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### Manila Bay wastewater violators flagged

By Rhodina Villanueva (Philstar.com)

- May 25, 2021 - 12:00am



Sandbags were placed along the artificial white sand beach along Manila Bay amid the ongoing rehabilitation of the natural harbor by the DENR in this undated photo.

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has issued cease and desist orders (CDOs) to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) and the Philippine Navy for continuously releasing wastewater into Manila Bay.

The CDO served through the DENR's Laguna Lake Development Authority noted that the LLDA recently conducted inspection at the premises of the CCP on Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, and found that two outfalls being managed by the CCP have wastewater samples.

At the same time, CCP Outfall 4 also showed wastewater samples. Although within the CCP compound, it is owned and managed by the DPWH.

The LLDA also conducted inspection at the premises of the Philippine Navy located along Roxas Boulevard in Malate, Manila. Results of the agency's monitoring showed wastewater samples in four of the five outfalls in the area.

The outfalls being managed by the three agencies showed high fecal coliform level.

The DPWH, CCP and Philippine Navy were earlier ordered to seal the outfall that discharges the wastewater.

Appropriate penalties and legal action based on the Clean Water Act and LLDA Memorandum Circular will be taken against the agencies if they fail to act on the matter.

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Three government agencies were found to cause pollution in Manila Bay.

DPWH, Philippine Navy, and Cultural Center of the philippines were lowered by cease and desist orders due to continuous release of wastewater in Manila Bay despite the order from DENR and LLDA.

DPWH is among the agencies ordered by the Supreme Court to rehabilitate Manila Bay. | via Shyla Francisco

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#### REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 2nd Floor, LLDA Green Bldg., National Ecology Center East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila Telephone No. (02) 8376-4044 loc. 119 E-mail Address: lad@llda.gov.ph RECEIVE N THE MATTER OF POLLUTION CONTROL AND ABATEMENT CASE J-12-21-2: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH), Respondent. ATTENTION: ENGR. MIKUNUG D. MACUD District Engineer, South Manila District Eng'g Office EX-PARTE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER This pertains to the Inspection<sup>1</sup> conducted by the LLD. invironmental Regulations Department through the Surveillance an donitoring Division (ERD-SMD) at the premises of CULTURAL CENTE DF THE PHILIPPINES (CCP), located at CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Zon 0, Brgy. 76, Pasay City, Metro Manila, as part of the Authority's mandate t arry out and execute Survey Inspection, Saturation, Investigation ( Complaint and Compliance Monitoring. Three outfalls were inspected, observed and subsequently collecte with wastewater samples. One of the outfalls, particularly, CCP Parkin Outfall 4, although within the CCP compound, is owned and managed b he DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH). The Respondent is hereby reminded of the provisions of Republic As No. 9275<sup>2</sup> and Republic Act No. 4850<sup>3</sup>, which provide, among others, the vastewater discharges must meet and comply with the effluent standard set forth by law. That, DENR Administrative Order No. 2016-08 (DAO No. 2016-08) 2016-08), entitled "Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standards ; 2016", was mindfully enacted to update and revise the general effluer

tandards laid under DENR Administrative Order No. 35.

Inspection and Collection of Wastewater conducted on 2 February 2021.

Republic Act No. 9275 otherwise known as "Philippine Cloin Witter Act of 2004".

Republic Act No. 4850 entitled "An Act Creating the Logona Lake Development Authority. Prescrim to Powers: Functions and Dates. Providing Fauth Thereof, and For Other Purposes".

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ATTENTION: MS. TERESA S. RANCES

#### EX-PARTE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

This pertains to the several inspections conducted by the LLDA Environmental Regulations Department, through the Surveillance and Monitoring Division (ERD-SMD), at the premises of Respondent CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES (CCP), located at CCP Complex, Rovas Blvd., Zone 10, Brgy. 76, Pasay City, Metro Manila, as part of the Authority's mandate to carry out and execute Survey Inspection, Saturation, Investigation of Complaint and Compliance Monitoring.

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ATTENTION: VICE ADMIRAL GIOVANNI CARLO J. BACORDO

#### EX-PARTE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

This pertains to the Inspection' conducted by the LLDA Environmental Regulations Department through the Surveillance and Monitoring Division (ERD-SMD) at the premises of Responderin PHILIPPINE NAVY, located at 2518 Royans Blvd., Bey. 719, Malate, Manila City, Metro Manila, as part of the Authority's mandate to carry out and execute Survey Inspection, Saturation, Investigation of Compilant and Compilance Monitoring, Four out of five outfalls were inspected, observed and subsequently collected with wastewater samples.

The Respondent is hereby reminded of the provisions of Republic Act





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It's too early to tell if the dolomite sand dumped in Manila Bay is getting washed out or washed away, said Environment Undersecretary Jonas Leones.

According to Leones, the "dolomite beach" project is not yet finished and there are also "geotubes" placed to ensure that artificial sand will not be used.

"We have put in place the geotubes to ensure that the dolomites won't be washed out. Maybe it's too early to say that he already washed out," Leones said.

This is after the civil society organization Oceana philippines said in their April statement that the dolomite sand was being eroded.

"From December 2020 to February 2021, this dolomite beach has eroded by at least 300 square meters. They are refilling it again and even extending the area," ani Oceana Vice President Gloria Ramos.

But according to Leones, it's normal to erode sand in the seas.

" Even in ordinary beaches we are erode a little bit so that's what we are maintaining on beaches, our coastal resorts, that's what we are doing," according

I am also looking forward to the monsoon to see if geotube are effective in preventing erosion.

"We want to have a rainy season because once and for all we can see and evaluate if our beach nourishment is really effective. We studied that and we are confident that even if it is stormed, no matter how much rain, beach nourishment is still there," Leones said.

Beach nourishment project expected to be completed in June or July.

Source: April Rafales / ABS-CBN News

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#### DENR DI PA MASABI KUNG INAANOD ANG DOLOMITE SA MANILA BAY

Masyado pang maaga para masabi kung nawa-wash out o inaanod na ang dolomite sand na itinambak sa Manila Bay, sabi ni Environment Undersecretary Jonas Leones. Ayon kay Leones, hindi pa tapos ang "dolomite beach" project at may mga inilagay ding "geotubes" para matiyak na hindi aanurin ang artificial sand.















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### Gov't bats for completion of Manila Bay white sand project

Published May 24, 2021, 4:39 PM by Genalyn Kabiling

The government is unlikely to halt the rehabilitation of Manila Bay, including the use of crushed dolomite rocks along the shoreline, despite concerns raised by some groups.



The sun sets over a boat sailing along Manila Bay on April 2021 (Ali Vicoy/ Manila Bulletin)

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said the funds have already been allocated for the Manila Bay project and that the government is determined to complete the program.

"Ito po, completely bid out and partially executed, so kinakailangan pong tapusin iyan (This has been completely bid out and partially executed so it must be completed)," Roque said during a televised press briefing Monday, May 24 when asked if President Duterte was considering to stop the project and realign the funds to address more urgent needs.

Roque explained that the budget for the Manila Bay project could no longer be realigned to another program since it is already being implemented. He said the fund allocation has long been placed under the budget of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for a specific purpose.

"Hindi po iyan bagong budget (It's not a new budget allocation)," he said.

"At bagama't mayroon po tayong Bayanihan law that allows the President to realign funds, hindi po applicable iyan doon sa mga funds na na-commit na (And although we have the Bayanihan law that allows the President to realign funds, that is not applicable to the funds that have been committed)," he added.





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The rehabilitation project of Manila Bay became subject to public scrutiny after authorities started pouring crushed dolomite rocks last year to transform the polluted stretch of shoreline into a white sand beach. Some environmental groups have questioned the overlaying of the artificial white sand over the Manila Bay shoreline, which they claimed focused on aesthetics instead of addressing the environmental problems.

But the Palace defended that the such white sand makeover of Manila Bay could benefit the mental health of Filipinos during the pandemic. President Duterte also found nothing wrong with the project, saying people can at least enjoy the area with white sand.

