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In addition to this, the area where the illegal miners were apprehended last December 16, 2019 is part of the Taal Volcano Protected Area Landscape, and is classified as timberland.

They were charged by the DENR for violation of Section 103 of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 or Republic Act 7942 and Section 20 of the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992 or Republic Act No. 7586.

The six suspects were ordered to pay a fine of P10,000 each with subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency.

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[BY JONATHAN L. MAYUGA](#)

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Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Roy A. Cimatu has welcomed a court decision against illegal quarrying in Taal Volcano, a protected area under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act.

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) filed the case against the respondents.

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The suspects were arrested on Dec. 16, 2019 after being caught in the act of extracting and dumping soil and minerals from an area that is a part of the Taal Volcano Protected Landscape and classified as timberland.

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Cimatu: Pagkapanalo ng DENR vs illegal Taal Volcano miners, inspirasyon sa law enforcement team



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Manila, Philippines – MALUGOD na tinanggap ni Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu ang desisyon ng kaso laban sa mga naarestong illegal miners sa probinsiya ng Batangas noong 2019.

Sa dalawang pahinang desisyon ni Judge Librado Chavez ng 5th Municipal Circuit Trial Court sa Talisay-Laurel, Batangas, ang mga akusadong sina Elmer Portugal, Lindley Miranda, Jeremy Caramoan, Gualberto Eser, Calisto Quimio at Geron Yambing ay napatunayang nagkasala ng illegal quarrying at pagkuha ng 14,430 cubic meters ng palanas minerals.

Sa press release ayon kay Sec. Cimatu ang desisyon ay isang inspirasyon at sinabi pa nito na ang prosekusyon sa mga illegal miners ay napapanahon upang maging inspirasyon sa enforcement team na magsanay ng mabuti at ipagpatuloy ang kanilang tagumpay.

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Ayon sa DENR ang palanas minerals na tinatayang aabot sa halagang P2.46 million ay kinuha sa quarrying operation sa Barangay Banga, Talisay, Batangas nang walang kaukulang permiso mula sa local Provincial Mining Regulatory Board at sa DENR Mines and Geosciences Bureau sa Region IV-A.



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Kaugnay nito sinabi pa ng DENR na ang mga suspek ay naaresto noong Disyembre 16, 2019 matapos maaktuhang kumukuha at nagtatapon ng lupa at minerals mula sa lugar na bahagi ng Taal Volcano Protected Area Landscape at may klasipikasyon bilang “timberland.”

Samantala ang mga naarestong suspek ay kinasuhan ng paglabag sa Section 103 ng Philippine Mining Act of 1995 o ang Republic Act 7942 at Section 20 ng National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992 o ang Republic Act No. 7586.

Kaugnay nito sa naging desisyon ng korte, ang mga suspek ay pinagbabayad ng multang P10,000 bawat isa at maaaring makulong kapag hindi nakapagbayad.

Sa kaugnay na ulat ayon kay DENR Undersecretary for Enforcement Benito Antonio de Leon, ang bagong tagumpay na ito ay “can be taken into new heights once the Environment Protection and Enforcement Bill or EPEB is passed.”

“We are seeing promising developments in the area of environmental law enforcement. Hopefully, these developments may inspire our legislators to mark this bill as urgent,” saad ni de Leon said. (Santi Celario)



6 Taal Volcano miners found guilty of illegal quarrying, extraction

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by [Joseph Pedrajas](#)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has won its case filed against six miners in the Taal Volcano after a municipal court in Batangas found them guilty of illegal quarrying and extraction.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu on Monday welcomed the two-page decision penned by 5th Talisay-Laurel's Municipal Circuit Trial Court Judge Librado Chavez. He said their prosecution is "very timely to inspire the enforcement team to train well and continue this success."

Found guilty were Elmer Portugal, Lindley Miranda, Jeremy Caramoan, Gualberto Eser, Calisto Quimio and Geron Yaming, who were also ordered to pay a P10,000 fine each, with subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency.

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Portugal, Miranda, Caramoan, Eser, Quimio and Yaming were arrested in December 2019 after they were caught extracting 14,430 cubic meters of palanas minerals and disposing soil from an area that is part of the Taal Volcano Protected Area Landscape and is classified as timberland.

The extracted palanas minerals, worth around P2.46 million, were taken during a quarry operation in Barangay Banga in Talisay, Batangas without the necessary permits from the local Provincial Mining Regulatory Board and the DENR's Mines and Geosciences Bureau in Region IV -A.

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DENR renews call vs illicit wild trade

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By [Mar T. Supnad](#)



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has reiterated its call for the approval of two Senate bills that seek to strengthen Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001.

DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau Director Datu Tungko Saikol said it is high time to amend the gaps in the law two decades after its implementation.

"We commend the House of Representatives for passing House Bill 9833 revising the Wildlife Act of 2001 on third and final reading, and call on our good senators to pass Senate Bills 2078 and 2079 to strengthen our fight against wildlife crimes," Saikol said.

He added that almost 20 years after the Wildlife Act took effect, the threat of extinction of wildlife species in the Philippines is still not far behind, wreaking havoc to our biodiversity that supports our livelihood and economy.

"Illegal wildlife trade, which is the second-biggest threat to species survival globally, increases the risks of zoonotic diseases, or the transfer of diseases from animals to humans, leading to outbreaks," Saikol said. "With the lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic, it is imperative to pass a strengthened wildlife conservation and protection law without delay."

Saikol also mentioned that the law, once amended, will effectively deter wildlife trafficking not only in the country, but also in other global destination points.

"As a result, it will prevent if not eliminate the incidence, at least in the Philippines, of another infectious disease such as Covid-19, which originated in animals and caused unprecedented loss of human lives worldwide," he also said.

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The value of illegal wildlife trade in the country is estimated at P50 billion yearly, including the market value of wildlife and its resources, their ecological role and value, damage to habitats and loss in potential ecotourism revenues.

Source: <https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/10/04/denr-renews-call-against-illegal-wildlife-trade/>



DENR-BMB renews call for stronger measures to combat illegal wildlife trade

[October 4, 2021](#) 3 min read

By Ernie Reyes

MANILA — On World Animal Day, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has reiterated its call for the approval of two Senate bills that seek to strengthen Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001.

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From 2010 to 2020, more than 67,500 wildlife specimens worth at least P248M were confiscated from 523 suspected law violators. At least 153 criminal complaints have been filed in court, with 29 cases resolved and 47 criminals convicted.

The Philippines, among the world's 17 mega-diverse countries that host two-thirds of the Earth's biodiversity, has become an important source, transit, and destination point for illegal wildlife trade, which is now the fourth largest illegal trade worldwide behind illegal drugs, arms, and human trafficking.

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Spotted: Filipinos flock to Manila Bay area and shun COVID-19 protocols

By [Jeline Malasig](#)

- October 4, 2021 - 2:21 PM



People flock to Manila Bay near the Senate building in Pasay City on Sunday to swim on Oct. 3, 2021. (The STAR/Edd Gumban)

Various health concerns were raised after estimated 100 individuals were spotted swimming, hanging out and disregarding minimum public health protocols for COVID-19 in Manila Bay near the Senate Building in Pasay City.

