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## DENR marks PH Environment Month with planting of more than 150K tree seedlings

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In celebration of this year's Philippine Environment Month, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) led on June 8, a simultaneous nationwide tree-planting activity to help restore the country's forest cover.

The DENR mobilized 15,636 participants to plant 154,406 seedlings of several tree species in planting sites all over the country.

DENR Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna underscored the importance of the activity to boost the government's reforestation program and partnership with various stakeholders.

*"Although reforestation is an essential activity in the forestry sector of the department, this should not be viewed simply as an activity that is attached to our mandate,"* Sampulna said in a message read by DENR Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change Analiza Rebuerta-Teh.

*"We must continue to forge alliances with all our stakeholders, especially the local communities and the youth sector, in pursuing the fulfillment of our mandate,"* he added.



## DENR marks PH Environment Month with planting of more than 150K tree seedlings



Around 9,448 bamboo propagules were planted in the National Capital Region, Cordillera Administrative Region, Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, MIMAROPA, Northern Mindanao, and SOCCSKSARGEN.

Sampulna cited that the promotion of bamboo planting could help curb illegal logging in the forests, as bamboo could be an alternative source of lumber.

Meanwhile, 144,958 seedlings of various forest and fruit-bearing tree species, such as narra, mangrove, cacao, coffee and other indigenous seedlings were used in the activity in other regions.

Sampulna added that the government's reforestation is expected to contribute to poverty alleviation, particularly in the coastal and urban areas.

The main tree-planting activity was held in Bgy. Lanit, Jaro, Iloilo City as part of the DENR's 35th founding anniversary and the Leadership and Environmental Sustainability Summit.

The 4,800 sq.m. site is envisioned to be a bamboo forest.

Other DENR regional offices, local government units and stakeholders also held their respective tree-planting activities.

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## PH Environment Month ipinagdiwang ng DENR sa pagtanim ng 150K tree seedlings



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MANILA, Philippines- Bilang bahagi ng selebrasyon ngayong taon sa Philippine Environment Month ay pinangunahan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) nitong Hunyo 8 ang magkakasabay na nationwide tree planting activity upang makatulong na maibalik ang forest cover ng bansa.

Kaugnay nito pinakilos ng DENR ang 15,636 participants upang magtanim ng 154,406 seedling ng iba't-ibang uri ng tree species sa mga planting sites sa buong bansa.

Sa press statement binigyang-diin ni DENR Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna ang kahalagahan ng naturang akbitidad upang mapalakas ang reforestation program ng gobyerno at ang partnership sa iba't ibang stakeholders.

“Although reforestation is an essential activity in the forestry sector of the department, this should not be viewed simply as an activity that is attached to our mandate,” saad ni Sampulna sa kanyang mensahe na binasa ni DENR Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change Analiza Rebueta-Teh.

“We must continue to forge alliances with all our stakeholders, especially the local communities and the youth sector, in pursuing the fulfillment of our mandate,” dagdag nito.

Halos 9,448 bamboo propagules ang itanim sa National Capital Region, Cordillera Administrative Region, Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, MIMAROPA, Northern Mindanao at SOCCSKSARGEN.





## PH Environment Month ipinagdiwang ng DENR sa pagtatanim ng 150K tree seedlings

Idinagdag pa ni Sampulna na ang promosyon ng bamboo planting ay makatutulong upang mabawasan ang illegal logging sa mga kagubatan dahil ang kawayan ay maaaring maging alternatibo para sa table o lumber.

Samantala, umabot naman sa 144,958 seedlings ng iba't-ibang forest at fruit-bearing tree species tulad ng narra, mangrove, cacao, coffee at iba pang indigenous seedlings ang ginamit sa kaparehong aktibidad sa iba pang rehiyon. **Santi Celario**



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## OVER 150,000 TREE SEEDLINGS PLANTED IN CELEBRATION OF PH ENVIRONMENT MONTH

—DENR

The Dept. of Environment and National Resources said it has mobilized 15,636 participants in their nationwide tree-planting activity to plant 154,406 seedlings of several tree species in various planting sites, in celebration of Environment Month. DENR also noted 144,958 seedlings of various forest and fruit-bearing tree species such as narra, mangrove, cacao, coffee, and other indigenous seedlings were used in the activity.



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## PENRO leads Antique NGAs in tree-planting

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By Bernard Ceasar Susbilla



SAN JOSE, Antique (PIA) -- Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Antique led various national government agencies (NGAs) and local government offices in the simultaneous nationwide tree-planting activity in celebration of the Philippine Environment Month this June.

Some 500 seedlings of indigenous trees such as Narra and Kamagong were planted, June 8, in a forest area in Brgy. Osorio II, San Remigio town by PENRO Antique and invited personnel from different government offices in the province.

PENRO Antique also received Palawan Cherry seedlings from PENRO Aklan Mechanized and Modernized Forest Nurseries for the said activity, which the authorities claimed would enhance the scenery in the area.

## PENRO leads Antique NGAs in tree-planting



Meanwhile, the project order (PO) for the growth and maintenance of seedlings was awarded to Osorio II Greening Association.

Association president Joemarie Saydoquis said that the PO would provide an additional livelihood for community residents whose primary source of income is from selling fruits and root crops.

In her message, Acting PENRO Conservation Development Service (CDS) Chief Rocelia Campos said that the allotted land for the tree-planting was in fact part of the national greening program in 2014 and is now under the Enhanced National Greening Program (ENGP).

She also noted that June 8 is celebrated as World Oceans Day and emphasized the interconnection between water and land ecosystems, thus the adoption of the ridge-to-reef approach by the DENR in pursuit of holistic environmental conservation and protection.

For his part, Vice Governor Edgar Denosta expressed his gratitude to participating government agencies, barangay and municipal officials, and community members for the shared effort of caring for nature.

With the theme “Aksyon para sa natatanging mundo,” DENR urges Filipinos to take a part in the mission of saving the world from further deterioration as World Environment Day 2022 kicked off on June 5 with the campaign slogan #OnlyOneEarth.



## PENRO leads Antique NGAs in tree-planting

Among the participating government entities are the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), National Irrigation Authority (NIA), Philippine Information Agency (PIA), and Philippine Red Cross. (AAL/BPS/PIA Antique)



Source: <https://pia.gov.ph/news/2022/06/09/penro-leads-antique-ngas-in-tree-planting>

## Nationwide Simultaneous Tree Planting activity, isinagawa ng DENR 4-A

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By Christopher Hedreyda



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) —Nakiisa ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CALABARZON sa isinagawang Nationwide Simultaneous Tree Planting Activity nitong ika-8 ng Hunyo, bilang selebrasyon sa Philippine Environment Month.

Pinangunahan ng ilang mga Division Chief mula DENR IV-A at ng DENR-Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Laguna ang aktibidad sa Brgy. Maitim, Bay, Laguna.

Inihayag ni Eriberto Sanos, Laguna DENR-PENR Officer ang mahalagang papel na dapat gampanan ng bawat isa sa pangangalaga ng kalikasan.

Aniya, ang mga simpleng hakbang kagaya ng tamang pagtatapon ng basura at pakikilahok sa mga tree planting at clean-up activity ay maaaring makatulong sa pagprotekta ng ating kapaligiran.

Lumahok din ang ilang mga Environment and Natural Resources Academy (ENRA) learners mula sa DENR IV-A bilang parte ng kanilang community engagement program na naglalayong makapagbigay ng dagdag-kaalaman para sa kanila.

Kasabay ng tree planting sa Laguna, nagsagawa din ng simultaneous tree planting sa Kaliwa River Forest Reserve sa Brgy. Sto Niño, Tanay, Rizal kung saan higit 2,000 seedlings ng narra, dao, guyabano, pili, kamansi, kakauate, lumbang, at palumaria ang naitanim.

Dinaluhan ito ng nasa 200 indibidwal mula sa DENR IV-A, PENRO Rizal, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Regional Mobile Force Battalion 4A, Tanay LGU, at iba pang mga grupo at organisasyon.



## Nationwide Simultaneous Tree Planting activity, isinagawa ng DENR 4-A

Pinahalagahan ni Forester Ernesto Diso, Hepe ng PENRO Rizal Technical Services Division, ang pagtutulungan ng iba't-ibang sektor para sa pagprotekta sa kalikasan.

"We cannot do this alone kaya kailangan ay sama-sama tayo sa pagprotekta sa kalikasan", ani Diso.



Isang miyembro ng tribong Dumagat-Remontado na nagsagawa ng ritwal na "pagsusuob" (Larawan mula sa DENR Calabarzon)

Dumalo din sa aktibidad ang ilang mga miyembro ng tribong Dumagat-Remontado na nagsagawa ng ritwal na "pagsusuob" o ang paniniwalang makakatulong ito sa magandang pagyabong ng mga punong itinanim.

Sa pagtatapos ng tree planting activity, pinaalala ni Herminigildo Jocson, National Greening Program (NGP) Regional Coordinator, na simula pa lang dapat ang mga tree planting initiatives tungo sa pangangalaga ng bawat Pilipino sa kapaligiran.

"Hindi po tayo natatapos sa tree planting. Dapat po ito ay masundan natin ng mga aktibidad at patuloy na mapangalagaan upang tumubo hanggang sa mabuhay." — **Christopher Hedreyda, PIA4A (may ulat mula sa DENR 4-A)**

Source: <https://pia.gov.ph/news/2022/06/09/nationwide-simultaneous-tree-planting-activity-isinagawa-ng-denr-4-a>





## DENR-5, volunteers plant 6K seedlings to mark Environment Month

By Connie Calipay June 9, 2022, 8:24 pm



**LEGAZPI CITY** – The Department of Environment Natural Resources in Bicol (DENR-5) together with volunteers and other stakeholders planted some 6,000 seedlings on Wednesday as part of the celebration of Environment Month.

In a social media post on Thursday, Conservation and Development Division (CDD) Chief Marlene M. Francia expressed her gratitude to all the volunteers.

She said the DENR is happy that many responded to the call to protect our environment. “We only have one planet, so, let us take care of it,” she added.

Together with various stakeholders and partners from the academe, national government agencies, people’s organizations, civil society groups, the DENR regional office together with its line bureaus Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), and all Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices, nationwide participated in the activity.