Source: <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2021/05/24/govt-bats-for-completion-of-manila-bay-white-sand-project/">https://mb.com.ph/2021/05/24/govt-bats-for-completion-of-manila-bay-white-sand-project/</a>





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### Dolomite makeover ng Manila Bay 'di pwede bitawan ng DENR - Palasyo



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Manila, Philippines – Tiniyak ng Malakanyang na matatapos ang makeover ng Manila Bay gamit ang dinurog na dolomite sand sa kabila ng ulat na ang artificial sand na inilalagay ng pamahalaan ay nawa-washed out lang papuntang karagatan.

Ang environment department ay naglaan ng pondo para sa nasabing proyekto.

- "The Bayanihan Law, which allows President Rodrigo Duterte to realign funds to the COVID-19 response, is not applicable to the dolomite budget because it has been committed," ayon kay Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque.
- "Pupuwedeng ma-realign ang ilang mga pondo na hindi pa po siya naa-align for a specific purpose. Pero ito po, completely bidded out and partially executed, so kinakailangan pong tapusin iyan," dagdag na pahayag nito.

Sa ulat, hinikayat ng Oceana Philippines ang environment department na atasan ang contractor nito na itigil na ang paglalagay ng dolomite sa Manila Bay, at sa halip ay gamitin ang project funds para sa COVID-19 crisis.

Sinabi ng advocacy group na na-washed out at nabalik sa karagatan ang dolomite na inilagay sa nasabing lugar noong nakaraang taon.

Ayon sa DENR, naglagay sila ng "geotubes" sa nasabing lugar para panatilihin ang dolomite sa nabanggit na lugar at masyado pa aniyang maaga para sabihin na ang artificial sand ay humulas at nawala na. Kris Jose

Source: <a href="https://www.remate.ph/dolomite-makeover-ng-manila-bay-di-pwede-bitawan-ng-denr-palasyo/">https://www.remate.ph/dolomite-makeover-ng-manila-bay-di-pwede-bitawan-ng-denr-palasyo/</a>





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## Palace says DENR can't drop Manila Bay's dolomite makeover

Jamaine Punzalan, ABS-CBN News Posted at May 24 2021 05:20 PM



A member of the construction team inspects the sand dumped at the Manila Bay dolomite white sand beach project on April 13, 2021. *George Calvelo, ABS-CBN News/File* 

MANILA — Malacañang said on Monday the makeover of Manila Bay with crushed dolomite sand should be finished, despite reports that the artificial sand that government dumped there has washed out to sea.

The environment department has long allocated funds for the project, said Palace spokesman Harry Roque.

The Bayanihan Law, which allows President Rodrigo Duterte to realign funds to the COVID-19 response, is not applicable to the dolomite budget because it has been committed, he said.

"Pupuwedeng ma-realign ang ilang mga pondo na hindi pa po siya naa-align for a specific purpose. Pero ito po, completely bidded out and partially executed, so kinakailangan pong tapusin iyan," Roque said in a press briefing.

(Some funds that have not yet been aligned for a specific purpose could be realigned. However, this has been completely bid out and partially executed, so it must be finished.)

Oceana Philippines has urged the environment department to order its contractor to stop putting more dolomite in Manila Bay, and instead use the project funds for COVID-19 crisis.





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The advocacy group said the sea has reclaimed the dolomite dumped in the area last year.

The environment department said it installed "geotubes" in the area to keep the dolomite in place, and it might be "too early" to say that the artificial sand was gone.

Source: https://www.facebook.com/27254475167/posts/10159505179920168/?app=fbl





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# Palace: President cannot realign dolomite project's P389-M budget

By LLANESCA T. PANTI, GMA News Published May 24, 2021 6:15pm

President Rodrigo Duterte cannot realign the P389 million budget for the adorning of dolomite sand along Manila Bay because the project had been executed, the Palace said Monday.

Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque maintained that the budget for the dolomite initiative, dubbed as the Beach Nourishment Project by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), is not covered by the Bayanihan 1 and 2 laws which allowed the President to realign billions in funds for the government's COVID-19 response.

"Iyang budget po sa dolomite ay matagal na po iyang nasa budget ng DENR; hindi po iyan bagong budget. At bagama't mayroon po tayong Bayanihan Law that allows the President to realign funds, hindi po applicable iyan doon sa mga funds na na-commit na po 'no," Roque said.

(The funding for this dolomite project cannot be realigned as provided under Bayanihan laws because this budget has long been committed.)

"Puwedeng ma-realign ang ilang mga pondo na hindi pa po siya naa-align for a specific purpose. Pero ito po, completely bidded out and partially executed, so kinakailangan pong tapusin iyan," he added.

(You can realign a budget that is yet to be earmarked for a specific purpose. This project, however, had been bidded out and was partially executed so it needs to be finished.)

The Beach Nourishment Project was opened to the public back in September 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The conservation group Oceana, however, said over the weekend that much of the dolomite sand, including those for replenishment placed just last February, had been eroded out to sea. — DVM, GMA News

Tags: news, Manila Bay Beach Project, dolomite beach, DENR, Philippine COVID-19 response

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# DENR out to get rid of mercury use in small-scale gold mining

Published May 24, 2021, 2:16 PM by Ellson Quismorio

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has moved to establish national policies geared toward the elimination of mercury's use in artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM).



HAZARDOUS TRADE-In small-scale gold mining, mercury is vaporized in order to extract gold. This creates toxicity in humans when inhaled. (Photo from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization)

The DENR is implementing the "Global Opportunities for Long-term Development of Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining Sector (GOLD-ASGM)" project under the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).

The project will help small miners shift to legal mining that uses mercury-free technology. It will also empower small miners and help raise their income and livelihood by producing higher value-added products such as jewelry from mere raw gold ore.

"Meaningful economic incentives as well as adequate community development strategies are needed to fully aid mining communities with their formalization efforts," the DENR said.

More importantly, the move aims to strengthen regulations against the use of highly toxic mercury in mining. This is in compliance with the Minamata Convention, which seeks to prevent mercury emissions from reaching 1,000 tons yearly in order to protect the environment and human health.





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The project also aims to address other issues linked to ASGM like hazardous working conditions, child labor, and gender gaps through capacity building and providing assistance to government agencies in developing relevant policies.

The Philippines's ASGM sector directly employs 500,000 small miners and indirectly provides livelihood to two million people.

According to the DENR's Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), there are 38 ASGM operators in the Caraga region while 78 exist in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

While mostly operating illegally, the ASGM sector accounts for 70 percent of the country's gold production. The Philippines itself is one of world's top 20 gold producers.

Source: <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2021/05/24/denr-out-to-get-rid-of-mercury-use-in-small-scale-gold-mining/">https://mb.com.ph/2021/05/24/denr-out-to-get-rid-of-mercury-use-in-small-scale-gold-mining/</a>





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### 335 iligal na dumpsite isinara

By Abante News Online - Last updated May 24, 2021





Ang open dumpsites ay kung saan dinadala ang mga solid waste nang walang kaukulang pagpaplano at konsiderasyon sa kapaligiran at kalusugan at iligal na itinayo at nag-ooperate batay na rin sa nakasaad sa RA 9003.

"This is a victory for the environment and the DENR," sabi ni Cimatu ukol sa matagal nang dapat naipasara na mga open dumpsites.

Ipinasara na ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang 335 na open dumpsites sa buong bansa matapos na ipag-utos ni Secretary Roy A. Cimatu ang mahigpit na pagpapatupad ng Republic Act (RA) 9003 o ang Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.





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"Despite the limitations brought about by the pandemic, our people never wavered in their sworn duty as public servants to get the job done," dagdag pa ni Cimatu.

Dahil na rin sa pagpapasara sa lahat ng open dumpsites, ang LGUs ay maaaring magtapon ng kanilang mga solid waste sa mga nag o-operate na sanitary landfills (SLF) o sa residual containment area. (Riz Dominguez)

Source: https://www.abante.com.ph/335-iligal-na-dumpsite-isinara/





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### Trash traps collect 124 tons of waste along rivers in C. Luzon

By Zorayda Tecson May 24, 2021, 7:03 pm



TRASH TRAPS. More than 124 tons of solid wastes have been collected from 125 floating trash traps since these were installed in 2020 in the critical water bodies of Bataan, Bulacan and Pampanga by the DENR Regional Office 3. The floating trash traps were made from recycled materials such as plastic and old fishing gears.