News outlets shared [pictures](#) of Filipinos enjoying the natural harbor on Sunday while the National Capital Region stays under Alert Level 4 of the general community quarantine up to October 15.

[Reports](#) said that minors were among those who were seen wading in the waters along the Diokno Boulevard in Pasay City around noon.

The Pasay City Police said that the swimmers were not noticed immediately as there is a quarantine facility blocking the view of the bay.

The [guidelines](#) of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases state that individual outdoor exercises for all ages are allowed under Alert Level 4.

Those with immunodeficiencies, comorbidities or other health risks, and pregnant women are also allowed to individually exercise outdoors but only within the general area of their residence such as their barangay, purok, subdivision, and/or village.

Those who are fully vaccinated and over 65 years old are likewise allowed to individually exercise outdoors beyond the general area of their respective residences.

The activities are allowed provided that they observe the minimum public health and safety protocols such as the wearing of face masks and the maintenance of physical distancing measures.

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The IATF also said that under Alert Level 4, “social events such as but not limited to gatherings at residences with any person outside of one’s immediate household, concerts and parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers, parades, processions, motorcades,” are not allowed.

It similarly said that “all contact sports whether indoor or outdoor, except those conducted under a bubble-type setup as provided for under relevant guidelines adopted by the IATF, and approved by the LGU where such games shall be held,” are prohibited.

The circulating photos alarmed online Filipinos who voiced their health concerns following the reports.

“Maawa kayo sa HCW ...” a [Twitter user](#) said amid the violation of public health protocols. “HCW” stands for healthcare workers.

“Diyos ko, maawa naman kayo sa mga health worker, exhausted na sa pagod sa hospital tapos kayo mga pasaway,” wrote a [Facebook user](#).

The Department of Health requires everyone to have at least a one-meter distance from everyone. This is nearly equivalent to a length of a motorcycle.

Meanwhile, the United States’ Centers for Disease Control and Protection [said](#) that individuals should observe “at least 6 feet” or “about an arm’s length” distance from each other to mitigate the risk.

“Social distancing, also called ‘physical distancing,’ means keeping a safe space between yourself and other people who are not from your household,” its website said.

“Recent studies indicate that people who are infected but do not have symptoms likely also play a role in the spread of COVID-19. Since people can spread the virus before they know they are sick, it is important to stay at least 6 feet away from others when possible, even if you—or they—do not have any symptoms,” it further said.

A Twitter user also raised concern on the cleanliness of the bay’s waters.

“Good luck sa mga bacterial flora na makikita niyo sa tubig diyan??? Clear does not automatically mean clean. hOMAYGAHD,” a [Twitter user](#) said.

Last month, Secretary Roy Cimatu of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources said that the waters off the baywalk area along Manila Bay [can soon](#) be fit for swimming and other contact recreational activities.

He added that the fecal coliform level in the baywalk waters has dipped to some 7,000 MPN or most probable number per 100 milliliters in August.

Cimatu said that the standard is 100 MPN per 100 ML to accommodate swimming activities.



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Meanwhile, reports said that the police have issued [tickets](#) to more than 50 people for violating the COVID-19 protocols in Manila Bay.

They added that they will strictly monitor the area following the incident.

Pasay City Police chief Police Colonel Cesar Paday-os has already [ordered](#) additional police presence in the vicinity.



Higit 50 nagtampisaw sa Manila Bay, hinuli



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MANILA, Philippines – Sinita at tiniketang ng awtoridad ang mahigit 50 indibidwal na nahuling lumalangoy sa Manila Bay sa Pasay City.

Kinumpirma naman ni Manila Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso na hindi na sakop ng Maynila ang insidente dahil hurisdiksyon na ito ng Pasay local government unit.

Kabilang sa mga naliligo sa Manila Bay ay mga bata na bitbit ng kanilang mga magulang na tila mga nag-outing sa isang beach

Dahil dito hindi na rin nasunod ang minimum public health standards gaya ng physical distancing

Agad namang sinaway ng mga pulis ang mga nagsu- swimming at pinaahon sa tubig.

Maging ang mga make-shift na bahay na pahingahan ng mga mangingisdang taga Cavite at pinagiba na rin ng mga awtoridad. *Jocelyn Tabangcura-Domenden*



Pasay City police naghigpit na vs magtatampisaw sa Manila Bay



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MANILA, Philippines – Nasa 100 indibidwal ang tinikitan ng Pasay City police makaraang mahuling naliligo sa breakwater sa kahabaan ng Macapagal Boulevard sa Pasay City.

Dahil dito, hinigpitan na ng pulisya ang kanilang pagbabantay sa nasabing katubigan.

Agad na inatas ni Pasay City police chief P/Colonel Cesar Paday-os, ang kanyang mga tauhan na magdagdag ng pulis sa lugar.

Iniatas niya rin ang paglalagay ng karatula na nagsasabing “Bawal Maligo” para wala nang mairadahan pa ang mga nagbabalak maligo sa lugar na hindi nila alam an kautusan ng lokal na pamahalaan. *James I. Catapusan*

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/pasay-city-police-naghigpit-na-vs-magtatampisaw-sa-manila-bay/>



DENR kumambyo, bawal na muli maligo sa Manila Bay

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Mahigpit na binabantayan ng mga barangay tanod ng Pasay City ang parteng ito ng Manila Bay upang hindi na maulit ang pagdagsa ng mga taong gustong maliligo dito. Naalarma ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa dami ng mga taong naligo sa Manila Bay nitong Linggo (03 Oct 2021) kung kaya't muling ipinagbawal ng ahensya at sinabing hindi pa tahasang ligtas na gawing paliguan ang Manila Bay.



(JHUN MABANAG/BENJAMIN CUARESMA/AI/MTVN)



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PROOF that Metro Manila's rivers are alive is the presence of these migratory birds hunting fish for their sustenance.

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Portion of Boracay resort demolished for environmental violation

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[by Tara Yap](#)

ILOILO CITY — A portion of a posh resort in world-famous Boracay Island was demolished for being located in a non-buildable zone.

The national government's Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) demolished two villas and a portion of the swimming pool of Monaco Suites de Boracay last week.

BIATF Manager Natividad Bernardino said that Monaco Suites de Boracay's two villas and the swimming pool violated the beach easement rule as well as it was built on a cliff that is considered a forestland.



A still from a video of the demolition of a portion of the Monaco Suites de Boracay in Boracay Island.
(Courtesy of Boracay Informer/Manila Bulletin)

"The management has been given notices since 2019 and the owners initially agreed to voluntarily demolish last August. However, they failed to comply. That's why we had to enforce the demolition," Bernardino told Manila Bulletin in a phone interview Monday, October 4.

The management and security of Monaco Suites de Boracay's security and management did not allow the BIATF to enter the premises.



Portion of Boracay resort demolished for environmental violation

"We had to go through the neighboring resort to be able to implement the demolition," Bernardino disclosed.

The BIATF has been urging tourism establishments at the country's most famous beach destination in Malay town, Aklan province to comply with laws.

The demolition of erring structures are part of the national government's long-term rehabilitation of Boracay, which started in April 2018 when it was temporarily closed to tourists for a six-month period.



