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Upang tuparin ang mandato na maayos ang sikat na isla sa Aklan, determinado ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) na matapos ang ginagawang rehabilitasyon ng Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) bago matapos ang termino sa June 2022.

Ayon kay DENR Secretary at BIATF chair Roy Cimatu, sapat na ang ibinigay na term extension upang makumpleto ang rehabilitasyon sa tourist destination.

"As we all know, the 2022 polls is just around the corner, thus, we must ensure that we have the proper mechanisms in place so that our hard work and efforts would not turn to naught," saad ng kalihim.

Dagdag nito, "We hope that what we leave behind for Boracay would be those that are worthy to be sustained or built upon by those succeeding us."

Sa pulong ng BIATF officials noong October 22, iniulat ni Cimatu na bumuti ang kalidad ng tubig sa mga isla ng Boracay simula nang isagawa ang rehabilitasyon noong 2018.

Sinabi naman ni Boracay Inter-Agency Rehabilitation and Management Group (BIARMG) General Manager Natividad Bernardino na ang June 2022 target ay isang 'realistic goal' para sa pagkumpleto ng rehabilitasyon.

Sa ngayon kasi, ang the 25+5 beach easement ay 83 porsyento nang tapos.



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Ayon naman kay Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, inaasahang maaabot ang 100 porsyentong COVID-19 vaccination sa mga residente at tourism worker ng isla sa pagtatapos ng October 2021 kasunod ng pagdating ng 35,100 doses ng Pfizer vaccine noong October 21.

Halos 92 porsyento o 11,779 ng 12,809 ng tourism workers, kabilang ang tricycle drivers, souvenir shop personnel, at massage therapists, ay nakatanggap na ng kanilang first dose, habang 77.87 porsyento o 19,039 ng 24,451 residente naman ang nakakuha na ng kanilang first dose.

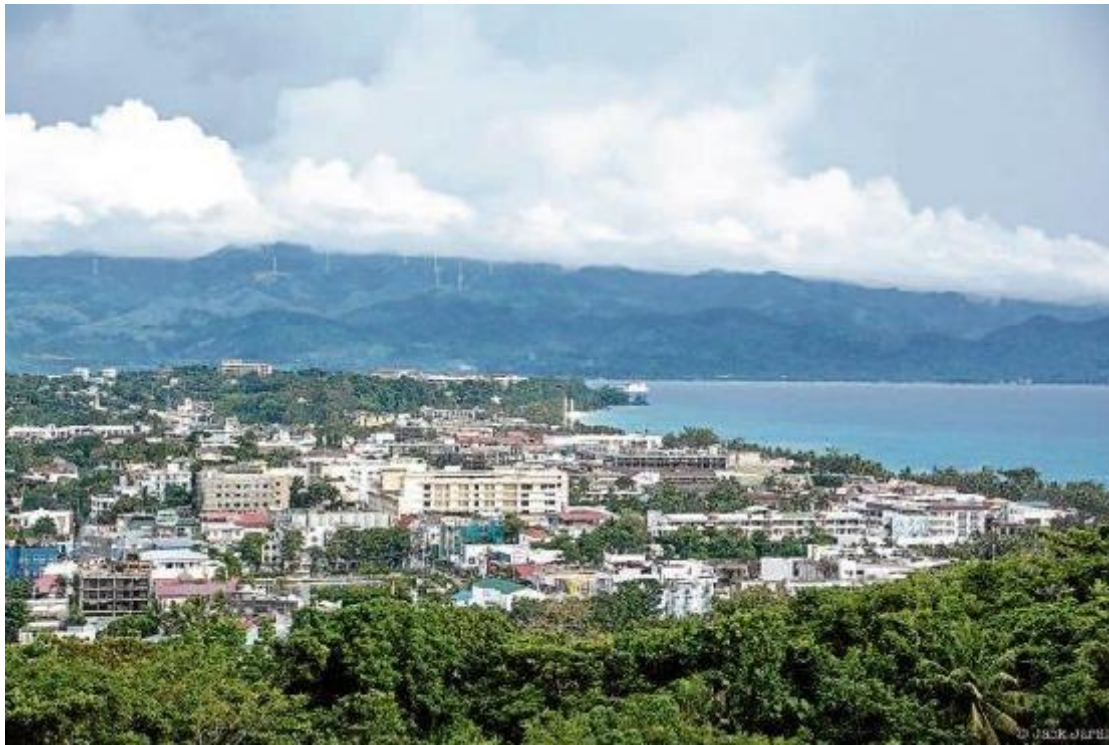
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DENR chief repeats vow to oppose Boracay Island Development Authority

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BEYOND THE BEACH This panoramic view of Boracay Island, taken in October 2020, seems to bolster a 2018 study cited by the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force, which shows that the island, famous for its white sand beach and first-class accommodations, may be nearing its carrying capacity amid a construction boom. —JACK JARILLA

ILOILO CITY, Iloilo, Philippines — The Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) has reiterated its position that the administrative body that will manage Boracay Island should be a regulatory council, not a corporate body.

In an online press conference on the island on Friday, Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu, BIATF chair, said he was “standing by the initial position” of the BIATF that the body that would take over the administration of the island should be similar to the task force, rather than the proposal of Congress.

The House of Representatives last month passed on the third and final reading House Bill No. 9286, or the act creating the Boracay Island Development Authority (Bida) as a government-owned and controlled corporation (GOCC) with corporate powers that will formulate the Boracay Action Plan.

The Bida is intended to replace the BIATF, which was created in April 2018 to supervise the rehabilitation of the island. The term of the task force has been extended until June 30, 2022, when President Duterte steps down from office.

In its position paper, the BIATF had said that HB 9826 provided for the creation of a special economic and tourism zone, including Boracay Island, and empowered the Bida to undertake reclamation projects.



DENR chief repeats vow to oppose Boracay Island Development Authority

‘Overdevelopment’

But the BIATF said Boracay was already faced with “overdevelopment” and “overtourism” that even as early as 2018, there was already a study which showed that the structures being built on the island—hotels, resorts, residential and other commercial establishments—were starting to exceed the island’s carrying capacity.

Aklan officials and many residents on the island have also opposed a GOCC-type authority, particularly on the power granted to the Bida to issue business licenses and building permits and to set a limit to real property taxes that the local government can collect.

They said these provisions would violate the policy of devolution and decentralization, adding that the creation of the Bida as a GOCC would be “revolting in law, in public policy, in common good and general welfare.”

Detained opposition Sen. Leila de Lima earlier decried moves to create a GOCC-type Bida.

“Make no mistake, this is an act of unjust taking driven by people who are salivating at the prospect of using the island and its natural resources as a cash cow to satisfy their personal greed, rather than the betterment of residents,” she had said in a statement.

—*NESTOR P. BURGOS JR.*

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DENR defies prohibition for minors to go out , says 'Dolomite Beach' open to everybody

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[by Joseph Pedrajas](#)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will remain lenient in terms of accommodating visitors in the Dolomite beach despite prohibition on non-essential activities of minors outside their houses.

DENR Usec. Jonas Leones on Monday, Oct. 25, said everybody is welcome to go to the newly-opened Dolomite beach in the Manila Bay regardless of age or vaccination status.

This came as more people, including children, were observed in the Dolomite beach on the second week since it reopened to the public.



Ali Vicoy/MANILA BULLETIN

"Ito ang isang dahilan why yung mga tao nagpunta doon. Wala kaming requirements. Kahit na sino pwedeng pumasok doon, wala po kaming sisingilin. Ito pong ating proyekto, para po talaga sa ating mga kababayan (That's one of the reasons why people go there. We don't have any requirement. Everybody can go. We don't ask for any fee, as this is a project that's for our countrymen)," Leones said in a CNN Philippines interview, adding that many people may also be curious about the Dolomite beach that is why they go.

On Thursday last week, both Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman Benhur Abalos and Malacanang spokesman Harry Roque clarified that minors or those below 18 years are still not allowed to go outside in Metro Manila under Alert Level 3 without any valid reason.

Going outside for essential purposes, such as availing medical or government services, and outdoor exercises are the only activities allowed outside, according to Alert Level guidelines.



DENR defies prohibition for minors to go out , says 'Dolomite Beach' open to everybody

While he admitted that DENR did not expect a huge number of people would continue visiting the area, he said they will recalibrate their policies, including implementing a time limit for visitors to stay that was already enforced over the weekend.

"We're still discussing [the measures] with our law enforcers..on how to handle the crowd," he said.

"Perhaps, we'll also come up with the temporary suspension of our operation to prevent people from going there all over again. Let's see how we can do it. Also, we may have to restrict people from entering the area once we reach the maximum limit," he added in Filipino.



DENR not considering closure of Dolomite Beach



Photo from PNA

[THIRD ANNE PERALTA-MALONZO](#)

October 25, 2021

DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Benny Antiporda dismissed the idea of closing the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach to the public after thousands of people trooped to the area over the weekend.

Many people saw the gathering at the Dolomite Beach a super-spreader event amid the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

"Hindi po natin maaaring gawin 'yun [na isara]. Kung tayo ang gumastos ng ganu'ng napakalaki para lang po isara 'yan, I don't think it will be fair to the Filipino people," Antiporda said in a radio interview.

"The Dolomite Beach was opened to relieve the anxiety of the people amid the pandemic, but we will not permit a superspreader. We are recalibrating our system to ensure the safety of our people. We are doing our best to satisfy everybody," he added.

Antiporda said that together with the concerned government agencies, like the local government of Manila, they are already modifying the guidelines to ensure the safety of the public, especially against Covid-19, when visiting the areas.



DENR not considering closure of Dolomite Beach

He said to ensure people will follow minimum health protocols when visiting the site, they are considering implementing a limit on people who can enter the beach at the same time, as well as the period of time they can stay there.

He said visitors can only stay at the beach for 15 minutes per batch.

Antiporda said the Manila LGU will also deploy additional security and safety officers to the facility to ensure that physical distancing is observed.

Manila Police District Director Brigadier Leo Francisco said more or less 65,000 people visited the Dolomite Beach over the weekend.

He said they will deploy more cops in the area to caution people, particularly those violating minimum health protocols.

The National Government has spent P389 million for the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach project. (SunStar Philippines)



DENR's solution to dolomite beach crowding: 15-minute stay, one-day shutdown

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, October 25) — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources will implement a 15-minute time limit among those who will visit the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach to reduce the number people in the area.

In an interview with CNN Philippines' *The Source* on Monday, Environment Undersecretary Jonas Leones said this is one of the agency's "remedial measures" to accommodate more people who would like to visit the dolomite beach, a week after it opened due to eased restrictions in Metro Manila.

"*Pagpasok nila* (Upon entry), there will be somebody who will be guiding them...*Picture-picture lang sila doon* (They can take their pictures there) for 10-15 minutes. After that, they should leave the premises, so other people can see the dolomite area," he said.

Manila Baywalk Coordinating Office deputy executive director Jacob Meimban said "tens of thousands of people" visited the dolomite beach on Sunday, but his office had no complete control over the large crowd since anyone can simply enter the premises.

Leones said they were not much alarmed when over 8,000 people flocked to the dolomite beach when it reopened on Oct. 16, but they were surprised when visitors hit 25,000 the following day. He said this number even doubled just on Oct. 23.



DENR's solution to dolomite beach crowding: 15-minute stay, one-day shutdown

"Siguro hindi lang excitement ang nangyayari sa mga kababayan natin pero na-curious rin sila sa dolomite. Siguro 'yun 'yung naging compelling reason why they really wanted to go and see the area," he added.

[Translation: Maybe it's not just the excitement but the people were also curious about the dolomite. And that was their compelling reason why they really wanted to go and see the area.]

Meimban said the dolomite beach, which measures 1.2 hectares, could only accommodate up to 5,000 people. Leones said it could even accommodate up to 10,000 pending its expansion.

According to Manila Police District chief Brig. Gen. Leo Francisco, about 65,000 people flocked to the artificial beach on Sunday alone.

Francisco said he was in discussion with the DENR and the Department of Tourism to address the crowding at the dolomite beach.

A one-day shutdown will be implemented weekly to maintain the dolomite beach, which is made up of hundreds of millions of pesos worth of artificial white sand. The DENR will also coordinate with the Philippine National Police, the Philippine Coast Guard, Metro Manila Development Authority, and the local government of Manila to discuss other crowd control measures, Leones said.

The agency also hopes to make the dolomite beach swimmable as early as December once it meets the bay's water quality, he added.

The Health department asked the DENR to regulate the number of visitors in light of the prohibition on mass gatherings.

"I call on all of our national agencies. Whatever was discussed in IATF, whatever safety protocols that we are now implementing, this is for the good of our population. *Kailangan ipatupad po natin iyon* (we should be implementing that)," Health Undersecretary Rosario Vergeire said Monday.

"Kung nakikita natin na hindi kaya, tulad ng sinasabi ng ibang officials na masyadong madami, hindi namin kaya ipatupad, let's regulate that. Hindi natin kaya? Baguhin natin siguro ang proseso. Pero kailangan makatulong namin kayong lahat," she added.

[Translation: If we cannot do it, just like other officials say that the crowd is too many, or they cannot simply implement anything, let's regulate. We can't do it? Then let's change the process. But you should be able to help us.]