(Photo courtesy of DENR-3)

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga – More than 124 tons of solid wastes have been collected since last year from 125 floating trash traps installed in critical water bodies of Bataan, Bulacan and Pampanga by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) regional office here in an effort to clean and save the Manila Bay.

Paquito Moreno Jr., executive director of the DENR-Central Luzon, on Monday said the trash traps were strategically installed in rivers and streams to reduce the volume of solid wastes directly flowing to the greater portion of the Manila Bay.

"In addition to our cleanup efforts, we heighten our efforts to curb wastes and floating debris in our local waterways by putting up these recyclable trash traps," he said in an official social media post.

The floating trash traps, which are made from recycled materials such as plastic and fishing gear and measuring about 30 to 100 meters, were put up last year in Lamao, Orani, Orion, Pinulot, Pangulisanin, Amo, Aguawan, Almacen, Bilolo, Talisay, Mabuco and Samal rivers, all in Bataan, and Guagua-Pasak River in Pampanga.

As a mitigation strategy, Moreno said the trash trapping initiative has reduced the volume of plastic wastes in water bodies and prevented single-used plastics, candy wrappers, containers, and other pollutants from entering waterways and flowing downstream, since solid wastes were captured directly from their source.





### Trash traps collect 124 tons of waste along rivers in C. Luzon

The DENR official assured the public that the trash traps in local waterways do not hamper the movement of fishes and other aquatic species, but protect physical habitats and coastal and marine ecosystems from being polluted.

Since the Manila Bay rehabilitation program started in January 2019, more than 4,300 tons of biodegradable, residual, recyclable, and hazardous wastes have been collected in Central Luzon.

Moreno reiterated his appeal to the public to support the DENR in its campaign to save Manila Bay and to religiously practice the 3Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle) of solid waste management coupled with discipline to reduce waste generation in the region.

He said it is the commitment of the DENR and the rest of the mandamus agencies to the public to clean Manila Bay, which covers Calabarzon, the National Capital Region and Central Luzon, which have a total of 190 kilometers of coastline.

Of the number, 144 kilometers are part of Central Luzon, covering the provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga, and Bataan.

Meanwhile, statistics from the DENR's Environmental Management Bureau-Region 3 showed that the average solid waste generation of Central Luzon is estimated to be 5,598 tons per year. (PNA)

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### DENR trash traps collect 124 tons of solid wastes

By Carlo Lorenzo J. DatuPublished on May 24, 2021

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga, May 24 (PIA) -- About 124 tons of solid wastes were collected from 125 floating trash traps installed in critical water bodies in Bataan, Bulacan and Pampanga by Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

These were strategically installed in rivers and streams to reduce the volume of solid wastes directly flowing to the greater portion of the Manila Bay.

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DENR has assured the public that this sustainable waste management efforts of putting up trash traps in local waterways does not hamper the movement of fishes and other aquatic species.

It instead protects physical habitats and coastal and marine ecosystems from being polluted.





### DENR trash traps collect 124 tons of solid wastes

Since the Manila Bay rehabilitation program started on January 2019, more than 4,300 tons of biodegradable, residual, recyclable and hazardous wastes have been collected in Central Luzon.

DENR continues to appeal to the public to properly segregate and dispose their wastes to lessen the burden of plastic pollution and to protect the natural habitat of marine wildlife. (CLJD-PIA 3)

Source: <a href="https://pia.gov.ph/news/articles/1076077">https://pia.gov.ph/news/articles/1076077</a>





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### Gov't opens central material recovery facility in Marawi

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MARAWI CITY, May 24(PIA)--As part of the solid waste management project of the government in this city, Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) opened the central material recovery facility.

Constructed within 2.2 hectares and located in Brgy. Malimono (Dulay), the facility is designed to receive, sort, process and store recyclable or compostable materials. This will cater loads of recyclable wastes from all barangays in the City.

DENR Environmental Management Bureau Region 10 focal person Abbas Lao said that the primary purpose of the facility is to "enhance and maximize waste diversion from final disposal facility to available market for recycling material for reprocessing as mandated under RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act."

The CMRF facility has four components which include sorting, processing, storage and load-out. It houses unloading and receiving stations, processing area, storage area, supply room, with its machineries such as plastic waste densifier, glass pulverizer, plastic shredder, and composter.

Mayor Majul Gandamra said that the inauguration of the facility shows the commitment of the government to minimize wastes in the city.

"This facility is a manifestation of intensified efforts of the government in order to minimize the wastes collected in the City," he said.

Meanwhile, TFBM Chairperson Sec. Eduardo del Rosario called on the unity of the community in protecting the environment.





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"We really have to protect the environment. Kung hindi natin pagtutulungan na bigyan ng atensyon at tamang management ang environment, at the end of the day tayo rin ang magsusuffer. [If we do not work together to give attention and proper management to the environment, at the end of the day we will also suffer. What we are doing is not really for us but for future generations," he said.

There are basically four components of a CMRF facility, that is, sorting, processing, storage and load out. It houses unloading and receiving stations, processing area, storage area, supply room, with its machineries such as plastic waste densifier, glass pulverizer, plastic shredder and composter. The main function of CMRF is to maximize the quantity of recyclables processed while producing materials that will generate the highest possible revenues in the market. Its objective is to produce clean and recyclable materials that will minimize the disposal of wastes in Marawi City.

The facility can cater to 15 to 20 tons of wastes per day. However, DENR - Finance, Information Systems and Mining Concerns Asec. Nonita Caguioa stressed that waste management should start in households.

"It is not only the government who will be doing to minimize all these garbage. Ang pinakaimportate ay ang [What is importante is the] participation from households," she said.

With funds from the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management - Marawi Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction Program, the facility is just one of the infrastructures constructed for the TFBM Solid Waste Management Project. Completed infrastructures include an administration building, overhauling area, warehouse and storage, and powerhouse with supply, delivery, and installation of 100-KVA standby power/generator set. The construction of sanitary landfill is also ongoing. (LELA/PIA ICIC)

Source: <a href="https://www.malaysiasun.com/news/269618326/govt-opens-central-material-recovery-facility-in-marawi">https://www.malaysiasun.com/news/269618326/govt-opens-central-material-recovery-facility-in-marawi</a>





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# DENR recognizes the role of youth in biodiversity protection

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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga May 24 (PIA) -- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Central Luzon recognized the significant role of the youth in biodiversity protection and conservation.

DENR Central Luzon Information Officer Donaver Guevara stressed the youth sector can be active partners in ecological stewardship and sustainable environmental management.

"The voice of the youth impacts change, and we believe that environmental education is one way to equip people with the necessary skills and information to engage them in programs aimed at sustaining our rich biodiversity," he said.

Relative to this, DENR partnered with the United States Agency for International Development Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans, and Landscapes in the conduct of an online competition dubbed as Online Biodiversity Quiz Contest.

"Kyle Mendoza of Aguinaldo J. Santos National High School in Bustos, Bulacan bested over 40 junior and senior high school students from 16 private and public schools in the region. Mendoza received PhP 5,000 and a certificate of recognition," Guevara noted.

Meanwhile, Hugh Ralph Calpito of Ventinilla High School in Tarlac, and Lara Elaine Jao of Olongapo City National High School emerged as the second and third placers, respectively, bringing home PhP 2,500 each.

The event is in line with celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity last May 22, and observance of the Month of the Ocean this May. (CLJD/TJBM-PIA 3)

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# Online quiz emphasizes youth participation in environmental protection, conservation

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THE online quiz competition organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in partnership with United State Agency for International Development (USAid) Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans, and Landscapes (Sibol) Project over the weekend emphasized the active participation of the youth sector in biodiversity protection and conservation.

DENR-Central Luzon information officer Donaver Guevara noted that the youth sector has played a significant role in addressing environmental concerns, especially in establishing an active force toward ecological stewardship.

"The voice of the youth impacts change, and we believe that environmental education is one way to equip young people with the necessary skills and information to engage them in programs aimed at sustaining our rich biodiversity," he said, adding that the DENR recognizes the critical role of the youth as active partners in sustainable environmental management.

He said over 40 junior and senior high school students from 16 private and public schools in Central Luzon participated in the online competition dubbed as "Online Biodiversity Quiz Contest."