PH's largest solar park to rise in Nueva Ecija

By Kris Crismundo October 4, 2021, 3:10 pm



SOLAR PARK. The country's largest solar project will soon rise on a development area of Solar Philippines in Nueva Ecija, one of the sites that comprise the 10,000-hectare Solar Energy Zones, Inc. There is now a scarcity of land to put up such projects with the growing demand for new solar power plants. *(Photo courtesy of Solar Philippines)*

MANILA – The Philippines is expected to ramp up its renewable energy sources in the coming years as the largest solar park in the country will rise in Nueva Ecija.

In a statement Monday, Solar Philippines said it is setting up the Solar Energy Zones, Inc. (SEZ) to host solar power projects in its 10,000 hectares land located in Batangas, Nueva Ecija, and Tarlac.

Solar Philippines founder Leandro Leviste said with the growing demand for new solar power plants, there is now a scarcity of land to put up the projects.

Leviste said the SEZ is inspired by solar parks in India where firms can co-locate for their solar projects.

"Our aim is no longer to compete with the country's power companies, but to enable them to build projects, to ensure that solar soon becomes the largest source of new energy in the Philippines," he said.

Leviste added the SEZ will help firms make it possible to build large-scale solar farms.



PH's largest solar park to rise in Nueva Ecija

"Now the power industry is convinced that it is, we are making available these sites to help others enter the market," he said.

In the coming months, SEZ will announce future locators that will be constructing their solar projects in the next five years.

"The capacity of these will be multiple times greater than the country's total solar capacity to date, making solar a major share of the country's energy mix," Solar Philippines said.

The Department of Energy (DOE) aims that the country expands its renewable energy resources during the Duterte administration and beyond.

DOE data showed that between 2016 and 2020, some 7,399 megawatts of clean energy have been installed.

DOE Secretary Alfonso Cusi earlier said promoting renewable energy, of which solar power has a big share, is part of the country's commitment to the Paris Agreement on climate change. (PNA)



Over 7K bamboo seedlings produced in Misamis Oriental through DOST's support

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by [Charissa Luci-Atienza](#)

The bamboo nursery jointly put up by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the local government unit (LGU) of Alubijid has produced more than 7,000 seedlings.



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DOST Secretary Fortunato "Boy" T. de la Peña said the production of 7,179 bamboo seedlings was made possible through the agency's Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) program under the Environment and Climate Change Adaptation entry point.

"About 7,179 bamboo seedlings were produced through the intervention and support of DOST-X PSTC (Provincial Science and Technology Center) Misamis Oriental and the local government unit of Alubijid," he said during his weekly report on Friday, Oct. 1.

The project, he said, has been given funding amounting to P250,000.

The nursery has so far benefited 19 communities.

Meanwhile, De la Peña reported the DOST-VIII is supporting the bamboo industry development program in Borongan City, Eastern Samar.

"The DOST-VIII through the Eastern Samar Provincial S&T Center is actively supporting the government's efforts in developing the bamboo industry in the province," he said.



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During the Bamboo Industry Stakeholders Meeting held on Sept. 16, 2021 at Serenada Event Center, Borongan City, the DOST-Eastern Samar reaffirmed "its commitment to assist the bamboo industry by providing financial and technical assistance through introduction of new technologies and equipment for bamboo processing."

The meeting was attended by several national government agencies, non-government organizations, the business sector, and the academe.

The Eastern Samar Bamboo Industry Development Council is led by Caritas Borongan, Inc., the social action arm of the Diocese of Borongan City. It is co-chaired by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Eastern Samar.



Faithful invited to join 40-day prayer campaign to save the environment

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by [Christina Hermoso](#)

The Living Laudato Si' Philippines is inviting the faithful to join the 40-day prayer campaign to save the environment.



Laudato Si Philippines image

The prayer campaign begins Monday, Oct. 4 to coincide with the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment, and ends on Nov. 14, which is observed as the World Day of Prayer for the Poor.

"We encourage the faithful to join us in our daily prayer campaign to save our common home," said LLS Philippines executive director Rodne Galicha over Radio Veritas.

The 40-day prayer campaign aims to show support to the seven sectors of the Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) that include the family, parishes and dioceses, schools, , healthcare communities, the economy, various organizations, and the religious orders as stewards of God's creation as well as to fulfill the seven Laudato Si' goals:

- Response to the cry of the earth
- Response to the cry of the poor;
- Ecological economics;



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- Adoption of simple lifestyles;
- Ecological education;
- Ecological spirituality; and
- Community engagement and participatory action

"From our families, parishes and dioceses, schools, healthcare community, economic sector, organizations and groups, and religious orders and missions, as stewards we shall act together to achieve the goals of Laudato Si'. Let us thank God for the gift of creation we ought to care, restore and regenerate," Galicha stressed.

The Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in partnership with LLS Philippines will lead the prayer campaign.

Laudato Si is Pope Francis' encyclical on the care and preservation of the environment and the world we live in.



Environmental groups sa Comelec: Campaign materials na nakasisira sa kapaligiran ipagbawal



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MANILA, Philippines – Umapela ang ilang environmental groups sa Commission on Elections na pasimulan ang pro-environment measures bago ang halalan 2022.

Kabilang sa grupo ang EcoWaste Coalition, Greenpeace Philippines, Mother Earth Foundation, Zero Waste Philippines, Cavite Green Coalition, Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability, Oceana Philippines, NASSA/Caritas Philippines, at Urban Poor Associates.

Sa mga kinakaharap ngayon sa lipunan dahil sa problema sa basura, plastic pollution, climate change at COVID-19, hinihikayat ng environmental groups ang poll body na gumawa ng kinakailangang mga polisiya at kasanayan na poprotekta sa kapaligiran mula sa karagdagang pagkasira dahil sa mga aktibidad na nauugnay sa halalan.

Kasama sa mga paglabag ang walang tigil na pagkakabit ng mga campaign posters sa labas ng mga lugar na itinalaga ng Comelec, at karamihan ay sa mga puno, poste ng kuryente at pader.

Ayon pa sa environmental groups, naobserbahan din ang talamak na paggamit ng mga campaign material na hindi maaring ma-recycle partikular ang plastic tarpaulins, posters, confetti na hinahagis sa miting de avance.

Sa araw ng halalan, aasahan na rin umano ang mga food and beverages containers sa loob ng mga polling centers na ginamit ng mga poll watchers, Board of Election Inspectors at volunteers.



Environmental groups sa Comelec: Campaign materials na nakasisira sa kapaligiran ipagbawal

Upang matugunan ang mga pangyayaring ito, hinimok ng mga grupo ang Comelec na, bukod sa iba pa, himukin ang lahat ng mga indibidwal at mga pangkat na tumatakbo para sa halalan na sumunod sa Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, na nagbabawal sa pagtatapon ng basura, open dumping, at pagsusunog ng basura.

“We hope Comelec will commit to greening the 2022 polls to the best of its ability and with the participation and support of all stakeholders,” ayon kay Eileen Sison, ang pangulo ng Ecowaste. *Jocelyn Tabangcura-Domenden*

Everybody wants to do right by nature. They just need a nudge, study shows

Subtle messaging and cues can encourage tourists to engage in behaviours that protect the marine ecosystem, a new study says.