This year’s Environment Month theme, “Aksyon Para Sa Natatanging Mundo” and global slogan #ONLYONEEARTH, calls for a collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore the planet.

Proclamation No. 237 was approved by President Corazon C. Aquino on April 4, 1988, declaring the month of June every year as Philippine Environment Month to give time and effort towards the protection, enhancement, and development of the country’s natural resources. **(PNA)**



## DENR, partners plant over 41K tree seedlings in Region 12, BARMM

By Edwin Fernandez June 9, 2022, 11:20 am



'TREE CARING'. Personnel and partners of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the Soccsksargen region plant trees in celebration of Philippine Environment Month on Wednesday (June 8, 2022). At least 41,000 tree seedlings were planted by volunteers in the Soccsksargen area and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. *(Photo courtesy of DENR-12)*

**COTABATO CITY** – Volunteers have planted more than 41,000 trees of various species during the simultaneous tree planting activities across the Soccsksargen (Region 12) and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), officials said Thursday.

In the Soccsksargen, personnel of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-12) led by Regional Director Felix Alicer led volunteers in planting the tree seedlings during the nationwide simultaneous tree growing activity Wednesday.

Alicer said various species of seedlings like bamboos, fruit, and indigenous trees were planted on 155.3 hectares in identified sites across the region by over 1,000 participants.

The activity was in line with the celebration of this year's Philippine Environment Month which carries the theme, "Aksyon Para Sa Natatanging Mundo."

"This tree growing activity is one of the examples of collaborative actions that we need to save and protect the only planet that we have, our Mother Earth," Alicer said.

In the BARMM, the region's Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy office also organized a tree planting of around 900 seedlings all over Lanao del Sur.



## DENR, partners plant over 41K tree seedlings in Region 12, BARMM

Provincial Environment Officer Asmarie Labao said among the objectives of the tree planting activity include the greening of the communities and environmental awareness.

“We are using the term 'tree caring' instead of tree growing or planting to focus more on ensuring the higher rate of tree survival,” Labao said. “We do not just plant tree seedlings, but we are also providing extra care for them.”

He said caring for the trees includes regular monitoring, protecting, and maintaining support until the seedlings become mature, sturdy, and are assured of survival.

The group planted seedlings of Molave (*Vitex parviflora*), Golden tree (*Cassia fistula* L.), Narra (*Pterocarpus indicus*), Mahogany, and Mortality tree. (*PNA*)





## PENRO Isabela, env't advocates join bamboo tree planting

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By Merlito Edale Jr.



CITY OF ILAGAN, Isabela (PIA) - - Thousands of environmental protection advocates and stakeholders from the different parts of the province participated in planting bamboo propagules along the riverbanks as part of the celebration of Philippine Environment Month yesterday (June 8).

The activity was led by the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) and participated by the police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Philippine Army soldiers, Local Government employees, barangay officials, students, and several other sectors.

Raquel Caldez, information officer, said over 1,000 persons planted 3,507 bamboo propagules along the identified riverbanks while 600 seedlings of narra and molave were also planted in other identified sites during the nationwide bamboo tree planting activity.

She said the activity was simultaneously conducted in 25 planting sites provincewide particularly in Barangays Bunnay & Ingud in Angandanan; Annafunan in Echague; Bucal Norte in Dinapigue, Palanan and Maconacon; Buenavista, San Rafael and Quinagabian in Sta Maria, Masipi West in Cabagan; Calaguran Sur, Calanigan Norte and Calinaoan in Sto Tomas; Fugu Norte, Sur and Abajo in Tumauni; San Nicolas, San Antonio, San Jose, Ragan Sur, Ragan Almacen, and Ragan Norte in Delfin Albano; Cabisera 8 San Antonio in City of Ilagan; and Sto Domingo in Quirino.

“The bamboo planting sites were selected as part of the flood mitigation measures under Executive Order No. 12 or the Task Force Build Back Better and the Intensified Watershed

## PENRO Isabela, env't advocates join bamboo tree planting

Management of the Protected Area. The areas planted will help in riverbank stabilization, flood mitigation and soil erosion protection,” Caldez said.

Meanwhile, Isabela Police Provincial Office - Police Community Affairs and Development Unit (IPPO-PCADU) Chief Lt. Col. Michael Aydoc requested, during the bamboo tree planting activity in barangay Sto. Domingo, Quirino town, to provide them an area to plant (OTB/MGE/PIA Isabela)



Source: <https://pia.gov.ph/news/2022/06/09/penro-isabela-envt-advocates-join-bamboo-tree-planting>



## Over 1,000 bamboo propagules, narra seedlings planted in Quirino

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By Thelma Bicarme



CABARROGUIS, Quirino (PIA) - - As part of the celebration of the Philippine Environment Month, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR-PENRO), together with its two Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices (CENRO), led the simultaneous planting and growing activities in Diffun and Nagtipunan towns yesterday.



CENR Officer Nelson B. Acob of CENRO Diffun





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Diffun CENR Officer Nelson B. Acob said the planting and growing activity is a nationwide endeavor with the primary objective of the activity is to help stabilize and prevent soil erosion in the riverbanks.

Acob further said that some 850 bamboo propagules and 150 Narra seedlings were planted along the Ganano River at barangays Ricarte Norte and Ricarte Sur in Diffun with an area of 3.5 hectares.

Meanwhile, the DENR-PENRO reported that 600 bamboo propagules were also planted along the Upper Cagayan Valley at barangays Dipintin and Santo Niño, Maddela with an area of 2.94 hectares.

“If we can grow these bamboo propagules, we can utilize them as alternative materials for furniture making and construction as well as foods and medicines,” Acob said.

Acob also said that they started planting bamboo last year along Ganano River at Barangyas Cajel and Aurora West and they intend to plant regularly until they can complete the planting and growing of bamboo in the riverbanks as mandated by Former DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu and their present Secretary, Sec. Jim O. Sampulna.

Acob urged the barangay residents and other stakeholders to take part in nurturing the bamboo propagules that were planted to ensure 101% growth rate.

The activity was participated by representatives from DENR regional office, Philippine Army, Philippine National Police, Provincial Local Government Unit, Quirino Provincial Public Safety Company, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Offices, Environment Management Bureau-Provincial Environment Management Unit, Barangay Local Government Units of Ricarte Norte, Ricarte Sur, Dipintin High School, Environment and Natural Resources Youth Ambassadors, Supreme Student Council Society of the Philippines Quirino Chapter and Common Wealth Bank, Inc. (MDCT/TCB/PIA Quirino)



## 2,000 volunteers plant 6,220 seedlings in mass tree-planting activity in Region 8

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by [Marie Tonette Marticio](#)

TACLOBAN CITY – As the country celebrates Philippine Environment Month this June, over 2,000 volunteers in Eastern Visayas (Region 8) planted around 6,220 seedlings of various trees in a mass tree-planting activity in different planting sites throughout the region last Wednesday, June 8.

Six Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Offices (PENROs), 11 Community and Environment and Natural Resources Offices (CENROs), and the regional office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) spearheaded the activity.

It aims to highlight efforts toward the protection and sustainable use of the country's natural resources through activities that call for collective and transformative action for the protection and restoration of the planet.

Marissa Cebuano, regional coordinator of the National Greening Program (NGP) of the DENR Region 8, said it was also participated in by other government agencies, local government units, uniformed personnel, the academe, youth, and organizations from the private sector, religious sector, and other volunteers.

“The importance of trees for our environment and that of our healthy existence, if not, our survival itself, can never be emphasized enough. And so, it is imperative that all should have the passion and the patience to plant trees and ensure their healthy growth,” she said.

DENR-Region 8 Executive Director Arturo Fadriquela said that the planting of trees is a concrete response to the call to action that is the core message of this year's Philippine Environment Month which has the theme “Aksyon Para Sa Natatanging Mundo.”

“By enjoining the citizens to plant and grow trees, the Department is hoping that a greater appreciation of their importance to a balanced ecosystem and a healthy environment will be imbued on each and everyone.”

## DENR awards 3 officials in Bicol for outstanding performance

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By Keren Anne Bernadas



LEGAZPI CITY, Albay (PIA5) – Three officials from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Bicol received the highest awards for DENR personnel at ceremonies Tuesday in Iloilo City.

Mines and Geosciences Bureau Director Guillermo A. Molina Jr. IV and Sorsogon Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer Tito R. Migo were among the recipients of the Environmental Awards for Governance and Leadership Excellence (EAGLE).

Environmental Management Bureau Regional Director Maria Socorro Abu ranked second in the EMB Regional Director category.

The awarding was in time for the celebration of the Philippine Environment Month this June and the 35th founding anniversary of the department.





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Photo from DENR 5 FB page



Tabaco City Fire Station Personnel participate in the Simultaneous Tree Planting Activity in connection with the Kick-off activity of the Philippine Environment Month 2022 facilitated by DENR at Brgy San Francisco, Legazpi City.



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Chief Ancie L. Lawenko of DENR 5 Regional Strategic Communication and Initiatives Office said at the Ugnayan briefing that the celebration centered on the restoration of the planet Earth.

With "*Aksyon Para sa Natatanging Mundo*" for the theme, the national celebration also highlighted the #OnlyOneEarth campaign for the World Environment Day 2022.

It aimed to strengthen the efforts toward the protection and sustainable use of natural resources through activities that call for collective and transformative action for the protection of the Earth.

Today, around 800 Bicolanos participated in the nationwide simultaneous tree-planting activity in San Francisco, Legazpi City. Narra-species were planted in order to thicken the forest covers. This served as the official start of the celebration. (PIA5)



## Cagayan United Doctors holds tree planting

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By Alvin Delos Santos



TUGUEGARAO CITY, Cagayan (PIA) - - The Cagayan United Doctors Medical Center (CUDMC) in coordination with PENRO Cagayan Sub-Office conducted a tree planting activity today at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Callao Reforestation Project in Peñablanca town this province.



CUDMC Administrative Manager Jonathan Barangan (3rd from right holding Narra seedling) together with Doctors Angel Cayetano (extreme right), Gerardo Florendo, and CUDMC staff during the tree planting activity.