Kyla Mendoza of Aguinaldo J. Santos National High School in Bustos, Bulacan was hailed as the quiz champion and received P5,000 and a certificate of recognition.

Hugh Ralph Calpito of Ventinilla High School of Tarlac and Lara Elaine Jao of Olongapo City National High School in Zambales bagged the second and third spots, respectively, and brought home P2,500 each.

The event was in line with the month-long observance of the Month of the Ocean, with the theme, "The science we need for the ocean we want," and the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity on May 22.

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## NWRB CPC HOLDER'S VIRTUAL CONVENTION, GAGANAPIN SA JUNE 3



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IPINAAALAM ng National Water Resources Board executive (NWRB) na kailangan nang magparehistro kaugnay sa gaganaping "CPC Holder's Virtual Convention" sa June 3, 2021, mula alas-9 ng umaga hanggang 3:00 ng hapon.

Ito ay para sa mga water service provider na regulated ng NWRB.

Libre ang isang araw na convention pero hanggang tatlong daan kalahok lamang ang tatanggapin, kaya kailangang kaagad magparehistro. Matatagpuan sa official Facebook page ng NWRB ang link.

Magiging tagapagsalita sa convention sina Atty. Juan Corpuz, Jr., chief, Water Utilities Division; Engr. Susan Alba o, chief, Policy and Program Division; Engr. Luis Rongavilla, chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Division; at Engr. Josephine Billiones, head, Water Resources Assessment Board.

Samantala, muling pagtitiyak ni NWRB executive director Dr. Sevillo David, Jr., na sa kabila ng tumitinding mainit na panahong nararanasan sa Metro Manila at sa malaking bahagi ng bansa ay sapat pa rin naman ang tubig para sa higit kumulang sixteen million na residente ng National Capital Region.

Kung matatandaan, noong nakaraang Lunes, May 17, 2021, ay naging panauhin din natin si Dr. David sa programang "Health & Travel @ Serbisyo Publiko" sa DWBL 1242kHz at sinigurado nga niyang sasapat ang tubig hanggang sa pagdating ng tag-ulan.

Sa kasalukuyan, nasa 48 cubic meters per second ang alokasyon ng tubig sa NCR, na mas mataas sa normal na alokasyon na 46 cubic meters per second, habang nasa 10 cubic meters per second naman ang alokasyon sa mga irigasyon, na makatutulong sa mga magsasaka ngayong tag-init.





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Pero kahit may tubig na magagamit, payo parin ni Dr. David ang pagtitipid sa tubig.

Ilan sa mga halimbawang ibinigay niya ay sa paliligo, habang nagsasabon ng katawan at kamay, isarado muna ang faucet, iwasang maging tuloy-tuloy ang pagtulo ng tubig kung nagsasabon pa.

Sa pagdidilig naman aniya ng halaman, maaaring recycled water na lamang ang gamitin.

Kung titingnan natin ang ulat ng Hydrological Information ng Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) inilabas noong ika-20 ng Mayo (8:00AM), bumaba na sa 195.35 meters ang level ng tubig sa Angat Dam.

Maituturing na mataas pa rin ang lebel ng tubig sa Angat Dam dahil ang Minimum Operating Water Level (MOWL) nito ay nasa 180 meters.

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# CCC, RARE's second Month of the Ocean webinar to focus on climate impacts on local coastal communities

By Ma. Alaine P. AllaniguePublished on May 24, 2021



QUEZON CITY, May 24 (PIA) -- Marine experts and local government officials will discuss how the climate is changing in the country – and specifically how this impacts on local coastal communities for the second part of the "Climate Change is Changing our Coastal and Marine Ecosystems" webinar organized by the Climate Change Commission (CCC) and RARE Philippines.

The webinar will air on Tuesday, 25 May 2021, 1 p.m. via Facebook Live at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CCCPhl">www.facebook.com/CCCPhl</a> and <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RareOrgPH">www.facebook.com/CCCPhl</a> and <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RareOrgPH">www.facebook.com/RareOrgPH</a>.

The upcoming webinar will feature experts including Dr. Julie Mae P. Dado from the Regional Climate Systems Laboratory of the Manila Observatory; Prof. Jessica D. Bercilla from the University of the Philippines-Visayas; and Vice Mayor Alfredo M. Coro II from municipality of Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte to discuss the current and observed climate change data in Philippine coasts, mainstreaming risk assessment in planning, and climate change data gaps and challenges from the local government perspective.

On May 18, the first of the three-part webinar was held with scientists from the CCC's National Panel of Technical Experts (NPTE) and the UP Marine Science Institute (UP-MSI) sharing their studies to build awareness on how the climate is changing the country's marine and coastal ecosystems.

For this session, the spotlight will be on local communities who are situated at the forefront of climate impacts and action.

The three-part webinar series aims to provide the public a broader understanding of the importance of science and data for informed policies on oceans. This is aligned with the overall goal of the United Nations Decade of the Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) with the theme, "The Science We Need for the Ocean We Want."



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For more information about the "Climate Change is Changing our Coastal and Marine Ecosystems", visit the Facebook pages of the Climate Change Commission and RARE Philippines. (PIA NCR)

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By Yen Makabenta

May 25, 2021

First word

STRANGELY, considering that it involves an issue of surpassing importance, the Senate has not shown any interest in the subject of climate change (global warming). It has allowed warnings and predictions of climate catastrophe to be paraded without the merest comment by legislators.

When it was said sometime back that the Philippines is an archipelago that could be swallowed up by the rising seas, no senator said anything.

When President Benigno Aquino 3rd decided to commit the Philippines to signing the Paris climate agreement in December 2015, there was hardly any discussion in the Senate about the wisdom of signing the climate treaty.

And yet, the Senate is ever jealous about its power to review decisions by the executive branch concerning treaties.

The Senate spends a lot of time and money investigating all kinds of issues and developments, including the inconsequential and trivial, in our national affairs and public life. When something catches a senator's fancy, promising some exposure in the media, he or she quickly files a resolution calling for an investigation of the matter, and voilà, before the public can comment, the Senate is off and running with a committee inquiry.

I will argue here that nothing is more worthy of a Senate inquiry than the alleged climate crisis and the repeated dire prediction of a climate catastrophe in this century that would end the world and human life as we know it.

With extinction threatening all humanity, surely our senators will not find anything of more profound and far-reaching import.

A Senate inquiry will have the salutary effect of forcing into the open the clashing sides in the climate debate: the climate activists and environmentalists at one end who relentlessly talk about mankind's last chance, and the climate skeptics and realists who contend that climate change is a travesty or a hoax.

This is not widely known, but the biggest promoters of climate change in the country is the gigantic industry to fight global warming. The climate change lobby funds organizations and individuals across the world, particularly nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), to spread the gospel of climate change. A number of foreigners preach the climate gospel among us.

Analysts now describe the climate change community as a "faith-based community," very much like a church or religion.

The Senate inquiry will do the nation an inestimable service if it inquires into the alleged climate crisis to determine whether the doomsday warning has substance and whether the Philippines is truly endangered by rising seas and other climatic perils.





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The Senate inquiry should invite the clashing sides of the climate debate to make the case for their respective sides by mounting the best arguments and proofs for their positions.

#### Climate change travesty

Author and The Washington Post columnist George Will was the first to use the word "travesty" to describe the climate change movement.

In a column published in December 2009, "The climate-change travesty," Will charged that scientists were massaging data and embroidering facts to engineer an alarm about global warming. He wrote: "Disclosure of e-mails and documents from the Climate Research Unit (CRU) in Britain - a collaborator with the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - reveals some scientists' willingness to suppress or massage data and rig the peer review process and the publication of scholarly work. The CRU materials also reveal paranoia on the part of scientists, who believe that in trying to engineer "consensus" and alarm about warming, they are a brave and embattled minority. Actually, never in peacetime history has the government-media-academic complex been in such sustained propagandistic lockstep about any subject.

Were their science as unassailable as they insist it is, and were the consensus as broad as they say it is, and were they as brave as they claim to be, they would not be "goaded" into intellectual corruption. Nor would they meretriciously bandy the word "deniers" to disparage skepticism that shocks communicants in the faith-based global warming community.

