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Demolition of illegal fish pens, cages in Manila Bay starts today – DENR

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File photo shows fish pen debris washed along the shores of Manila Bay following inclement weather. Photo courtesy of DENR

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is set to start the demolition of fish pens and fish cages in Manila Bay as part of the continuing effort to rehabilitate the historic water body, starting in the Cavite area on September 7, Tuesday.

DENR Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Benny Antiporda said the fish pens and fish cages, which have no permits from the DENR, would be removed.

"It is part of the effort to rehabilitate Manila Bay," said Antiporda, adding that the Supreme Court's continuing mandamus to rehabilitate Manila Bay compels the agency to remove the illegal structures, including Bacoor's mussels and oyster farms that have been operating for a long time.

While the Supreme Court mandamus states the growing of mussels and oysters is allowed in Manila Bay, Antiporda said, it is about time that the government regulates the use and prohibit the methods that cause massive pollution and environment degradation in the region.

"For the mussel industry, they can still operate using long line or other methods that will not pollute the Manila Bay, but we will not allow the use of bamboo poles and styrofoam anymore. Last time,





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if you will see, we hauled off garbage from Manila Bay that includes styrofoam and bamboo poles," Antiporda recalled.

"They really need to evolve," he added.

He said every now and then, the government encounters trouble removing debris from fish cages and fish pens that are easily wiped out by strong typhoons.

The only way this can be avoided, he said, is by disallowing the construction of such illegal structures in Manila Bay once and for all.

On Monday, small fisherfolk, mussels and oyster growers in Cavite belonging to the Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ang Pilipinas (Pamalakaya) stormed the DENR Central Office in Quezon City ahead of its schedule to dismantle fishing structures in Manila Bay covering four coastal towns in Cavite.

During the protest action, members of the group lambasted DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu for his directive, which the fishers' group earlier called as "unjust and anti-fisherfolk".

They said the move would directly affect at least 15,000 fishermen and coastal residents who are engaged in mussel or tahong and oyster or talaba aquaculture.

A few weeks ago, DENR installed signages in the municipalities of Noveleta, Kawit, and cities of Cavite and Bacoor notifying the public regarding the demolition of "illegal" fishing structures in Manila Bay.

The fishers' group said that the "DENR is using the rehabilitation program against the livelihood of fisherfolk residing along Manila Bay."

"Rehabilitating Manila Bay should be to restore its marine resources for the benefit of small fisherfolk. But the DENR's thrust says otherwise. The government's rehabilitation program has brought fear among the fishing and coastal population, because it's aim, is to actually destroy our livelihood and displace us from communities," Fernando Hicap, Pamalakaya national chairman, said.

Hicap, a resident fisherman in Manila Bay, argued that fishing structures in Manila Bay "do not pose any pollution or harm to marine biodiversity compared to industrial and commercial establishments rampantly discharging solid and liquid wastes into the water."

The dismantling of fishing structures is a precursor to a massive reclamation plan in Cavite, especially in Bacoor City which has 420-hectare proposed reclamation project," according to Hicap.

The reclamation project in Bacoor City has already acquired an environmental compliance certificate from the DENR last year.





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"Startling and completely alarming. The DENR would surely deny to high heavens that the real score behind the dismantling of fishing structures in Cavite is to pave way for reclamation projects that pose irreversible destruction not only to the livelihood of tens of thousands of fishing and coastal residents but also to the bay's marine biodiversity and ecosystem. Truth be told, the government's Manila Bay rehabilitation program is a sham and a sellout in disguise," Hicap said.





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Fisherfolk oppose demolition of fish pens in Manila Bay, fear loss of livelihood

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Thousands of fisherfolk—already suffering from the COVID-19 crisis—are at risk of losing livelihood as the national government is set to demolish structures they have built for mussels and oysters farming in the Manila Bay.

Members of fishers' group PAMALAKAYA (Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ang Pilipinas) on Monday, Sept. 6, stormed the headquarters of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to oppose its order to dismantle structures, such as fish, mussel and oyster cages as well as fish pens, installed in four coastal towns in Cavite.



PAMALAKAYA/MANILA BULLETIN

The demolition, which is scheduled to start on Tuesday, will affect "at least 15,000 fisherfolks and coastal residents who are engaged in mussel and oyster (talaba) aquaculture," the group said in a statement.

"Rehabilitating Manila Bay should be to restore its marine resources for the benefit of small fisherfolk. But the DENR's thrust says otherwise," PAMALAKAYA chairperson Fernando Hicap said during the protest.

For Hicap, who is also a fisherman in Manila Bay, fishing structures in the area "do not pose any pollution or harm to marine biodiversity" as compared to "industrial and commercial establishments rampantly discharging solid and liquid wastes into the water."





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He said the fishing and farming structures "greatly contribute" to the food security of the people and supply of fish in the country.

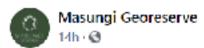
PAMALAKAYA believed that "the dismantling of fishing structures is precursor to [a] massive reclamation plan in Cavite, especially in Bacoor City which has a 420-hectare proposed reclamation project."

Source: https://mb.com.ph/2021/09/06/fisherfolk-oppose-fishing-structure-demolition-in-manila-bay-fear-job-loss/





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Our serious faces are definitely "on" whenever we are invited to congressional hearings. It is in these meetings where we are able to share our experiences and insights, in hopes of helping shape national policy towards more responsive environmental protection. In the recent meeting with the House Special Committee on Reforestation, we discussed two proposed bills which aim to empower individuals and the private sector to contribute to the ecosystem restoration endeavor. We are always thankful for these opportunities to share our thoughts and challenges to leaders.

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SMC draws up plans to protect birds visiting Manila Bay in line with airport project

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LISTED CONGLOMERATE San Miguel Corp. (SMC) said on Monday that it is coming up with plans to protect local and migratory bird populations that often visit Manila Bay as the firm gears up to build the New Manila International Airport project in Bulacan.

In an e-mailed statement, SMC said it has tapped Singapore-based avian researcher Frank E. Rheindt who suggested the development of new and protected coastal areas, which resemble mudflats and can provide food to migratory birds throughout the year.

Mudflats are areas covered during high tide.

Of the dozens of bird species visiting the area, few are deemed "critical" from a conservation standpoint, he noted. These critical species fall under the migratory shorebirds or waterbird category. They are attracted to tidal mudflats or coastal wetlands, which serve as their feeding ground.

"We are definitely committed to protecting bird species and supporting this advocacy. We're considering and studying all [Mr. Rheindt's] recommendations and will put together a plan that will align with the whole airport master plan," SMC President Ramon S. Ang.

"Birds are always a safety concern for airports around the world. But our goal here is to protect them, and there are several ways we can do that, while also ensuring safety at the airport," he added.

SMC's airport project in Bulacan has yet to break ground, but Transportation Secretary Arthur P. Tugade said in June that work is already progressing. — Angelica Y. Yang

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Eco park reopening in N. Samar to aid women's group

By Roel Amazona September 6, 2021, 5:05 pm



REOPENED. A portion of Lalaguna Mangrove Eco Park (LEMP) in Lavezares, Northern Samar. The reopening of the site to domestic tourists after over a year of closure due to the pandemic is expected to help recover the livelihood of a local women's group. (Photo courtesy of Northern Samar provincial government)

TACLOBAN CITY – The reopening of Lalaguna Mangrove Eco Park (LEMP) in Lavezares, Northern Samar to domestic tourists after more than a year of closure will bring economic opportunities to a women's group.

The Northern Samar provincial tourism office said on Monday that 72 members of the Women's Association for Inter-Island Development (WAIID) of San Isidro village in Lavezares town will directly benefit from this reopening.

"The reopening of LEMP aims to create livelihood and other social enterprise opportunities to the community surrounding the Lalaguna Bay while at the same time promote environmental protection and management," the tourism office said in a statement.