## Cagayan United Doctors holds tree planting

Administrative Manager Jonathan Barangan led the 52 employees of CUDMC and planted 500 indigenous species of Narra (*Pterocarpus indicus*) and Ipil (*Intsia bijuga*) seedlings at the site.

"We do this tree planting activity to support the National Greening program of the DENR and in compliance also with the terms and conditions of our ECC permit issued by the EMB-Environmental Management Bureau. I think we will do this tree planting activity every year thereafter as part of our social responsibility," Barangan said.

He said planting trees in ecologically appropriate areas can counteract soil and biodiversity loss and also help minimize climate change.

The Callao Reforestation Project in Peñablanca town has 70 hectares and was started in 2018 under the National Greening Program of DENR.

CUDMC joined the nation in celebration of Philippine Environment Month this June with the theme, "Aksyon Para sa Natatanging Mundo". (OTB/ADS/ PIA Region 2)





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## 2K state workers, volunteers in CL join tree growing activity

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By Carlo Lorenzo Datu



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga (PIA) -- About 2,000 government employees and volunteers in Central Luzon planted over 17,000 bamboos, native and fruit-bearing trees in identified Expanded National Greening Program (ENGP) sites.

This is part of efforts to heighten rehabilitation and conservation efforts of the remaining forestlands and watersheds in the region.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Executive Director Paquito Moreno, Jr. stressed that the convergence of different national government agencies in the nationwide tree planting activity illustrated the theme of Philippine Environment Month this 2022, which has called for a collective and transformative action in protecting and conserving the environment.

“The message we want to demonstrate in this year’s observance of Philippine Environment Month embodies our collective effort and shared commitment to nurture our ecological wealth, particularly the 942,387 hectares of forestland areas of Central Luzon,” he emphasized.

Simultaneous tree growing activity was held in the 38-hectare forestland areas in the region.

It covers the ENGP sites in Dilasag, Maria Aurora and Dingalan in Aurora; Limay and Morong in Bataan; Doña Remedios Trinidad and Norzagaray in Bulacan; Carranglan, Gabaldon, Santa Rosa, and Bongabon in Nueva Ecija; Arayat in Pampanga; San Jose in Tarlac; and Subic and Botolan in Zambales. (CLJD-PIA 3)



## 2K state workers, volunteers in CL join tree growing activity



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## Tagalog News: 500 mangroves, itinanim ng Calatrava PNP

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By Paul Jaysent Fos



May aabot sa 500 mga mangrove ang naitanim sa ginanap na tree planting activity sa Barangay Balog, Calatrava, Romblon kamakailan. (Larawan mula sa Calatrava PNP)

ODIONGAN, Romblon (PIA) -- Aabot sa 500 mga mangrove ang naitanim sa ginanap na tree planting activity sa Barangay Balog, Calatrava, Romblon kamakailan.

Pinangunahan ito ng Calatrava Municipal Police Station katuwang ang iba't ibang civil organizations at government agencies.





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## Tagalog News: 500 mangroves, itinanim ng Calatrava PNP

Ayon kay Police Lieutenant Nanette Pablico, Officer-in-Charge ng Calatrava Municipal Police Station, ang naturang aktibidad ay alinsunod sa Philippine National Police (PNP) Core Values na “Makakalikasan”.

Sinabi rin ni Pablico na hinihikayat ng PNP ang komunidad na patuloy na makiisa at makilahok sa mga programang ilulunsad ng pamahalaan upang mapanatili ang kagandahan at kasaganahan ng likas na yaman sa bansa. (PJF/PIA Mimaropa)

## MGB Bicol assures full rehab of Rapu-Rapu mining site

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By Sally A. Altea



LEGAZPI CITY, Albay (PIA) -- A new tourist destination site will rise at the Rapu-Rapu mining site once fully rehabilitated.

“Seeing the beauty of the place, it can become a new tourist destination in Rapu-Rapu. The place is very beautiful. It has a big potential. It’s not just the landscape, it’s also the sea,” Mines and Geoscience Bureau Bicol Director Guillermo A. Molina Jr. IV said during the recent onsite inspection.

As of June 2022, the MGB has reported 89.87% physical accomplishment, with the open pit, lower tailing storage facility and bioreactor activities still unfinished.

“At the beginning I also have doubts but when I witnessed with my very own eyes the changes since 2019 until today, there’s a huge difference. So, I’m seeing that the mine will be fully rehabilitated 100%,” Mines and Geoscience Bureau Bicol Director Guillermo A. Molina Jr. IV said.

Molina said based on the rehabilitation plan, the area is targeted to become an agroforest and eco-tourism site.

“Pagcolbon is a good area for diving and surfing. All we have to do is to connect it by infrastructure, basic services to the rest of the mainland of Albay,” he added.

## MGB Bicol assures full rehab of Rapu-Rapu mining site



The bioreactor facility at the Rapu-Rapu Minerals Inc which neutralizes the toxic end-products from the mining operation is set to be finished this year as part of the rehabilitation plan.

Malubago, Pagcolbon and Binusawan are the barangays covered by the mining site.

Molina said the Rapu-Rapu Mettalic Inc has a two-year rehabilitation plan but it has been delayed due to combination of issues and concerns. The rehab is currently on its 8th year since 2014.

Soil acidity is part of these issues.

“The area has high soil acidity that’s why the planted trees and plants keeps on dying. It’s a mineralized area that’s why only the cogon grass survived since it is resilient to highly acidic soil,” he said.



With the highly acidic soil, plants and trees planted in some areas at the former mining site of the Rapu-Rapu Mining Inc eventually withered and died while the acidic-resilient cogon grass survived and flourished.





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## MGB Bicol assures full rehab of Rapu-Rapu mining site

Based on the fund utilization report of the MGB, the Rapu-Rapu Metallurgical Inc has spent P654 million for rehabilitation as of 2022, which has exceeded the P310 million total allotted fund for final mine rehab and decommissioning. (PIA5/Albay)



## TAGUMPAY SA TAMPAKAN DAPAT PROTEKTAHAN



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“Hindi pa tapos ang laban para proteksiyunan ang kalikasan at ang laban sa lahat ng klase ng open-pit mining sa South Cotabato.”

Ito, mga kaibigan, ang sinabi ni Marbel Bishop Cerilo Casicas kahit pa nag-veto nitong Hunyo 3 si Governor Reynaldo Tamayo Jr. sa pag-amyenda ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan sa Environment Code na babawi sana sa pagbabawal sa open-pit mining.

Sentro ng usapin, siyempre pa, ang Tampakan Copper-Gold Project sa lalawigan na tinatayang nagkakahalaga ng \$5.9-billion o P300 bilyon.

Noong Marso, idineklara ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) OIC Secretary Jim O. Sampul na irerespeto ng gobyerno ang kahihinatnan ng isinapublikong mga pagdinig na isinagawa ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng South Cotabato.

Pero ang tusong aksyon ng SP, na minadali ang resolusyon nito pagkatapos ng eleksyon, ay nagbunsod para lumabas at magprotesta sa mga lansangan ng Koronadal ang mga galit na galit na residente.

Kung hindi pa inulan ng protesta at apela si Gov. Tamayo mula sa simbahan at sa iba't ibang advocacy groups, kabilang ang AGHAM at Defend Tampakan, nabigyan na ng go-signal ng walang pakundangang pasya ng SP ang Sagittarius Mines, Inc. o SMI para magmina ng minerals sa paraan ng open-pit mining.



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Sa isang post kamakailan, sinabi ng aking kaibigan, si dating Mindanao Development Authority chairman Manny Piñol, na ang desisyong payagan ang ganu'ng uri ng pagmimina sa Tampakan ay hindi dapat eksklusibo sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng South Cotabato dahil hindi lang naman pulitikal na konsiderasyon ang sinasaklaw niyon.

“Kailangang maintindihan ng mga tao na ang anomang pinsalang pangkalikasan o trahedyang idulot ng pagmimina ay makaaapekto sa mga taong nakatira sa daang ilog, lalo na silang ang ikinabubuhay ay nakasalalay sa Lake Buluan, Liguasan Marsh, at sa mga daluyan,” paliwanag ni Pinol.

Una nang sinabi ng AGHAM: “Importanteng bigyang-diin na libo-libong residente ang mawawalan ng tirahan, limang malalaking ilog at katubigan ang makokontamina, masisira ang nag-iisang kagubatan sa rehiyon, at nasa 33,000 ektarya ng palayan sa Koronadal Valley ang maaapektuhan.”

Ngayong ibinasura ng gobernador ang panukala dahil “malalagay nito sa alanganin ang publiko at makakasama sa pangkalahatang kapakanan ng lahat ng South Cotabateño,” nais ni Bishop Casicas na manaig ito.

Sa usaping ito, pinaigting ng Firing Line ang apela ng pari sa mga mambabatas na “huwag nang kontrahin ang veto” at huwag hayaan ang kanilang mga sarili na magpaalipin sa udyok ng negosyo at pulitika.





## DENR Region 2 to investigate alleged Sierra Madre landslide in Isabela

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by [Liezle Basa Inigo](#)

CAGAYAN — Regional Director Gwendolyn Bambalan of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region 2 has ordered an investigation of a landslide in the Sierra Madre Isabela part.



Photo courtesy of Ervin Suguitan via Liezle Inigo

The order came as photos of the alleged landslide posted on social media captured the attention of netizens.

Bambalan said the agency and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau or MGB have already formed an investigating team that will go to San Agustin in Isabela to investigate the real cause of the landslide.

Initial information gathered by Bambalan revealed that a crater at the top of the mountain could have been the cause of the landslide triggered by heavy rains.



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The DENR had also sought the help of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Isabela for an aerial survey to determine if indeed there is a crater on top of the mountain.

“Maging ang tulong ng mga katutubong agta para samahan ang investigating team dahil masukal umano ang lugar,” a report from the Cagayan Provincial Information Office said.

Authorities are eager to know the exact location of the landslide to assess the incident.

A netizen posted on his Facebook account photos of landslide with caption ‘Mahal naming Sierra Madre, bakit may sugat ka, sana’y huwag lumala ang sugat mo. Sanay mapansin natin ito.’