Crowding at Manila dolomite beach draws calls to open more public spaces

By [Jeline Malasig](#)

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Crowds gather as they wait for the famous Manila Bay sunset at the Manila Dolomite Beach during its second day being open on Oct. 24, 2021. (The STAR/Miguel de Guzman)

Calls for more outdoor public spaces and for the government to open cemeteries on November holidays emerged after thousands of Filipinos were seen flocking at the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach over the weekend.

The deputy executive director of the Manila Bay Coordinating Office [acknowledged](#) that tens of thousands of Filipinos previously went to the government's beach nourishment project.

The Manila Police District [shared](#) that some 65,000 people in total went to the area on Sunday alone.

Jacob Meimban Jr., deputy executive director of the Manila Bay Coordinating Office, said that authorities did everything they could to control the crowd in the area.

The area was closed for at least an hour on Sunday after around 4,000 visitors entered the area early morning.

But Meimban said that the closed gates had only led to congestion. He added that it was especially a challenge to control the crowd in late afternoon because they wanted to see the Manila Bay sunset. This made people stay for one to two hours, he said.

"Nag-try kami na isarado ang gate, at hanggang ganoon lang 'yung capacity, halimbawa ay 1,000. Kaya lang, ang nangyari ay nagkaroon ng congestion sa labas. Ibig sabihin sa labas ng gate, mas makitid 'yun. At thousands of people ay nakalinya, nakapila, at mas delikado 'yan. Dikit-dikit sila," he told [DZMM Teleradyo](#).



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"So ang unang ginawa namin nung nakaraang linggo, imbis na isarado ang gate at maglagay lang kami ng limit, ay hindi pwede mangyari 'yon. Minabuti namin na buksan na lang ang gate at papasukin na lang lahat," Meimban added.

He said that while people seemed crowded in pictures, the crowd still had an "elbow room" where they can walk and go around as compared to their situation at the closed gates.

In another [report](#), Meimban was cited as saying that the dolomite beach, which measures 1.2 hectares, can only accommodate up to 5,000 people.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources said that it will implement a 15-minute limit to people who will visit the area in the future.

It will also be closed for one day every week for its maintenance.

The DENR also said that it will coordinate with the relevant authorities—the Philippine National Police, Philippine Coast Guard, Metro Manila Development Authority, and the local government of Manila—to discuss other crowd control measures.

The Palace also [reminded](#) the public that minors are only allowed outside for essential activities, which does not include visiting the dolomite beach.

For precautionary measures against COVID-19, the Department of Health advises individuals to maintain a physical distance of at least one-meter from each other. This is nearly equivalent to a motorcycle's length.

The crowd surge amid the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in some Filipinos calling for more outdoor public spaces. Experts have said that outdoor activities, compared to those done indoors, [reduce](#) the risk of COVID-19 transmission by 94%.

"I hope policymakers see this and go 'we need more open space' and not 'we need more dolomite,'" a [Twitter user](#) said in response to a video of the crowd at the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach.

"If only public parks are being constantly improved and made as accessible like this one by the LGUs. #OpenSpaceNaman," another [online user](#) wrote.

"(People) going to the dolomite beach speak volumes — the metro needs open and green spaces," a different [user](#) tweeted.

Juxtaposed: Reopening of Manila dolomite beach and closure of cemeteries

Others juxtaposed the dolomite beach's opening to that of cemeteries' closure from October 29 to November 2 or during the All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day holidays. This will be the second time that the memorial gardens will be closed due to the pandemic.

Cemeteries are also open spaces.

"Thousands troop to Manila Bay dolomite beach. And then, cemeteries will be closed on All Saints Day?!" a [Twitter user](#) said with an eyeroll emoji.



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"Weird lang ayaw buksan ng todo ang mga establishments, 'di pwede magpunta ng sementeryo sa undas dahil super spreader eme daw, pero ang DOLOMITE BEACH ok lang?" another [online user](#) said.

A parish priest of the St. John Paul II Parish in Quezon City also shared the same sentiment.

"Alin ba ang mas importante? Ang ating malalim na religious tradition na dumalaw sa ating mga mahal sa buhay na pumanaw na o 'yung magpunta sa beach?" Fr. Aris Sison said in an [interview](#).

"Kung ili-limit ang dami ng tao, 'di ganun din sa sementeryo para lang consistent tayo kasi nakakalito," he added, referring to the dolomite beach.

Interior Secretary Eduardo Año said that Filipinos can visit their loved ones in cemeteries except during the dates of closure. He added that these venues should only allow visitors 30% of its capacity.

Open spaces in Manila

Meanwhile, to address the need for open spaces, Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said that the Intramuros Administration will soon open its open-air sites as venues for morning exercises for the vulnerable starting October 30.

These are namely the elderlies, those with disabilities, pregnant women and those with health risks.

Two hours will be allotted for exercise activities at Fort Santiago and Baluarte de San Diego every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Vulnerable individuals who are fully vaccinated can avail of the arrangement through an advance [ticket reservation system](#).

"We see this as an opportunity for the vulnerable sector to enjoy the green spaces of Intramuros for their overall health and well-being," Puyat said in a release.

"As we have recently welcomed visitors ages 18 to 65, we are making the place more inclusive by providing a dedicated period where our senior citizens, persons with disability, pregnant women, and persons with health risks can enjoy a time in Intramuros safely," she added.



Dolomite beach sumobra sa kapasidad

By [Danilo Garcia](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon)
- October 25, 2021 - 12:00am



Sa datos ng MBCO, umabot sa 4,000 ang dumagsa nitong Linggo sa 1.2 ektaryang dolomite beach. Nasa 25,000 naman ang kabuuang bumisita sa loob ng isang linggo mula nang ibaba ang Alert Level 3 sa Metro Manila.
The STAR / Miguel de Guzman

4K katao dumagsa

MANILA, Philippines — Sumobra sa kapasidad ang Manila Bay Dolomite Beach nang libu-libong tao ang dumagsa dito nitong Linggo dahilang para magpatupad ang pamunuan ng Manila Bay Coordinating Office ng pansamantalang pagsasara nito.

Sa datos ng MBCO, umabot sa 4,000 ang dumagsa nitong Linggo sa 1.2 ektaryang dolomite beach. Nasa 25,000 naman ang kabuuang bumisita sa loob ng isang linggo mula nang ibaba ang Alert Level 3 sa Metro Manila.

Dahil sa rami ng tao, nahirapan nang ipatupad ang 'minimum health protocols' partikular ang 'physical distancing'.

Hindi na rin nakukuha ang temperatura ng mga taong pumapasok at hindi na rin umano natatanong kung bakunado na sila.

Dahil dito, ipinag-utos ni MBCO deputy executive director Jacob Meimban Jr. na pansamantalang isang oras na isara ang pasukan sa may Pedro Gil at pinapunta ang mga tao sa may Remedios. Pinabalik sila ng isang oras kapag nakalabas na ang ibang tao na nasa loob ng beach.

Sinabi pa ni Meimban na isasara nila ang beach kada Biyernes para isailalim sa maintenance at lilimitahan na ang pagpasok ng mga bisita dahil sa banta na maging 'superspreader event' ang pagtitipon-tipon ng mga tao.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/metro/2021/10/25/2136500/dolomite-beach-sumobra-sa-kapasidad/amp/>



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Nilinaw ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources na pinapayagan ang mga bata na pumasok sa Dolomite Beach sa Maynila. Ayon sa DENR, wala namang ordinansa na nagbabawal sa mga bata sa nasabing beach kaya pwede silang pumunta doon. #DZRIINationwide

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LOOK: Visitors in Dolomite Beach are still flocking this Monday morning, October 25, 2021. Parents will also notice their children, something that is allowed, according to DFNR. | Report and Shot by RH29 Boy Gonzales #DZRHNationwide

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Nakiusap si Presidential Spokesperson Sec. Harry Roque sa Manila Police District na maghigpit sa pagpapalupad ng minimum health standards sa Dolomite Beach ngayong dinadagsa ito ng mga tao. #DZRHNationwide

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Nananawagan po kami sa kapulisan dyan po sa Maynila, kinakailangan po ipatupad natin ang social distancing.

Ang dolomite po ay for the enjoyment of everyone, pero 'wag naman ho maging dahilan 'yan para magkaroon tayo ng superspreader event.

Sec. Harry Roque

sa paglaga ng mga tao sa Dolomite beach



Eleazar wants more cops at 'Dolomite beach', tasks MPD to coordinate with LGU, DENR

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by [Aaron Recuenco](#)

Gen. Guillermo Lorenzo Eleazar, chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP), ordered on Monday, Oct, 25, the Manila Police District to coordinate with both the Manila City government and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to ensure the proper enforcement of the minimum public health safety protocol at the controversial "Dolomite Beach" at the Manila Bay.

This, as thousands of people flocked to the area over the weekend. Those who were seen were children. Authorities temporarily stopped the entry of visitors when the crowd reached 4,000.



photo: Ali Vicoy

"We understand that some of the people wanted to go out after months of lockdown but this should not serve as an excuse to ignore the health safety especially of the children who were seen in the area," said Eleazar.

Eleazar reiterated his appeal to the public to strictly observe the minimum health standards if they wished to go to the Dolomite beach or other public areas.

"Ang ating kaligtasan ay nakasalalay din sa disiplina natin sa sarili kaya tutulong ang mga pulis upang ipaalala ito sa inyo dahil baka humabol kayo sa Undas kung patuloy ninyong babalewalain ang mga patakaran para sa inyong kaligtasan sa gitna ng pandemya (Our safety also lies in our self-discipline and with happened, the PNP will be hekping to remind the people of their safety)," said Eleazar.

The PNP Chief pointed out, "Part of this self-discipline is making a conscious effort to strictly adhere to minimum public health standards and avoiding crowded areas where physical distancing would be almost impossible to observe."

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/10/25/eleazar-wants-more-cops-at-dolomite-beach-tasks-mpd-to-coordinate-with-lgu-denr/>



Eleazar orders more cops to Dolomite beach



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National Police chief Gen. Guillermo Eleazar tasked the Manila Police District (MPD) to deploy more personnel who would enforce health protocols at the Dolomite Beach in Manila.

"Ito ay upang tiyakin na nasusunod ang minimum public health safety protocols. Kasama sa aking utos ang pakikipag-ugnayan sa lokal na pamahalaan upang magkaroon ng maayos na sistema," Eleazar said.

The PNP chief also directed the MPD to coordinate with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and beach administrators, and make sure that no super-spreader event of COVID-19 happens.

Eleazar expressed hope that the agencies would come up with limits to the number of beach visitors and their length of stay.

The directive came after thousands of people flocked to the artificial beach over the weekend.

The PNP noted that last Sunday, authorities temporarily stopped the entry of visitors when the crowd reached 4,000.

Eleazar particularly took notice of circulating photos and videos showing young children brought to the beach, despite Manila and the rest of the National Capital Region being under COVID Alert Level 3.

"Nauunawaan natin ang kasabikan ng ilan nating mga kababayan na lumabas dahil sa mahabang lockdown subalit hindi dahilan ito upang ipagsawalang-bahala ang kaligtasan ng bawat isa, lalo na



Eleazar orders more cops to Dolomite beach

ang mga batang isinama nila gayong malinaw sa patakaran na hindi pa puwede silang lumabas," he said.

Eleazar reiterated his appeal to the public to strictly observe health protocols if they wish to go to the Dolomite beach or other public areas.

"Ang ating kaligtasan ay nakasalalay din sa disiplina natin sa sarili kaya tutulong ang mga pulis upang ipaalala ito sa inyo dahil baka humabol kayo sa Undas kung patuloy ninyong babalewalain ang mga patakaran para sa inyong kaligtasan," Eleazar said.