Northern Samar Governor Edwin Ongchuan and other provincial government officials led the reopening on Sept. 1 after it was closed last year due to movement restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

The 300-hectare eco-park is endowed with green and lush mangroves and crystal-clear waters teem with varied fish species, crabs, and sea urchins, as well as wild birds and eagles, thousands of fruit bats and wild monkeys, which are part of the Biri Larosa (Lavezares, Rosario, and San Jose towns) Protected Landscapes and Seascapes.





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Transforming Lalaguna Bay into a mangrove eco-park was a vision of then Lavezares Mayor Quintin Saludaga, inspired by a tour in a mangrove park in Thailand. Saludaga now works as a municipal administrator.

The mangrove area, which is a spooning ground for danggit or rabbitfish or spine foot fish, was also declared as closed for all fishing activities during the months of March, April, and May, identified as the breeding period of fish species.

The former mayor's project was continued by his brother, the incumbent mayor Edito Saludaga.

For the local government, Lalaguna Mangrove Eco-Park is a perfect alternative destination for Biri Rock Formations because its location is an alternate passage among motorboat operators plying from Lavezares to Biri when the seawaters along San Bernardino Strait is rough.

Now that it is open to local tourists, visitors will be treated with additional attractions in the site, the development of the 119 uphill steps of the Kaluy-ahan Trail and View Deck.

The PHP2.7-million development of the Kaluy-ahan Trail and view deck is funded by the provincial government. It involves the construction of a concrete path walk, receiving and dining area, and a view deck in the highest part of the mountain.

Aside from delicious food prepared and served by WAIID members and the panoramic view of the mangrove site from the view deck, the site also offers other experiences such as swimming, snorkeling, stand-up paddle, and boating.

A maximum of 100 visitors per day are allowed to visit the site, and tourists are required to do early booking or reservation by contacting any of these numbers 0946 8237369, 09081676405, 09128893971, and 09493122421 before going to the mangrove eco park. (PNA)





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Victorias fisherfolk looks forward to eco-tourism

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Rotary volunteers prepares to plant mangrove seedlings. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Fisherfolk from the coastal barangay of Pasil in <u>Victorias City</u>, Negros Occidental, are hoping to benefit from the growing popularity of Eco-tourism with two native cottages they are building in an extensive area of mangrove trees.

With bamboo donated by the <u>Rotary Club</u> of Bacolod-Marapara, the two cottages, when completed, will be available for visitor rental with the income benefitting the <u>Pasil Fisherfolks</u> <u>Association</u> (PFA).

The bamboo was turned over recently to the barangay during the latest mangrove planting activity of the Rotary Club of Bacolod-Marapara conducted with the Rotary Club of Victorias, the <u>Rotaract Club of Marapara and PFA</u> members. Some 1,000 seedlings were planted.

"The fisherfolk are keen to transform this important area of mangrove trees into a local eco-tourism site, and we're delighted to be able to assist them in this endeavor," said *Rolando Corona*, president of Marapara Rotary.

"Mangrove trees are important to the environment and the people, not only serving as the community's natural sea barrier, but also a sanctuary for commercially valuable fish and other marine life."

In the coming months, Marapara Rotary plans to plant an additional 10,000 mangrove trees across Negros Occidental.





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BOC Mactan seizes over 4 kilos of shark teeth



(Photo from Bureau of Customs Cebu-Subport of Mactan)

September 06, 2021

THE Bureau of Customs Cebu-Subport of Mactan seized last Tuesday, August 31, a parcel containing 4.98 kilograms of extracted shark teeth misdeclared as plastic components for fashion accessories.

The parcel's suspicious x-ray image results prompted the X-Ray Inspection Project Team (XIP) to mark it for further verification.

Accordingly, a physical examination was conducted by the assigned Customs Examiner and the representatives from the XIP, Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), and DHL Express Cebu.

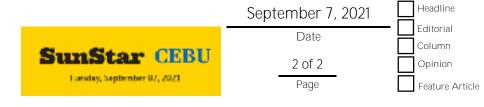
The BFAR representative confirmed the contents of the parcel to be shark teeth and not plastic components as declared. No Import Permit was issued by the BFAR for this importation, records show.

BFAR Regional Director Dr. Alan Poquita said exportation of shark's teeth is illegal since slaughtering of sharks are illegal. Poquita said sharks in the country are considered endangered species.

According to Poquita, shark's teeth are commonly used by the furniture and fashion accessories industry.

After finding probable cause for violation of Section 1113 (F), (I), and (L-3,4,&5) in relation to Sections 117 and 1400 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), Acting District Collector Charlito Martin R. Mendoza immediately issued a Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the shipment.





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"The Subport ensures that regulated goods are released only when covered with proper permits and clearances. The importer in this case did not secure a permit from the BFAR prior to the importation and intentionally misdeclared the goods to get away with it. We remind our importers and their representatives to properly declare their goods, and secure the necessary permits and clearances, to prevent seizures," said Mactan Port Collector Gerardo A. Campo.

The seized articles will be disposed of under existing Customs laws and regulations after undergoing seizure and forfeiture proceedings. (PR)

Source: https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1906353/Cebu/Local-News/BOC-Mactan-seizes-over-4-kilos-of-shark-teeth





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Green power or coal power?

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MAP Insights By Chit U. Juan



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The world has gone green. Tesla and even Porsche have electric cars. Yet, in a country like ours, green power is not getting enough of a push. Did you know it takes 200 permits to get a solar plant started? Now that's real red tape.

We used to be number two in geothermal, now we slid to number three because Indonesia overtook us. This and other energy-related tidbits were shared with us by attorney Jay Layug, who used to work at the Department of Energy (DoE). I asked many questions related to shifting our little farm to solar power.

I asked a solar provider to give me a quotation to turn my coffee mill and cupping lab into a solar-powered facility. Alas, I need to spend AT COST almost P400,000, and it would take three years plus to recover the investment.

But I will still try to make a solar panel installation for my small house to at least provide for hot water and a few lights. Amadeo, Cavite is at a high elevation and we may not need air conditioning through most parts of the year. But we do need hot water and some lights. We need to run our electric water pump, etc.





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The ideal scenario — given our green-related laws:

- 1. Use solar power if you consume at least 100 kilowatts (kW).
- 2. Sell your excess to government through Feed-in Tariff (FiT) which has been suspended for now. But which we hope will be reinstated in the next administration. Hello Mr. Secretary, what is the reason for suspending FiT?
- 3. We have the right and option to get power from green power providers. It's supposed to be cheaper and better than coal, right?

(MAP had a general membership meeting on Aug. 10 where Mr. Layug was a guest and along with Sherwin Gatchalian and they explained to us the power situation.)

Now, what is happening to our green or renewable sector? Given that we already had a close brush with brownouts last summer, it's time to prepare for next summer. Let's use solar power whenever we can.

Besides being cost efficient and cheaper over the long haul, green power is something every household should consider. This is the future. Rommel, my nephew, turns on his air-conditioning which is powered by the sun. He installed solar panels and enjoys free aircon while conducting virtual meetings from his home. Rommel is also Mr. Electric Vehicle and started the EVs and electric jeeps many years ago.

So, where is this headed? Even Meralco has started its foray into green power. What about the other coal companies? When will you speed up towards going green?

The damage to the planet is being assessed as "irreversible," but we are not losing hope. The first to go will be methane-producing cows and then, simultaneously, a conversion or transition to renewable energy.

Another investment will be solar plants or solar farms. We are looking for areas where the idle land can be converted into solar farms. Not every country has the gift of as much sun as ours — imagine the western countries who have the technology but do not have as much solar power as we have.

But again, 200 permits to put up a solar plant? Let's think again. Where did we make a mistake? In any case, maybe this will be speeded up by the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) or, if enough netizens gave their opinion about it, maybe the DoE and other agencies will wake up to sun power, or wind power, or ocean power.

