Public Hearing for the proposed Boracay Island Water Supply System Project on the following date, onsite registration is at 8:30 AM and the Public Hearing proper will promptly start at 09:30 AM.

<b>Date / Time</b>	15 June 2022 (Wednesday) / 09:30 AM
<b>Venue</b>	Covered court, Barangay Manocmanoc, Boracay, Malay, Aklan and  Online Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 892 3350 1607 Passcode: BIWCPH6152
<b>Brief Description</b>	BIWC was established to operate, rehabilitate, expand, and finance the water and sewerage services in Boracay Island for 25 years concession period. The proposed project involves the improvement of the water supply services through upgrading of the intake, Caticlan Water Treatment Plant, replacement of defective generator sets, and relocation of some transmission lines affected by the Government's rehabilitation program of the Boracay Island.
<b>Proposed Location</b>	Municipality of Malay, Province of Aklan
<b>Proponent</b>	Boracay Island Water Company, Inc.

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

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

For pre-registration and access of online meeting details or for more information, please contact the EIA Section of EMB R6 at mobile numbers 0999-6253-691/033-336-6989/ local number: 1005.

  
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# NCR Covid-19 cases see slight increase: DOH

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor **June 7, 2022, 3:41 pm**



(File photo)

**MANILA** – A slight increase in Covid-19 cases in the National Capital Region (NCR) is recorded starting mid-May while infections in other areas decreased, a health official said Tuesday.

In an online media forum, Department of Health (DOH) Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire noted that Covid-19 cases in the NCR plus areas and the rest of Luzon also showed a slight increase.

Data from the DOH Covid-19 tracker show that NCR's average Covid-19 cases for the week of May 5 to 11 is only 431. It went up to 522 cases for the following week – from May 12 to 18 – and went down to 477 cases for the week of May 19 to 25.

“Ngunit, mapapansin na unti-unting bumababa ang mga kasong ito sa (However, there is a decrease seen in the) plus areas and the rest of Luzon. On the other hand, cases in Visayas and Mindanao were in plateau and remained low,” she said.

The NCR and other island groups have had less than 100 daily cases since early April.

The country remains under low-risk classification for Covid-19 with a positive two-week growth rate from May 25.

The national daily attack rate is less than one case per 100,000 population.

“More than half of the national [hospital] admissions are mild and symptomatic cases. The severe and critical cases are few at 599 or 11.05 percent only, less than 20 percent of the total Covid-19 admissions starting January 2022,” Vergeire said.

The slight increase in Covid-19 cases does not translate to increase in hospital admissions and utilization rates.

The national healthcare utilization rate remains at low risk at 14.67 percent to 17.76 percent in all the regions.

The severe and critical Covid-19 admissions slightly decreased from 679 last May 29 to 599 this week or only 1.6 percent of the total hospital admissions. **(PNA)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1176072>



# PH detects 3 additional cases of Omicron subvariant BA.5

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor **June 7, 2022, 4:53 pm**



**MANILA** – The Department of Health (DOH) has detected three new cases of Omicron subvariant BA.5 in its latest sequencing run.

In an online media forum Tuesday, DOH Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said two of the cases are from Region 4-A (Calabarzon) while the address of the other case is still being verified.

The case with the still unverified address is fully vaccinated while one of the two cases from Calabarzon is unvaccinated.

The DOH is still verifying the vaccination status of the other case from Calabarzon together with their exposures and travel histories.

“Symptoms manifested by the individuals are still being verified. However, the three individuals are now tagged as recovered,” Vergeire said.

The Omicron variant remains the most common lineage detected in the country.

As of June 6, out of the total 190 samples sequenced, 114 or 60 percent were positive for the Omicron variant, 14 or 7.4 percent are positive for the Delta variant, one or 0.5 percent was positive for other lineages and 61 or 32.1 percent have no assigned lineage.

Among the 114 new Omicron cases, emerging Omicron sublineages - BA.2.12.1 with seven cases and three BA.5 cases - were detected.

Vergeire noted that 103 among the Omicron cases detected are local cases, three are returning overseas Filipinos, and the remaining cases are being verified whether they are local or not.

“One hundred eleven out of these samples were retrospective runs, ibig sabihin ang collection dates natin ay mula (this means their collection dates are from) August 2021 to January to April 2022 and 79 were the usual run collection dates of May 2022,” she said.