The post went viral in social media with 17,000 reactions when shared by Philippine Weather System/Pacific Storm Update.

Ervin Suguitan, employee of LGU San Agustin, Isabela and a freelance photographer of San Agustin Isabela took the photos on May 28 and posted them on his FB account on May 29.

“Naisipan ko lang na ipost noon kasi nababahala ako kasi noong nagpakita yan, naging chocolate ang Cagayan river sa amin,” he told the Manila Bulletin.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2022/06/09/denr-region-2-to-investigate-alleged-sierra-madre-landslide-in-isabela/>





## DENR boosts rehabilitation, forest conservation



By [Frederick Silverio](#)

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THEY CAN MAKE A TREE, TOO Thousands of employees from various government agencies and volunteers across Central Luzon hold simultaneous rehabilitation and conservation activities to save the region's remaining forestlands and watersheds. Some of them are shown here in Cogonan, Doña Remedios, Bulacan where they planted trees on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO:** More than 2,000 government employees and volunteers across Central Luzon on Wednesday embarked on a massive tree-growing activity to heighten rehabilitation and conservation of remaining forest lands and watersheds in the region.

DENR Regional Executive Director Paquito Moreno Jr. said convergence of different national government agencies in this nationwide tree-planting activity illustrated the theme of the Philippine Environment Month that called for a collective and transformative action in protecting and conserving the environment.

"The message we want to demonstrate in this year's observance of the Philippine Environment Month is 'Aksyon para sa Natatanging Mundo,' which embodies our collective effort and shared commitment to nurture our ecological wealth, particularly the 942,387 hectares of forest land areas of Central Luzon," Moreno noted.

Over 17,000 bamboo and native and fruit-bearing shoots were planted in identified Expanded National Greening Program (ENGP) sites in the region.



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The simultaneous tree-growing activities were conducted in the region's areas and forests, covering ENGP sites in Dilasag, Maria Aurora and Dingalan in Aurora; Limay and Morong in Bataan; Doña Remedios Trinidad and Norzagaray in Bulacan; Carranglan, Gabaldon, Santa Rosa and Bongabon in Nueva Ecija; Arayat, Pampanga; San Jose, Tarlac; and Subic and Botolan in Zambales.

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Meanwhile, a clean-up within the premises of the DENR regional and field offices was done alongside the tree-planting event.





## DENR, Army unite for CL forest protection

By [Jerry M. Hernandez](#)

June 9, 2022

TO boost forest protection and greening programs in Central Luzon, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Philippine Army's (PA) 3rd Regional Community Defense Group (3RCDG) signed a partnership agreement to realize the plan.

DENR Regional Executive Director Paquito Moreno Jr. said the partnership will be fundamental in the quest to conserve the country's natural resources, particularly in the enrichment of existing plantations and in the rehabilitation and protection of forestlands.

He said the PA has been one of the department's steady and reliable partners in environmental stewardship through their consistent support that serves as a big boost not only in the DENR's anti-illegal logging campaign but in the conservation efforts as well.

Joan Lagunda, DENR assistant secretary for administration and legislative affairs, noted the PA's support in the DENR system of defending the country's natural resources against environmental crimes that grew 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," he said.

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Under the said agreement, Ready Reserve Units (RRUs) of the 3RCDG will adopt a non-contiguous 20-hectare existing plantation in each of the region's seven provinces.

These areas identified by the DENR provincial and community offices will be planted with endemic species while the RRUs are tasked with the maintenance and protection of the plantations.

Maj. Gen. Fernando Felipe, army reserve commander, vowed to continuously support the DENR in its programs, noting that achieving environmental sustainability is paramount to realizing just and lasting peace.

Notably, the DENR forest protection activities in Central Luzon, in collaboration with security forces, have resulted in the apprehension of about P2.5 million worth of suspected illegal forest products and filed cases against over 40 individuals.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/06/09/news/regions/denr-army-unite-for-cl-forest-protection/1846674>



## DENR supports call to ban hazardous waste exports



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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has expressed its support for the ratification of the Basel Ban Amendment, which would prohibit the export of hazardous waste and other trash from developed to developing countries.

DENR Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna said that the Basel Ban Amendment would address the illegal traffic of imported hazardous waste into the Philippines.

“In previous years, we have strongly fought against the import of hazardous wastes from countries who regarded our country as their dumpsites. Ratifying the Basel Ban Amendment will protect the Philippines from being a destination of hazardous wastes again,” said Sampulna.

In 2019, DENR through its Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) had successfully coordinated the return of 69 international container units of mixed wastes to Canada, which were illegally imported to the Philippines after being declared as waste plastics for recycling.

The DENR-EMB, in cooperation with the Bureau of Customs, had also successfully repatriated 6,400 metric tons of mixed wastes in Misamis Oriental to South Korea in 2020.

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## DENR supports call to ban hazardous waste exports

The Philippines is Party to the 1989 Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.

The treaty was ratified by Congress on 21 October 1993, and entered into force on January 19, 1994, but the country has yet to ratify the Basel Ban Amendment.

Among the wastes covered in the Ban Amendment include those listed in Annex I, Annex II and Annex VIII (List A) of the Basel Convention such as used lead-acid batteries, electrical and electronic equipment and metal-bearing sludges.

Non-OECD countries such as the Philippines are allowed to export hazardous wastes to OECD countries if it has no existing capacity to treat and dispose the specific hazardous waste in an environmentally sound manner.

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## PH to continue harnessing blue economy amid climate threats: DENR

By Stephanie Sevillano June 9, 2022, 3:01 pm



**BLUE ECONOMY.** Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Climate Change Service officer-in-charge Director Chief Elenida Basug joins the Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue: East Asian Seas' Response to Global Climate Change Challenge, in a webinar on Wednesday (June 8, 2022). The DENR mentioned the importance of harnessing the blue economy to alleviate the harsh economic impact of climate change. *(Screengrab)*

**MANILA** – Investment in climate change mitigation is vital to reduce the destructive impact of extreme weather conditions in the Philippines, according to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

In a virtual webinar of East Asian Seas' Response, in celebration of World Ocean Day on Wednesday, DENR Climate Change Service Officer-in-charge, Director Chief Elenida Basug, cited a study suggesting the country should implement urgent climate actions to alleviate economic losses.

“Based on a study by the Asian Development Bank, the country is estimated to lose 6 percent of its gross domestic product every year until the year 2100 if it disregards the risk associated with climate change,” she said.

She noted that with climate change mitigation, the average loss may decline to 4 percent.

Destructive weather conditions from 2007 to 2016 alone have left the country with around US\$19.16 billion or more than PHP1 trillion in estimated socio-economic damage due to natural hazards attributed to climate change.

“The center for research on the epidemiology of disasters recorded 187 significant damaging natural disasters in the country from 2007 to 2016, causing the death of 16,262 people, and injury to about 168,114 persons,” she said.

Despite these threats, the DENR implied the relevance of advancing the blue economy or the systems and collaboration seeking to sustain marine conservation.





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Basug insisted that marine biodiversity has been an economic asset for the country, mentioning it has contributed to some US \$3 billion or more than PHP158.78 billion value-added from coastal and marine tourism alone, even providing employment to 900,000 workers.

Hence, their call for more sustainable actions and programs that will foster marine biodiversity protection.

For its part, the DENR said it has come up with the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP), which aims “to comprehensively manage, address, and effectively reduce the degradation of the coastal and marine ecosystem”.

“Our focus on Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program or CMEMP for short is really trying to scale up marine protected areas, moving away from the establishment of traditional individual MPAs, but rather moving towards making it more efficient, making it more effective by networking not just through intergovernmental but through the transboundary marine protected area,” Biodiversity Management Bureau Integrated Coastal and Marine Partnership Officer-in-charge Chief John Erick Avelino said.

Included in the CMEMP is the Biodiversity-friendly and Social Enterprise Development (BDFE) program which provides supplemental and alternative livelihood for communities.

“In 2020, 150 biodiversity-friendly enterprises were provided with technical assistance, 33 peoples organizations were provided with financial assistance amounting to PHP37.8 million, it’s targeted that by 2028, 70 percent of our peoples’ organization enterprises in the biodiversity enterprise master list will be recognized as full-pledged BDFE,” Basug said.

Besides these actions, responsible tourism, as well as multi-sectoral collaborations in the country, were mentioned to be crucial to harnessing the blue economy.

“This crisis that we are all unfortunately confronting provides us the opportunity to rethink, evaluate our directions, our choices for the economy, for the environment, for humanity. We need to analyze our response through a climate lens,” she said. *(PNA)*



## Climate change mitigation crucial to socioeconomic planning -NEDA

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By Susan De Leon



Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua (File photo)

**CALOOCAN CITY, (PIA)** -- 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.



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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. (NEDA/PIA-NCR)





## PH calls for further marine biodiversity protection

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By Jastine Angelo Don



QUEZON CITY, (PIA) – In celebration of World Oceans Day on Wednesday, the Philippine government has joined the urgent call to recognize the importance of healthy oceans and address the global plastic pollution.

In a video message, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Secretary Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr. affirmed the Philippines' commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG 14) to conserve and sustainability use of the oceans, seas and marine sources.

"The sea is livelihood and life for all Filipinos as a nation it is our definition as such. We are a people of water, we're a maritime and archipelagic country, with more than half our population, living and making a living in coastal zones," Locsin said

Locsin noted the world has yet to fully understand the treats of climate change, global warming, overfishing, microplastics, and mismanaged coastal development.

"We must stop the scourge of marine plastic pollution, protect marine biodiversity, especially in areas beyond national jurisdiction," Locsin emphasized.

Apart from microplastics and mismanaged coastal development, the maritime disputes also impact the world's oceans with artificial island-building and drilling activities devastating coral reefs and pushing marine ecosystems over the brink.

Locsin stressed that it takes collective action to achieve genuine change and create a new balance with the ocean.



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Under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), it stated that the problem of ocean space is closely interrelated and needs to be considered as a whole.

Meanwhile, in a statement, the United Nations considered the oceans as essential to food security and the health and survival of all life, power our climate and are a critical part of the biosphere.