Like Congresswoman Loren Legarda says: "We have good laws. We just need to implement them well." So, what are we waiting for? If each company or each village produced their own power through solar, it can even be a money-making activity for each town.

Let's keep learning. Because power is something we all need. But we can shift to renewables. We can slowly get rid of coal or fossil fuels. But it has to start from the top. So, we are calling on our corporate heads to start green projects and the general investing public to choose renewable energy investments.





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Why is it taking so long for corporate leaders to realize that this is the way of the future? Is it just profit even if it is not green profit? If one has to adjust to today's pandemic, the heat upon us, the unprecedented power shortages, and the dire situation of our power plants, we must act now. Be the one who looks to the future. Be the one who looks at a sustainable tomorrow for your company while you are in charge.

It can be done if we all do it. If we see it.

Source: https://www.bworldonline.com/green-power-or-coal-power/





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Haphazard waste disposal alarms Davao green warriors

By Ruth Palo

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DAVAO CITY: The environmental group Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability (IDIS) Inc. has expressed alarm over the improper disposal of solid wastes in the city's water source in Barangay Carmen, <u>Marilog District</u>, here.

Earlier on September 3, Bantay Bukid volunteers along with members of the Revitalized-Pulis Sa Barangay conducted a cleanup activity at Panigan river in Barangay Carmen, Marilog District.

Panigan river is a tributary of the Tamugan river, a source of drinking water.

In a statement, the IDIS said volunteers were able to collect almost half a sack of soiled diapers in Panigan river.

"Disposable diapers alarmingly contribute to the high amount of trash in the environment. While disposable diapers appear to be more convenient than cloth diapers, they have a horrifying impact on the environment and human health since they contain hazardous compounds," the group noted.

According to the IDIS, many disposable diapers contain toxic chemicals, pathogens such as fecal and e.coli bacteria and various viruses.

The IDIS statement also said these contaminate water resources and find their way to the food chain through algae, macroinvertebrates and fishes.

Aside from diapers, the volunteers also found in the river other solid wastes such as masks, cigarette packs, sachets, paper plates, single-use utensils and others.

"With this finding, we are alarmed that these kinds of garbage will continue accumulating in our rivers unless there is strict enforcement of our laws," the statement read.

The IDIS renewed its call to key stakeholders to proactively monitor activities within the watershed area and ensure proper information campaigns on waste segregation and disposal within nearby communities.

The group encouraged Dabawenyos to resort to more sustainable alternative diapers such as cloth diapers.

"Diapers are a necessity for your child. But their negative impact on our environment is not. It is possible to achieve the same protection [from cloth diapers] at a lower cost and similar convenience as disposables," IDIS said.

The statement further said, "If we plan to raise our children on a healthy and clean planet, shouldn't we protect the environment and this planet for them? We need a paradigm shift toward a more sustainable alternative if we want to secure the future for our children."

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/06/news/regions/haphazard-waste-disposal-alarms-davao-green-warriors/1813710





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NAGHAHATID ng pangamba ang mga nagkalat na ginamit na face masks sa kalsada. Mula nang manalasa ang pandemya noong Marso ng nakaraang taon, hindi lamang mga plastic na basura ang makikita ngayon sa kalsada kundi pati na ang face masks. Itinapon ng mga walang disiplinang mamamayan sa halip na ilagay sa isang selyadong basurahan at maayos na ipahakot sa trak ng basura. Dahil sa rami nang gumagamit ng face masks na walang disiplina at tapon lang nang tapon, hindi nakapagtatakang kakalat pa ang COVID-19 at mananatili pa ng ilang taon sa pamayanan.

Karaniwang ang mga nakakalat na face masks sa kalsada ay nalaglag sa garbage truck. Dahil hagis lamang nang hagis ang mga basurero sa kinukolektang basura sa bawat bahay sa Metro Manila, hindi na nila binibigyang pansin kung maglaglagan man ang inihagis na basura na ang laman ay ginamit na face masks at mayroon ding face shields. Kailangang siguruhin na nakatali nang mahigpit ang garbage bag bago ibigay sa mga basurero. Sa ganitong paraan mailwasan ang pagsabog ng laman ng garbage bag.

Hindi lamang sa kalsada makikita ang mga nagkalat na face masks kundi pati na rin sa mga estero. Kapag bumaha, tatangayin ng agos ang mga face masks na tinapon sa kalsada at hahantong sa estero o mga sapa. Mula rito, hahantong ang basurang face masks sa dagat kasama ang iba pang basurang plastic.

Ebidensiya na nakarating na sa pusod ng dagat ang face masks ay nang makunan ng scuba divers ang mga ito na nasa sea bed at ang iba pa ay nasa corals. Patunay na ang kawalang disiplina sa pagtatapon ng face masks ay naghahatid na rin ng pinsala hindi lamang sa pamayanan kundi pati na rin sa mga yamang dagat. Hindi na nakapagtataka kung ang mga balyena ay nakakakain na rin ng face masks at maaaring ikamatay ng mga ito.





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Dumami ang walang disiplina sa pagtatapon ng basura at lumubha pa ngayong pandemya. Tapon dito, tapon doon nang ginamit na face masks.

Kailangang magkaroon ng kamay na bakal sa magtatapon ng basura. Kung hindi magiging matigas sa pagpapatupad ng batas sa pagtatapon ng basura partikular ang face masks, kakalat ang sakit at walang ibang kawawa kundi ang mamamayan mismo.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/punto-mo/2021/09/07/2125355/editoryal-face-masks-pollution/amp/





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Social cost of 2019's plastic more than GDP of India





A man pushes his bicycle loaded with plastic cans along a roadside in <u>Kabul</u> on September 5, 2021. <u>AFP</u> PHOTO

<u>MARSEILLE</u>: The pollution, emissions and clean-up costs of plastic produced in 2019 alone could be \$3.7 trillion, according to a report released Monday by wildlife charity WWF, warning of the environmental and economic burden of this "seemingly cheap" material.

There is increasing international alarm over the sheer volumes of fossil-fuel based plastics entering the environment, as microplastics have infiltrated even the most remote and otherwise pristine regions of the planet.

In its report, WWF said societies were "unknowingly subsiding" plastic, with their estimates for the lifetime costs of 2019 production equivalent to more than the gross domestic product of *India*.

"Plastic appears to be a relatively cheap material when looking at the market price primary plastic producers pay for virgin plastic," said the report Plastics: The cost to society, environment and the economy, produced for WWF by the consultancy Dalberg.

"However, this price fails to account for the full cost imposed across the plastic life cycle."

It estimated that unless there was concerted international action, a projected doubling of plastic production could see costs rocket by 2040 to \$7.1 trillion.





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The analysis looked at factors including the greenhouse gas emissions in the production process, health impacts, <u>waste management</u> and estimates of the reduction in the economic "services" of ecosystems on land and in water.

Since the 1950s, roughly 8.3 billion tonnes of plastic have been produced with around 60 percent of that tossed into landfills or into the natural environment.

Tiny fragments have been discovered inside fish in the deepest recesses of the ocean and peppering <u>Arctic sea</u> ice.

The debris is estimated to cause the deaths of more than a million seabirds and over 100,000 marine mammals each year.

"Tragically, the plastic pollution crisis is showing no signs of slowing down, but the commitment to tackle it has reached an unprecedented level," said <u>Marco Lambertini</u>, Director General of <u>WWF International</u>, in a statement.



Plastic sheets cover mannequins in a shopping mall in <u>Bangkok</u> on August 31, 2021, ahead of the relaxation of some of <u>Thailand</u>'s Covid-19 <u>coronavirus</u> restrictions on September 1. AFP PHOTO

'More plastic than fish'

The report comes as the <u>International Union</u> for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) meets in the French port city of Marseille, with one motion under consideration calling for an end to plastic pollution by 2030.