Litter found in the waters of Bali, Indonesia. Image: [Behan, CC BY-NC-ND 2.0](#).
[Basten Gokkon, Mongabay.com](#)

Oct. 4, 2021

"Do you need a plastic bag?" asks a store cashier. Bland as it may seem, that's the kind of question that appears to be an effective nudge for tourists to take environmentally friendly action, according to a study.

Giving subtle messaging and cues is likely to encourage tourists to engage in behaviors that protect the marine ecosystem, a group of researchers concluded in their paper [published](#) in February in the journal *Frontiers of Communication*. They observed real behavioral changes using natural field experiments with different types of pro-environmental communication framing interventions, and tested the effectiveness of those approaches.

Many tourists have the knowledge and responsibility to take environmentally conscious actions, but in practice, they often fail due to contextual obstacles, the study noted, describing this phenomenon as the "knowledge-action gap."

Everybody wants to do right by nature. They just need a nudge, study shows

“The gap between knowledge and action exists because it is much easier to think a certain way than it is to actually consistently behave in that manner,” said lead author said Katherine Nelson from the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research in Germany. “But providing a subtle cue can help us relieve some of the cognitive burden on our brains when we are in a complex environment.”

The researchers conducted two field experiments, focusing on plastic bag use and snorkeling behavior, on the Indonesian island of Gili Trawangan, a popular destination for beachgoers. Plastic bags are a [major polluter of the marine ecosystem](#), while snorkeling, if not done right, can pose immediate threats to marine life; destructive behavior includes standing and walking on coral reefs, touching reefs, or chasing and touching sea animals like turtles.

The scientists also observed the differences in people’s behaviour based on whether they were confronted with a written or a face-to-face interaction featuring either a positive message — highlighting good outcomes — or a negative message, focusing on the bad outcomes of a specific action.

In terms of plastic bag use, the authors found that tourists were most likely to decline using single-use bags when being exposed to verbal and visual nudges. The research also showed that pre-snorkel instructions about safe underwater behavior were effective in reducing divers’ damaging actions toward marine life.

“Our study highlights that an intervention can lead people to making better decisions by just drawing their attention to an issue,” Nelson said. “By providing a small cue, we can reduce the obstacles that get in the way and make environmental behaviours easy.”

The authors urged stakeholders in the tourism sector to apply these approaches as a simple effort to reduce local impacts on the environment, particularly marine ecosystems.

“A key reflection is that the interventions tested here are very low cost and easy-to-implement,” Nelson wrote in the paper.

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Plastic tunnel hopes to raise awareness about pollution in the world's oceans

Prasto Wardoyo, Reuters

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People walk through "Terowongan 4444" or 4444 tunnel, built from plastic bottles collected from several rivers around the city, at the plastic museum constructed by Indonesia's environmental activist group Ecological Observation and Wetlands Conservation (ECOTON) in Gresik regency near Surabaya, East Java province, Indonesia on September 28, 2021. The outdoor exhibit, made from more than 10,000 plastic waste items, including 4,444 plastic bottles, aims to raise awareness on the plastic pollution in the world's oceans and hopes to make consumers rethink their habits and avoid use of single-use plastics.



Garage greens

Many people are already aware of climate change and are trying to contribute in their own little way to mitigate its impact

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on the environment and populations.

The English football organization Premier League tried to make one of its matches last month carbon emission-free to increase awareness on global warming. In the game between Tottenham and Chelsea clubs, coaches and players used biofuels to drive to the stadium and no plastic bottled water was served during the match.

Fans were told to use mass public transport to go to the game and all food served to them were plant-based. The league also set a reforestation project in East Africa and will create a new forest in the UK, while Tottenham will plant trees near its stadium before yearend.

In the US, firefighters wrapped giant old trees at the Sequoia National Park in California with fire-resistant aluminum foil to protect them from an active wildfire. Aside from preventing damage to the 3,000-year-old trees, the wraps will help them continue absorbing carbon dioxide from the air.

In the Indian city of Mumbai where the air is heavily polluted by smog, 23-year-old local engineer Angad Daryani invented an outdoor purification device that removes particulate matters and other pollutants from the atmosphere.

Built by Daryani's startup named Praan, each of the 173-centimeter-tall devices mounted on street lamps, apartments and schools can filter 8.5 cubic meters of air per minute and store 11,540 cubic centimeters of powdered carbon pollutants. The carbon is given to architectural firm Carbon Craft Design, which turns it into ink for use in designing handcrafted decorative flooring tiles.

In Thailand, many taxi drivers gave up their jobs to avoid Covid-19 infection and when earnings fell after the number of their customers dwindled due to travel restrictions. Consequently, thousands of taxis became idle in the garages of cab cooperatives.

A new purpose for the 2,500 cabs of the Ratchapruk and Bovorn Taxi cooperatives now sitting idle in different garages in Bangkok emerged. Employees of the coops are using the cars to put food on the table as they struggle with pay cuts.

The coop workers stretched black plastic garbage bags on bamboo frames placed on the roofs of the parked cabs and put soil in it. The tomatoes, cucumbers and string beans they planted are now growing on the "roof gardens."

On other taxi roofs, tires serve as makeshift ponds for growing edible frogs. Excess frogs and vegetables are sold, and the income is divided by the workers among themselves.

As for the taxi coop officials, they are still thinking of a way on how to repay the two billion baht loan used for purchasing their taxi fleet that income from the mini-gardens simply cannot offset. WJG @tribunephil_wjg



Doubt clouds COP26 climate summit

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by [AFP](#)

Paris—One month out from the COP26 climate summit, world leaders are under unprecedented pressure to decarbonise their economies and chart humanity's path away from catastrophic global warming.

But in the midst of a pandemic still raging in parts of the globe, and with countries already battered by climate-driven calamities pleading for help—and money—the negotiations in Glasgow are likely to be fraught.

The summit, already delayed a year by COVID-19, comes as the gap between what science says is needed to avert disaster and what governments are doing is larger than ever.

Addressing around 50 ministers on Thursday at the start of a pre-COP gathering in Milan, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres laid out the choice facing delegates in Glasgow: "We can either save our world or condemn humanity to a hellish future."

COP26 host Britain says the summit's main aim is to keep in play the 1.5 degree Celsius temperature goal enshrined in the 2015 Paris Agreement.

In August, the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change dropped a bombshell report warning that the 1.5C threshold—by far the most ambitious target of the Paris deal—would be reached as soon as 2030.

By 2050, Earth will be 1.5C hotter than pre-industrial times, no matter what is done about planet-warming carbon emissions in the meantime, it said.

With a little over 1C of warming so far, the two years since the last UN climate summit have seen record-shattering wildfires in Australia and the US, tarmac-melting heatwaves in North America and Siberia, and massive flooding in Southeast Asia, Africa and Northern Europe.

The Paris deal requires nations to renew their plans to cut domestic emissions—known as national determined contributions, or NDCs—every five years.

Far from limiting warming to 1.5C, the UN says countries' latest submissions over the last year put Earth on course to heat a "catastrophic" 2.7C this century.