The World Oceans Day reminds everyone that humanity has turned to the oceans for life and livelihood, but its resources are not unlimited and is vulnerable to many challenges. (JAFD/PIA-IDPD)



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## PEF seeks assistance from Davao government to transfer 3 eagle pairs



Photo by Philippine Eagle Foundation

[KRIZZY S. DAUGDAUG](#)

June 09, 2022

THE Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF) is asking the Davao City Government to help them set up emergency enclosures in Barangay Eden for them to be able to transfer three pairs of eagles that are part of the captive breeding program.

“Mao na among gina-ask karun nga tabang from the city government kay kailangan unta nga ma-prioritize na sila (eagles) na mabalhin sa Barangay Eden kay tungod naa ta’y scare karun sa avian flu (We are asking the help of the city government because we need to prioritize the transfer of the captive breeding eagles because of the threat of avian flu),” Andi Baldonato, Development Manager, PEF said in an interview with the Davao City Disaster Radio, Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

Baldonato said a temporary setup would already be a big help in keeping the eagles safe.

“Then later on the goal is to develop a new facility there na intended gyud for breeding, and rehabilitation sa mga eagles,” Baldonato said.

Recently, Baldonato said they are planning to move out from Malagos permanently due to threats



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of the avian flu and other contamination concerns because of the lack of buffer zones.

“In fact, there are farm lots adjacent to our property and it’s very disturbing for the birds to breed,” Baldonato said.

The Philippine Eagle Center (PEC) currently occupies eight hectares of land in Malagos. In Barangay Eden, they are eyeing putting up the center on a 50-hectare property of the City Government. The establishment of the new center will cost PEF P56 million.

Baldonato said moving the center is important considering that the breeding season can be complicated.

“Ang mga agila man gud sensitive sila ba, kanang makadungog silag saba, ma-disrupt na dayon ilang breeding activities, so di madayon, so mahuman nalang ang season dili sila kaproduce og itlog, so kailangan sila unahon pag-transfer,” Baldonato said.

(The eagles are very sensitive. Once they hear noises, it will affect their breeding activities. It is possible they won’t lay eggs until the breeding season ends. That is why we need to transfer them.)

Baldonato said PEC in Malagos will still be open to the public for educational purposes once they move out because the rehabilitation and breeding site in Barangay Eden will not be open to everyone.

“Ang sa Eden man gud, ang priority is breeding and rehabilitation, so dili na sya actually open to the public, dili parehas karun sa Malagos nga pwede moadto didto,” Baldonato said.

(In Eden, we will prioritize breeding and rehabilitation, so it will not be open to the public unlike in Malagos where they can visit anytime.)

Baldonato said they already conducted an assessment of the Barangay Eden to ensure the safety of the eagles.

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1931589/davao/local-news/pef-seeks-assistance-from-davao-government-to-transfer-3-eagle-pairs>

## NDRRMC thanks stakeholders for joining Q2 NSED, calls for continued preparedness

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By NDRRMC



QUEZON CITY -- The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) thanked stakeholders for joining the Second Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) today, June 9, 2022.

NDRRMC Chairperson and Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana in his keynote message urged the public to continuously support and engage in preparedness activities.

“Ang pagpapatuloy ng mga pagsasanay na ito ang nagbibigay kapanatagan sa ating mga mamamayan na ang ating pamahalaan at buong lipunan ay may kakayahan at hindi tumitigil sa paghahanda upang harapin ang mga kalamidad na maaaring danasin ng ating bayan.” he said.

“Hinihimok ko ang lahat na patuloy na makilahok sa susunod na earthquake drills na pangungunahan ng NDRRMC sa taong 2022. Gayundin sa maraming proyekto ng pamahalaan laban sa ibat ibang sakuna.” he added.

Today’s NSED has around 17,300 concurrent viewers and recorded 105,432 views, and 80,380 engagements, one hour after the livestream ended. This was the 8th earthquake drill held via online.

Meanwhile, NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator, USEC Ricardo Jalad in his opening message emphasized the importance of a united effort in the attainment of making communities ready and safe.



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“Malaki ang nagagawa ng ating pagtutulungan sa pagsasakatuparan ng ating adhikaing gawing mas ligtas ang bawat komunidad. Malinaw na nakikita natin ito sa pamamagitan ng inyong palaging pagsali ating gawain na nagpapakita ng patuloy na pag-unlad ng kamalayan at kahandaan ng sambayanan. nais naming mas mapayabong pa ito.” he said.

Department of Labor and Employment Sec. Silvestro Bello, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Sec. Eduardo Del Rosario, Department of Interior and Local Government Sec. Eduardo Año, Department of Social Welfare and Development Sec. Rolando Joselito Bautista, Department of Science and Technology Undersecretary Renato Solidum Jr., Civil Defense Deputy Administrator and Assistant Secretary Bernardo Rafaelito Alejandro IV, at Trade Union Congress of the Philippines President Raymond Democrito Mendoza also gave their messages of support.

NSED is a quarterly event that seeks to strengthen the earthquake preparedness of the public. Due to the pandemic, the conduct of the earthquake drill was moved online in 2020.

The 3rd Quarter NSED will be held on September 8, 2022 at 9:00AM. (NDRRMC)





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# DIDIPIO MINE MAKES FIRST GOLD SALE TO BSP

**PARTNERING** with the Philippine government in boosting the country's international reserves, OceanaGold's Didipio Mine in the upland town of Kasibu in Nueva Vizcaya has made its first sale of gold doré to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

This first sale on May 30, 2022 implements the purchase agreement (PA) between OceanaGold Philippines Inc. (OGPI) and BSP that requires OGPI to offer for purchase to the BSP not less than 25 percent of Didipio Mine's annual gold doré production at fair market prices and under mutually agreed-upon terms.

A doré bar is a semi-precious alloy of gold and silver. It is usually created at the site of a mine and then transported to a refinery for further purification.

The proportion of gold and silver may vary. Doré bars weigh as much as 25 kilograms.

During the signing of the PA on May 5, 2022, BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno underscored the importance of the agreement in the pursuit of sustainable and inclusive economic growth, supported by responsible gold sourcing and sound reserve management.

The purchase agreement with the BSP is part of Didipio Mine's compliance with the renewal terms of its Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement or FTAA with the Philippine government.

"The agreement supports the BSP's strategic direction of further strengthening the country's management of its gross international reserves, which support economic activities and effectively cushion against adverse impacts to the economy," Diokno said.

"As a responsible partner of the government in resource development, we look forward to enhancing our partnership with the BSP and significantly

contributing to the further strengthening of our country's economy," lawyer Joan Adaci-Cattiling, OGPI president and general manager, said.

She added that the partnership exemplifies the Didipio Mine's commitment to the Philippines as well as the "pride of all employees, LGUs (local government units), stakeholders of the Didipio Mine to contribute to the country's reserves."

The signing ceremony was also attended by BSP Monetary Board Member Peter Favila, Monetary Board Member Felipe Medalla, Deputy Governor Mamerto Tangonan, Managing Director Mary Anne Lim and Managing Director Rosabel Guerrero.

Officials from key government agencies served as witnesses to the signing of the PA who included Department of Environment and Natural Resources Acting Secretary Jim Sampulna, Depart-



**GOING FOR GOLD** Photo shows the signing of Purchase Agreement (PA) between OceanaGold (Philippines), Inc. (OGPI) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) on May 5, 2022. The PA requires OGPI to offer for purchase to the BSP not less than 25 percent of Didipio Mine's annual gold doré production at fair market prices and under mutually agreed-upon terms. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

ment of Finance Undersecretary Bayani Agabin, head of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative; and Juancho Pablo Calvez, Revenue and Integrity Protection Service of the Department of Finance and Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) officer in charge.

Also present during the signing event were MGB Region 2 (Cagayan Valley) Director Mario Ancheta and Didipio village captain Ereno Bobola.

After the restart of processing in early November, the Didipio Mine produced 14,863 ounces of gold and 2,323 tons

of copper, exceeding the company's 2021 guidance range of 7,000 to 12,000 ounces of gold and 1,000 tons of copper. The mining company said the ramp-up of operations to full production rates is advancing ahead of schedule.

**LEANDER C. DOMINGO**





## Migz pinsan matunog na DENR chief; 'Bata' ni Martin sa BOC

IKINOKONSIDERA umanong maging kalinan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) si Juan Miguel Cuna na ngayon ay undersecretary ng aliensys.

Ayon na sa ulat ng **Politiko online news (politiko.com.ph)**.

Nabatid na si Cuna ay pinsan ni Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri, na inaasahang magiging Senate president ng pagsok na 19th Congress.

Samantala, nasa listahan naman ng susunod na commissioner

ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) si Clark Banaag, protege ni Leyte Congressman Martin Romualdez, ayon sa ulat ng **Bilyonaryo online news**.

Si Banaag ay kasalukuyang board ng dabawang kompanya ng pamilyang Romualdez.

Ang isa pang malakas na kalaban ni Banaag sa BOC post ay si retired Marine Commandant Alvin Parroño na miyembro ng Philippine Military Academy 'Sinagtala' Class of 1986. **(Billy Begas/Dolly Cabreza)**



## Fight against plastic pollution

### intensifies

**I**n celebration of World Oceans Day, Coca-Cola Philippines and Plastic Bank are intensifying the campaign to prevent plastic wastes from reaching and polluting the ocean.

On Wednesday, through an event dubbed Ecosystem Impact Week held at Robinson's Place in General Trias, Cavite, Coca-Cola and Plastic Bank announced that they will collect 10 million post-consumer PET plastic bottles this year. They said this will help address the global packaging waste issue while improving the lives of partner collectors and junk shops enrolled in the Plastic Bank Ecosystem Impact Program.

Kristine Pedrito-Barison, chairman of the Committee on Environment of the City of General Trias who represented brothers Mayor Antonio Ferrer and 6th District Rep. Luis Ferrer conveyed the local officials' gratitude to

Coca-Cola Philippines and Plastic Bank for choosing General Trias as its project site.

She said the incoming mayor and congressman of General Trias will continue to support the program and asked every barangay to make the campaign against ocean plastic waste pollution part of their endeavors.