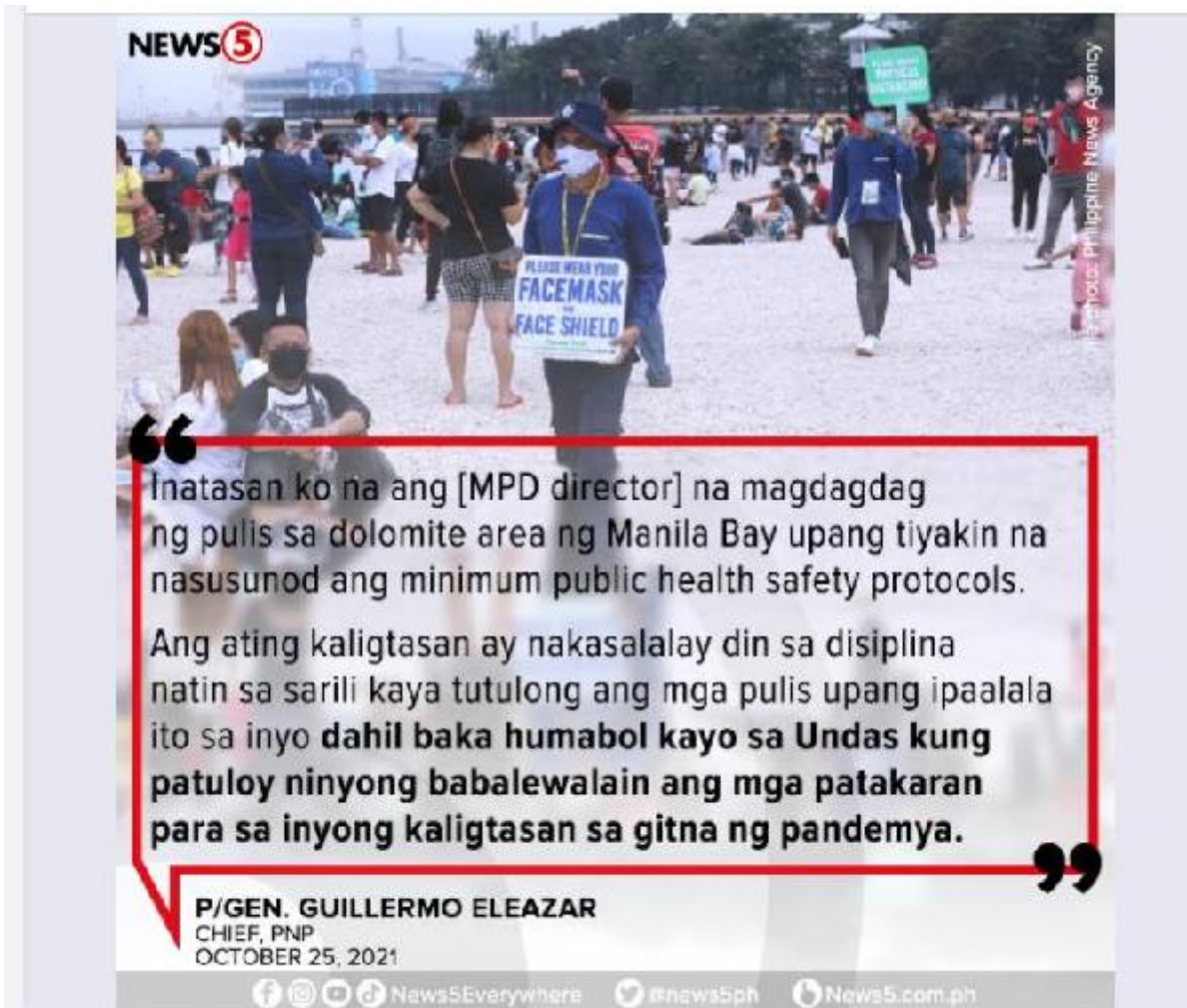
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Nagpapadagdag si PNP chief Guillermo Eleazar ng mga pulis sa Manila Bay Dolomite Beach para maliyak na pagsunod ng minimum health protocols sa lugar. Kasunod ito ng pagdagsa rito ng libu-libong tao, kabilang ang mga bata, nitong weekend.

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Dolomite beach para sa enjoyment 'di superspreader event – Palasyo



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Manila, Philippines – UMAPELA ang Malakanyang sa publiko na patuloy i-observerba ang COVID-19 protocols.

Pinaalalahanan din nito ang mga pulis na mahigpit na ipatupad ang distancing rules, matapos dumagsa ang mga tao sa dolomite beach sa Manila Bay nito lamang nakaraang linggo.

“Pandemya pa po, bagama’t bumababa po ang mga kaso natin eh nandiyan pa po si COVID -19, so huwag po tayong magpabaya ‘no,” ayon kay Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque.

“Talaga naman po ang Dolomite eh for the enjoyment of everyone, pero huwag naman hong maging dahilan ‘yan para magkaroon tayo ng superspreader event,” dagdag na pahayag nito.

Kapansin-pansin na mas dagsa ngayon ang mga namamasyal kaysa nang unang ilagay ang Metro Manila sa Alert Level 3 kaya hindi maiwasan na hindi sumunod ang ilan sa minimum health protocols.

Bukod sa mga matatanda, may mga kasama na rin ang ilan na mga bata na pinayagan nang makabiyahe ng pamahalaan.

Nagpadala na ang mga tauhan ang MPD para tumulong sa mga tauhan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa pagsita sa mga namamasyal na nakakalimot sa tamang pagsusuot ng face mask, at physical distancing.

Magtatalaga naman ang MMDA ng ilang marshals para tulungan ang DENR sa pagpapatupad ng minimum health protocols sa mga pumupunta sa Dolomite beach.



Dolomite beach para sa enjoyment 'di superspreader event – Palasyo

Nakabantay rin ang Philippine Coast Guard lalo't bawal pa rin ang maligo sa Manila Bay hangga't hindi pa nat atapos ang rehabilitasyon nito.

Samantala, sinabi ng Malakanyang na may posibilidad na paluwagin ang COVID-19 alert level sa susunod na buwan.

"The capital region's 2-week COVID-19 attack rate or proportion of those who became ill has gone to 52 percent, while its utilization of ICU beds dropped to around 48 percent," ayon kay Sec. Roque.

"Malaki po 'yung possibility na bababa tayo ng alert level," dagdag na pahayag ni Sec. Roque. Kris Jose



Manila Bay's dolomite beach still off limits to kids — Palace

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by [Argyll Cyrus Geducos](#)

Malacañang appealed to the public to not bring their kids to Manila's man-made dolomite beach on Roxas Boulevard, saying children are still not allowed to leave their homes unless for essential purposes.



People flock to the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach in Manila after it was reopened to the public on Oct. 17, 2021. (Photo by Ali Vicoy)

Presidential Spokesman Harry Roque made the statement after thousands of people flocked to the dolomite beach over the past few weeks and completely ignored physical distancing rules set to combat the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

In his press briefing on Monday, October 25, Roque reminded the public that kids are not allowed to leave their homes yet for leisure activities.

"Ang mga bata, talagang for essentials lang po na dapat lumalabas ng kanilang tahanan. So, hindi pa po pwedeng magpasyal-pasyal ang mga bata (Kids should only leave their homes for essential purposes, so they cannot be loitering around)," he said.

"Nananawagan po kami sa ating mga kababayan: pandemya pa po. Bagama't bumababa po ang mga kaso natin, eh nandiyan pa po si COVID-19 so 'wag tayong magpabaya (We appeal to the public: we're still in a pandemic. Even though the number of cases is decreasing, COVID-19 is still here so let's not be careless)," he added.

Roque said the dolomite beach was created for everyone's enjoyment but said it should not be a reason to make the country's COVID-19 situation worse.

"Talaga naman pong ang dolomite ay for the enjoyment of everyone. Pero 'wag naman pong maging dahilan 'yan para magkaroon tayo ng superspreader event (The dolomite beach is for everyone's enjoyment but it should not be a reason to have a superspreader event)," he said.



Manila Bay's dolomite beach still off limits to kids — Palace

He reminded the public of the government's COVID-19 battle cry "Mask, Hugas, Iwas" which urges the public to always wear a face mask, wash their hands properly, and practice physical distancing.

Roque likewise reminded the public to get vaccinated against COVID-19 whenever they can.

Meanwhile, the Palace official urged the police in Manila to enforce physical distancing protocols strictly.

"Siguraduhin po natin na lilimitahan natin ang numero ng bibisita sa beach na 'yan nang sa ganoon ay magkaroon ng social distancing (Let's make sure that we limit the number of people visiting the beach so we can have physical distancing)," Roque said.

Last year, Roque said the white-sand dolomite beach in Manila Bay can actually [help improve the public's mental health](#) as it will distract them from the global health crisis.



DILG, DENR must regulate visitors to dolomite beach — DOH

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MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) must regulate visitors of the so-called dolomite beach in Manila Bay, Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said on Monday.

People have flocked the [controversial artificial beach since it was opened to the public](#) when Metro Manila downgraded to Alert Level 3 on October 16.

“Dito po sa pagpapatupad nila these past days nga, napapansin natin na ang daming tao. This is really the mandate of the Department of Interior and Local Government and of course, DENR,” Vergeire said on Teleradyo.

(In the implementation these past days, we see that there is an influx of people.)

“Kailangan po nilang ma-regulate ito pong mga taong nagpupunta kasi kahit po binuksan na natin ang ating mga areas for this kind of activities kasi outdoor naman, pero ang mass gathering po hindi pa rin po ‘yan pinapayagan dapat,” she added.

(They need to regulate the people visiting because despite opening these areas for this kind of activity since it is outdoors, mass gatherings are still prohibited.)

Vergeire also said that the Department of Health discussed the matter with the DILG to address the situation and prevent COVID-19 transmission.

“So, kailangan po ma-regulate. Kahapon po ay nakipag-ugnayan tayo sa DILG para po matugunan ang nakikita nating ganitong issues ngayon sa pagpunta diyan sa dolomite beach po,” she said.

(So, it needs to be regulated. Yesterday, the Department of Health coordinated with the DILG to discuss these issues on the dolomite beach.)

Vergeire, meanwhile, advised the public to continue complying with minimum public health standards to avoid infection.

Read more: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1506087/dilg-denr-need-to-regulate-visitors-of-dolomite-beach-doh#ixzz7ALEiJNJT>

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The Department of Health advises the public to reschedule their visits to outdoor attractions to other days when there are less people to lessen the risk of infection. Thousands trooped to the Manila Bay dolomite beach on Sunday, prompting local authorities to temporarily close the area. (via [Philstar.com](#) ✓)

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DOH: RESCHEDULE DOLOMITE BEACH VISIT



USEC. MARIA ROSARIO VERGEIRE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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Hindi po namin inaalis sa gustong pumunta sa mga lugar gaya ng Manila Bay para makapaghinga at makakita ng magandang tanawin. Okay lang po yun. Pero 'pag nakita niyo nang maraming tao, i-schedule na lang natin sa ibang araw na kakaunti lang ang tao para hindi magkaroon ng risk to be infected.



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Sistema sa Dolomite Beach, kailangan



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NGAYONG Linggo, libo-libong tao ang dumagsa sa Dolomite Beach sa kabila ng umiiral na pagbabawal sa mass gathering at kung hindi ito mapipigilan, magdudulot ito ng panibagong pagtaas ng mga kaso ng coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Nababahala kapwa ang mga healthworkers at mismong ang Department of Health (DoH) sa pagdami ng mga taong nagtutungo sa Dolomite Beach.

Sinabi ni Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire na dapat masolusyunan ng Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) para mapigilan ang patuloy na pagpunta ng mga tao sa Dolomite Beach.

Idinagdag ni Vergeire na kahit na may mga minimum public health standard, napakahirap naman itong ipatupad sa harap naman ng sobrang dami ng taong dumadagsa sa Dolomite Beach.

Dikit-dikit na kasi ang mga tao sa Dolomite Beach.

Ayon pa kay Vergeire, kahit open space ang Dolomite, may posibilidad pa rin na kumalat ang impeksyon ng COVID-19 dahil itinuturing itong isang superspreader event.

Kung mangyayari ang pinangangambahang paghahawain ng COVID-19, hindi malayong babalik na naman muli tayo sa mas mahigpit na alert level.

Dapat ay natuto na tayo sa pabalik-balik na mga mahigpit na community quarantine at pagsikapan na mababa pa ang mga kaso ng COVID-19 para tuloy-tuloy na rin ang pagbubukas ng ekonomiya.

Kung nais ng pamunuan ng Dolomite Beach na magpatuloy ang operasyon ng lugar, dapat ay makaisip ito ng sistema para sa maayos na pagtanggap ng mga tao na gustong dumayo sa lugar.



Covid-19 is still around, Palace reminds dolomite beach visitors

By Lade Jean Kabagani October 25, 2021, 4:43 pm



(File photo)

MANILA – Malacañang on Monday appealed to the people visiting the newly opened Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach to continue adhering to the minimum public health standards despite the decreasing coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) infections.

This, after the Manila Baywalk Coordinating Office recorded "tens of thousands of people", including children accompanied by their parents who visited the dolomite beach over the weekend.

"Nananawagan po kami sa ating mga kababayan, pandemya pa po. Bagama't bumababa po ang mga kaso natin eh nandiyan pa po si Covid-19, so huwag po tayong magpabaya. Kinakailangan po mask, hugas, iwas at kung kakayanin na bakuna nga po (We appealed to the public, we are still in a pandemic. Although the cases are decreasing, the Covid-19 is still around, so please do not be complacent. We still need to use face masks, wash regularly, prevent and get vaccinated if possible)," Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said during his regular Palace briefing.

While the government appreciates the positive feedback of the people on the newly rehabilitated Manila Bay, Roque reminded the public to continue observing the health and safety protocols when visiting the area.

"Talaga naman po ang Dolomite eh for the enjoyment of everyone, pero huwag naman hong maging dahilan 'yan para magkaroon tayo ng super spreader event (The Dolomite is really for the enjoyment of everyone, but don't let it be the reason for us to have a super spreader event)," he said.

Roque also said children are still prohibited to go outside their residences due to the continuing threat of the Covid-19 pandemic.

He also called on the authorities in Manila City to limit the number of visitors at the Dolomite beach "so that the physical distancing measures will not be neglected."

Setting up the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach is a vital part of the Manila Bay rehabilitation project spearheaded by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.



Covid-19 is still around, Palace reminds dolomite beach visitors

Among other efforts also include continuous bay and estero clean-ups and the setting up of sewage treatment plants.

The rehabilitation program that started in January 2019, was also called "Battle for Manila Bay" aimed at "restoring the water quality of Manila Bay in accordance with the Writ of Continuing Mandamus of the Supreme Court".

The program is guided by the Operational Plan for the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy which covers the period 2017-2022 and by Administrative Order No. 16 issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte in 2019.