Britain's Boris Johnson summed up his hopes for Glasgow as "coal, cars, cash and trees" -- meaning deals for global phaseouts of coal power and internal combustion engines, funding for climate-vulnerable nations, and mass tree planting.

But the actual to-do list for delegates at COP26 is not quite so concise.

For starters, six years after the Paris agreement was struck, countries still have not finalised the deal's "rulebook" that specifies how its goals are reached and progress measured.

Long-festering disputes include those over how carbon markets are governed, and a common timeframe for an interim "stock take" to see how each country's action stacks up.



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Poorer nations, meanwhile, are demanding that richer ones finally make good during COP26 on a decade-old promise to provide \$100 billion each year to help them decarbonise their grids and adapt to climate change.

Tasneem Essop, head of the Climate Action Network representing some 1,500 environmental groups, said that Glasgow was taking place after a harrowing few years for vulnerable populations.

"This COP is happening, unlike other COPs, at a time where all this burdens and suffering is sharply felt by the developing countries and in this context we have experienced rich nations who were unwilling to stand in solidarity with poor nations to supply the vaccine," she told AFP.

Essop said there was a huge "trust deficit" between nations already battling climate change and the historic emitters that helped to cause it.

The spectre of vaccine inequity is likely to loom large in Glasgow, with many representatives of poorer nations unable to afford a trip that would include expensive hotel quarantines.

Sonam Wangi, chair of the Least Developed Countries negotiating bloc, said as much this week, tweeting that he was "still concerned about the possibility of getting our delegates to #COP26".

China, G20 key

COP26 President Alok Sharma this week sought to allay such fears by saying there had been a "very healthy registration" in participants and that more than 100 world leaders had already confirmed they would attend.

Observers say there are some positive signs, with the US announcing a doubling of overseas climate aid and China saying it will cease new coal production abroad, both in recent weeks.

But for Alden Meyer, a veteran of UN climate talks and a senior analyst at the EG3 think tank, in terms of emissions cuts, "everyone is waiting to see what China will do".

President Xi Jinping announced last year his country's aim for carbon neutrality by 2060 and for domestic emissions to peak "around 2030".

The nation responsible for more than a quarter of manmade emissions has yet to submit a renewed NDC, although one is expected before Glasgow.

A G20 summit in Rome days before COP26, during which Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi said he would push for members to commit to 1.5C, could also prove influential.

"The hopeful scenario would be that the G20 adds some momentum going into Glasgow," said Meyer.

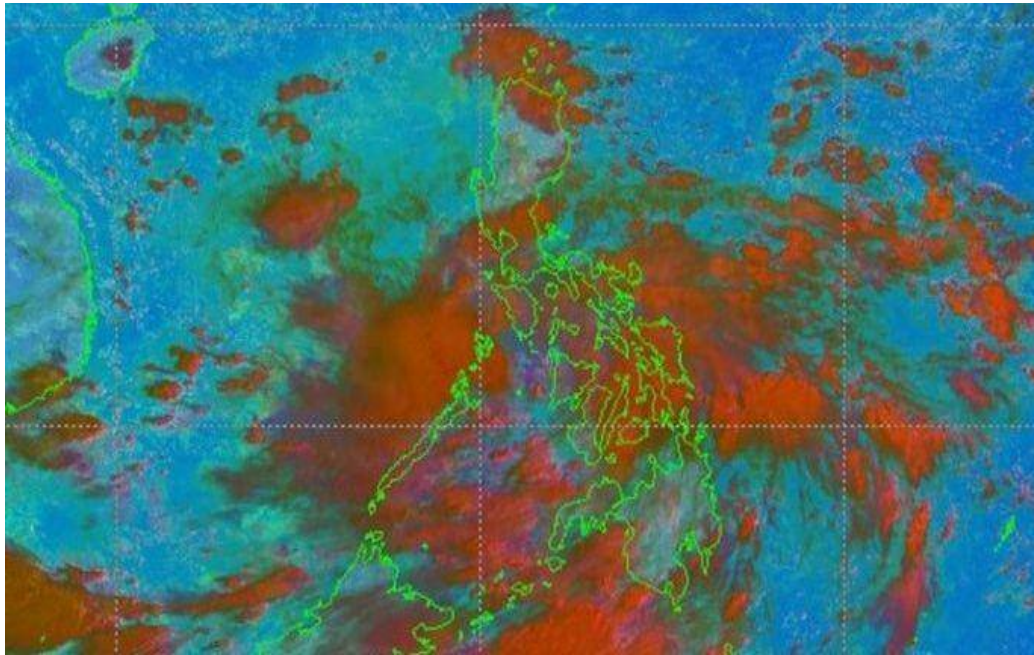
"The less hopeful scenario would be gridlock and stalemate in Rome and then go from there to the world leaders' summit in Glasgow without real unity."



Over 20 areas under Signal No. 1 as 'Lannie' hits Surigao del Norte, Dinagat Islands

(PhilStar.com)

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Tropical Depression Lannie was located over the coastal waters of Liloan, Southern Leyte as of 7:00 a.m. of October 4.

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MANILA, Philippines — State weather forecasters on Monday morning said Tropical Depression Lannie made two landfalls in Surigao del Norte and Dinagat Islands.

Pagasa also hoisted Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal No. 1 over 24 areas across the country as Lannie traverses central Philippines.

In its 8:00 a.m. bulletin on Monday, PAGASA located Lannie over the coastal waters of Liloan, Southern Leyte as of 7:00 a.m. It added that Lannie is about to make its third landfall over in Surigao Strait in Southern Leyte.

Lannie packs maximum sustained winds of 45 kph near the center, with gustiness of up to 55 kph. The tropical depression continues moving west northward at 15 kph.

Pagasa said Lannie made landfall in Bucas Grande Island, Socorro, Surigao del Norte at 4:30 a.m. and Cagdianao, Dinagat Islands at 5:00 a.m.

The following areas have been placed under Signal No. 1:

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Northern portion of Agusan del Sur (Sibagat, City of Bayugan, Prosperidad)

Northern portion of Surigao del Sur (San Miguel, Marihatag, San Augustin, Cagwait, Bayabas, Tago, City of Tandag, Cortes, Lanuza, Carmen, Madrid, Cantilan, Carrascal, Lianga)

Lannie is forecasted to move generally west northwestward over the Visayas archipelago until Monday evening or early Tuesday morning, when it is expected to emerge over at the Sulu Sea and cross Cuyo Archipelago.

PAGASA added that Lannie may make another landfall in northern Palawan area or Calamian Islands on Tuesday morning before emerging over the West Philippine Sea.

Lannie is also seen to remain as tropical depression over the period of its traverse in central Philippines, with possibility of slight intensification when it reaches Sulu Sea or West Philippine Sea.



Over 20 areas under Signal No. 1 as 'Lannie' hits Surigao del Norte, Dinagat Islands

The state weather bureau added that Lannie is forecast to move generally northwestward over the West Philippine Sea by late Tuesday until early Thursday. "Improvement in environmental conditions will allow the depression to intensify," it added.

By Wednesday early morning, Lannie may intensify to tropical storm category.

Lannie is seen to exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility on Thursday morning.

The state weather bureau advised public and disaster risk reduction and management offices to take all necessary measures to protect life and liberty, while persons living in areas identified to be susceptible to these hazards are urged to follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials.