Now in its second year, the partnership between the two institutions has so far made significant impacts on both environment and people. In General Trias, some 8.5 million PET plastic bottles have been collected, helping a total of 526 families in terms of income and livelihood through the program.

In 2021, Coca-Cola and Plastic Bank were able to surpass the target of collecting 5 million used PET bottles that were successfully recycled and diverted from landfills and oceans. *Jonathan I. Mayuga*



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## Private initiative accelerates Cavite's collection and recycling ecosystem

Coca-Cola Philippines and Plastic Bank have partnered to collect 10 million post-consumer PET plastic bottles to address and solve the global packaging waste issue. The partnership was forged in celebration of World Oceans Day to improve the lives of partner collectors and junk shops enrolled in the Plastic Bank Ecosystem Impact Program.

Through the Ecosystem Impact Week event, which will run from 8 to 12 June 2022 at Robinsons Place General Trias, Coca-Cola Philippines, Plastic Bank and the local government of

General Trias, Cavite, aim to educate more Filipinos on the value of collecting and recycling recyclable plastics. A collection booth has been set up for consumers visiting the mall, where they can bring clean and used recyclable plastic bottles and help give these a second life.

"At Coca-Cola, we recognize that we have a big role to play in helping solve the plastic waste problem," said Tony del Rosario, president of Coca-Cola Philippines and Vice President for East Franchise Operations of Coca-Cola ASEAN and South Pacific.





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## Pinas, sumali sa 'global call' kontra marine plastic waste

SUMALI ang gobyerno ng Pilipinas sa agarang panawagan na tugunan ang malawakang plastic waste sa buong mundo na patuloy na nagdudumi sa karagatan.

"For many Filipinos, the sea is livelihood and life for all Filipinos as a nation it is our definition as such. We are a

people of water, we're a maritime and archipelagic country, with more than half our population, living and making a living in coastal zones," ayon kay Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. sa pagdiriwang ng World Oceans Day, kahapon, Hulyo 8.

"The threat of the loss of the oceans and its boundaries

are not just existential in the broad sense, rather they are day-to-day trials that spell out how much of a decent life is at all possible," ayon sa Kalihim.

Sa kanyang mensahe, kinumpirma ng Kalihim ang commitment ng bansa sa Sustainable Development Goal No. 14, na naglalayong protektahan ang 'marine bio-

diversity.

"SDG 14 tells us to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources. To this end, we must stop the scourge of marine plastic pollution, protect marine biodiversity, especially in areas beyond national jurisdiction," anito.

Sinang-ayunandin ni Locsin ang pinagsama-samang aksyon para sa karagatan na kinakailangan na ngayon sa gitna ng "unprecedented, barely understood threats to it on top of climate change and global warming."

Maliban sa microplastics and mismanaged coastal development, sinabi ni Locsin na ang regional disputes ay mayroon ding epekto sa karagatan na mayroong artificial is-

land-building at drilling activities na sumisira sa coral reefs at "pushing marine ecosystems over the brink".

Sakop ng karagatan ang 70% ng planeta at nakapagpo-produce ng 50% ng oxygen sa mundo.

Sa ngayon, may 90% ng 'big fish populations' ang naubos na at 50% ng coral reefs ang nasira, ayon sa United Nations.

"We need to work together to create a new balance with the ocean that no longer depletes its bounty but instead restores its vibrancy and brings it new life," ayon sa UN.

"Revitalization: collective action for the ocean" ang tema ngayong taon para sa World Oceans Day." KRIS JOSE



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**Green custodian** Marking International Day of Biological Diversity, dominant power distributor Manila Electric Co. recently participated in a special Inter-agency clean-up activity in Estero de Provisor organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office. The activity cleared the inlet surrounding Isla de Provisor in the City of Manila from overgrown water hyacinths which, when left proliferating, can cause flooding during the typhoon season.





# DENR boosts rehabilitation, forest conservation

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO:** More than 2,000 government employees and volunteers across Central Luzon on Wednesday embarked on a massive tree growing activity to heighten rehabilitation and conservation of remaining forest lands and watersheds in the region.

DENR Regional Executive Director Paquito Moreno Jr. said convergence of different national government agencies in this nationwide tree-planting activity illustrated the theme of the Philippine Environment Month that called for a collective and transformative action in protecting and conserve in the environment.

"The message we want to demonstrate in this year's observance of the Philippine Environment Month is 'Akayon para sa Natataugang Mundo,' which embodies our collective effort and shared commitment to nurture our ecological wealth, particularly the 942,387 hectares of forest land areas of Central Luzon," Moreno noted.

Over 17,000 bamboo and na-



**THEY CAN MAKE A TREE, TOO** Thousands of employees from various government agencies and volunteers across Central Luzon hold simultaneous rehabilitation and conservation activities to save the region's remaining forestlands and watersheds. Some of them are shown here in Cogonan, Doña Remedios, Bulacan where they planted trees on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

tive and fruit-bearing shoots were planted in identified Expanded National Greening Program (ENGP) sites in the region.

The simultaneous tree-growing activities were conducted in the region's areas and forests, covering

ENGP sites in Dilasag, Maria Aurora and Dingalan in Aurora; Limay and Morong in Bataan; Doña Remedios Trinidad and Norzagaray in Bulacan; Carranglan, Gabaldon, Santa Rosa and Bongabon in Nueva Ecija; Arayat, Pampanga; San

Jose, Tarlac; and Subic and Botolan in Zambales.

Meanwhile, a clean-up within the premises of the DENR regional and field offices was done alongside the tree-planting event.

**FREDERICK SILVERIO**

600 identified and validated objects, sites and buildings in the city. Several local councilors who joined the validation workshop found the cultural mapping project a "truly worthy undertaking" and promised the additional budget's approval, he added. Tabangin said six City Hall personnel have already completed a short course on heritage conservation specialization conducted by the University of Santo Tomas in Manila.

**GABY B. KEITH**

## BATAAN MARKS WORLD OCEANS DAY

**LIMAY, Bataan:** Members of two youth organizations in Bataan on Wednesday launched a coastal clean-up in a village here as part of their commemoration of World Oceans Day. The participants in the clean-up drive in Barangay Lamiao are members of the Young Bataenos for Environmental Advocacy Network (Young BEAN) and Youth for Nationalism and Democracy (YND). The two groups are active in monitoring environmental concerns in the province, such as the "coal-free and nuclear-free Bataan" movements. "The coastal clean-up is part of the continuing efforts of our group to create awareness among the young people and communities to protect the oceans from destruction due to pollution caused by plastics and dirty industries like coal," Young BEAN spokesman Rochelle Magracia said. YND president Jeff Reyes called on the government to prioritize the welfare of the oceans rather than the businesses that worsen the destruction of the seas.

**ERNIE B. ESCONDE**

## CAGAYAN DE ORO LIFTS CURFEW

**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY:** The nightly curfew in this port capital of 800,000 people in Northern Mindanao was lifted effective Monday over a downward trend of Covid-19 cases since May this year. Health officials, however, advised local residents to still wear masks and observe social distancing and other health protocols and be vaccinated. Dr. David Mendoza, assistant regional director of the Department of Health (DoH) in Region 10, on Wednesday said mask-wearing and social distancing remain in force. He added that except for some parts of Lanao del Norte, which remains under Alert Level 2, the curfew was lifted in most parts of Northern Mindanao under Alert Level 1. Mendoza said under Alert Level 1, the daily Covid-19 cases have gone down to fewer than 10 cases to zero cases on the regional level. Although the cases have considerably gone down, the vaccination continues, he added. Mendoza noted that only 62.46 percent of the region's population had availed of the first dose vaccine. Mendoza said only 73.48 percent of the vaccinated individuals have availed of the second dose vaccine. "We are encouraging the unvaccinated 10 populations while those 18 years and above, senior citizens, first liners and priority groups should avail of the second booster dose to counter the sub-variant Omicron," Mendoza said. While the DoH has not monitored cases of the Omicron sub-variant in Northern Mindanao, only two percent of the 35 percent who got the first booster dose have availed of the second booster vaccine here, he added.

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## Philippine eagle will be free again

By ANTONIO L. COLINA IV

DAVAO CITY – A male Philippine eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*) will be released back to its home in Sarangani Province on June 13 more than a year after it was rescued in Barangay Ticulab, Maitum town, an executive of the Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF) said on Wednesday, June 8.

PEF development program manager Andi Baldonado said in an interview over Davao City Disaster Radio (DCDR 87.5) on Wednesday that the foundation will work with the local government units and communities in the province to ensure the safety of "Sarangani Eagle" (previously named "Salagbanog") as well as the preservation of its species, classified as criti-

cally endangered.

The release will culminate the Philippine Eagle Week 2022 celebration, which started June 6 until 13.

A T'boli farmer found the raptor trapped in thorny rattan vines after hunting a monkey near Salagbanog Falls on January 8, 2021.

The eagle underwent rehabilitation after undergoing a surgery to remove a piece of marble lodged near its right clavicle. The marble might have been used as a bullet by a hunter, according to PEF.

"We will release the Philippine eagle Sarangani, one of those we rescued. It's deemed fit for release and we have the support of the LGU there and we can finally do this, this coming Monday," she said.



## UN urged to create global plan on farming emissions

BY SIMON JESSOP  
AND GLORIA DICKIE

LONDON. Investors managing \$14 trillion have urged the United Nations to create a global plan to make the agriculture sector sustainable and curb one of the biggest sources of climate-damaging emissions, a letter seen by Reuters showed.

Food production accounts for around a third of global greenhouse gas emissions and is the main threat to 86 percent of the world's species at risk of extinction, the group said, while cattle ranching is responsible for three quarters of Amazon rain forest loss.

Climate scientists warned in April that the world's goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7°F) above the pre-industrial average by mid-century could not be met without marked changes in land use.

Despite this, a FAIRR Initiative study last year showed the emission reduction plans of most of the G20 nations had no target to reduce agricultural emissions.

Writing to the director general of the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization, Qu Dongyu, the letter, coordinated by the investor network FAIRR, said the agency was best-placed to take the lead on creating a road-map to ensure better planning.