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Earlier in September the <u>European Union</u> threw its weight behind calls for a legally-binding international agreement to reduce plastic pollution, during UN-hosted talks in <u>Geneva</u>.

The <u>UN Environment Programme</u> has said the planet is "drowning in plastic pollution", with about 300 million tonnes of plastic waste produced every year.

The proposed resolution is due to be discussed during the <u>United Nations</u> Environment Assembly in <u>Nairobi</u> next year.

<u>France</u>'s minister in charge of biodiversity, Berangere Abba, said if the world failed to act there would be "more plastic in the oceans than fish" by 2050.

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/06/news/social-cost-of-2019s-plastic-more-than-gdp-of-india/1813743





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2019 plastic waste exceeds India's GDP

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Rose De La Cruz Columnist

Officials warned that if the world failed to act on the issue of plastic pollution, there would be "more plastic in the oceans than fish" by 2050.

The pollution, emissions and clean-up costs of plastic produced in 2019 alone could be \$3.7 trillion, according to a report released Monday by wildlife charity WWF, warning of the environmental and economic burden of this "seemingly cheap" material.

There is increasing international alarm over the sheer volumes of fossil-fuel based plastics entering the environment, as microplastics have infiltrated even the most remote and otherwise pristine regions of the planet, AFP reported.

In its report, WWF said societies were "unknowingly subsiding" plastic, with their estimates for the lifetime costs of 2019 production equivalent to more than the gross domestic product of India.

'Relatively cheap'

"Plastic appears to be a relatively cheap material when looking at the market price primary plastic producers pay for virgin plastic," said the report Plastics: The cost to society, environment and the economy, produced for WWF by the consultancy Dalberg.





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2019 plastic waste exceeds India's GDP

"However, this price fails to account for the full cost imposed across the plastic life cycle."

Costs could rocket to \$7.1 Trillion in 2040

It estimated that unless there was concerted international action, a projected doubling of plastic production could see costs rocket by 2040 to \$7.1 trillion.

The analysis looked at factors including the greenhouse gas emissions in the production process, health impacts, waste management and estimates of the reduction in the economic "services" of ecosystems on land and in water.

Since the 1950s, roughly 8.3 billion tons of plastic have been produced with around 60 percent of that tossed into landfills or into the natural environment.

Tiny fragments have been discovered inside fish in the deepest recesses of the ocean and peppering Arctic Sea ice.

Millions of seabirds die

The debris is estimated to cause the deaths of more than a million seabirds and over 100,000 marine mammals each year.

"Tragically, the plastic pollution crisis is showing no signs of slowing down, but the commitment to tackle it has reached an unprecedented level," said Marco Lambertini, Director General of WWF International, in a statement.

-'More plastic than fish'

The report comes as the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) meets in the French port city of Marseille, with one motion under consideration calling for an end to plastic pollution by 2030.

Earlier in September the European Union threw its weight behind calls for a legally binding international agreement to reduce plastic pollution, during UN-hosted talks in Geneva.

The UN Environment Program has said the planet is "drowning in plastic pollution," with about 300 million tons of plastic waste produced every year.

The proposed resolution is due to be discussed during the United Nations Environment Assembly in Nairobi next year.

France's minister in charge of biodiversity, Berangere Abba, said if the world failed to act there would be "more plastic in the oceans than fish" by 2050.

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World needs climate actions now - report

By Agence France-Presse September 7, 2021

COLOGNE: Global warming is already affecting people's health so much that emergency action on climate change cannot be put on hold while the world deals with the Covid-19 pandemic, medical journals across the globe warned on Monday (Tuesday in Manila).

"Health is already being harmed by global temperature increases and the destruction of the natural world," read an editorial published in more than 220 leading journals ahead of the COP26 climate summit in November.

Since the preindustrial era, temperatures have risen around 1.1 degrees Celsius (34 degrees Fahrenheit).

The editorial, written by the editors-in-chief of over a dozen journals, including The Lancet, the East African Medical Journal, Brazil's Revista de Saude Publica and the International Nursing Review, said this had caused a plethora of health problems.

"In the past 20 years, heat-related mortality among people older than 65 years has increased by more than 50 percent," it read.

"Higher temperatures have brought increased dehydration and renal function loss, dermatological malignancies, tropical infections, adverse mental health outcomes, pregnancy complications, allergies and cardiovascular and pulmonary morbidity and mortality." It also pointed to the decline in agricultural production, "hampering efforts to reduce undernutrition."

These effects, which hit those most vulnerable like minorities, children and poorer communities hardest, are just the beginning, it warned. As things stand, global warming could reach +1.5C on preindustrial levels around 2030, according to the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

And that, along with the continued loss of biodiversity, "risk catastrophic harm to health that will be impossible to reverse," the editorial warned. "Despite the world's necessary preoccupation with Covid-19, we cannot wait for the pandemic to pass to rapidly reduce emissions."

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/07/news/world/world-needs-climate-actions-now-report/1813767





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More than 230 journals warn 1.5°C of global warming could be 'catastrophic' for health

By Angela Dewan, CNN Published Sep 6, 2021 12:11:39 PM



(CNN) — Human health is already being harmed by the climate crisis, and the impacts could become catastrophic and irreversible unless governments do much more to address global warming, the editors of more than 230 medical journals said in a joint editorial Monday.

The editorial points to established links between the climate crisis and a slew of adverse health impacts over the past 20 years: Among them are an increase in heat deaths, dehydration and kidney function loss, skin cancer, tropical infections, mental health issues, pregnancy complications, allergies, and heart and lung disease, and deaths associated with them.

"Health is already being harmed by global temperature increases and the destruction of the natural world, a state of affairs health professionals have been bringing attention to for decades," the editorial reads.

It warned that an increase of global average temperatures of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and the loss of biodiversity risked "catastrophic harm to health that will be impossible to reverse." Governments around the world are laying out plans to try to contain global warming to 1.5°C to stave off worsening impacts of climate change, a target that the editorial said did not go far enough to protect public health. Warming is already at around 1.2°C.

"Despite the world's necessary preoccupation with Covid-19, we cannot wait for the pandemic to pass to rapidly reduce emissions," the authors wrote, calling on governments to respond to the climate crisis with the same spirit of "unprecedented funding" dedicated to the pandemic.

The UK-based BMJ, one of the journals that published the report, said that "never before" had so many health publications come together to make the same statement, "reflecting the severity of the climate change emergency now facing the world."

The authors also warned that the aim to reach net zero -- where the world emits no more greenhouse gases than it removes from the atmosphere -- was relying on unproven technology to





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take gases like carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere. They added it was more likely that global warming would surpass 2°C, a threshold that climate scientists say would bring catastrophic extreme weather events, among other impacts to human, animal and plant life.

Simply urging the world and energy industry to transition from fossil fuels to renewables falls short of the action needed to meet the challenge of the climate crisis, they said.

The editorial was published as a call to action ahead of a several meetings between global leaders to discuss and negotiate action on the climate crisis, including the UN General Assembly next week, a biodiversity conference in Kunming, China, in October and crucial climate talks in the Scottish city of Glasgow in November.

Among key climate issues expected to be addressed at these events are the 1.5°C target, putting an end date on the use of coal and protecting biodiversity, both on land and sea.

"The greatest threat to global public health is the continued failure of world leaders to keep the global temperature rise below 1.5°C and to restore nature. Urgent, society-wide changes must be made and will lead to a fairer and healthier world," the authors wrote.

"We, as editors of health journals, call for governments and other leaders to act, marking 2021 as the year that the world finally changes course."

This story was first published on CNN.com, "More than 230 journals warn 1.5°C of global warming could be 'catastrophic' for health."