Duterte's directive also includes the monitoring of establishments for pollution and compliance to required standards, as well as checking of water quality in key river mouths, outfalls, and bathing beaches along the Manila Bay region. (PNA)



Sen. Cynthia Villar iaapila ang desisyon ng Korte Suprema sa Manila Bay reclamation

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Inanunsiyo ni Senator Cynthia Villar na maghahain siyang motion for reconsideration (MR) sa Korte Suprema kaugnay sa desisyon na pumabor para sa reclamation ng bahagi ng Manila Bay sa mga lungsod ng Las Piñas at Parañaque.

Hinimok niya ang Korte Suprema na pag-aralan at ikunsidera ang mga polisiya ukol sa environmental impact assessment.

Pagdidiin ng senador maaapektuhan ng reclamation project ang agos ng tubig na dumadaloy palabas ng Manila Bay at ito ang Imus River, Bacoor River, Molino River, pawang sa Cavite; Las Piñas River sa Las Piñas City at Parañaque River sa Parañaque City.

Dagdag pa ni Villar maaring bigyan pansin din ng Korte Suprema ang Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS) Act o RA 11038 na naipasa noong 2018.

Sa desisyon, napaboran ang Alltech Contractors na may mga isinusulong na proyekto sa dalampasigan ng Piñas at Parañaque, ngunit idineklarang ilegal at napawalang bisa na rin ang environmental compliance certificate (ECC).

Pagdiiin pa ni Villar na hindi maaring magsagawa ng reclamation projects sa Las Piñas Parañaque Wetland Park sa katuwiran na may 'buffer zone' ito sa Manila Bay.

Read more: <https://radyo.inquirer.net/303097/sen-cynthia-villar-iaapila-ang-desisyon-ng-korte-suprema-sa-manila-bay-reclamation#ixzz7AM37IDUV>

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BABALA NG MBIATF VS ILEGAL NA ISTRAKTURA SA KARAGATAN

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CAVITE – Binalaan ng pamunuan ng Manila Bay Inter-Agency Task Force ang mga may-ari ng illegal fishpen, fish corral, fish traps, fish cages at fish ponds na kusang baklasin o “self-clearing” ang kani-kanilang itinayong istraktura sa karagatang sakop ng Cavite City bago sumapit ang Nobyembre 4, 2021 na itinakdang magsasagawa ng malawakang “clearing operation”.

Bago isagawa ang clearing operation ay binaybay ng task force ng Phil. Coast Guard katuwang ang MBIATF ang malawak na karagatang sakop ng Cavite City upang magkapit ng mga tarpaulin sa iba’t ibang illegal na istraktura bilang babala sa mga may-ari ng illegal fishpen na may taas na two-story building.

Ang nasabing clearing operation ng MBIATF at Phil. Coast Guard laban sa mga illegal na istraktura ay alinsunod sa utos ng Korte Suprema na C.R. No. 171947-8 na nag-aatas sa mga ahensya ng pamahalaan na maglinis, magsagawa ng rehabilitasyon, magpreserba, ipamunbalik at panatilihin ang kalidad ng tubig sa Manila Bay na “Class SB” na maari lamang gami tin bilang paliguan/languyan, ‘skin diving’ at iba pang kahalintulad ng aktibidades.

Sakaling tumanggi o nagsawalang-kibo ang mga may-ari ng illegal na istraktura sa itinakdang petsa ay tuluyang magsasagawa ng malawakang clearing operation ang iba’t ibang sangay ng gobyerno kabilang na ang task force ng Phil. Coast Guard, DENR, at MBIATF sa nasabing karagatan.

Pinaniniwalaan naman na ilang politiko na kakadidato sa darqating na halalan omga tiwaling opisyal ng lokal na pamahaan ang nagpatayo ng mga illegal istraktura kung saan ginagamit na front ang ilang mangingisda na walang permiso o lisensya mula sa DENR para sa pagpapatayo ng mga fishpens, fish corral, at fishcages. Mhar Basco



Demolition of illegal fish cages set on November 4-6



By [Dennis Abrina](#)

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LAST WARNING A team from the Cavite Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office and the Philippine Coast Guard install a written notice of demolition on the illegal structures in the waters of Cavite City on Oct. 25, 2021. The demolition of the fish cages is scheduled from November 4 to 6. PHOTO BY DENNIS ABRINA

[CAVITE CITY](#), Cavite: A multiagency team issued a final warning to fish cage owners by placing a notice of demolition on the illegal structures in the provincial waters of Cavite on Monday, October 25.

The team from the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR), the Philippine [Coast Guard](#)-Cavite and the Philippine [National Police](#) maritime group posted a written notice of demolition on the sapras (fish cages), notifying the owners that the demolition shall be carried out on November 4, 5 and 6.

"We encourage the owners of such structures to carry out self-clearing or voluntary removal of their respective structures before November 4 or the scheduled clearing operation," DENR Undersecretary [Benny Antiporda](#) said in a telephone interview.

Antiporda added that if the owners themselves dismantle the structures, the materials used, such as bamboo poles, lighting fixtures and generator sets, can be saved and used for other purposes.

"Regarding [sa](#) baklad (fish traps) and tahungan (mussel growth pens), they need to secure permits [from] their respective LGUs (local government units) in Bacoor, Noveleta, Kawit and Cavite City to be legal," Antiporda added.



Demolition of illegal fish cages set on November 4-6

The demolition is in accordance with the order of the Supreme Court that mandates government agencies to clean up, conduct rehabilitation, preserve and restore, and maintain water quality in [Manila Bay](#).

Building and operating fish corrals, fish traps, fish pens, fish cages and fish ponds at the bay without license or permit are considered illegal and may be subject to corresponding fines and penalties, Antiporda added.



Perwisyong 'Ahas-pagong,' hinuhuli at ibinebenta

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Hinuhuli at ibinebenta ang itinuturing peste na invasive species na Chinese soft-shelled turtles o "ahas-pagong." Si Doc Nielsen Donato ng "Born To Be Wild," namangha nang makita ang reproductive system ng mga pagong na mabilis magparami.

Sa isang episode ng "Born To Be Wild," pinuntahan ni Doc Nielsen ang Sto. Tomas sa Pampanga, kung saan marami ang mga ahas-pagong na perwisyo sa mga taniman at mga palaisdahan.

Bukod kasi sa kinakain ng mga pagong na ito ang mga isda, sinira rin nila ang mga dike at mga tanim.

Upang mapakinabangan ang mga ahas-pagong, hinuhuli ang mga ito ay ibinebenta sa halagang P100 bawat kilo.

Pero kailangang maging maingat sa paghawak sa mga naturang uri ng pagong dahil sa lakas ng kagat nito ay maaaring makaputol ng daliri.

Dalawa sa mga nahuling pagong ay namatay na at minabuti ni Doc Nielsen na pag-aralan upang

Nang suriin ni Doc Nielsen ang reproductive organ ng dalawang pagong --isang lalaki at isang babae--nakita niya ang kasagutan at namangha siya.

Ano ang natuklasan ni Doc Nielsen sa mga pagong at legal ba ang paghuli at pagbebenta sa mga ito? Alamin ang mga kasagutan sa video na ito ng "BTBW."

--FRJ, GMA News



DENR-ELEPS nakakumpiska ng illegal na inani na Bamboo products sa TAYTAY, RIZAL



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DAHIL sa paglabag at hindi pagpapakita ng kaukulang dokumento ng mga nasabing mga produkto ng kagubatan ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Environmental ay nakakumpiska ang Law Enforcement and Protection Service (ELEPS) ng iligal na ani ng mga produktong kawayan sa Taytay, Rizal kamakailan.

Ayon sa DENR ang team leader ng grupo ng DENR-ELEPS Intelligence Operations sa pamumuno ni Rogelio Demelletes, Jr., at mga miyembro nito ay nag-inspeksyon sa isang trak na nagdadala ng buho (*Schizostachyum lumampao*) at sawali para sa paghahatid at pagbebenta noong Oktubre 9, 2021 sa Taytay, Rizal.

Kaugnay nito sinabi ng DENR na ang driver ng trak at ang kanyang mga kasama ay hindi nakapagpakita ng mga kinakailangang dokumento na nagpapakita ng awtoridad na magkaroon ng nasabing mga produkto ng kagubatan.

Sinabi ng DENR na dinala ang driver ng trak at kasama nito sa Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Taytay, Rizal para sa kaukulang dokumentasyon at bilang paghahanda para sa pagsasampa ng mga kaukulang kaso para sa paglabag sa Presidential Decree 705 o Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines at Republic Act 11038 o Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018. (santi celario)

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/denr-eleps-nakakumpiska-ng-illegal-na-inani-na-bamboo-products-sa-taytay-rizal/>



DENR distributes 100,000 veggies, fruit seedlings for pandemic response

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MORE than 100,000 various vegetable and fruit-bearing tree seedlings were distributed since July 2021 by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in the City of San Fernando and its various provincial and community offices to local communities in Central Luzon to ensure food security amid the global pandemic.

Executive director of DENR in Central Luzon Paquito Moreno Jr. said the distribution of vegetables and fruit tree seedlings is part of the pandemic response of the government to secure food for local communities and promote urban forestry.

"This pandemic has greatly affected our communities and many of our people lost their jobs. We came up with this strategy to reach them out and ease somehow the economic impact of this health crisis," he said.

He added that the DENR worked closely with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Inter-Agency Task Force and has activated its Modern Mechanized Forest Nursery (MMFN) in Tarlac to produce various vegetable seedlings like string beans, pechay, okra and eggplant.

"Although it was intended primarily to produce seedlings for our country's reforestation programs, we saw the potential of the MMFN to provide much-needed help to our citizenry in the face of the pandemic," he added.

The DENR has also set up various "community plantree" in the region and gave away over 90,000 seedlings of various fruit trees, including kasoy, avocado, sampaloc, duhat, mangga, rambutan, guayabano, bignai, narra, fire tree, molave and bitaog to promote urban greening and environmental stability.

Community plantree is inspired by the community pantry movement in the country but instead of giving away free foods, fruit-tree seedlings were given away to communities.

"Aside from ensuring food security, we make sure to maintain the health standards of our employees," Moreno said, adding that over 1,000 regular and contractual employees of the DENR-Central Luzon have already received Covid-19 vaccine.

The DENR has also continuously enforced safety protocols and regularly conducts disinfection within its respective offices and provided its employees with alcohol, face mask and vitamin C to ensure continuous delivery of public service.

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1911234/Pampanga/Local-News/DENR-distributes-100000-veggies-fruit-seedlings-for-pandemic-response>



DENR free seedlings help enhance food security

By Zorayda Tecson October 25, 2021, 3:35 pm



FREE SEEDLINGS. Over 100,000 vegetable and fruit-bearing tree seedlings have been distributed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to communities in Central Luzon since July 2021. Paquito Moreno, Jr., DENR regional executive director, said in a statement on Monday (Oct. 25, 2021) that it is one of their ways to help those who lost their jobs due to the Covid-19 pandemic by giving them a source of livelihood and enhancing food security. *(Photo courtesy of DENR-Central Luzon)*

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) regional office here has distributed more than 100,000 vegetable and fruit-bearing tree seedlings to local communities in Central Luzon since July this year.

The distribution is part of government efforts to ensure food security amid the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic and promote urban forestry, according to Paquito Moreno, Jr., DENR executive director in Central Luzon, on Monday.

“This pandemic has greatly affected our communities and many of our people lost their jobs. We came up with this strategy to reach out to them and ease somehow the economic impact of this health crisis,” Moreno said in a social media account post.

He said the DENR worked closely with the Department of Agriculture and followed Inter-Agency Task Force protocols to activate the Modern Mechanized Forest Nursery (MMFN) in Tarlac that produces vegetables seedlings like string beans, pechay, okra, and eggplant.

“Although it was intended primarily to produce seedlings for our country’s reforestation programs, we saw the potential of the MMFN to provide much-needed help to our citizenry in the face of the pandemic,” he added.

The DENR also set up various “community plantree” in the region and gave away over 90,000 seedlings of forest and fruit-bearing trees, including kasoy, avocado, sampaloc, duhat, mangga, rambutan, guyabano, bignai, narra, fire tree, molave, and bitaog to promote urban greening and environmental stability.

The “plan tree” is inspired by the community pantry movement but instead of giving away free food, the DENR distributed fruit-tree seedlings to communities. *(PNA)*

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12 persons arrested for 'illegal quarrying' in Rizal

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National Bureau of Investigation (2)

Twelve persons have been arrested for alleged illegal quarrying in Rordriguez, Rizal and more than P36.4 million worth of equipment and crushed gravel and rocks were seized by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

In a statement, the NBI identified those arrested last Oct. 18 as Ericson Cinco, Raul Garcia, Windel Bueno, Pablo Rimorin, Nico Yunapa, Roldan Bonife, Dexter Colas, Jojie Manzanillo, Albert Esto, Fenando Lopez, Rany Caganan, and Danieboy Alejandro.

After their arrest, the NBI said they were charged before the Rizal Office of the Provincial Prosecutor with violations of Section 103 (theft of minerals) of Republic Act No. 9742, the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

It said it also named a certain Jose Allan Cruz as respondent in the charges. The NBI's statement did not state Cruz's alleged participation in the "illegal quarrying."

The NBI said the suspects were arrested by agents of the NBI's Environmental Crime Division (NBI-EnCD) in an "illegal quarrying site" in Barangay San Isidro in Rodriguez town.