"To keep the 1.5C goal within reach, the global food system urgently requires a gold-standard roadmap that reduces emissions whilst protecting the health and livelihoods of people across the globe," said Guenther Thallinger, chair of the U.N.-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance (NZAOA), one of the signatories of the letter.

"We urge the FAO to act on the science and work towards delivering this landmark road-map."

As well as the NZAOA, whose members include insurers Allianz and Swiss Re, 33 other investors signed, including US asset manager Capital Group and Britain's Aviva Investors AVI.

The call for action was also backed by Christiana Figueres, former executive secretary of

the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and one of the architects of the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate.

The launch of a similar report for the energy sector last year by the International Energy Agency had shown how successful such a roadmap could be, the investors said, and would prove a crucial tool to help investors and other stakeholders change their practices more quickly.

Although the investors considered the FAO best-placed of the U.N. agencies to lead such work, Olivier De Schutter, co-chair of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems, said it had historically delivered a "mixed message about the impacts of agriculture...on climate change".

Despite typically promoting approaches relying on heavy machinery, large-scale irrigation, chemical fertilizers and pesticides to feed the world, all of which substantially increase greenhouse gas emissions, it had also pushed for low-input solutions that reduce dependency on fossil fuels.

"The FAO has been far from consistent in this regard and there remains a huge gap between its pledge to support agroecology and the reality of the advice and project support it gives to countries," he said. "My hope is that the initiative of these investors can force the FAO to rethink its policies."

The FAO did not respond to a request for comment.

As well as setting clear guidance for companies and other stakeholders as to the volume of emissions that must be mitigated to limit warming to 1.5°C, the letter drew special attention to the need for a pathway to cut methane emissions.

Livestock account for nearly a third of the global methane emissions linked to human activity, released in the form of cattle burps, manure and the cultivation of feed crops.

Methane stays in the atmosphere for two decades compared with the centuries it takes for carbon dioxide to wash out, but a single methane molecule traps far more heat. — Reuters





REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo



JOINT DAR-DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 09 SERIES OF 2021

SUBJECT: RULES GOVERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF COLLECTIVE CERTIFICATES OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARDS (CCLOAs) FALLING WITHIN LANDS CLASSIFIED AS FORESTLANDS/TIMBERLAND, NATIONAL PARKS, AND MINERAL LANDS OR WITHIN UNCLASSIFIED PUBLIC FORESTS

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), which is mandated by law to implement a Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), shall undertake the completion of the acquisition and distribution of all agricultural lands coverable under the CARP through, among others, the subdivision of Collective Certificates of Land Ownership Awards (CLOAs). The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) which is mandated by law to control, supervise, develop, utilize, and conserve the country's environment and natural resources, mineral resources, and lands of the public domain, shall be responsible for the inspection, Verification and Approval of Surveys (IVAS) of the subdivision plans submitted by the DAR.

The Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) Project of the DAR aims to improve the land tenure and stabilize the property rights of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs). After the parcelization, individual titles over agricultural lands previously covered by CCLOAs will be issued to these ARBs. Meanwhile, appropriate tenurial instruments shall be issued over lands that were formerly covered by the CCLOAs and were found to be within forestlands/ timberlands, national parks, and mineral lands, or unclassified public forests.

SECTION 1. LEGAL BASES

The DAR and the DENR hereby jointly provide the following guidelines on the treatment of CCLOAs falling within lands classified as forestlands/ timberlands, national parks, and mineral lands, or within unclassified public forests pursuant to, among others, the following laws, rules and regulations:

- 1.1 Public Land Act (Commonwealth Act No. 141)
1.2 Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988 (Republic Act No. 6657, as amended by Republic Act No. 9700)
1.3 Revised Administrative Code of 1987 (Executive Order No. 292)
1.4 Reorganizing the Ministry of Agrarian Reform and for Other Purposes (Executive Order No. 129, s. 1987)
1.5 Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines (Presidential Decree No. 705)
1.6 National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992 (Republic Act No. 7586)
1.7 Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018 (Republic Act No. 11038)

SECTION 2. SCOPE

This Joint Administrative Order shall cover all awarded lands which have been issued collective CLOAs under the CARP or any other Agrarian Reform Law, which fall within lands classified as forest or timberlands, national parks, and mineral lands or within unclassified public forests, and which are included in the SPLIT Project.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

As used in this Order, the following terms shall be defined as:

3.1. Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs)

Refers to farmers who were granted lands under P.D. No. 27, R.A. No. 6657, and R.A. No. 9700 and regular farm workers who are landless, irrespective of tenurial arrangement, who benefited from the redistribution of lands, regardless of crops or fruits produced, to include the totality of factors and support services designed to lift the economic status of the beneficiaries and all other alternative arrangements to the physical distribution of lands, such as production or profit sharing, labor administration, and the distribution of shares of stock which will allow beneficiaries to receive a just share of the fruits of the lands they work.

3.2. Approved Survey Plan (ASP)

This term refers to the survey plan of subdivided CLOA verified and approved by the DENR.

3.3. Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA)

A Certificate of Land Ownership Award or CLOA is an agrarian reform title evidencing ownership of the land granted or awarded to the agrarian reform beneficiary, if individually issued, or agrarian reform beneficiaries, if collectively issued, by the DAR, and contains the restrictions and conditions provided in R.A. No. 6657, as amended by R.A. No. 9700 and other applicable laws.

3.4. Collective CLOA (CCLOA)

An existing registered CLOA issued by the DAR to farmer's cooperative, farmer's association, other organized group of ARBs, or groups of ARBs not organized.

3.5. Collective Owners

Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (i) whose names were annotated or listed in the registered CCLOA except those ARBs who have been excluded by a Final and Executory Order, (ii) whose names were not originally annotated in the CCLOA but their names are in the DAR Masterlist/List of ARBs/Farmers Information Sheet at the time of CCLOA registration and subsequently annotated in the CCLOA; and (iii) whose names were included in the Order of Inclusion issued by the Regional Director/Secretary which has become final and executory and subsequently annotated in the CCLOA.

3.6. Computerized Title (c-Title)

The derivative/subsequent title generated, registered and issued by the Registry of Deeds (ROD) to individual agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) and/or group of ARBs pursuant and adopted by DAR under Project SPLIT, as a result of the subdivision or parcelization of a CCLOA previously generated, registered and issued to a group of ARBs for landholdings covered and awarded CARP. The c-Title contains the restrictions and conditions provided in R.A. 6657 as amended by R.A. 9700 and other applicable laws.

3.7. Forest Land

Includes public forest, permanent forest or forest reserves, and forest reservations.

3.8. Lot Allocation Agreement

An agreement made between and among concerned ARBs as to the manner by which the land shall be allocated to each of them, particularly indicating the respective sizes and allocations designated to the individual and/or group of ARBs.

3.9. Mineral Land

Any area where mineral resources are found.

3.10. Mineral Reservation

Areas established and proclaimed as such by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau through the Secretary of the DENR including submerged land within the contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone.





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3.11. National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)

It encompasses the classification and administration of all designated protected areas to maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources found therein, and to maintain their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible.

3.12. National Parks

Refers to the lands of the public domain classified as such in the Constitution which include all areas under the NIPAS pursuant to RA 7586, as amended by RA 11038, primarily designated for the conservation of native plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural diversity.

3.13. Parcelization of Collective CLOAs

This is the process of converting collective CLOAs into individual CLOAs. The DAR manages the subdivision process and inter-agency workflows, mainly through paper forms and records. After a CLOA is subdivided, the DAR submits the survey plans for the DENR's Inspection, Verification and Approval of Surveys (IVAS). The DENR will verify if the area covered by the CLOA is alienable and disposable land, forestland, and/or unclassified public forest. This is done based on the approved land classification maps and the Approved Survey Plan (ASP) which will be the bases for the issuance of the individual CLOA and proper tenurial instrument. The generation and issuance of the individual titles/tenurial instruments are done through the following: (i) field validation and consultation with ARBs; (ii) preparation and approval of the master lists of ARBs; (iii) agreement on lot allocation; (iv) verification survey of CLOAs which were previously surveyed but with issues; (v) subdivision surveys; (vi) completion of boundary certification; and (vii) preparing and signing deeds of parcelization and generation of individual titles/tenurial instruments.

3.14. Protected Areas

Refer to identified portions of land and/or water set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation.

3.15. Tenurial Instrument

Any document issued by competent authority evidencing the right to occupy, possess or own lands of the public domain which cannot be altered or abrogated without due process (e.g., Certificate of Land Ownership Award).

SECTION 4. MANNER OF PARCELIZATION

All lands covered by collective CLOAs within classified timberlands, unclassified public forests, mineral lands, and national parks, shall be parcelized in favor of ARBs as determined by the DAR, subject to the following rules:

- 4.1. For those lands issued with titles prior to 1919 in accordance with Act No. 926 (First Public Land Act) and subsequently issued with CLOAs, the DAR shall submit the subdivision survey of the collective CLOAs to the DENR for approval. Upon approval, the DAR shall issue individual computerized title.
- 4.2. For those timberlands and unclassified public forests covered by collective CLOAs with issued titles after 1919, the effectivity of Act No. 2874 (Second Public Land Act), the following manner of parcelization shall be observed:
  - 4.2.1. For those CLOAs falling within timberlands, and after the same have been proven through exhaustive validation, such collective CLOAs shall remain valid and effective until such time that appropriate action from DAR and the issuance of tenure by DENR has been made.
  - 4.2.2. For those CLOAs issued over lands falling within unclassified public forests, when the same is found to be suitable for agricultural use the DENR shall recommend to the President their classification or release as agricultural lands.

4.3. For those lands eighteen percent (18%) in slope or over, but are classified as agricultural land with issued titles or with vested rights before the effectivity of PD No. 705, as amended, on May 19, 1975, and are covered with collective CLOAs, the DENR shall not initiate their reclassification. The DAR shall submit subdivision plans to DENR for verification and approval as basis for the issuance of individual CLOAs.

However, for lands issued titles after the effectivity of PD No. 705, as amended, item 4.2.1 shall apply.