Source: https://cnnphilippines.com/world/2021/9/6/global-warming-medical-journals.html





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Protect Amazon, nations urged

By Agence France-Presse September 7, 2021

The world's top conservation body on Sunday is poised to decide whether its 1,400 members can vote on this controversial proposal, put forward by indigenous groups.

Submitted under an emergency provision to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the measure calls for a "global action plan" to halt rampant deforestation and the destructive extraction of precious minerals and oil.

Over the last two decades, the Amazon has lost roughly 10,000 square kilometers every year, according to assessments based on satellite data.

"That's the emergency, not just for us but for humanity," Jose Gregorio Diaz Mirabal, a leader of the Curripaco people in Venezuela, told Agence France-Presse at the Congress venue in Marseille.

For the first time in the IUCN's 70-year history, indigenous groups are now voting members alongside government agencies and national or international nongovernmental organizations.

Diaz Mirabal submitted the Amazon proposal for the organization Coordination of the Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon River Basin (Coica), which represents more than 2 million Indigenous People in nine Amazon nations. "We have been neglected and now we have a voice and will exercise that voting right," he said.

Recent research has warned that massive destruction of tropical forests combined with climate change are pushing the Amazon toward a disastrous "tipping point," which would see tropical forests give way to savannah-like landscapes.

This would not only drastically change the region's climate, but have an impact on global climate systems as well, scientists say. Rates of tree loss drop sharply in the forests where native peoples live, especially if they hold some degree of title - legal or customary - over land, other research has shown.





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IUCN officials are reviewing the Coica measure, along with 20 other proposals submitted after the deadline last year, "to make sure they are both 'new' and 'urgent," said Enrique Lahmann, a senior administrator.

"Both criteria are required." A decision will be announced late Sunday or Monday, his office said. While the vote, which would be held in the coming week, would not have legal weight, it demonstrates the strength of feeling among indigenous groups.

In an emotional press conference, Diaz Mirabal - flanked by indigenous leaders from French Guiana and Ecuador - implored world leaders to take heed of his message.

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/07/news/world/protect-amazon-nations-urged/1813768





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Saving Australian frog species on the brink of extinction

Saving Australian frog species on the brink of extinctionClose

Scientists have identified 26 frog species in Australia which are at risk of extinction by 2040.

Four species are likely to be already lost but urgent efforts could save others, they say.

Video by Isabelle Rodd

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MMDA begins school cleanup, anti-dengue ops

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz September 6, 2021, 6:20 pm



SCHOOL CLEANUP. Workers from the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) cut tree branches as part of the Department of Education's (DepEd) Oplan Balik Eskwela in this undated file photo. MMDA Chair Benjamin "Benhur" Abalos Jr. said the MMDA will clean school premises and perform anti-dengue misting operations as part of the program. (Photo courtesy of MMDA)

MANILA – The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has begun cleaning schools in Quezon City and Caloocan as part of its commitment with the Department of Education's (DepEd) "Oplan Balik Eskwela 2021."

On Monday, MMDA Chairman Benjamin "Benhur" Abalos Jr. inspected the Silanganan Elementary School in Barangay Bagong Silang in Caloocan and the Doña Juana Elementary School in Barangay Holy Spirit in Quezon City.

During the inspection, Abalos said the cleanup operation being conducted by the MMDA's Metro Parkways Clearing Group and the Health, Public Safety, and Environmental Protection Office, was in response to requests for assistance from the schools.

He also said the Traffic Engineering Center conducted anti-dengue misting operations, cleaning, roof gutter declogging, drainage cleaning pruning of trees, planting, and painting of pedestrian markings.

While students remain on distance learning, he noted that teachers and parents still go to school for distribution and submission of modules and thus demand the continued cleaning and anti-dengue efforts in schools.

"We are focusing not just on addressing the pandemic but also on our anti-dengue efforts, through our misting operations especially since we are expecting typhoons these -ber months," A balos said.





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In addition to misting operations, he said the MMDA will also clean canals that serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

In August, the DepEd announced the conduct of Oplan Balik Eskwela for the School year 2021-2022 from Sept. 6 to 17, 2021.

During the period, the DepEd and partner agencies will work to ensure that learners are "properly enrolled" by addressing problems, questions, and other concerns commonly encountered by the public at the start of every school year. (PNA)

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1152707





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Boracay casinos magdadala ng 'high-end tourists', trabaho – PAGCOR



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MANILA – The planned casinos in Boracay are expected to attract high-end tourists and players and generate thousands of jobs when they open, the country's gaming regulator said on Monday.

Amid opposition from Boracay residents, the

Manila, Philippines – Sinabi ng Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp (PAGCOR) na makahihikayat ng maraming turista at magbibigay ng libu-libong trabaho ang planong casino sa Boracay ng Alliance Global Group Inc, at Macau's Galaxy Group.

"If you saw the development in these two areas, you would imagine that they are really really maybe a hundred times better than the small little little stalls that actually overcrowd the main island right after the beaches," ani PAGCOR chair Andrea Domingo.

Inaasahan aniyang magdadala ito ng 2,500 hanggang 3,000 dayuhang turista sa loob ng isang linggo at makapagbibigay ng nasa 10,000 trabaho.

Paliwanag pa ng opisyal, irerespeto ng casino operators ang lahat ng environmental laws partikular na ang pagkakaroon ng garbage ruin sa lugar.

"I think those fears are unfounded." RNT/FGDC

Source: https://www.remate.ph/boracay-casinos-magdadala-ng-high-end-tourists-trabaho-pagcor/





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Boracay casinos to bring 'high-end tourists' generate thousands of jobs, says regulator

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MANILA - The planned casinos in Boracay are expected to attract high-end tourists and players and generate thousands of jobs when they open, the country's gaming regulator said on Monday.

Amid opposition from Boracay residents, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp (PAGCOR) said the development of the casinos by Andrew Tan's Alliance Global Group Inc, and Macau's Galaxy Group would be good for the resort island.

"If you saw the development in these two areas, you would imagine that they are really really maybe a hundred times better than the small little little stalls that actually overcrowd the main island right after the beaches," said PAGCOR chair Andrea Domingo.

Domingo said Newcoast casino is expected to bring in between 2,500 to 3,000 mostly foreign tourists a week, as its clientele will come mainly from passengers of Genting Cruises.

She said Newcoast casino cost around P19 billion to develop, and that the company was getting ready to bring in gaming machines and equipment before President Rodrigo Duterte ordered a ban on casinos in Boracay following its rehabilitation.

Newcoast was expected to generate around 10,000 jobs, Domingo added.

Galaxy meanwhile was investing \$500 million or around P25 billion to set up its casino in Boracay.

Domingo said the casino operators will respect environmental laws as no company would make a huge investment on the island only to have garbage ruin the area.

"I think those fears are unfounded," Domingo said.

After saying he "hates" gambling and imposing a <u>ban on casinos</u> in Boracay back in 2018, Duterte made a U-turn last month and said he would <u>allow casinos</u> in Boracay because the government needs funds.

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Bagyong 'Jolina' posible sapulin Isabela sa Huwebes; 7 lugar signal no. 1

By <u>James Relativo</u>(Philstar.com) - September 6, 2021 - 12:35pm



Ayon sa PAGASA, huling namataan ang Tropical Depression Jolina 205 kilometro silangang timogsilangan ng Guian, Eastern Samar bandang 10 a.m. ngayong Lunes.

Joint Typhoon Warning Center

MANILA, Philippines — May posibilidad na mag-landfall ang bagyong "Jolina" sa probinsya ng Isabela tatlong araw mula ngayon habang binabantayan ang maaaring pagpasok ng isa pang bagyo sa Philippine area of responsibility sa Miyerkules.