"The operation also resulted in the seizure of 13 units backhoe, 3 units bulldozer, 1 unit drill rig, 6 units dump truck, 6 units conveyor belts, 40 cubic meters of manufactured sand and 9,000 cubic meters of extracted/liberated aggregates with a total estimated value of P36,465,000," it said.

"A certification issued by DENR-MGB (Department of Environment and Environment and Natural Resources-Mines and Geosciences Bureau) on Oct. 12, 2021 states that there was no valid and existing Mineral Production Sharing Agreement or Industrial Sand and Gravel Permit that was issued for the extraction of materials in relation to the sanitary landfill project in the Municipality Rodriguez, Rizal," it noted.



12 persons arrested for 'illegal quarrying' in Rizal

"The certification also states that based on the data provided by the Provincial Mining Regulator Board of Rizal, as of 2nd Quarter of 2021, no valid and existing Quarry Permit, Industrial Sand and Gravel, Small Scale Mining Contract or Special Permit to Transport and Dispose was issued in relation to the sanitary landfill project in the said municipality," it added.



12 nabbed for permit-less quarrying



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Agents of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Environmental Crime Division arrested 12 persons for alleged illegal quarrying activities in Rodriguez, Rizal.

NBI officer in charge Eric Distor identified the arrested as Ericson Mayo, Raul Garcia, Windel Bueno, Pablo Rimorin, Nico Yunapa, Roldan Bonife, Dexter Colas, Jojie Manzanillo, Albert Esto, Fernando Lopez, Randy Caganan and Danieboy Alejandro.

The NBI has received reports of alleged rampant illegal mining and quarrying activities being conducted by the suspects in Barangay San Isidro.

Those nabbed were allegedly extracting and disposing of minerals without the necessary permit from the Rizal Provincial Mining Regulatory Board and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources — Mines and Geosciences Bureau (DENR-MGB) Region IV.

Surveillance operations were conducted by the NBI operatives in the area which led to the confirmation of the illegal quarrying operation.

A certification issued by DENR-MGB on 12 October 2021 said the group has no valid and existing mineral production sharing agreement or industrial sand and gravel permit.

The said documents are needed for the extraction of materials in relation to the sanitary landfill project in the Municipality Rodriguez, Rizal, the NBI said.



12 nabbed for permit-less quarrying

The operation resulted in the seizure of 13 backhoes, three bulldozers, one drill rig, six dump trucks, six conveyor belts, 40 M3 S1 manufactured sand and 9,000 M3 extracted/liberated aggregates with a total estimated value of P36,465,000.

The suspects were subjected to an inquest before the Office of Provincial Prosecutor of Rizal for violation of Section 103 (Theft of Minerals) under Republic Act 7942, otherwise known as the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995."

A certain Jose Allan Cruz (at-large), was also included in the complaint regarding the same violation of the law.



Tila moro-moro na raid sa illegal quarrying binatikos



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MANILA, Philippines – Binatikos ng mga netizen at sinabing moro-moro ang raid na isinagawa sa illegal quarrying sa Brgy. San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal.

Una rito, nasamsam ng mga operatiba ang mga heavy equipment at mineral na aabot sa P36.4 milyon habang 12 trabahador ng illegal na quarrying operation ang naaresto.

Sa ulat, kinilala ang mga dinakip na sina Ericson Cinco, Raul Garcia, Windel Bueno, Pablo Rimorin, Nico Yunapa, Roldan Bonife, Dexter Colas, Jojie Manzanillo, Albert Esto, Fernando Lopez, Randy Caganan at Danieboy Alejandro kapwa mga driver at equipment operator habang di binanggit ang may-ari ng dambuhalang illegal na quarry operator.

Nakumpiska ng magkasanib na Environment Crime Division (EMD) ng NBI ang 13 backhoe, 3 bulldozer, isang drill rig, anim (6) na dump truck, anim (6) na conveyor belt, 40 cubic meters na manufactured sand at 9,000 cubic meters extracted at liberated aggregates.

Nabatid na nakatanggap ang pamunuan na mayroon umanong grupo na nag-ooperate ng illegal na pagmimina at mineral extraction Brgy. San Isidro sa lugar.

Lumilitaw na wala umano itong permit sa Mines and Geoscience Bureau at lokal na pamahalaan ng Rodriguez, Rizal.

Umani naman ng iba't-ibang reaksyon sa netizen ang operasyon ng kagawaran.

Ayon kay Rodel de Viana, bakit hindi umano hinuli ang mismong operator, naka ubos na din umano ng bundok at tuwing madaling araw ay punong – puno ng mga buhangin ang mga truck sa may bluerock at kalbo na umano ang bundok dito.

Naniniwala din ang netizen na pakitang tao lang ang hulihan system.

Posible din daw umano na may tara sa Environment Mines Bureau (EMB) Rizal ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at ilang tiwaling tauhan ng munisipyo sa lugar kaya malaya ang illegal na operasyon ng quarrying.

Kasong paglabag sa RA7942 o Philippine Mining Act ang mga suspel at isang Jose Allan Abarra Cruz. *Rene Tubongbanua*

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/tila-moro-moro-na-raid-sa-illegal-quarrying-binatikos/>



Anti-mining groups urge govt to reimpose ban on new mining deals

Bruce Rodriguez, ABS-CBN News
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MANILA – An alliance of anti-mining groups in the Philippines is urging President Rodrigo Duterte to reverse his decision to again allow new mining agreements, and called for the reinstatement of policies laid down by the late Environment Secretary Gina Lopez.

Last April, Duterte signed Executive Order 130, which lifted a nearly 9-year moratorium on new mining agreements. Duterte, who used to be a staunch mining critic, said he reversed his stand as the government needed funds.

Jaybee Garganera, the national coordinator of Alyansa Tigil Mina (Alliance to End Mining) meanwhile said the lifting of the moratorium will lead to further environmental degradation.

Garganera said they are instead pushing for the return of the mining policies instituted by Lopez who closed several mining operations that had a negative impact on communities.

In place of the current mining laws, Garganera's group is pushing for the Alternative Minerals Management Bill (AMMB) which aims to ban mining operations in critical areas. These include important watersheds and habitats, key biodiversity areas, small island ecosystems, areas at risk to disaster and climate change impacts, traditional swidden farms, and hunting grounds.

Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center (LRC) direct services coordinator Atty. Ryan Roset said mining operations, as they are, are not uplifting the communities where they are located.

"Yung community itself ang sumasalo ng mga cost; environmental cost, health cost, 'yung social cost ng mining operation. So 'yun 'yung kamalian sa pagtingin sa mining operations at sabihin nating contribution niya sa economy," Roset noted.

The Chamber of Mines meanwhile said it believes "there are adequate social and environmental laws, rules, and regulations in place that would mitigate the impact of mining on communities and the environment."

The industry group also said its members have adopted a global social and environmental performance standard that compels them "to operate beyond mere compliance."

Mining companies have also spent over P380 million on PPEs, disinfectants, and medical supplies, as well as food assistance and supplies for social amelioration measures in their host mining communities.



DENR, EcoWaste renew call to ban lead paint



Photo by EcoWaste Coalition

[RONALDO O. REYES](#)

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THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and environmental watchdog EcoWaste Coalition have renewed the call to ban the use of lead paint as the world observed this year's Lead Poisoning Prevention Week from October 24 to 30, 2021.

"We urge our manufacturers, sellers, distributors, and processors of lead and lead compounds to strictly comply with the provisions of Republic Act 6969 and to coordinate with the DENR through the Environmental Management Bureau in their registration and permitting," said Eastern Visayas environment director Tirso Parian Jr.

"This is our way to manage the risk of lead to the environment and more especially to human health," he added.

Republic Act (RA) 6969, or an Act to Control Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes, seeks to regulate or prohibit the importation, manufacture, processing, sale, distribution, use, and disposal of chemical substances that present unreasonable risk or injury to human health and to the environment.

Thony Dizon, chemical safety campaigner of EcoWaste Coalition, said the results of their investigation "points to the importance of monitoring compliance to the national ban on lead paints."



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"As some of the extremely leaded industrial paints found were produced during the phaseout period, we urge concerned manufacturers to initiate a systematic retrieval of such paints to stop their sale and use," Dizon said.

"Despite the detection of non-compliant products, our joint study with the EcoWaste Coalition reaffirmed the capability of the local paint industry to produce paints, including industrial solvent-based products, which do not pose lead-based paint hazards," added Manny Calonzo, adviser of International Pollutants Elimination Network (Ipen) for its global lead paint elimination campaign.

"Eliminating the use of lead compounds in the manufacture of all paint categories is indeed doable," Calonzo said.

A new analytical study by the EcoWaste Coalition and IPEN on the lead content of industrial paints being traded in the Philippines "provides a compelling basis to strengthen compliance monitoring to the country's lead paint ban."

The report "Lead in Solvent-Based Industrial Paints Sold in the Philippines" released on Sunday, October 24, 2021, "shows that industrial paints with high concentration of lead are still available in the market despite the completion of the six-year phaseout period for such paints that ended on December 31, 2019."

For this study, the EcoWaste Coalition said a total of 68 samples of solvent-based industrial paints representing 49 paint brands from 30 manufacturers were purchased from retail stores in 15 cities in Metro Manila, as well as from online dealers and paint manufacturers.

The paint samples, including automotive acrylic, enamel and lacquer paints, epoxy enamel paints and primers, anti-corrosive primers, traffic paints, floor paints, marine or anti-fouling paints, and a zinc-rich primer, were subsequently analyzed for total lead content by US-based SGS Forensic Laboratories, according to the coalition.

"Of the 68 samples of solvent-based industrial paints, 21 bright-colored paints (31 percent of paints) were found to be leaded paints, or paints containing lead concentrations above the maximum regulatory limit of 90 parts per million as per the DENR AO 2013-24, or the Chemical Control Order for Lead and Lead Compound," it said.

"Moreover, 13 of these leaded paints contained extremely high lead concentrations above 10,000 ppm (nine of which had lead concentrations at or above 100,000 ppm). The highest lead concentration detected was 220,000 ppm in a yellow epoxy paint," it added.



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Meanwhile, 47 out of 68 solvent-based industrial paints (69 percent of paints) contained lead concentrations at or below 90 ppm, suggesting that the technology to produce paint without lead ingredients exists in the country.

As this developed, EcoWaste Coalition and Ipen proposed "for the national government to review and strengthen monitoring and enforcement measures that will ensure strict compliance to the ban on lead in all paints, including conducting random product tests, issuing product recalls and public health warnings, seizing non-compliant products, and penalizing errant manufacturers and traders."

"For paint companies that still produce lead paints to expeditiously stop the use of leaded paint ingredients in paint formulations, and for paint companies that have shifted to non-lead paint production to get their products certified through independent, third-party verification procedures to increase the customer's ability to choose paints with no added lead," it said.

"For paint consumers to demand paints with no added lead from paint manufacturers and retailers, as well as full disclosure of a paint product's content. Individual, household, institutional, commercial, and industrial consumers should ask for, consciously buy, and use lead-safe paints for all uses," the coalition added.

The DENR, among other government agencies, spearheads the implementation of RA 6969 through the updating and inventory of chemical substances and mixtures that fall within the said category to ensure compliance by those covered by the law.

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines lead as a toxic metal whose widespread use has caused extensive environmental contamination and health problems in many parts of the world.

It is a cumulative toxicant that affects multiple body systems, including the neurologic, hematologic, gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, and renal systems, according to World Health Organization.

Exposure to lead results from inhalation of lead particles generated by burning materials containing lead, such as during smelting, recycling, stripping leaded paint and using leaded aviation fuel, and ingestion of lead-contaminated dust, water from lead pipes, and food from lead-glazed or lead-soldered containers. (SunStar Philippines)

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1911196/Tacloban/Local-News/DENR-EcoWaste-renew-call-to-ban-lead-paint>



Action plan laban sa COVID-19 waste pollution, ipinalalatag sa pamahalaan

By [RadyoMaN Manila](#)
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Pinaglalatag ni Deputy Speaker Bernadette Herrera ng "action plan" ang gobyerno para tugunan ang problema sa lumalalang COVID-19 waste pollution.

Ang action plan ay naglalaman ng pinaigting na monitoring at enforcement activities ng mga kaukulang ahensya ng gobyerno tulad ng Department of Health (DOH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), at Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Tinukoy ng Bagong Henerasyon Partylist representative na mayroong lumalaking concern sa "unprecedented" o biglaang pagtaas sa paggamit ng single-use plastics katulad ng surgical face masks, face shields at gloves mula ng magsimula ang pandemya.

Bukod aniya sa nakamamatay na respiratory disease, ay nagdala rin ang Coronavirus ng banta sa kalusugan ng mga tao lalo na ang microplastics mula sa mga PPEs na nakakapinsala sa kapaligiran.

Dahil dito ay kinakailangan na aniyang higitan ng mga ahensya ang kanilang monitoring efforts upang matiyak ang tamang handling at disposal o pagtatapon ng COVID-19 waste na isa ng seryosong banta sa kalusugan at sa kapaligiran.

Pinakikilos naman ng mambabatas ang pamahalaan, Local Government Units (LGU), mga ospital at ang publiko na magkaisa sa proper waste management ng mga medical waste material.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/2316600095231066/posts/3875172569373803/?app=fbl>



Marikina River rehabilitated as part of Build Back Better program

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The Marikina City government continues the dredging of the Marikina River as part of the Build Back Better city project.