Skeptics about the shrill certitudes concerning catastrophic man-made warming are skeptical because climate change is constant: From millennia before the Medieval Warm Period (800 to 1300), through the Little Ice Age (1500 to 1850) and for millennia, hence, climate change is always a 100 percent certainty. Skeptics doubt that the scientists' models, which cannot explain the present, infallibly map the distant future.

A CRU e-mail says: "The fact is that we can't account for the lack of warming at the moment" - this "moment" is in its second decade - "and it is a travesty that we can't."

The travesty is the intellectual arrogance of the authors of climate change models partially based on the problematic practice of reconstructing long-term prior climate changes. On such models, we are supposed to wager trillions of dollars - and substantially diminished freedom.

Some climate scientists compound their delusions of intellectual adequacy with messiah complexes. They seem to suppose themselves a small clergy entrusted with the most urgent truth ever discovered. On it, and hence on them, the planet's fate depends. So some of them consider it virtuous to embroider facts, exaggerate certitudes, suppress inconvenient data and manipulate the peer review process to suppress scholarly dissent and, above all, to declare that the debate is over...





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Consider the sociology of science, the push and pull of interests, incentives, appetites and passions. Governments' attempts to manipulate Earth's temperature now comprise one of the world's largest industries. Tens of billions of dollars are being dispensed as by the US Energy Department, which has suddenly become, in effect, a huge venture capital operation, speculating in green technologies. Political, commercial, academic and journalistic prestige and advancement can be contingent on not disrupting the (postulated) consensus that is propelling the gigantic and fabulously lucrative industry of combating global warming.

#### 'Last chances' to save the planet

Issues and Insights.com published on April 23, 2021, a catalog of the many dire predictions and warnings about mankind's supposed last chance to save the planet. It wrote:

"John Kerry said earlier this month that we've reached 'the last best opportunity we have to get real and serious' about global warming. What's the difference between him and a loon walking down Manhattan's Fifth Avenue wearing one of those sandwich boards proclaiming the end of the world is nigh? We're struggling to see any."

Kerry, the Biden administration's special presidential envoy for climate - an office that amounts to much less than a bucket of warm spit - is part of a chorus of fearmongering that goes back more than three decades.

"In 1989, the United Nations gave us 10 years to save the world," science site "Watts Up With That?" posted last year.

Guest blogger Eric Worrall then went on to list more than a dozen "last chances" to stop global warming.

"If we do not heed this last chance, I'm sure there will be another last chance in the near future, just like all the previous last chances," he said.

Dire, way-off-base predictions have been the hallmark of radical environmentalism for at least a half century. Reason's Ronald Bailey took "a look back" in 2020 at the first Earth Day and the forecasters "who got the future wrong." He notes that the world did not have to halve the planet's population or stop economic growth completely "to prevent the imminent ecological cataclysm."

Nor have we run out of natural resources, been forced to shut down automobile travel, ban luxury items and wear gas masks in urban areas due to air pollution (though the doomsters among us are happy that we've been forced to mask up for at least a year for another reason).

Despite the unbroken string of erroneous predictions, we still get nonsense from the United Nations World Meteorological Organization, which says "time is fast running out" to keep global warming at bay, and drivel from UN Secretary-General António Guterres, who insists "we are on the verge of the abyss."





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That these people, including the John Kerrys of the United States, who are as useful as a broken leg, have not been driven from their positions of influence and authority is a near tragedy. To the extent that we need political leaders, our country and our world deserve serious, sober-minded people leading our institutions, not the pretenders, narrative-pimps, self-seekers, virtue-signalers, mindless agitators, think-they're-still-in-high-school attention-seekers, power-hungry louts and batty alarmists who currently dominate.

It's discouraging to think that maybe soon we'll have our last chance to rid ourselves of these malign characters because they have a way of settling in like a distant family member who makes a surprise visit and then won't leave. We need to start kicking them out now.

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### Globe deploys equipment that curb carbon emission

By <u>...</u> -May 25, 2021



Globe Telecom, Inc. has deployed a total of 203 fuel cell systems, 6,467 lithium ion batteries, 212 direct current generators, 60 DC-hybrid generators and 538 free cooling systems across its network nationwide as of end 2020. Globe Telecom said the initiative is part of its goal to reduce 30 percent of its carbon dioxide emission intensity to 2017 levels by 2030.

The company said fuel cell systems produce less emissions compared to traditional generator sets and can operate silently while lithium ion batteries are more heat-resistant and charge faster and operate 10 times longer than traditional lead-acid batteries.

Meanwhile, the telco said DC generators and DC-hybrid generators are being deployed to reduce fuel consumption and provide a more cost-efficient solution for open field sites as free cooling systems are utilized to reduce power consumption of air conditioning systems at field sites.

"We continue to engage partners in implementing renewable energy solutions such as solar panels and fuel cells within our operations. These will further shift Globe's energy reliance towards renewable sources, further decarbonizing our operations. In support of the Race To Zero global campaign, Globe continues to innovate and collaborate with partners to integrate sustainability and champion energy efficiency throughout the entire organization," said Ernest Cu, Globe president and chief executive officer in a statement.

By 2030, Globe also targets to upgrade infrastructure and retrofit its industries to make them sustainable with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally-sound technologies. *-J. Macapagal* 

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### 'Abnormal' Kanlaon emits steam plumes

By Ma. Cristina Arayata May 24, 2021, 2:11 pm



Mt. Kanlaon in Negros Island

MANILA – A voluminous emission of white steam-laden plumes that rose one kilometer was observed in Kanlaon Volcano for the past 24 hours, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) reported Monday.

Phivolcs director Renato Solidum Jr. said the volcanic event just shows that the volcano is at abnormal level (alert level 1).

"Voluminous describes the amount of steam coming out of the crater. But the alert level of the volcano is not only based on steaming. There are multiple parameters, such as earthquakes, ground deformation, gas," he told the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

Sulfur dioxide (SO2) emission, on the other hand, was measured at an average of 1,030 tonnes/day on May 23.

"It's not very high. The amount is above the normal level of around 300 tonnes/day," Solidum said.

Phivolcs also recorded six volcanic earthquakes in Kanlaon for the past 24 hours. Volcanic quakes are caused by movements or eruptions of magma from the volcano, compared to tectonic quakes which are caused by fault movements.

Those parameters may indicate hydrothermal, tectonic or even deep-seated magmatic processes occurring beneath the edifice.



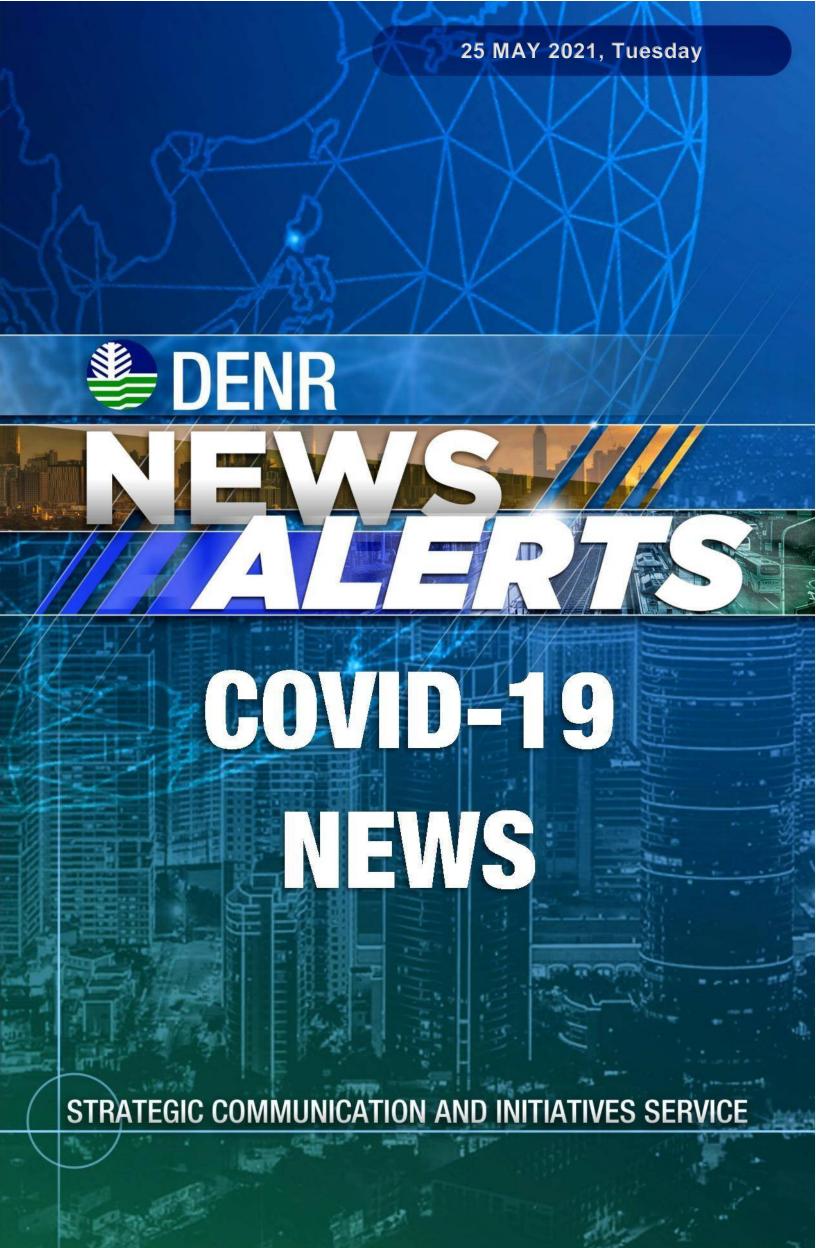
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Entry into the four-kilometer radius permanent danger zone must be strictly prohibited due to possibilities of sudden and hazardous steam-driven or phreatic eruptions.