Ayon sa PAGASA, huling namataan ang Tropical Depression Jolina <u>205 kilometro silangang timogsilangan ng Guian, Eastern Samar</u> bandang 10 a.m. ngayong Lunes.

Lakas ng hangin: 55 kilometro kada oras

Bugso ng hangin: aabot hanggang sa 70 kilometro kada oras

Direksyon: pakanluran

Bilis ng pagkilos: 15 kilometro kada oras

Samantala, itinaas naman ang Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal no. 1 sa:

Sorsogon

Northern Samar

Samar





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Eastern Samar

Dinagat Islands

Siargao

Bucas Grande

"So ito pong mga eryang ito, posibleng makaranas ng mga pag-ulan ngayong araw, minsan-minsan may pagbugso ng hangin," ani Chris Perez, senior weather specialist ng PAGASA, kanina.

"Pinapayuhgan natin ang mga kababayan natin... maging alerto pa rin sa mga posibleng pagbaha at pagguho ng lupa... Inaasahan po natin na magla-landfall ito dito sa Isabela area sa darating na Huwebes."

Dagdag pa ni Perez, malaki ang pag-asang lumakas pa ito at maging tropical storm sa Miyerkules bago mag-landfall.

Nakikitang aabot sa signal no. 2 ang ilang lugar sa Pilipinas sa patuloy na pagtawid ng bagyo sa bansa sa mga susunod na araw.

Maaaring lumabas sa Philippine area of responsibility and bagyong "Jolina" sa Biyernes.

Isa pang bagyo 'papasok sa Miyerkules'

Samantala, binabantayan naman ngayon ang pagpasok ng isa pang tropical depression na kasalukuyang nasa 1,535 kilometro silangan ng Virac, Catanduanes.

Posible itong pumasok ng PAR sa ika-8 ng Setyembre ngunit tinatayang hindi makaaapekto nang direkta sa bansa.

"However this weather system may contribute to the moderate to rough seas over the northern and eastern seaboard of Northern Luzon on Friday," dagdag pa ng PAGASA.

Posible rin itong lumakas pa at patunong severe tropical storm category sa Biyernes.

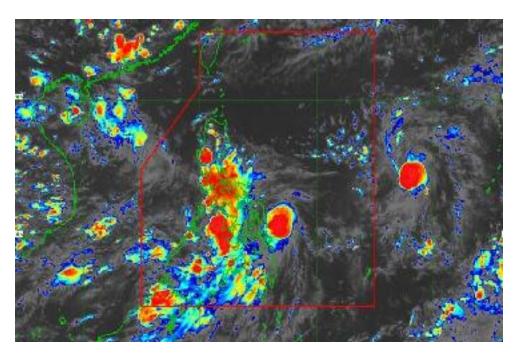
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Ilang lugar nasa signal no. 2; #JolinaPH patuloy na magpapaulan



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Manila, Philippines – Naging ganap nang tropical storm ang bagyong Jolina makaraang itaas ang Tropical Wind Signal 2 sa tatlong lugar sa Samar, batay sa PAGASA.

Sa ganap na 4 p.m., namataan ang bagyong Jolina sa layong 95 kilometrong silangan ng Guiuan, Eastern Samar taglay ang 75 kph na hangin at pagbugsong 90 kph.

Nakataas ang Signal No. 2 sa mga sumusunod na lugar:

Eastern Samar,

the eastern portion of Northern Samar (Palapag, Mapanas, Gamay, Lapinig, Laoang, Catubig, Las Navas, Pambujan), and

the northeastern portion of Samar (Matuguinao).

Habang Signal 1 naman sa mga sumusunod:

The eastern portion of Camarines Sur (Calabanga, Bombon, Magarao, Canaman, Camaligan, Gainza, Naga City, Milaor, Pili, Minalabac, Bula, Balatan, Nabua, Bato, Iriga City, Buhi, Baao, Ocampo, Sagñay, Tigaon, Goa, Tinambac, Siruma, Lagonoy, San Jose, Garchitorena, Presentacion, Caramoan, San Fernando),

Catanduanes,

Albay,





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Sorsogon,

Biliran,

the eastern portion of Leyte (Babatngon, San Miguel, Barugo, Alangalang, Tacloban City, Palo, Santa Fe, Pastrana, Dagami, Tanauan, Tabontabon, Tolosa, Dulag, Julita, Mayorga, Macarthur, Abuyog, Javier, La Paz, Burauen, Calubian, Leyte, Capoocan, Carigara, Jaro, Kananga, Ormoc City),

the eastern portion of Southern Leyte (Silago, Hinunangan, Hinundayan, Anahawan),

the rest of Samar,

the rest of Northern Samar,

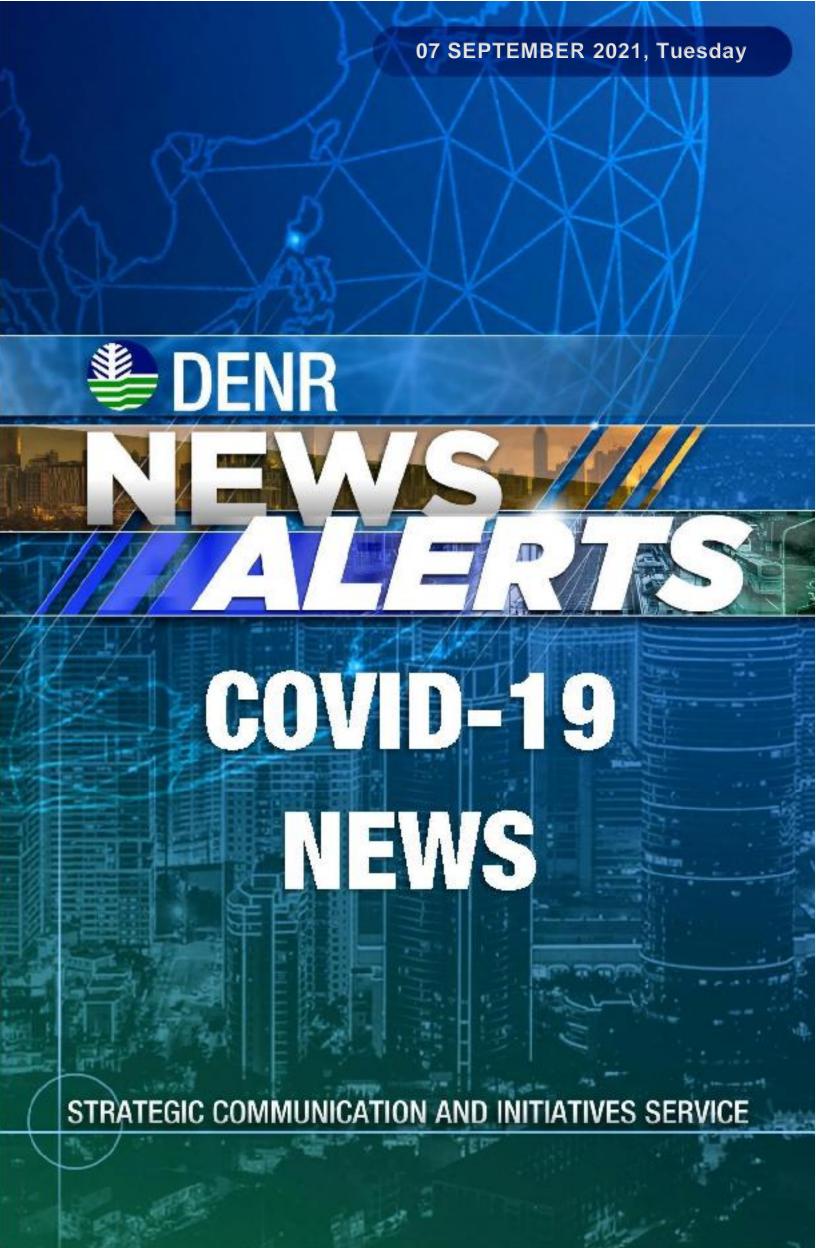
Dinagat Islands,

the Siargao Islands, and

the Bucas Grande Islands.