(Photo from Marikina PIO)

The city's Build Back Better (BBB) project, which was established in February 2021, is geared towards rehabilitating the Marikina river.

BBB's initiatives include widening, deepening, and dredging the riverbed of silt and debris as well as removing illegally built structures along the river.

BBB was initiated in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).



Marikina, Paranaque among environmentally sustainable cities in Southeast Asia-ASEAN

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by [Betheena Unite](#)

Two cities in Metro Manila—Marikina and Parañaque— were recently named as among the environmentally sustainable cities in the Southeast Asian region.



SUSTAINABLE CITIES—Secretary Noel Rodriguez from the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN (third from left) receives the award, recognizing Marikina City as among the environmentally sustainable cities in the region. Also in the photo are (from left) ASEAN Secretary-General Lim Jock Hoi, Indonesia's Minister of Environment and Forestry Siti Nurbaya, and Director General for Solid Waste Management Rosa Vivien Ratnawati of Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry. (Photo courtesy of the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN)

Marikina, which is located in the eastern part of Metro Manila, is one of the recipients of the prestigious Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Environmentally Sustainable Cities Award.

According to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Marikina received the highest scores for all three categories on clean air, land, and water through the assessments conducted by the country's Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The city's air quality is within the standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the DFA said. The city also has a dedicated anti-smoke belching unit that conducts daily roadside inspections to check the emission level of motor vehicles, which saw a dramatic 47 percent reduction in apprehended smoke belchers from 4,183 individuals in 2018 to 2,204 in 2019.



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It was also highlighted that 100 percent of Marikina's households have access to water infrastructure provided by Manila Water, the city's water concessionaire. The provided tap water also meets the drinking water standards of the World Health Organization (WHO) and fully meets the average consumption needs of local consumers.

Moreover, more than 70 percent of the city's households and industries are linked to two existing wastewater treatment facilities with combined capacity of 110 million L/day. Because of this, only one deep well for groundwater is extracted for use.

Marikina is likewise a pioneer in solid waste management in the Philippines. The city ensures the storage of all wastes in dedicated holding areas/receptacles before being properly disposed; 100 percent collection of household wastes through a door-to-door system; and 100 percent waste transportation via covered vehicles.

It also scores high for green spaces. The city's green spaces (515.61 ha) exceeds the required area needed (428.20 ha) for a healthy living based on WHO standards (9.5 m² green space/capita).

Meanwhile, Parañaque City received a certificate of recognition under the category "Clean Land for Big Cities." The city was cited for its solid waste management program which includes the strict implementation of segregation-at-source, segregated collection, and proper waste disposal.

The recognitions were given to the cities during the 5th ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) and Certificates of Recognition (COR) awarding ceremony held at the Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry in Jakarta on Oct. 21.

The ASEAN ESC Award, held in conjunction with the 16th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME), aims to recognize exemplary efforts to keep ASEAN cities clean, green, and livable. It was first held in 2008 and conducted every three years since then.

According to Indonesia's Minister of Environment and Forestry, Siti Nurbaya, the ASEAN ESC Award is one of the most effective approaches to encourage cities in ASEAN to mobilize their resources to build clean and green cities, and in turn, set standards for other cities to follow.

Previous winners of the ESC award from the Philippines are Puerto Princesa in 2008 and 2011 and San Carlos City in 2014 and 2017.

Third Secretary Noel Rodriguez of the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN received the awards on behalf of the two Philippine-based cities during the ceremony.



DepEd reiterates call to address climate crisis

October 26, 2021



The youth webinar addresses climate change's impact on children's welfare. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

HIGHLIGHTING the importance of climate education, the [Department of Education](#) (DepEd) emphasized the international call for global climate justice to address the adverse effects it entails on children in a youth webinar held on September 24.

DepEd, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD), teamed up with Save the Children to conduct a webinar on "Global climate strike: Capacity building on climate change and its effect on children's welfare."

"The urgency of protecting the environment has become much more evident. We have been surviving on a yearly basis; floods, earthquakes, storms have led to the destruction of our infrastructure, of building and the loss of lives," Education Secretary [Leonor Magtolis Briones](#) said.

The webinar discussed the direct effects of climate change on children's welfare and how the climate change movements can urge learners to be part of the solution. It also highlighted the big part of educational institutions to be a platform and breeding ground for young leaders.

Carrying the slogan #UprootTheSystem, the Global Climate Strike was organized by Fridays for Future, headed by an 18 year-old Swedish environmental activist [Greta Thunberg](#). This youth-led movement began in 2018 and has 15 million participants in over 216 countries worldwide presently.



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"Makakalikasan, (pro-nature) this is one of the department's core values, recognizing the need to infiltrate the mind of the learners and even the teachers, and the personnel of the department. The importance of taking care of the planet and its resources. At the very core of our existence, we are all entwined by the very fabric of our humanity. The source of light that sustains our very existence, the earth, and ating tahanan, (our home)" BLSS-YFD Chief [Adolf Aguilar](#) shared.



Indonesia pushes mangrove conservation



By Xinhua News Agency

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A worker plants mangrove trees at a coastal conservation in Jakarta, Indonesia, Oct. 31, 2020. (Photo by Dedy Istanto/Xinhua)

JAKARTA: [Indonesia](#) has been working for the restoration of mangrove forests in a number of areas in the Southeast Asian country to conserve the world's largest coverage of mangrove forests.

"We are replanting mangroves to protect against waves of seawaters, seawater intrusions and also to protect the habitat of species in and around mangrove forests," President [Joko Widodo](#) said after a replanting activity on Tuesday, in which 180,000 hectares of mangrove forests will be rehabilitated.

From September onwards, the Indonesian president has visited some areas in the country, including [Cilacap District](#) in Central [Java](#) province; Batam city in Riau Islands province; and [Badung District](#) in [Bali](#) province, where he planted mangroves.

"Our target is that in the next three years we will rehabilitate 600,000 hectares of mangrove forests. Indonesia has the largest mangrove forest coverage in the world with an area of 3.36 million hectares," he noted.

The planting of mangroves in the coastal areas was also expected to increase fish production, he said, adding the income of fisherfolk would therefore increase.



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In addition, he said that mangrove rehabilitation will contribute greatly to the absorption of carbon emissions, confirming Indonesia's commitment to the [Paris Agreement](#) on climate change.

During one of the recent mangrove rehabilitation activities in North [Kalimantan](#), Finnish Ambassador [Jari Sinkari](#) praised the steps the Indonesian government has taken to protect mangroves as mangrove forests are very efficient in absorbing carbon dioxide.

Deputy Ambassador of [Brazil Daniel Barra Ferreira](#) noted that the mangrove rehabilitation program shows Indonesia's strong commitment to sustainable development.

Based on the 2021 [National Mangrove Map](#) launched by the Indonesian government on October 13, the mangrove areas in Indonesia currently total 3,364,080 hectares or 20 percent of the total mangrove forests in the world. The size has increased by 52,873 hectares from the period between 2013 and 2019.



Carbon offsetting goes trendy



By [Ben Kritz](#)

October 26, 2021

AMONG the flotsam of marketing pitches and other attention-seeking supplications that washed up in my inbox last week was an interesting advertisement from a [UK](#)-based outfit called NET-ZERO. Since putting the name of your firm in all capital letters shows you mean business, I thought, "This email must be important." So, I investigated further to see what it was about.

NET-ZERO, as it turns out, is an app that allows vehicle owners to purchase carbon offsets for their car or truck. The app draws on a database of several million registered cars and trucks to determine the user's vehicle's carbon footprint, and then, at a price beginning at about two pence per mile, or roughly P1 per kilometer, the user can purchase carbon credits from a basket of offsets offered by the app. The offsets, which the app's information page says were created in cooperation with the environmental consulting firm, BeZero Carbon (which seems to be the developer of the app), are environmental projects such as reforestation and restoration of peat and grasslands.

Carbon offsetting, for those who may be unfamiliar with the concept, is the imposition of some kind of levy — in the case of the NET-ZERO app, it's voluntary — on sources of emissions such as factories or vehicles (typically bigger ones, such as ships, or fleets of trucks or airplanes) in order to fund projects that will offset the emissions. Ideally, the offset cancels out the emissions; if a factory emits X amount of greenhouse gases, the carbon taxes assessed against those should pay for something that removes X amount of carbon from the atmosphere.

It is a great idea on paper, and climate change policymakers now consider it an integral — and non-negotiable — part of any climate adaptation and mitigation strategy, and a vital source of some of the enormous amount of funds that are needed for the purpose. This is frustrating, because the practical problems with it are so obvious.

First, as many, many critics of carbon credits have pointed out, the scheme does not necessarily force any greenhouse gas producer to actually reduce emissions, thanks to carbon credits being commoditized almost as soon as they were created. There is a lively market for carbon credits, where emitters can simply purchase more if their emissions exceed their original budget. Part of the perverse rationale behind carbon markets is that companies would be encouraged to reduce emissions, because their unused carbon credits could be sold at a profit, but that only works if there is actually someone who needs to buy them — i.e., another user whose emissions are not being reduced, or are actually increasing. At best, the framework simply shifts emissions around, without making a substantial impact on actual reduction.

Second, it is extremely difficult — it could probably be said to be impossible — to specifically offset the emissions that are covered by carbon credits. A refinery in [Europe](#) that produces 5,000 tons of carbon emissions per year can purchase enough carbon credits to cover those, but it is very unlikely the carbon tax revenue is going to be spent on something that will reliably remove 5,000 tons of carbon from the atmosphere in the refinery's immediate neighborhood in Europe. It might pay for mangrove replanting in [Southeast Asia](#), or fund a geothermal plant in [Africa](#) that will allow a coal-fired generating plant to be taken out of service, or even simply be used for administrative costs of the various agencies in Europe working on climate adaptation and



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mitigation. All of those expenditures would count as legitimate offsets, but their positive impact in relation to the actual source of the emissions is very indirect, and in most cases, very difficult to objectively measure.

Even so, the carbon offset idea is not necessarily bad. It is not even close to being as good as advertised, but it still makes a positive contribution and has a role as one tool among many to fight climate change.

The application of carbon offsets to individual motor vehicles is an interesting idea. It could be adapted for use in helping to fund the [Philippines'](#) own climate adaptation and mitigation efforts, while at the same time partly addressing the country's self-inflicted Carmageddon. In order for it to be effective, however, it would need to be made obligatory, an additional form of tax. In addition, trade in carbon credits, at least at the level of individual vehicle owners, would have to be prevented in order to avoid having the entire system rendered superfluous by wealthier vehicle owners.

Developing such a framework should be rather straightforward, and the possibilities are intriguing enough that I have begun work on a basic outline, even though I need another project like I need another hole in the head right now. I am hoping, however, that others may be interested in lending a hand in putting together something that could eventually be put in the hands of a legislative champion and made a reality here.



14M tons of wastes litter ocean floor – study



By [Agence France-Presse](#)

October 26, 2021

SHIMODA: A boat's crew casts a net into the seemingly clean waters off [Japan's](#) Izu Peninsula, but not to catch fish — they are scooping up microplastics to learn more about the pollution's impact on marine life.

Tiny floating fragments from plastic packaging, synthetic clothing and fishing nets have proliferated over the past four decades and are now found in every part of the world's oceans — even the deepest trench.

The planet's seafloor is littered with an estimated 14 million tons of microplastics, according to a study released last year and scientists say more research on them is urgently needed including their effect on ecosystems, the food chain and human health.

So a team of French and Japanese researchers is analyzing samples from the archipelago's coastal waters to study how microplastics make their way into the sea and how much seeps into the ocean floor.

They are also examining the so-called plastisphere where microorganisms live among discarded plastic.

"It's a new ecosystem that didn't exist before the 1970s. So we don't really know which types of microbes are associated with this plastic," Sylvain Agostini, scientific director of the Tara-Jambio project, told [Agence France-Presse](#).

Having left the funnel-shaped net nicknamed "the sock" to drift for 15 minutes near the surface, the crew hoisted it back on deck to inspect their catch.

"This blue stuff is microplastics and that's polystyrene, I believe," Agostini said.

They have collected more than 200 samples since their study began in April 2020, all of which contain microplastics.

[Jonathan Ramtahal](#), a student from Trinidad and Tobago taking part in the research, said the team aims to determine whether the bacteria they find is "harmful to the wider food chain."

"Is it something we should be worried about — do they transport any vectors for diseases? The diversity of bacteria can give us an idea of how it changes in different environments," he said.

Other studies have shown that microplastics have infiltrated the planet's most remote regions and [France's Tara Ocean Foundation](#) has previously researched them in the [Mediterranean](#) and large European rivers.

Now the foundation is in Japan, the second-biggest producer of plastic packaging waste per capita according to the [United Nations](#).



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The Japanese government said its vast [waste management](#) scheme stops plastic from finding its way to the sea and industry research shows 85 percent of plastic waste in Japan is recycled — although much is burnt for energy, emitting carbon dioxide.

Keiji Nakajima, director of marine plastic pollution control at the environment ministry, said Japan's waters are also affected by the waste of its neighbors.

"Japan's streets and streams are cleaner than those of other countries," he said.

The nation sits "downstream of a major oceanic current that sweeps in plastic waste produced in Southeast Asia and [China](#)," Nakajima added.