4.4. For those National Parks covered by collective CLOAs with issued titles after the effectivity of Republic Act No. 7586, as amended, by RA 11038 such collective CLOAs shall remain valid and effective until such time that appropriate action from DAR and the issuance of tenure by DENR has been made.

4.5. During the implementation of parcelization and in the issuance of appropriate tenurial instruments, the actual occupants on the lands covered by collective CLOAs shall not be displaced.

SECTION 5. APPLICABILITY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS OF EACH AGENCIES

The DAR and the DENR shall be guided by their existing rules and regulations which are applicable and consistent with this Order. If these rules and regulations are insufficient in addressing the concerns or issues that may arise during the implementation of this Order, both Agencies shall undertake to formulate the appropriate and necessary issuance.

SECTION 6. TRANSITORY PROVISION

The DAR and DENR Field Offices shall exert due diligence in the review and verification of the status of lands covered with CLOA application that are undergoing processing to ensure that no new CLOAs shall be issued within lands classified as forest lands/timberlands, national parks, mineral lands or unclassified public forests.

SECTION 7. FUNDING

The amount necessary for the implementation of this Order shall be charged against the budgetary allocation of DAR.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE

All issuances that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

In the event that any of the provisions of this Order is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by said declaration.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

ATTY. JOHN R. CASTRICONES Secretary Department of Agrarian Reform

ROY A. CIMATU Secretary Department of Environment and Natural Resources





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## ‘Wag maalarma sa bahagyang pagtaas ng COVID-19 case — OCTA

By [Malou Escudero](#)(Pang-Masa)

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Lines are still long in Pinyahan Elementary School despite sweltering heat, and malfunctions of Vote Counting Machines, May 9, 2022.

Philstar.com / Jazmin Tabuena

MANILA, Philippines — Pinakalma ng OCTA Research ang mamamayan na huwag maalarma sa bahagyang pagtaas ng kaso ng COVID-19 sa Metro Manila.

Ito ang inihayag ni OCTA Research fellow Dr. Guido David matapos na nakapagtala noong nakaraang linggo ng 79 kaso at ngayong linggo ay 90 kaso na o mas mataas ng 14% kada araw.

“Kapag titingnan natin iyong seven-day average, actually, kahapon iyong 10%, ngayon [ay] 14% na. So, umabot na tayo sa 90 cases per day sa Metro Manila. Noong nakaraan na linggo, it was at 79 cases per day, so, kapag ikukumpara natin, 79 to 90, this is 14% higher,” ani David.

Pero, hindi pa aniya nakakaalarma ang nasabing bilang at hindi dahilan para mag-“overreact.”

“Sa ngayon, hindi pa naman tayo alarmed at ‘di pa naman natin kailangan mag-overreact at itaas ang alert level ngayon kasi mababa pa rin naman ang bilang ng kaso kahit tumaas,” ani David sa Laging Handa public briefing.

Ayon pa kay David, maaari pa ring maiwasan ang pagtaas ng bilang kung magpapabakuna ng booster ang mga hindi pa nabibigyan.





## ‘Wag maalarma sa bahagyang pagtaas ng COVID-19 case — OCTA

“Pero puwede nating ma-prevent itong pagtaas ng bilang ng kaso. Mahalaga sana... na magpabakuna at magpa-booster ang mga kababayan natin. Ito ay napatunayan na malaking tulong sa pag-manage ng pandemic kaya kahit noong January, noong nagka-surge tayo, hindi tayo nagsarado, hindi tayo nag-lockdown,” ani David.

Idinagdag din ni David na bagaman at hindi kailangang maghigpit sa ngayon pero posible ring magbago ang sitwasyon sa mga susunod na linggo at mahalaga ang pagsunod sa health protocols para maiwasan ang pagtaas ng bilang ng kaso.

## WHO warns of 'real' monkeypox risk, Covid-19 pandemic 'not over'

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GENEVA – There is a “real” risk of monkeypox becoming established in non-endemic countries, the World Health Organization warned on Wednesday, while also reiterating that the Covid-19 pandemic “is not over.”

“More than 1,000 confirmed cases of monkeypox have now been reported to WHO from 29 countries that are not endemic for the disease,” said WHO chief Tedros Ghebreyesus.

He said no deaths have been reported in the outbreaks, adding that the UN health agency “does not recommend mass vaccination against monkeypox.”

“Cases have been reported mainly, but not only, among men who have sex with men. Some countries are now beginning to report cases of apparent community transmission, including some cases in women,” said Tedros.

He said the spread of the disease to several non-endemic countries “suggests that there might have been undetected transmission for some time.”

“The risk of monkeypox becoming established in non-endemic countries is real,” he emphasized.

He pointed out that the “virus has been circulating and killing in Africa for decades,” with more than 1,400 suspected cases and 66 deaths across the continent just this year.

“It’s an unfortunate reflection of the world we live in that the international community is only now paying attention to monkeypox because it has appeared in high-income countries,” he added.

### Even more dangerous’ Covid-19 variant possible

Tedros said the perception that the Covid-19 pandemic is over is “misguided” as the virus claimed more than 7,000 lives last week.



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“The pandemic is not over, and we will keep saying it’s not over until it is,” he asserted.

While cases and deaths decline globally, the WHO continues to urge caution as there is “not enough testing and not enough vaccination” worldwide, he explained.

On average, some 75 percent of health workers and people over 60 globally have been vaccinated, according to the WHO chief.

The rates, however, are “much lower in low-income countries,” said the WHO chief, adding that “68 countries have still not achieved 40 percent coverage.”

“Vaccine supply is now sufficient, but demand in many countries with the lowest vaccination rates is lacking,” said Tedros.

He warned that a “new and even more dangerous variant could emerge at any time.”

### Hepatitis of unknown cause in children

The WHO is also monitoring reports of unexplained hepatitis in children around the world, according to Tedros.

“More than 700 probable cases of hepatitis of unknown cause in children have now been reported to WHO from 34 countries, and a further 112 cases are under investigation,” he said.

“At least 38 of these children have needed liver transplants, and 10 have died.”

He said the UN agency is working with countries to investigate the cause, but the five viruses that commonly cause hepatitis have not been detected in any of these cases.

“WHO receives reports of unexplained hepatitis in children every year, but a few countries have indicated that the rates they are seeing are above what is expected,” said Tedros. (*Anadolu*)

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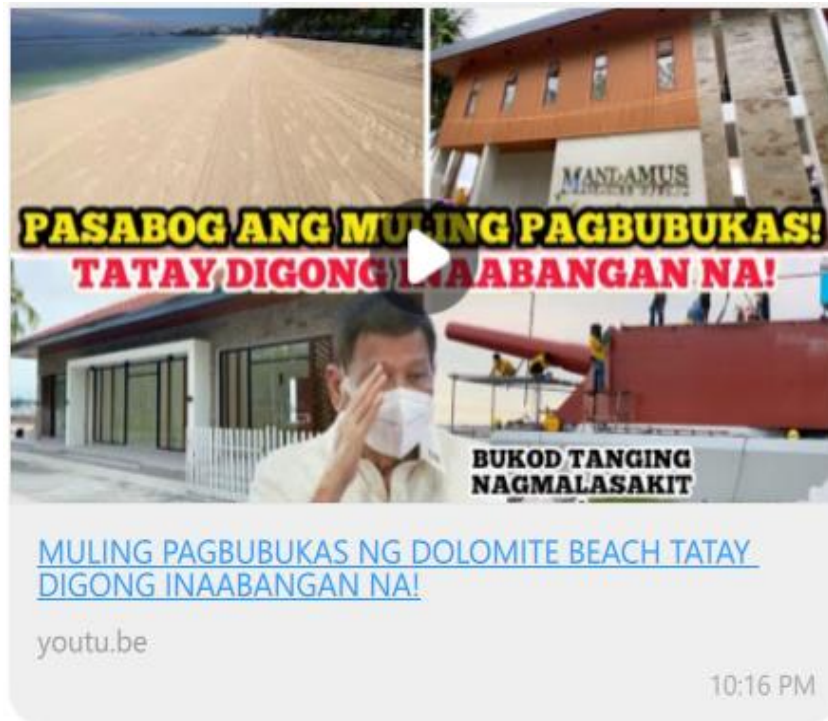
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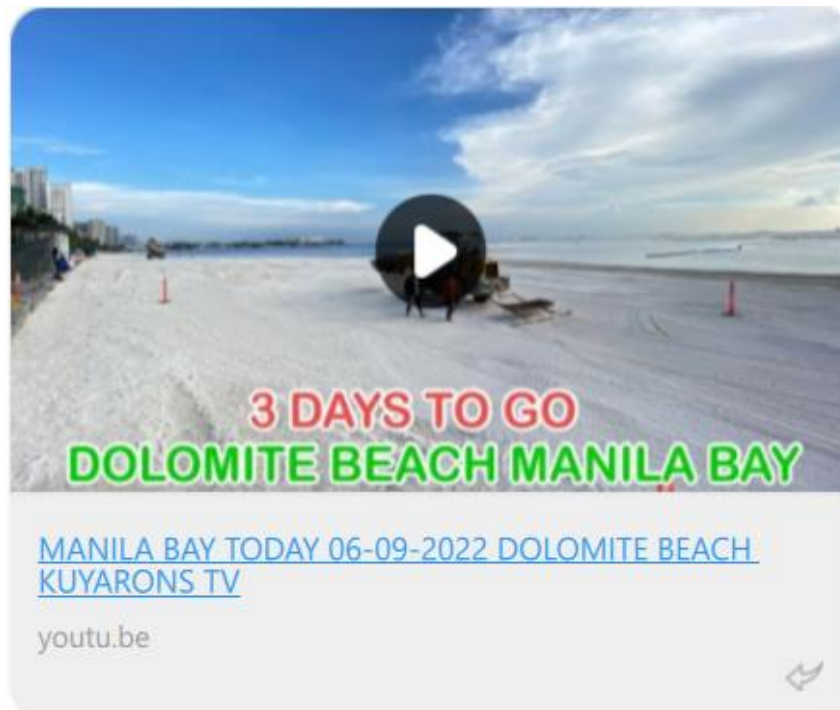
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