RNT/FGDC

Source: https://www.remate.ph/ilang-lugar-nasa-signal-no-2-jolinaph-patuloy-na-magpapaulan/







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Record high na 22,415 COVID-19 case naitala

By Mer Layson (Pilipino Star Ngayon)

- September 7, 2021 - 12:00am



Health workers attend to COVID-19 patients at the chapel of Quezon City General Hospital which was turned into an intensive care unit on Sept. 2, 2021.

The STAR/Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — Pumalo sa record high na 22,415 ang bagong kaso ng COVID-19 sa bansa, kahapon.

Ito na ang pinakamataas na arawang kaso ng COVID na naitala ng Department of Health simula noong Marso 2020.

Sa case bulletin No. 541 ng DOH, umakyat na sa 2,103,331 ang total COVID-19 cases sa Pilipinas.

Sa naturang bilang, 7.6% o 159,633 ang active cases o nagpapagaling pa at maaari pang makahawa. Kabilang ang 92.1% mild cases, 3.3% asymptomatic, 2.48% moderate, 1.4% severe at 0.6% critical cases.

Mayroon namang 20,109 bagong pasyente ang gumaling na o nakarekober kaya umaabot na sa 1,909,361 ang total recoveries o 90.8% ng total cases.

Naitala naman sa 103 pasyente ang nasawi kaya umabot sa 34,337 ang death toll.

Noong Agosto 30, 2021 nakapagtala rin ang DOH ng 22,336 COVID case sa loob lamang ng isang araw.

Source: https://www.philstar.com/pilipino-star-ngayon/bansa/2021/09/07/2125415/record-high-na-22415-covid-19-case-naitala/amp/





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Philippines registers all-time high 22,415 new COVID-19 cases

By CONSUELO MARQUEZ, GMA News Published September 6, 2021 4:03pm

The Philippines on Monday logged 22,415 additional coronavirus disease infections, increasing the country's total caseload to 2,103,331.

The new infections is the highest than the record-high new cases posted on August 30, with 22,366.

The Department of Health (DOH) case bulletin also indicated that the new cases brought the active tally to 159,633, the highest since April 13, which logged 165,534 active cases.

Moreover, DOH said the fatality tally nationwide rose to 34,337, with 103 new deaths.

Further, 20,109 more COVID-19 patients recovered, bringing the total tally of recoveries to 1,909,361.

Despite renewed calls to increase COVID-19 testing capacity, Philippines total conducted tests was at 73,264. COVID-19 positivity rate in the country was at 28.8%, far from the international standard of less than 5%.

After final validation, DOH modified the total case tally by removing 68 duplicates, including 53 recoveries.

Also, seven recoveries were reclassified as deaths.

All laboratories were operational on Sept. 4 but eight laboratories were not able to submit their data to the COVID-19 Document Repository System, the DOH also said.—LDF, GMA News

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Granular lockdown pilot testing in MM to have 4 levels

By Priam Nepomuceno September 6, 2021, 2:04 pm



LOCKED DOWN. A street at Parklane Subdivision in Barangay San Francisco, General Trias City, Cavite is under granular lockdown due to several households reporting Covid-19 cases on Sunday (Sept. 5, 2021). Barangay San Francisco accounts for 93 of General Trias' 617 active Covid-19 cases as of Sept. 4, the most in the city. (PNA photo by Avito C. Dalan)

MANILA – The granular lockdown set to be pilot-tested starting Wednesday in several areas in Metro Manila will have four levels that determine the activities allowed.

In an interview Sunday, Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año said the pilot testing would be carried out until Sept. 30 and assessed every two weeks.

"Titingnan natin kung gaano ito ka-effective. Ia-assess natin ito then pagka nakita natin (We will assess how effective this is), then it would be recommended for adoption, for approval by the President by end of the month," Año said.

Only certain areas such as barangays, streets or subdivisions identified as high risk for the coronavirus would be placed under a granular lockdown, unlike community quarantines declared for an entire region or province, he added.

The strictest is Alert Level 4 where no one would be allowed to go out of their homes except healthcare workers. "'Yung all the rest, wala nang APOR dyan bawal na talaga lahat. Kung may establishment na napasok sa loob ng street na 'yan o kaya nung block na 'yan, stop din 'yun," Ano said.

Under Alert Level 3, only 30 percent of residents would be allowed to go out and 50 percent under Level 2, Año said.

Alert Level 1 would have the least restriction under the new normal.

Meantime, Philippine National Police chief, Gen. Guillermo Eleazar, had given instructions to police commanders in Metro Manila for the granular lockdown pilot testing.





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Some local government units in the National Capital Region have already implemented granular lockdowns in their respective areas.

Based on PNP data, there are 51 barangays in Metro Manila currently under granular lockdown.

Metro Manila will be under general community quarantine from Sept. 8 to 30, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque announced Monday.

From Aug. 6 to 20, Metro Manila was placed under the strictest enhanced community quarantine amid the rise in cases of the highly infectious Delta coronavirus variant. (with Lloyd Caliwan/PNA)

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50 lugar sa Quezon City, naka-lockdown pa

By Angellic JordanSeptember 06, 2021 - 09:33 PM

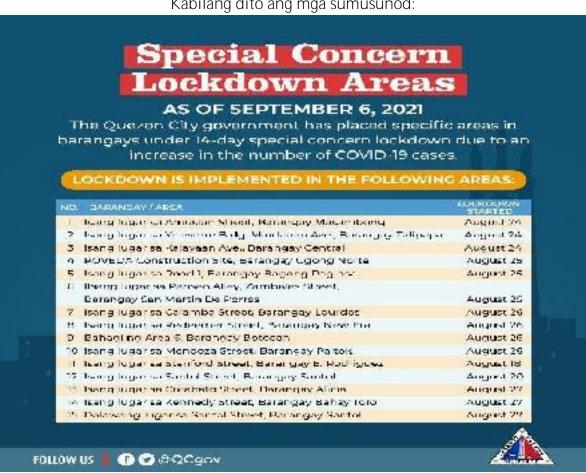
Ipinatutupad pa rin ang Special Concern Lockdown Areas (SCLA) sa ilang lugar sa Quezon City.

Batay sa datos ng Quezon City government hanggang sa araw ng Lunes, September 6, nasa 50 na lugar ang naka-lockdown na sa lungsod.

Mahigpit na binabantayan ang mga lugar dahil sa pagtaas ng kaso ng COVID-19.

Nilinaw naman ng QC government na may mga partikular na lugar lamang na kabilang sa SCLA at hindi buong barangay.

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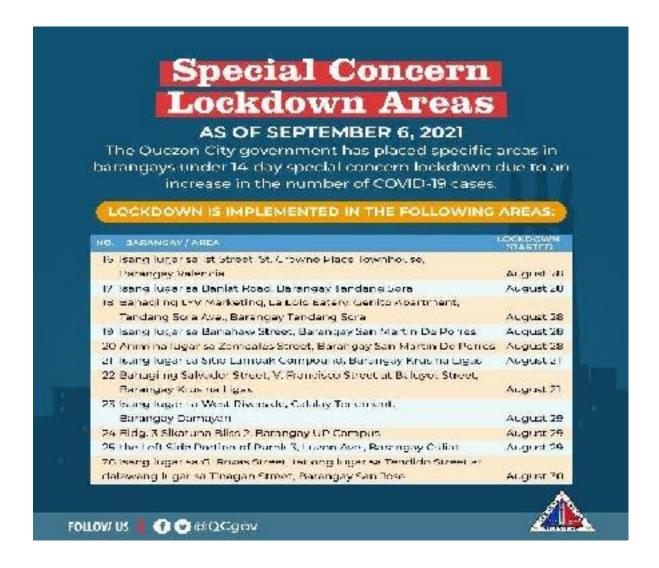




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Tiniyak naman ng lokal na pamahalaan na mamamahagi ng food packs at essential kits para sa mga apektadong pamilya.