A 2018 United Nations report named the [United States](#) as the biggest generator of plastic packaging waste per capita, with China the largest overall.

Agostini, an assistant professor at the [University of Tsukuba](#) northeast of [Tokyo](#), said that while "there is some truth" in this explanation, it is not watertight.

When plastic waste is found at a river's estuary or a secluded bay, it's clear that "it doesn't come from thousands of kilometers away," he said.

The Tara-Jambio project is unlikely to settle that debate when its findings are published in several years time, but Agostini argues that if even a small proportion of Japan's plastic waste seeps into the ocean, it is still an "enormous quantity."

Japan is taking small steps to reduce its reliance on plastic: in 2019, it set a target to recycle 100 percent of new plastic by 2035 and last year, stores began charging for plastic bags.

"Packaging habits are ingrained" in Japan, said Kazuo Inaba, head of the Japanese marine-station network Jambio, but he and the team say change is necessary.



Pagasa monitors 2 weather disturbances



By [Arlie Calalo](#)

October 25, 2021

THE Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and [Astronomical Services Administration](#) (Pagasa) is monitoring two tropical cyclones outside the Philippine area of responsibility (PAR).

Tropical storm "Malou" was last spotted 1,715 kilometers east of Central [Luzon](#).

Meanwhile, a tropical depression was estimated 620 kilometers west-northwest of [Puerto Princesa City](#), Palawan, weather specialist [Ana Clauren](#) told The [Manila Times](#).

"These weather disturbances are less likely to enter the Philippine area of responsibility," she said.

Light to moderate to at times heavy rains will prevail in [Metro](#) Manila, [Cagayan Valley](#), [Aurora](#), CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon), MIMAROPA ([Mindoro](#), Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan) and Bicol Region in the next 24 hours.

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INTERCONTINENTAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Case No. 21-3111

Applicant.

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SECOND NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant, an authorized operator of the waterworks system within Susana Heights Subdivision, Barangay Tunasan, Muntinlupa City, applies for the renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience.

This application will be initially heard by the Board on **November 22, 2021**. The hearing will start at **9:00 o' clock in the morning** at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing, applicant shall publish this notice once in a daily newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila and serve by personal delivery or registered mail a copy of the (i) application and its attachments, and (ii) this notice, to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above scheduled date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant.

Failure on the part of any person affected to file its opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of their right to be heard. The Board will proceed to hear and decide the application based on the evidence submitted.

Likewise, failure by the applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 24th day of September 2021.

By Authority of the Board:

(Sgd.)

Dr. SEVILLO D. DAVID, Jr., CESO III
Executive Director

Affected Parties:
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

COSMOS EXPLORATION CORP.
(Name of Company/Individual)

FOR

EXPLORATION PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 21 of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2010-21, Series of 2010, Providing for a consolidated Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order for the Implementing Rules and Regulation of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995", Cosmos Exploration Corp., with office address at 1423 The Mondrian Bldg., Pablo Ocampo Street, San Antonio, Makati City, Philippines, has filed an application for Exploration Permit for the exploration of Basalt, Rock Aggregates, Silica, Copper, Gold and other metallic and non-metallic minerals and particularly described as follows:

- I - Registration No. EXPA-000224-V
- II - Date of Registration
- III - Area Location

Barangays	Cantoma and Togoron
Municipality of	Marneal
Province of	Masbate
Island of	Luzon
Barangays	Jagna-an, Bagahanglad, Mabini, Pina
	Bartolobac, Danao and Roosevelt
Municipality of	San Jacinto
Province of	Masbate
Island of	Luzon

IV - Technical Description of the Area.

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* Exceptions.

The proposed Contract/Permit Area shall be subject to Section 19 of RA 7942 and Section 15 ("Areas Closed to Mining Locations") and Section 16 ("Ancestral Lands"), of DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21, Series of 2010. Among other things:

- a.) The following shall be closed to mining locations: areas with valid and existing mining rights; mining applications and areas expressly prohibited by law;
- b.) The following shall also be closed to mining locations except upon the written consent of the concerned government agency or private entity subject to the evaluation and validation by the Bureau: areas near or under public or private buildings, cemeteries, archeological and historical sites, bridges, highways, waterways, railroads, reservoirs, dams or other infrastructure projects, public or private works including plantations of valuable or valuable crops.
- c.) Applications for mineral agreement or financial or technical assistance agreements covering: small scale mining areas; civil or military reservations; areas covered by Certificate of Ancestral Domain claims; or areas of ancestral land as may be defined by law shall require prior written consent of concerned individuals, groups or other government agencies having

jurisdiction over the area/s applied for.

- d.) Tourism development areas as identified in the national and local tourism development plans;
- e.) Prime agricultural lands, in addition to lands covered by RA No. 6657 or the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, as amended, including plantations and areas devoted to valuable crops, and strategic agriculture and Fisheries development zones, and fish refuge and sanctuaries declared as such by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

Notes

- 1. The approval of an Environmental Clearance Certificate, with all the necessary public consultations, shall be required prior to any and all mining construction, development and production.
- 2. The notice must be accompanied by a map/sketch plan with index map showing the nearest municipality(ies) and any major environmental feature(s).

V - Size of the Area : One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Nine and 532/10,000 [1,669.532] hectares

VI - Duration of the Permit:

- 1. Exploration shall have a term of two (2) years renewable for like period but not to exceed a total term of six (6) years;

VII - Extent of Operation to be Undertaken:

Exploration of Basalt, Rock Aggregates, Silica, Copper, Gold and other metallic and non-metallic minerals.

Any and all persons having adverse claims, protest and/or opposition to the above mentioned application(s) are hereby notified that their adverse claims should be filed within ten (10) days from the last date of publication/posting, directly with the Regional Office concerned or Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) or Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer of the DENR for filing in the Regional Office for purposes of its resolution by the Panel of Arbitrators and/or the concerned appellate body(ies). Adverse claims, protests or opposition should be accomplished in accordance with Sections 203 and 204 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21, series of 2010 and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the applicant/contractor by the adverse claimant.

For further particulars, apply or course your inquiries to the OIC, Office of the Regional Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Regional Office No. V, DENR Annex Building, Regional Center, Rawis, Legaspi City.

GUILLERMO A. MOLINA, JR. IV
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Mines and Geosciences Bureau
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1 SEC Official Receipt No. 1869269 for the filing fee of subject application was presented and dated by the Cashier office on February 6, 2020.
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PH detects first case of new B1.1.318 variant



By [Red Mendoza](#)

October 25, 2021



Crowds converge at the Dolomite Beach in Manila on Sunday, October 24, 2021, prompting the Department of Health to warn local government units to prevent such gatherings that could trigger another Covid-19 spike. PHOTO BY ENRIQUE AGCAOILI

The [Philippines](#) has detected the first case of the B.1.1.318 variant that was first seen in [Mauritius](#), the [Department of Health](#) said on Monday.

The variant, which is considered as a "variant under monitoring" by the [World Health Organization](#), is said to be responsible for a cluster of cases in the African country in June and contains spike proteins that are also present in the Beta and Delta variants.

Health Undersecretary [Maria Rosario Vergeire](#) said that the lone case was a 34-year-old man who arrived in the Philippines from the [United Arab Emirates](#) on March 5 and was swabbed on March 10.

The man recovered on March 21. His last known address was in [Bacolod City](#).

Vergeire said that the variant detected in the country is still being studied.

"Pinag-aaralan po itong mabuti ng WHO at ng international experts dahil itong mga mutations na ito ay maaaring makaapekto sa efficacy ng bakuna at makaapekto sa transmission ng sakit pero sa ngayon wala pa pong kumpletong [evidensya] (The WHO and international experts are studying this carefully because these mutations can affect vaccine efficacy and can affect disease transmission but right now we don't have any complete evidence)," Vergeire said in her regular briefing on Monday.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/10/25/news/ph-detects-first-case-of-new-b11318-variant/1819669>



PH 'successfully' contained Delta variant in less than 2 months

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor October 25, 2021, 6:32 pm



(PNA photo by Gil Calinga)

MANILA – Even with the highly transmissible and dominant Delta variant, the Philippines has controlled the rise in number of coronavirus cases with a better healthcare systems in place, a health official said Monday.

Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said the government was expecting "a lot of cases" when the Delta variant was first detected in July, taking into consideration how it ravaged India and other nations with record number of cases and deaths.

"We were expecting *talaga na tayo ay magkakaroon ng sobrang taas ng kaso, tayo ay mao-overwhelm, tayo ay magkakaroon ng maraming pagkamatay pero hindi natin naabot ang projected number of cases, hindi natin naabot 'yung overwhelmed health systems although nahirapan po talaga tayo* (We were expecting a high number of cases, that we would get overwhelmed, more deaths. But we didn't reach the projected number of cases and overwhelmed health systems, although we had difficulties)," Vergeire said in an online media briefing.

She described the situation as a "challenge" but Vergeire said the government was able to reduce the number of cases in one and a half months after the first cases of the Delta variant was detected and the cases spiked after the period September 5 to 11.

Vergeire was reacting to reports stating that it was "premature" for National Task Force Against Covid-19 chief implementer Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. to say that the government has "defeated" the Delta variant.

"I think *'yun ang konteksto ni Secretary Galvez. Hindi naman natin sinasabi natalo na natin ang Delta dahil ang Delta sa atin, 9 out of 10 sequenced here in the country are all Delta variants. Pero ang pinakamaganda, we were able to control, we were able to reduce the number of cases at naiayos natin ang health system natin* and that is what's most important to us (I think that was the context of Secretary Galvez. We are not saying we have defeated the Delta variant because 9 out of 10 of sequenced samples are all Delta variants. But what is good is that we were able to control and reduce the number of cases and we were able to fix the health system)," Vergeire said.



PH 'successfully' contained Delta variant in less than 2 months

During the imposition of an enhanced community quarantine in the National Capital Region (NCR) in July, the government further ramped up its vaccination program nationwide while it restricted public movement.

Coronavirus cases in the country started to see a significant decline this month, with only 4,405 new infections recorded as of October 25 from a high of over 26,000 cases in September.

The total number of active cases nationwide is 57,763, a drop from Sunday's 60,957.

The decline in number of cases prompted officials to ease movement restrictions in the NCR which is now under Alert Level 3.

More Delta variant cases detected

Another 380 cases of the Delta variant have been recorded nationwide.

Vergeire said a total of 746 samples were collected in March, April, September and up to October 22.

Of the samples collected and sequenced, about 380 or 50.94 percent were Delta variant cases, 104 or 13.94 percent were Alpha variant cases, and 166 or 22.25 percent were Beta variant cases.

The new logged variant cases pushed the total Delta variant cases to 4,811; Beta variant cases, 3,479; and Alpha variant cases, 3,042.

A total of 17,893 samples have been sequenced and 88.76 percent or 15,882 were listed with lineages as of October 24.

"Incoming international travelers comprise 1,169 or 6.63 percent [samples sequenced for variants]," Vergeire said.

All regions and all cities and municipalities in the National Capital Region either have Alpha or Beta variants detected.

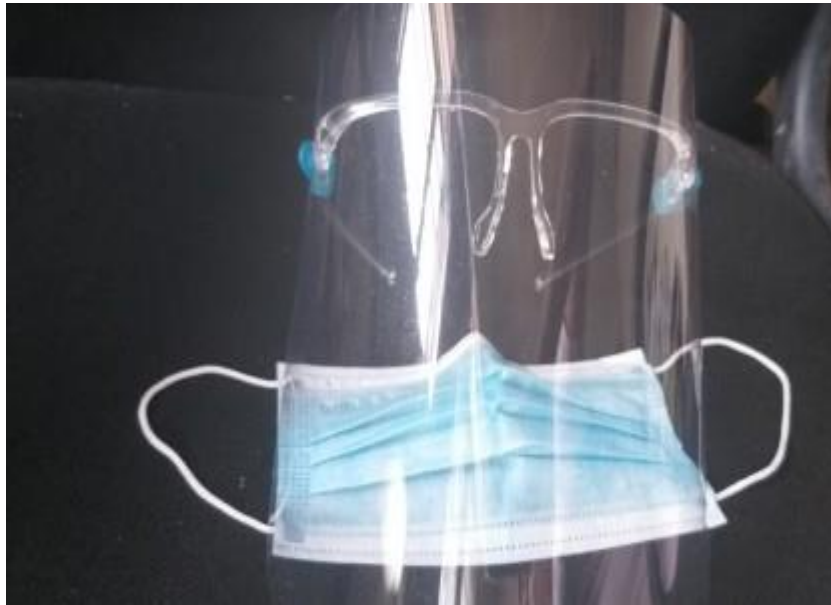
The Delta variant, initially detected from returning overseas Filipinos, is now detected in all 17 regions and all NCR cities and lone municipality.

Meantime, the P.3 variant, which was initially observed in only one region in the country, is now detected in all regions. (PNA)



Solon wants Covid-19 pollution addressed

By Filane Mikee Cervantes October 25, 2021, 6:25 pm



MANILA – A party-list lawmaker on Monday said there is a need to take “stronger action” to address a new form of pollution induced by the extensive use of surgical face masks and other single-use personal protective equipment (PPE) during the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

Bagong Henerasyon Party-list Representative Bernadette Herrera said the government should craft an action plan that would involve intensified monitoring and enforcement activities by concerned government agencies, such as the Department of Health, the Department of the Interior, and Local Government, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

“It’s time that we take the so-called Covid-19 waste pollution seriously. Authorities need to develop and implement an action plan to address this problem before it’s too late,” Herrera said. “These agencies need to tighten up their monitoring efforts to ensure proper handling and disposal of Covid-19 waste, which poses serious risks to public health and the environment.”