Heavy rainfall

PAGASA said Visayas, Bicol Region, Mimaropa, Calabarzon and Caraga Region are likely to experience moderate to heavy with at times intense rains on Monday until Tuesday morning.

Light to moderate with at times heavy rains may be expected in Metro Manila, Bulacan, Bataan and the rest of Mindanao.

In the National Capital Region, the Commission on Elections is holding the filing of certificates of candidacy for national posts at tent in Sofitel in Pasay City.

"Under these conditions, scattered flooding (including flash floods) and rain-induced landslides are possible especially in areas that are highly or very highly susceptible to these hazard as identified in hazard maps," PAGASA added.

Strong winds with occasional gusts will also be experienced in areas under Signal No. 1, and these may cause "very light damage to structures and vegetation," it added.

"The enhanced easterly flow north of the tropical depression may also bring occasionally gusts and reaching strong breeze to near gale in strength over Extreme Northern Luzon and the coastal and upland/mountainous areas of the eastern section of Luzon in the next 24 hours," PAGASA also said.

Forecast position

Monday 5:00 p.m.: Over the coastal waters of Jordan, Guimaras

Tuesday 5 a.m.: Over the coastal waters of Linapacan, Palawan

Tuesday, 5 p.m.: 200 km west of Coron, Palawan

Wednesday 5 a.m.: 465 west of Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

Wednesday 5 p.m.: 495 km west of Subic Bay

Thursday 5 a.m.: 505 km west of Iba, Zambales (outside of Philippine area of responsibility)

Friday 5 a.m.: 560 km west of Sinit, Ilocos Sur (outside PAR)

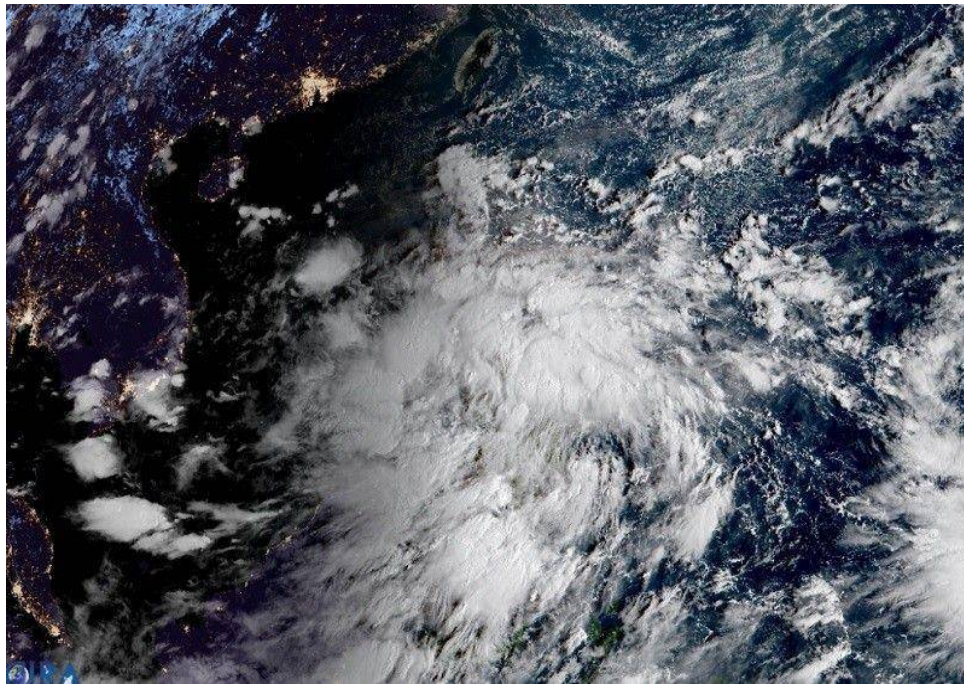
Saturday 5 a.m. 745 km west of Calayan, Cagayan (outside PAR)

— Kristine Joy Patag



24 Iugar Signal no. 1 sa bagyong 'Lannie'; ika-3 landfall posible sa Southern Leyte

[James Relativo](#) - Philstar.com
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Satellite image ng Tropical Depression Lannie ngayong umaga, ika-4 ng Oktubre, 2021
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MANILA, Philippines — Tinatayang muling sasalpok sa kalupaan ang isang bagyosa kalugaran ng Visayas habang umiiral ang Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal (TCWS) no. 1 sa Luzon, Visayas at Mindanao.

Huling namataan ang mata ng Tropical Depression Lannie sa coastal waters ng Liloan, Southern Leyte bandang 7 a.m., [ayon sa forecast ng PAGASA, Lunes](#).

Lakas ng hangin: 45 kilometro kada oras malapit sa gitna

Bugso ng hangin: aabot hsa 55 kilometro kada oras

Direksyon: kanluran hilagangkanluran

Bilis ng kilos: 15 kilometro kada oras

"Today through tomorrow morning, moderate to heavy with at times intense rains are likely over Visayas, Bicol Region, MIMAROPA, CALABARZON, and Caraga Region," wika ng PAGASA sa isang pahayag kanina.

"Light to moderate with at times heavy rains are also possible over Metro Manila, Bulacan, Bataan, and the rest of Mindanao."

Inaantay na lang ang pag-landfall ng nasabing sama ng panahon sa Southern Leyte. Una nang sumalpok sa mga sumusunod ang bagyong "Lannie":



24 lugar Signal no. 1 sa bagyong 'Lannie'; ika-3 landfall posible sa Southern Leyte

Bucas Grande Island, Socorro, Surigao del Norte (4:30 a.m.)

Cagdianao, Dinagat Islands (5:00 a.m.)

Kaugnay ng naturang sama ng panahon, itinaaas na ang sumusunod na TCWS sa mga sumusunod na lugar:

Signal no. 1

katimugang bahagi ng Masbate (Pio V. Corpuz, Cataingan, Palanas, Dimasalang, Uson, Mobo, Milagros, Mandaon, Esperanza, Placer, Cawayan, Balud)

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katimugang bahagi ng Oriental Mindoro (Roxas, Mansalay, Bulalacao, Bongabong)

katimugang bahagi ng Occidental Mindoro (Sablayan, Calintaan, Rizal, San Jose, Magsaysay)

hilagang bahagi ng Palawan (El Nido, Taytay, Dumarang, Araceli) kasama ang Calamian at Cuyo

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Cebu

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Surigao del Norte

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hilagang bahagi ng Agusan del Sur (Sibagat, City of Bayugan, Prosperidad)

hilagang bahagi ng Surigao del Sur (San Miguel, Marihatag, San Agustin, Cagwait, Bayabas, Tago, City of Tandag, Cortes, Lanuza, Carmen, Madrid, Cantilan, Carrascal, Lianga)

"On the forecast track, the tropical depression will move generally west northwestward over the Visayas archipelago until tonight or tomorrow early morning, when it is expected to emerge over the Sulu Sea and cross the Cuyo archipelago," patuloy ng state weather bureau.

"Afterwards, the depression may make another landfall in the vicinity of northern Palawan or Calamian Islands tomorrow morning before emerging over the West Philippine Sea a couple of hours later."