Phivolcs added that civil aviation authorities must advise pilots to avoid flying close to the volcano's summit, as ejecta from any sudden phreatic eruption can be hazardous to aircraft. (PNA)

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### Philippines logs 4,973 new COVID-19 cases, total at 1.18 million

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This April 11, 2020 photo shows personnel preparing beds at the quarantine facility in the Philippine International Convention Center.

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities on Monday reported 4,973 fresh coronavirus cases, pushing the country's total to 1,184,706.

Today's development saw active cases down by 1,718 from May 23's 50,635.

The Department of Health said six laboratories did not turn in screening results.

Active cases: 48,917 or 4.1% of the total

Recoveries: 6,666, bringing the number to 1,115,806

Deaths: 39, or now 19,983 in total

#### What's new today?

DOH said investigations are underway on the alleged <u>sale of slots</u> for COVID-19 vaccinations. Metro Manila Development Authority chief Benhur Abalos said those behind this may face estafa charges.

The Department of Science and Technology said a <u>study</u> on the possibility of using different COVID-19 vaccine brands may begin by June. It will have 1,200 participants and will run for a year and a half.

A Social Weather Stations survey suggested that 63% of Filipinos <u>prefer</u> COVID-19 jabs from the United States, against 39% on Sinovac and 33% on Pfizer.





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A lawmaker who co-authored the proposed Bayanihan 3 said funds for the government's "implementation-ready" projects would be left <u>intact</u>. It came as Congress looks for additional budget for another COVID-19 financial aid package.

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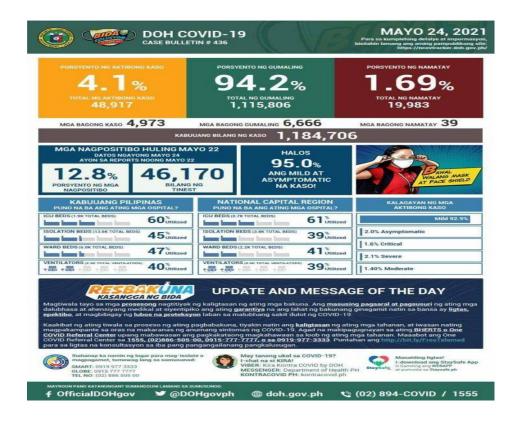




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# BREAKING: Aktibong kaso ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas, nasa 48,917; Halos 5,000 ang nadagdag

By Angellic JordanMay 24, 2021 - 04:47 PM



Halos 5,000 ang panibagong napaulat na kaso ng Coronavirus Disease o COVID-19 sa Pilipinas.

Sa huling datos ng Department of Health (DOH) bandang araw ng Lunes (May 24), pumalo na sa 1,184,706 ang confirmed cases ng nakakahawang sakit sa bansa.

Sa nasabi kasing bilang, 48,917 o 4.1 porsyento ang aktibong kaso.

Sinabi ng kagawaran na 4,973 ang bagong napaulat na kaso ng COVID-19 sa bansa.

92.9 porsyento sa active COVID-19 cases ang mild; 2.0 porsyento ang asymptomatic; 1.40 porsyento ang moderate; 2.1 porsyento ang severe habang 1.6 porsyento ang nasa kritikal na kondisyon.

Nasa 39 naman ang napaulat na nasawi.

Dahil dito, umakyat na sa 19,983 o 1.69 porsyento ang COVID-19 related deaths sa bansa.

Ayon pa sa DOH, 6,666 naman ang gumaling pa sa COVID-19.

Dahil dito, umakyat na sa 1,115,806 o 94.2 porsyento ang total recoveries ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas.

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# Active cases dip below 49K with 6,666 new Covid-19 recoveries

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor May 24, 2021, 5:27 pm



MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Monday reported 6,666 new recoveries from the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), pushing the country's overall recovery count to 1,115,806.

In its daily bulletin, the DOH said this translates to a 94.2-percent recovery rate out of a cumulative total of 1,184,706 Covid-19 cases since the start of the pandemic last year.

The agency also reported 4,973 new infections, bringing the total number of active cases to 48,917.

Of the active cases, about 92.9 percent are mild, 2 percent are asymptomatic, 2.1 percent are severe, 1.40 are moderate, and 1.6 percent are in critical condition.

The DOH also recorded 39 new deaths, pushing the death toll to 19,983.

According to DOH data on May 22, about 12.8 percent of 46,170 who were tested turned out positive for the disease.

"Some 21 duplicates were removed from the total case count, and of these, 18 were recovered cases. Moreover, 18 cases that were previously tagged as recovered were reclassified as deaths after final validation," the DOH said.

The agency said all laboratories were operational on May 22, but six laboratories were unable to submit data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System (CDRS).

"Based on the data in the past 14 days, the contribution of these six laboratories is 1.1 percent of all the samples tested and 1.3 percent of individuals who tested positive," it added.





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Currently, 60 percent of 1,900 intensive care unit beds, 45 percent of 13,600 isolation beds, 47 percent of 6,000 ward beds, and 40 percent of 2,000 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are in use nationwide.

Meanwhile, 61 percent of 700 intensive care unit beds, 39 percent of 3,800 isolation beds, 41 percent of 2,200 ward beds, and 39 percent of 800 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are being used in the National Capital Region.

The public is reminded to stay at home and to observe minimum health standards when going out.