Herrera said there is a growing concern over the unprecedented increase in single-use plastics including surgical face masks, face shields and gloves since the pandemic began.

“Beyond causing a deadly respiratory disease, the coronavirus has brought a new, and largely overlooked, threat to human health: more potentially harmful microplastics in the environment, this time from used PPE,” she said.

Citing a 2020 study by the World Wildlife Fund, she said the PPE used to fight Covid-19 becomes plastic waste after its use, invading the streets, sidewalks, parks, and other public places.

She further said Covid-19 waste often ends up in rivers and oceans, causing a huge threat to marine life.



Solon wants Covid-19 pollution addressed

Herrera warned that poor management of Covid-19 waste potentially exposes health care workers, waste handlers, patients and the community at large to infection, toxic effects and injuries, and risks polluting the environment.

She stressed the need to segregate all medical waste materials at the point of generation, appropriately treated and disposed of safely—all of these fall within the responsibility of local government units (LGUs).

“Proper waste management is more important than ever, and we hope the national government, LGUs, hospitals and the general public will work together to ensure the proper handling and disposal of Covid-19 waste,” Herrera said. (PNA)



DOH lists 4,405 new COVID-19 cases, 5 labs without data

(Philstar.com)

- October 25, 2021 - 4:01pm



Passengers are seen at a jeepney in this October 19, 2021 photo. The transportation department is pushing for additional capacity in public utility vehicles after Metro Manila was downgraded to Alert Level 3 of the pilot granular lockdown.

The STAR/Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities on Monday tallied 4,405 new coronavirus cases, pushing the country's caseload to 2,761,307.

The figures reported today brought active cases in the Philippines down by 3,194 from the 60,957 on October 24.

DOH said five laboratories did not submit screening results.

Active cases: 57,763 or 2.1% of the total

Deaths: 149, pushing the count to 41,942

Recoveries: 7,561 bringing the number to 2,661,602

COVID-19 booster shots, third dose approved

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III approved the use of COVID-19 vaccine booster shots and third dose in the country. But DOH said this would still require an [emergency use authorization](#) from the Food and Drug Administration.



DOH lists 4,405 new COVID-19 cases, 5 labs without data

Months after a deadly surge in cases attributed to the Delta variant, DOH said the Philippines is now under "[low risk](#)" classification for COVID-19.

Authorities also reported 380 additional cases of the Delta from samples collected in [past months](#).

The Department of Education said there are now 90 public schools cleared for limited face-to-face classes that will begin on November 15.

The Philippines received three million new doses of [Sinovac](#), two million of which were procured by the national government and a million donated by Beijing.

Kaso ng COVID-19 sa mundo, sumampa na sa higit 244.44 milyon

By Angellic Jordan October 25, 2021 - 02:09 PM



Reuters photo

Pumalo na sa 244.44 milyon ang bilang ng kumpirmadong kaso ng COVID-19 sa buong mundo.

Batay sa huling tala, pumalo na sa kabuuang 244,444,105 ang tinamaan ng nakakahawang sakit sa iba't ibang bansa.

Nangunguna pa rin sa may pinakamaraming naitalang kaso ng COVID-19 ang Estados Unidos na may 46,312,782 cases.

Sumunod na rito ang India na may 34,189,774 na nagpositibo sa pandemiya.

Nasa 21,729,763 naman ang kaso sa Brazil habang 8,773,674 ang napaulat na kaso sa United Kingdom.

Narito naman ang naitalang COVID-19 cases sa iba pang bansa at teritoryo:

- Russia - 8,241,643
- Turkey - 7,851,805
- France - 7,125,868
- Iran - 5,860,844
- Argentina - 5,280,358
- Spain - 4,997,732
- Colombia - 4,991,050
- Italy - 4,741,185
- Germany - 4,476,078
- Indonesia - 4,240,019
- Mexico - 3,783,327



Kaso ng COVID-19 sa mundo, sumampa na sa higit 244.44 milyon

Samantala, lumabas din sa pinakahuling datos na umakyat na sa kabuuang 4,964,101 ang bilang ng nasawi sa iba't ibang bansa.

Nasa 221,473,788 naman ang total recoveries ng COVID-19 pandemic sa buong mundo.

Read more: <https://rado.inquirer.net/303118/kaso-ng-covid-19-sa-mundo-sumampa-na-sa-higit-244-44-milyon#ixzz7AM4wiK5e>

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KARAPATANG pantao ang magkaroon ng trabaho, magtayo ng negosyo, kumain sa loob ng restoran, magpagupit at magpaganda sa mga shop, mamasyal kung saan gusto, mag-aral at maraming iba pa.

At ang mga karapatang ito ay tinatamasa na ng kalahati ng populasyon ng bansa dahil 56 milyong bakuna laban sa coronavirus disease-19.

May 30 milyong nabakunahan ng isang beses samantalang nasa 26 milyong bakuna na rin ang may doble bakuna.

Itinuturok pa ang nalalabi sa mahigit 97 milyong bakuna at umaasa tayong madagdagan pa ang bakuna bago matapos ang taon na pupwedeng iturok sa atin.

BAKUNA AT HEALTH PROTOCOL

Bakuna ang pangunahing dahilan ng pagbaba ng mga kaso ng COVID-19 sa kalakhang bahagi ng mahal kong Pinas.

Kung panatilihin ang pagsunod at tamang paggamit ng face mask, face shield, social distancing at iba pa bilang kakambal ng bakuna laban sa COVID-19, hindi imposibleng lalong luluwag ang kalagayan natin sa pagtamo ng nasabing mga karapatang pantao.



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Siyempre pa, hindi rin natin pwedeng isantabi ang iba pang mga hakbang ng gobyerno gaya ng mga malawakan at maliitan o granular lockdown kung kinakailangan.

Napakahalaga rin ang mahigpit na ugnayan ng mga pambansa at lokal na pamahalaan sa laban sa pandemya.

PAMI-PAMILYANG NAMAMASYAL

Nakatutuwang panoorin ang buong pamilya na namamasyal ngayon kahit saan, partikular sa Metro Manila, at may mga dumadayo ring galing sa ibang mga lalawigan.

Kabilang sa mga pinapasyalan ang Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach at libo-libo na ang bilang ng mga namamasyal sa nakalipas na isang linggo.

Hindi lang ang ganda ng puting dalampasigan ang dahilan ng balitang isa nang pasyalan ang lugar.

Para sa marami, napakalaki na ang ipinagbago lalo na sa halos pagkawala ng masangsang na amoy sa paligid at malinis-linis nang tubig at kapaligiran.

Hindi rin madayo-dayo ng mga mandurukot at may laging sama nang loob sa lipunan ang lugar kaya ligtas ang pamamasyal dito.

Ayon sa iba pang mga namamasyal, napakasariwa ang hangin at pantanggal ng stress sa trabaho ang makisalamuha sa kapaligirang nagsasama ang lupa, karagatan at kalangitan.

MANDATORYONG PAGBABAKUNA

Ayon kay Department of Labor Silvestre Bello III, may batayan na para mapilitang magpabakuna ang isang mamamayan ngunit para lang sa nais kumain sa mga restoran.

Batay umano sa Inter-Agency Task Force resolution sa pagpapairal ng Alert Leve 3, pwede nang kumain ang mga buo ang bakuna sa loob ng restoran pero hanggang 30 porsyento lang ng kapasidad ng huli.

Kaya lang, dapat ding buo ang bakuna ng mga empleyado.

Nangangahulugang kung gusto ng empleyado ng restoran na manatili sa trabaho, magpabakuna siya at kasabay nito ang pagsasabi ng employer na hindi muna pupwedeng pumasok ang hindi bakunado.

Kaya ang bunga nito, kung hindi bakunado ang empleyado at pinatigil muna ito sa pagpasok sa trabaho, "no work, no pay" ang aabutin nito.

Paano kung balang araw, eh, aprubahan ng IATF ang panukala ng dumaraming employer na nagsasabing dapat mabakunahan lahat ang kanilang mga empleyado?

At heto ang mga linya ng negosyo na gusto ng mga employer na maging bakunado lahat ng kanilang mga manggagawa: hospitality, tourism, retail, personal care services at negosyong maraming obrero ang kailangan gaya ng kontruksyon, pagawaan ng mga sasakyan, damit, pagmamanupaktura, electronic semiconductors at business process outsourcing.



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Sa ibang salita, mga Bro, milyones ang mga ito at kung mapairal ang sapilitang pagbabakuna, maiiwas sa pandemya ang mga ito at makatutulong sila nang husto ito sa pagkamit ng buong bansa ng herd o community immunity o hindi pagkakasakit sa COVID-19.

BUONG KALAYAAN AT BENEPISYO

Hindi lang pagkamit ng human right ang mapapasakamay sa buong bayan kung lalaya tayo sa COVID-19.

Kung makababalik tayo sa normal na kalagayang pangkalusugan, lahat na ng gusto nating mangyari ay magagawa natin.

Babalik ang kalayaan natin sa pag-aabroad, pagtatrabaho, punuang transportasyon, punuang pasyalan at kainan, buong pagtitipon sa kasayahan at kalungkutan, punuang eskwela, gym, salon at iba pa.

Pero mangyayari lang ang mga ito kung tayo'y magpabakuna lahat at sumunod sa mga health protocol at lockdown habang nakikipagbuno pa tayo sa virus at mga variant nito.



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PORSYENTO NG AKTIBONG KASO

2.1%

TOTAL NG AKTIBONG KASO
57,763

PORSYENTO NG GUMALING

96.4%

TOTAL NG GUMALING
2,661,602

PORSYENTO NG NAMATAY

1.52%

TOTAL NG NAMATAY
41,942

MGA BAGONG KASO **4,405**

MGA BAGONG GUMALING **7,561**

MGA BAGONG NAMATAY **149**

KABUANG BILANG NG KASO **2,761,307**

MGA NAGPOSITIBO HULING OKTUBRE 23

DATOS NGAYONG OKTUBRE 25
AYON SA REPORTS NOONG OKTUBRE 23

9.0%

PORSYENTO NG MGA
NAGPOSITIBO

47,731

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82.7%

ANG MILD AT
ASYMPTOMATIC
NA KASO!

**SANITIZE ANG
KAMAY AT IWASAN
ANG KULOB NA LUGAR**

KABUANG PILIPINAS

PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (4.2K TOTAL BEDS)
52% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (21.1K TOTAL BEDS)
40% Utilized

WARD BEDS (14.6K TOTAL BEDS)
37% Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.3K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
36% Utilized

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PUNO NA BA ANG ATING MGA OSPITAL?

ICU BEDS (1.5K TOTAL BEDS)
46% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.8K TOTAL BEDS)
35% Utilized

WARD BEDS (4.1K TOTAL BEDS)
33% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.1K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
32% Utilized

KALAGAYAN NG MGA AKTIBONG KASO

Mild 76.2%

6.5% Asymptomatic

2.3% Critical

5.3% Severe

9.72% Moderate



UPDATE AND MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Matitiyak lamang nating ang lubos na kaligtasan ng lahat kung mahigpit nating susundin ang **Minimum Public Health Standards**. Kasabay nito, agad na makipag-ugnayan sa **BHERTS** o sa **One COVID Referral Center** sa oras na makaramdam ng anumang sintomas. Maabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o 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.



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





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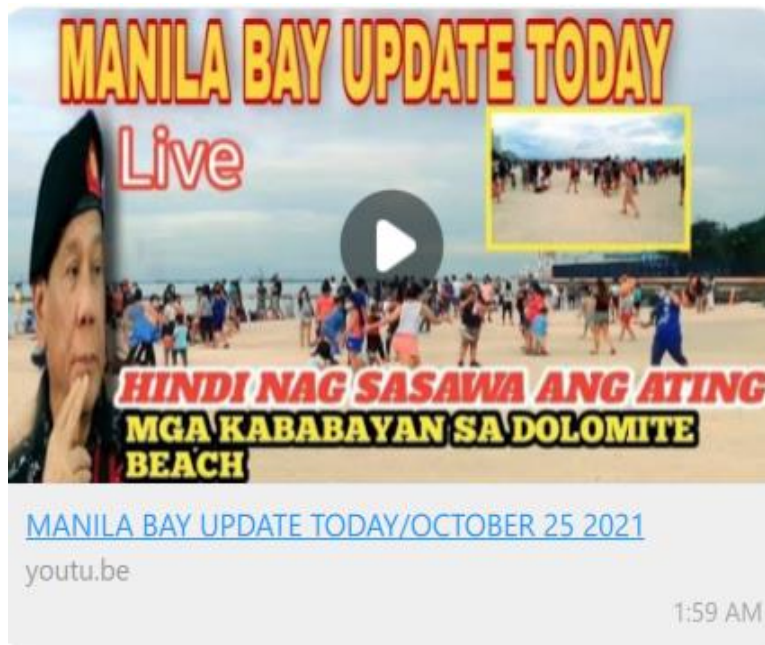
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