Tinatayang tropical depression category lang ang bagyong "Lannie" sa buong forecast period at maaaring lumakas pagdating sa Sulu Sea West Philippine Sea.

Maaaring lumabas ang bagyo sa sa Philippine area of responsibility ngayong Huwebes.

PSA: 14 Pinoys die everyday from water-borne diseases



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In file photo: Motorists wade through a knee-deep flood along Pablo Ocampo street in Makati City after intermittent heavy rains spawned by the southwest monsoon enhanced by Typhoon Fabian drenched most parts of Metro Manila and outlying areas.

At least 14 Filipinos die everyday in the past 10 years from water-borne diseases, according to data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

Based on PSA data, water-borne diseases such as typhoid and paratyphoid fever; bloody diarrhea; cholera; viral hepatitis; and leptospirosis killed a total of 53,066 Filipinos between 2010 and 2019.

The estimate did not include rotavirus, which killed 226 Filipinos between 2015 and 2019. The data for rotavirus was only collected starting in 2015.

"[Water borne] diseases [are] transmitted through water contaminated with human or animal waste," PSA said in the technical notes for the Compendium of Philippine Environment Statistics (CPES) containing the data.

Based on PSA data, bloody diarrhea killed the most number of Filipinos with a total of 37,622 deaths in the past 10 years.

The PSA said there was an average of 50,058 annual averages of reported cases of water-borne diseases from 2010 to 2019.

Among these diseases, acute bloody diarrhea contributed 71,774 cases or 85 percent in 2019.



PSA: 14 Pinoys die everyday from water-borne diseases

Meanwhile, an average of at least three Filipinos die everyday from vector-borne diseases in the past decade.

The PSA, citing World Health Organization data, said that vector-borne diseases are caused by parasites, viruses and bacteria that are transmitted by vectors. Vectors are living organisms that transmit infectious pathogens between humans or from animals to humans.

"Many of these vectors are bloodsucking insects, which ingest disease-producing microorganisms during a blood meal from an infected host [human or animal] and later transmit it into a new host, after the pathogen has replicated. Often, once a vector becomes infectious, they are capable of transmitting the pathogen for the rest of their life during each subsequent bite/blood meal," PSA said.

Vector-borne diseases between 2010 and 2019 killed a total of 12,062 Filipinos. This only includes data for Dengue and Malaria.

Of the two vector-borne diseases, Dengue killed the most at 11,832 Filipinos in the past 10 years. Malaria killed 230 Filipinos during the period.

"Dengue and Malaria are vector-borne diseases with 208,170 and 2,308 annual average number of cases recorded from 2010 to 2019, respectively. In 2019, 22.5 percent of reported dengue cases were children between 5 to 9 years old," PSA said.

Another vector-borne disease, Chikungunya disease killed five Filipinos between 2016 and 2019. However, there were 1,138 cases per 100,000 population.

PSA said based on the WHO, the disease is also transmitted to humans through infected mosquitoes. It is caused by the chikungunya virus, an RNA virus that causes infected persons to suffer fever and severe joint pain.

In some cases, infected persons experience muscle pain, joint swelling, headache, nausea, fatigue and rashes. It is considered a debilitating disease that can vary in duration.

The CPES-Human Settlements and Environmental Health compiles statistics on the environment where people live and work, especially those that detail their living conditions and environmental health.

This component has two subcomponents: human settlements and environmental health. Human settlements cover statistics describing the basic services and infrastructure put up where humans live and work.

The data deals with the totality of the human community where people reside, may it be large cities, towns, or villages.

The subcomponent on environmental health focuses on how the environmental factors and processes affect and alter the health of an individual.

The statistics compiled under this subcomponent were morbidity such as incidence and prevalence and mortality of certain types of diseases.

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Source: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/10/04/psa-14-pinoys-die-everyday-from-water-borne-diseases/>

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Delta variant, Abril pa nakapasok sa Pinas

[Danilo Garcia](#) - Pilipino Star Ngayon
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Devotees attend the first Friday of October devotional mass at the Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo, Manila on Oct. 1, 2021. Under the IATF's recommendation, religious events are allowed up to 20% of the venue capacity.

The STAR/Miguel de Guzman

MANILA, Philippines — May posibilidad ngayon na nakapasok na sa Pilipinas ang Delta variant noon pang Abril makaraang matukoy ng Department of Health ang 21 kaso nito sa isinagawang 'whole genome sequencing' sa mga sampol mula ng naturang buwan.

Sinabi ni Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire na 749 sampol na nakuha nong Abril hanggang Hunyo ang isinailalim sa sequencing nitong Oktubre 2.

Dito nadiskubre ang 288 o 38.5% na Alpha variant cases, 309 o 41.3% Beta variants, at 21 o 2.8% Delta variants.

"Ibig sabihin 'yung mga samples from the past months. If you will notice, our samples were from April to June kaya wala masyadong Delta cases na nadetect dahil hindi pa siya masyadong nakakalat noon dito sa atin, during that time that the samples were taken," ayon kay Vergeire.

Matatandaan na noon lamang Hunyo unang nadiskubre ang Delta variant sa Pilipinas at noong Hulyo naman nakumpirma ang unang lokal na kaso ng Delta variant.

Sinabi ni Vergeire na sa kabuuan, may 3,387 kaso na ng Delta variant ang natukoy sa bansa.

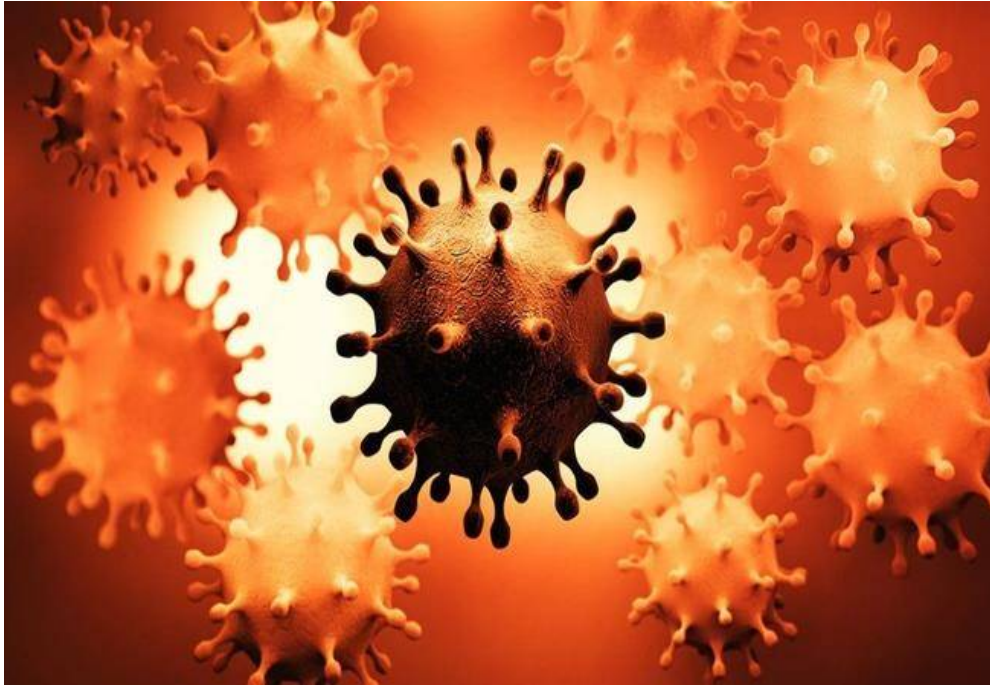
Pinakamarami ang sa National Capital Region (NCR) kasunod ang Region 3, 4A, 6, 10 at 11.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/10/05/2131894/delta-variant-abril-pa-nakapasok-sa-pinas>



DELTA VARIANT DETECTION PUMALO NA SA 3,387 NA KASO

written by [Jennelyn Valencia- Burgos](#) October 4, 2021



Karagdagang 21 kaso ng Delta variant ang na-detect ng Department of Health (DOH) dahilang para umakyat ito sa 3,387.