The DOH urged those experiencing Covid-19 symptoms to immediately isolate and contact the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams. (PNA)

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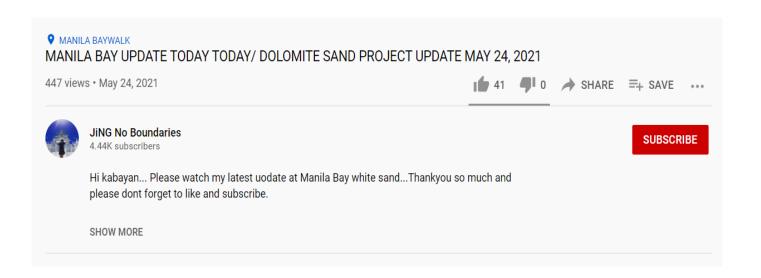




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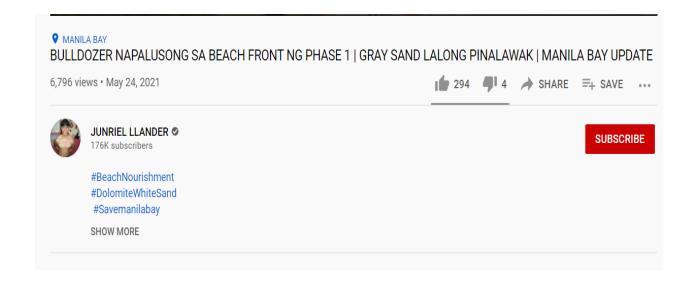




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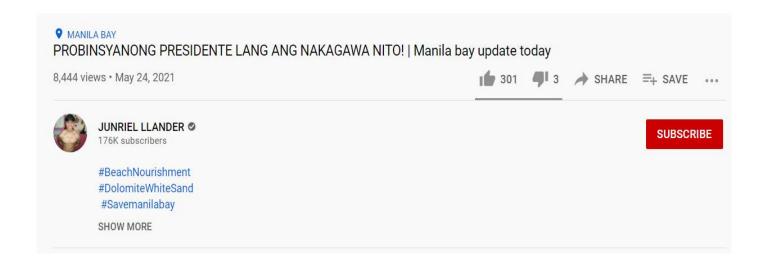




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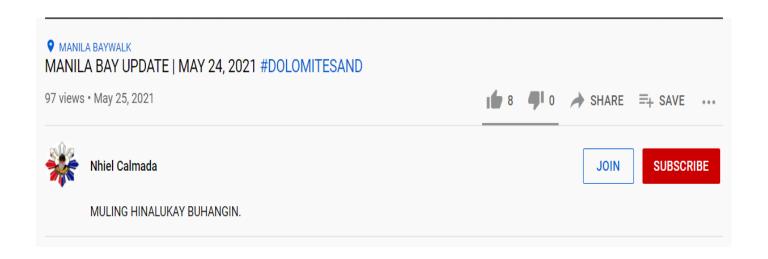




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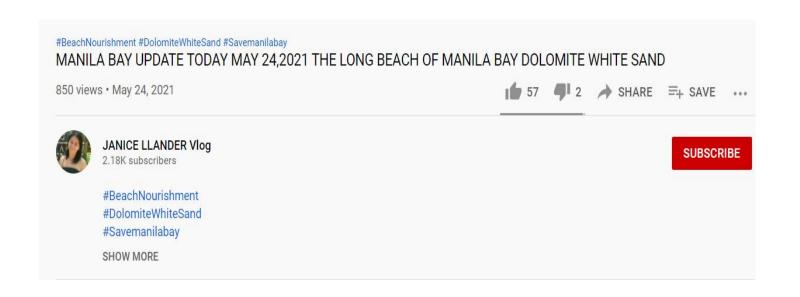




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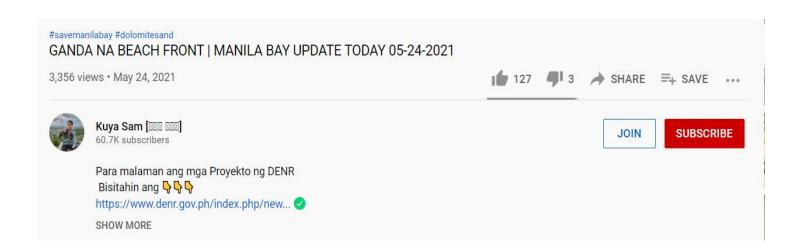




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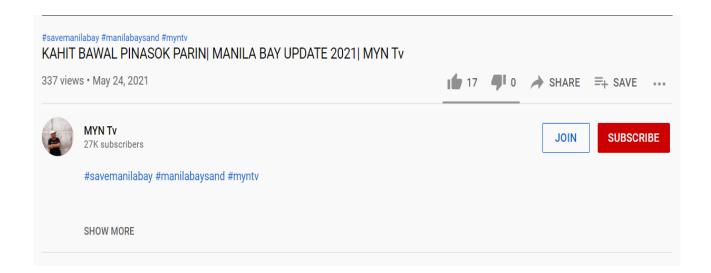




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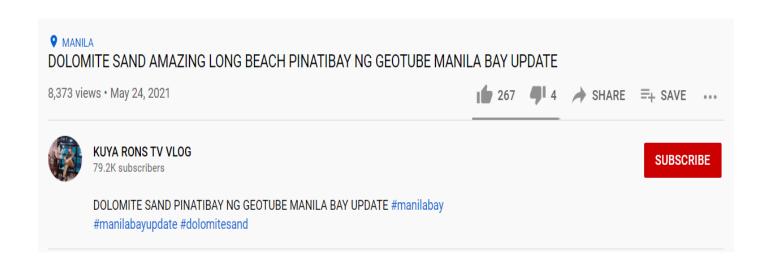




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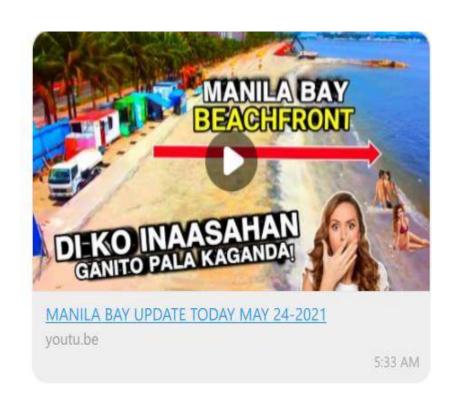
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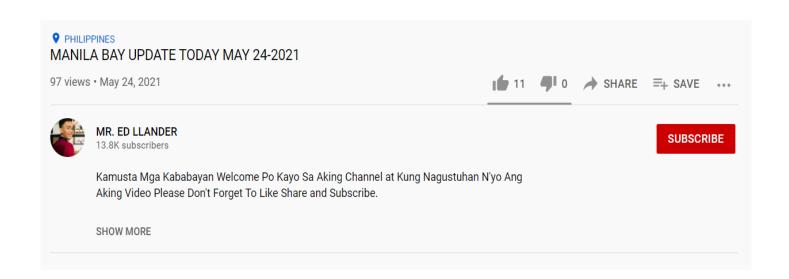




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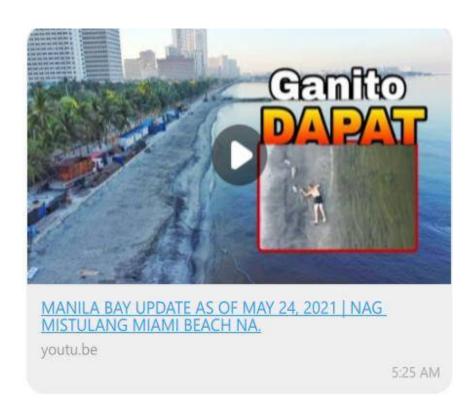
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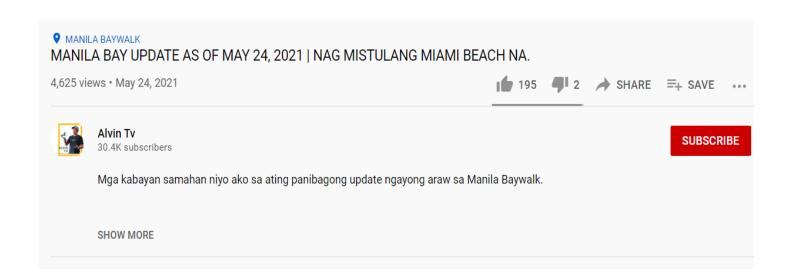




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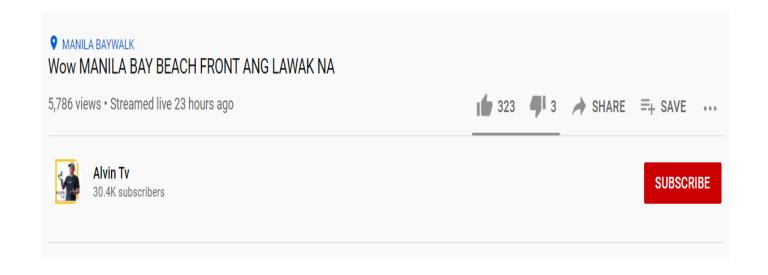