“Among the retrospective run, Omicron ay 59 cases, 13 ay Delta cases. Mula naman po sa ating usual run, 55 ang Omicron cases at isa naman ang Delta variant (Fifty-nine are Omicron cases, 13 are Delta cases. From our usual run, 55 are Omicron cases and one is Delta variant),” she added. **(PNA)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1176089>



# DOH eyes inclusion of Covid vaccination in public health programs

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor **June 7, 2022, 6:14 pm**



(File photo)

**MANILA** – The Department of Health (DOH) plans to institutionalize the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) vaccination program into its regular programs for public health.

In an online media forum Tuesday, Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said they want the inoculation program against Covid-19 to be part of the routine work of the local governments or the local health units.

*“Kaya ‘yong mga malakihang bakunahan ay hindi na po natin masyadong ginagamit sa ngayon, binaba na po natin sa mga community ang ating vaccination centers. Mas malapit po ito sa ating mga komunidad, mas malapit sa mga tao, mas accessible sa kanila, mas magpapabakuna sila (We’re no longer using the large-scale vaccination centers now because we brought to the community the vaccination centers. When it’s closer to the community, it’s closer to the people, it’s more accessible to them, they’re more likely to get vaccinated),”* she said.

As of June 6, more than 69.5 million individuals, or 77 percent of the target eligible population have been fully vaccinated.

About 14.3 million have received their first booster shot while 426,000 have been vaccinated with their second booster shot.

DOH – Technical Advisory Group member and infectious disease expert Dr. Edsel Salvaña noted bringing the centers closer to more targeted communities would make the country’s vaccination drive more efficient.

More people could be inoculated through private clinics and doctors once Covid-19 vaccine manufacturers pursue their certificates of product registration.

Salvaña said this would “decrease the amount of burden on the government.”

*“Malaking tulong ‘yon and mas convenient rin (That’s a big help and more convenient also) if the people can get it from their doctors, the same way that any of these large vaccine programs in the country are already done by both the private and the public sectors,”* he added. **(PNA)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1176107>



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# National COVID-19 Case Bulletin

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### Healthcare Utilization

(as of June 5, 2022)

**18.1%**  
Non-ICU Bed Utilization  
4,031 out of 22,245 non-ICU beds used

**14.7%**  
ICU Bed Utilization  
386 out of 2,632 ICU beds used

**599**  
Severe and Critical Admissions  
11.1% of total COVID-19 admissions

### Vaccination Accomplishment

(as of June 5, 2022)

**77.20%**  
% Coverage of Target Population\*

**77.33%**  
% Coverage of Target A2 Population\*\*

Fully Vaccinated Individuals  
**69,487,920**  
+155,924 vaccinated on May 30 to Jun 5  
Individuals with Booster/Additional Dose  
**14,312,506**  
+174,278 vaccinated on May 30 to Jun 5

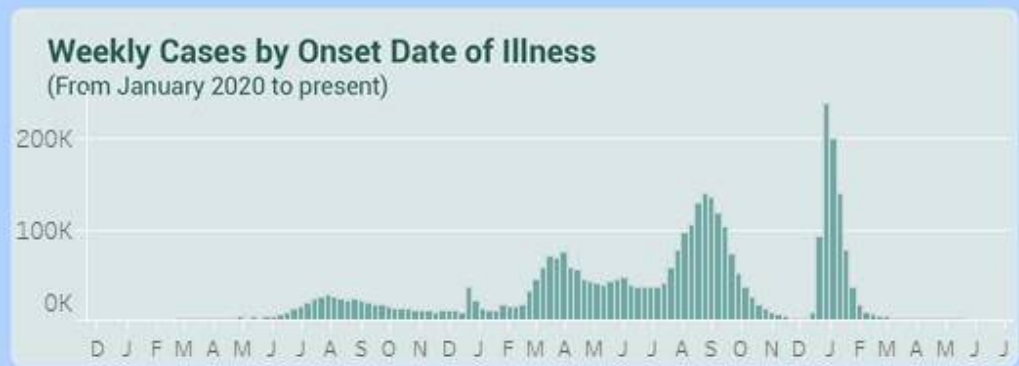


### COVID-19 Cases

(as of June 5, 2022)

(added on May 30 to Jun 5)

**New Cases**  
**+1,295**  
Daily Average Cases = 185  
(1.4% lower than cases on May 23 to May 29)  
Severe and Critical Cases: **+16**  
(1.24% of new cases)  
Deaths Verified During The Past Week: **+1**  
(0 deaths occurred on May 23 to Jun 5)



\*Target population refers to 80% of the total population (90,005,357 individuals)  
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