Sinabi ni Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire sa kabuuan ay may 749 samples mula noong April hanggang June ang isinailalim sa sequencing.

Sa nasabing bilang, 288 ang Alpha variant, 309 cases ang Beta variant, habang 21 cases naman ang Delta Variant.

Ani ni Vergeire, kung mapapansin sa datos, lumalabas na sa mga panahong ito ay hindi pa masyadong nakalat ang Delta variant sa bansa.

Gayunman, nananatiling mas maraming naitatalang kaso ng Delta variant sa National Capital Region na sinundan ng Region 3, Region 4-A, Region 6, Region 9, Region 11.



Philippines' COVID count reaches 2.6 million with 10,748 more cases

(Philstar.com)

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Commuters prepare their face shields as they board an EDSA carousel bus at the Monumento station in Quezon City on Sept. 23, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities on Monday posted 10,748 new coronavirus cases to bring the country's caseload at 2,604,040.

Today's numbers saw active cases down by 5,840 from the 112,008 on October 3. The Department of Health said three laboratories did not submit screening results.

Active cases: 106,160 or 4.1% of the total

Recoveries: 16,523 bringing the number to 2,459,052

Deaths: 61, or now 38,828 overall

Shift to 'moderate' risk classification

The Philippines is now at "moderate" risk case classification for COVID-19, DOH said, after it declared "high" risk status nationwide in August.

DOH urged the Commission on Elections to ensure coronavirus-related measures are strictly followed during the filing of certificates of candidacy across the country.



Philippines' COVID count reaches 2.6 million with 10,748 more cases

A Pharmally official [walked back](#) her Senate testimony that they switched out the expiry dates of face shields sold to the government.

Some 21 more cases of the highly contagious Delta variant were reported from samples back in [April to June](#) but were only processed this month.

Fact check: Calamansi [does not cure COVID-19](#), contrary to posts from small businesses selling calamansi juice concentrate.



COVID-19 deaths near 4.8 million worldwide

Agence France-Presse

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Family members of a victim of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pray at a hospital mortuary before burial, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia May 23, 2021. *Lim Huey Teng, Reuters/File Photo*

The novel coronavirus has killed at least 4,798,207 people since the outbreak emerged in China in December 2019, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP at 1000 GMT (6 p.m. Philippine time) on Monday.

At least 234,850,860 cases of coronavirus have been registered.

The vast majority have recovered, though some have continued to experience symptoms weeks or even months later.

The figures are based on daily reports provided by health authorities in each country.

They exclude revisions made by other statistical organizations, which show that the number of deaths is much higher.

The World Health Organization estimates that the pandemic's overall toll could be two to three times higher than official records, due to the excess mortality that is directly and indirectly linked to Covid-19.

A large number of the less severe or asymptomatic cases also remain undetected, despite intensified testing in many countries.

On Sunday, 4,232 new deaths and 299,253 new cases were recorded worldwide.



COVID-19 deaths near 4.8 million worldwide

Based on latest reports, the countries with the most new deaths were Russia with 883 new deaths, followed by United States with 246 and Iran with 229.

The United States is the worst-affected country with 701,176 deaths from 43,683,179 cases.

After the US, the hardest-hit countries are Brazil with 597,948 deaths from 21,468,121 cases, India with 448,997 deaths from 33,834,702 cases, Mexico with 278,801 deaths from 3,681,960 cases, and Russia with 210,801 deaths from 7,612,317 cases.

The country with the highest number of deaths compared to its population is Peru with 605 fatalities per 100,000 inhabitants, followed by Bosnia-Herzegovina with 324, Republic of North Macedonia with 322, Hungary with 313, Montenegro with 308, and Bulgaria with 302.

Latin America and the Caribbean overall has 1,493,343 deaths from 45,066,619 cases, Europe 1,318,289 deaths from 68,312,653 infections, and Asia 843,800 deaths from 54,210,342 cases.

The United States and Canada has reported 729,124 deaths from 45,315,472 cases, Africa 211,357 deaths from 8,318,366 cases, Middle East 200,066 deaths from 13,439,750 cases, and Oceania 2,228 deaths from 187,658 cases.

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Source: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/10/04/21/covid-19-deaths-near-48-million-worldwide>



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DOH COVID-19 CASE BULLETIN # 569

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Para sa kumpletong detalye at impormasyon,
bisitahin lamang ang aming pampublikong site:
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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

4.1%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
106,160

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

94.4%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,459,052

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.49%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
38,828

MGA BAGONG KASO **10,748**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **16,523**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **61**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,604,040**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING OKTUBRE 2

DATOS NGAYONG OKTUBRE 4
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG OKTUBRE 2

20.2%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
NAGPOSITIBO

59,551

BILANG NG
TINEST

HALOS

91.0%

ANG MILD AT
ASYMPTOMATIC
NA KASO!

BAWAL
WALANG MASK
AT FACE SHIELD

KABUANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (4.4K TOTAL BEDS)
72% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (21.1K TOTAL BEDS)
59% Utilized

WARD BEDS (15.7K TOTAL BEDS)
62% Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.4K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
51% Utilized

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (1.5K TOTAL BEDS)
73% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.8K TOTAL BEDS)
49% Utilized

WARD BEDS (4.4K TOTAL BEDS)
57% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.1K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
55% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA
AKTIBONG KASO

Mild 82.7%

8.3% Asymptomatic

1.2% Critical

2.7% Severe

5.15% Moderate



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Ang ating **Minimum Public Health Standards** ang nananatiling pangunahing panlaban sa pagkalat ng COVID-19 sa ating mga komunidad. Kaakibat nito, agad na makipag-ugnayan sa ating **BHERTS o One Hospital Command Center** sa oras na makaramdam ang anumang sintomas. Maaabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**.

Para sa iba pang pangangailangang medikal, puntahan ang <http://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine> upang malaman kung papaano maabot ang serbisyo ng ating **Telemedicine Service Providers**, at ang <http://bit.ly/DOHHospitalHotlines> para maabot ang ating mga ospital sa lalong mabilis na panahon."



Ihahanap ka namin ng lugar para mag-isolate o magpagamot, tumawag lang sa sumusunod:

SMART: 0919 977 3333
GLOBE: 0915 777 7777
TEL NO: (02) 886 505 00



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I-download ang StaySafe App

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



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



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