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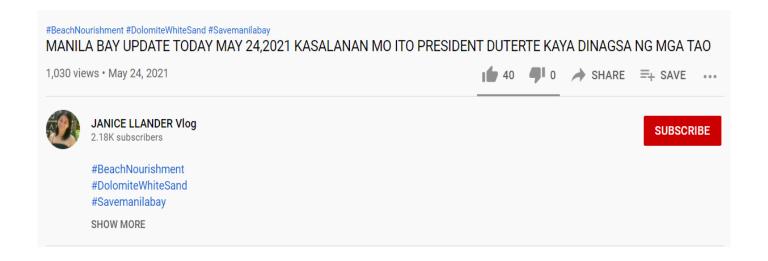




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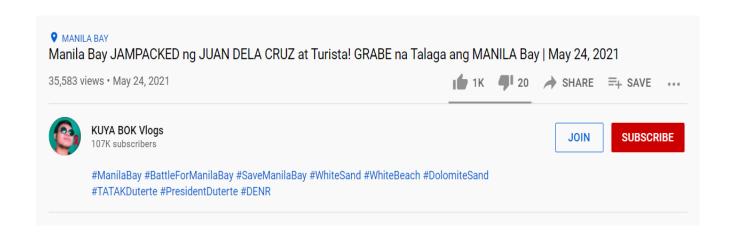




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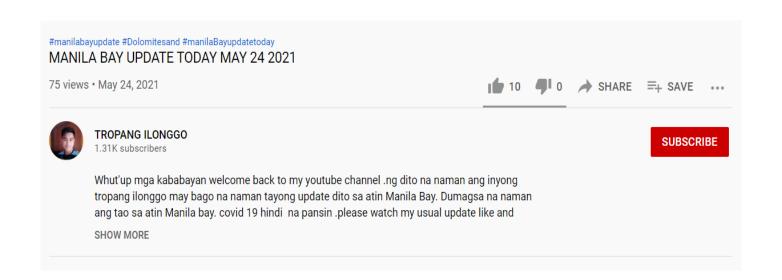




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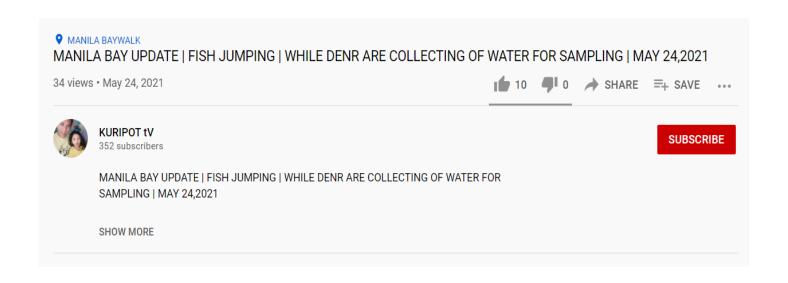




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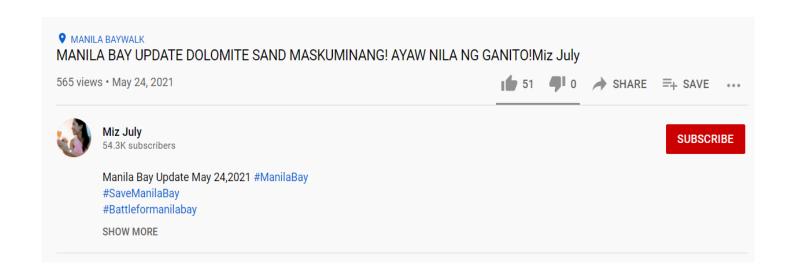




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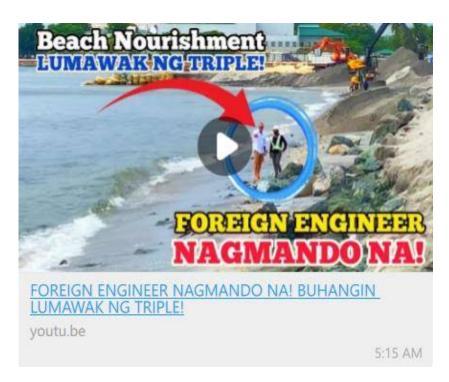
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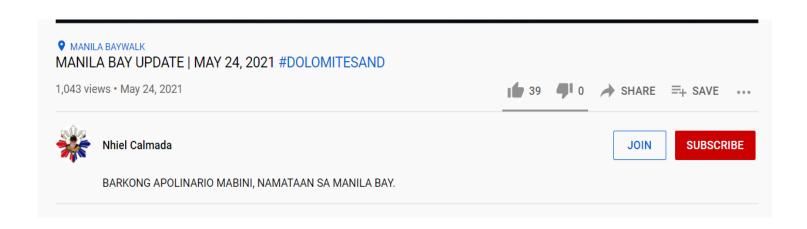




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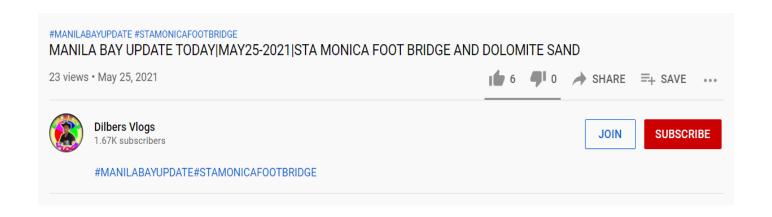




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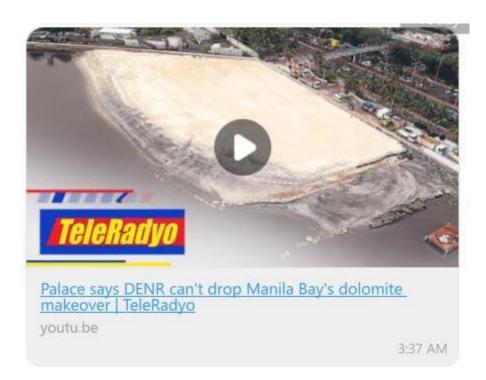
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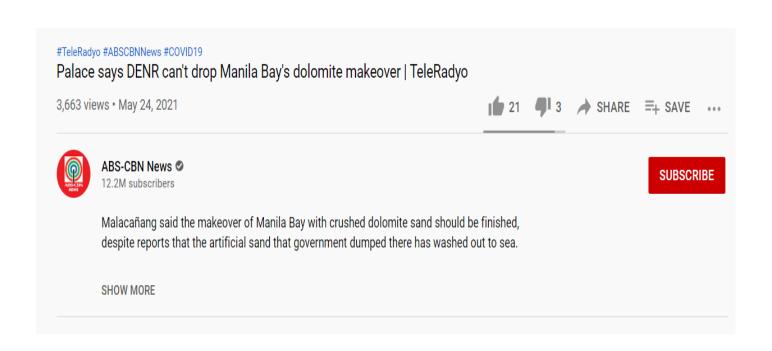




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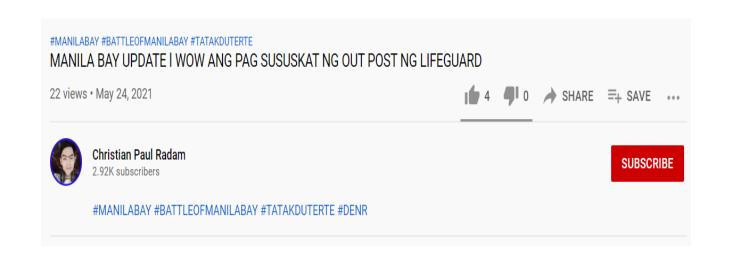




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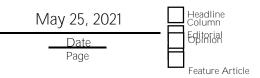


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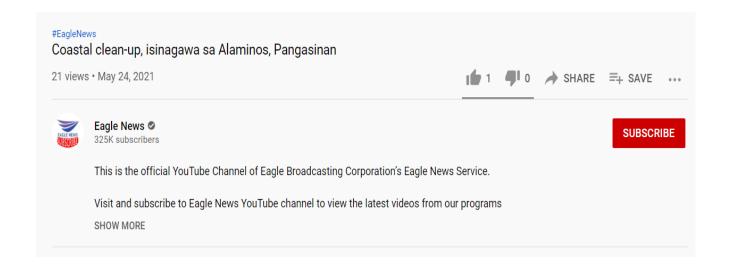








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