Sasailalim din ang mga apektadong pamilya sa swab testing at mandatory 14-day quarantine.

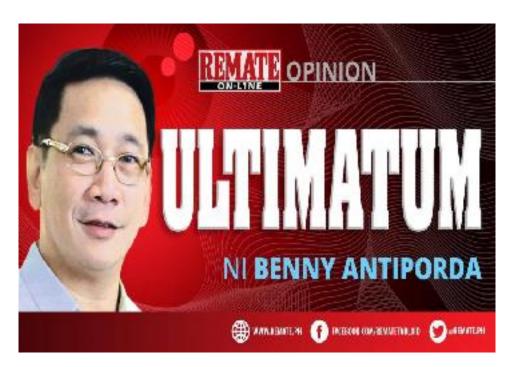
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IVERMECTIN NAKABUBULAG; PAGGAMIT KAILANGAN NG DOKTOR



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INIHAYAG ng isang doktor sa Oklahoma, United States na dumarami ang mga naoospital sa paggamit ng sobra-sobrang Ivermectin laban sa coronavirus disease-19 o COVID-19.

Sinabi ni Dr. Jason McElyea na naaagawan na ng mga nao-overdose ng Ivermectin ang mga pasyente ng COVID-19, maging ang mga pasyente na may ibang sakit.

Nagbubunga rin umano ang pangyayari ng labis na kakulangan ng mga doktor at nars sa mga ospital na nakatuon sa COVID-19 at iba pa.

NAKABUBULAG AT IBA PA

Ayon kay Dr. McElyea, nabubulag, nakararanas ng pagsusuka at sakit sa katawan ang mga nao-ovedose sa Ivermectin.

Ito'y dahil nakalaan pangunahin ang Ivermectin bilang dewormer o pantanggal ng bulate sa mga hayop gaya ng mga kabayo at baka.

Kung hindi ka kabayo o baka, huwag kang uminom ng Ivermectin, payo ng mga doktor na labis nang nababahala sa rami ng mga naoospital sa overdose dito.

PWEDE SA TAO

Magkagayunman, sinasabi ni Dr. McElyea na pwede ang Ivermectin para sa tao ngunit dapat na galing sa doktor ang gabay sa paggamit nito.





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Dapat umanong hindi gagamit ang sinoman nang walang gabay o prescription ng doktor.

Ito'y para maiwasan ang overdose o sobrang paggamit nito.

MAY PANG-TAO NA GAWA

Lingid sa kaalaman ng mga awtoridad, sinasabi ng ilang kompanyang gumagawa ng Ivermectin na gumagawa na sila ng pangtao at ito umano ang kanilang ibinebenta at hindi ang purong panghayop.

Ito ba ang dahilan kung bakit may mga sikat na tao na nagtutulak ng paggamit nito sa US at Pilipinas?

Kaya maging sa Pilipinas ay laganap na rin ang paggamit nito?

Paano kaya ang sinasabi ng pamahalaan na magkaroon ng clinical trial para sa Ivermectin?

Para kung mapatunayang "ligtas at epektibo" bilang gamot ito, magagamit na rin laban sa COVID - 19.

At mas mura ito sa mga gamot na Remdisivir at Tocilizumab na tig.-P12,000 bawat capsule.

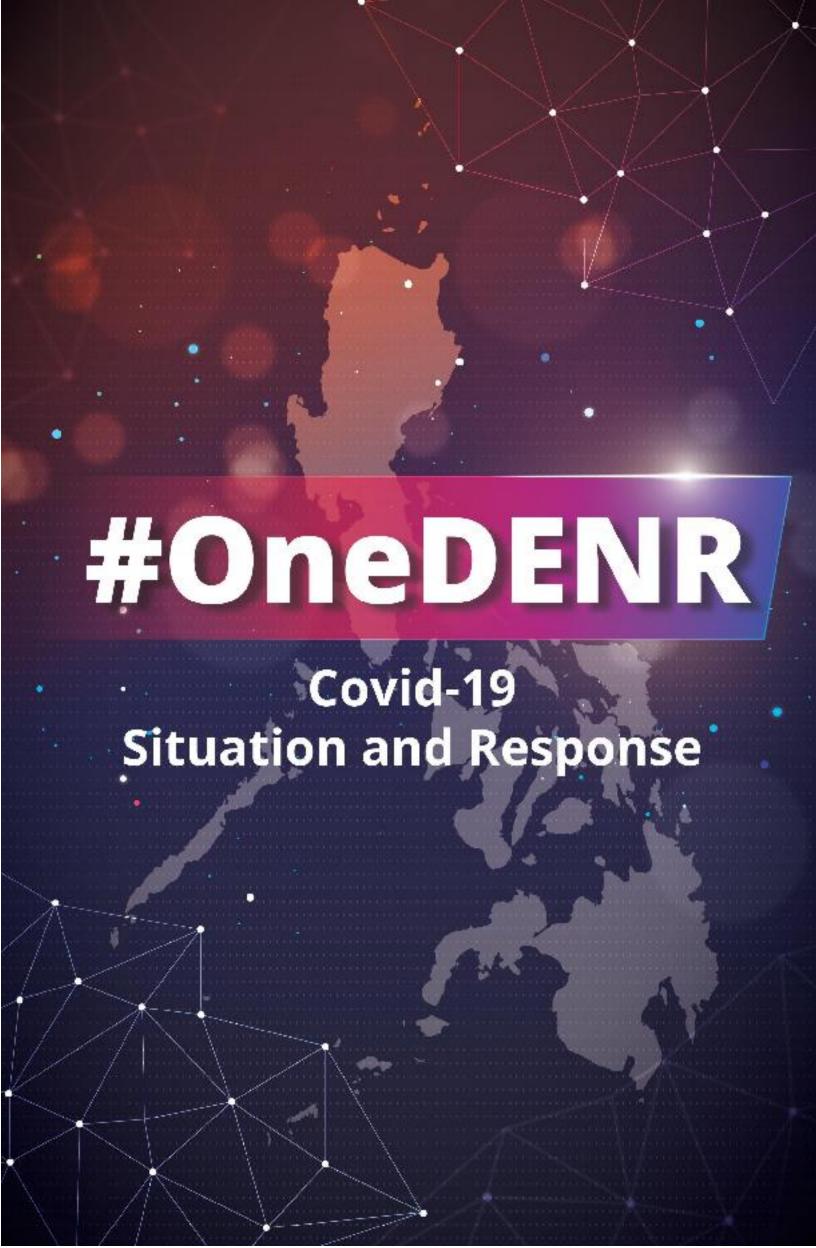
MGA SANDATA GAMITIN

Rumaragasa ang COVID-19 at mga variant nito gaya ng Delta variant.

At grabe, mga Bro, ang nagaganap, pami-pamilya kung manalasa ang mga ito kaya naman umaabot na ang arawang bilang ng mga nahahawaan sa mahigit 20,000 mula sa nasa 5,000-8,000 nitong unang bahagi ng Agosto.

Para tayo'y makalaban, hindi lang tayo dapat magpabakuna bilang isang sandata kundi sumunod sa mga kwarantinang pinaiiral at health protocol, at ang isang napakahalaga, pagtutulungan nating mga mamamayan laban sa pandemya.

Source: https://www.remate.ph/ivermectin-nakabubulag-paggamit-kailangan-ng-doktor/









Must Dos in the Workplace to prevent the spread of COVID-19



Source: https://doh.gov.ph/

Always practice personal protective measures such as regular hand washing, wearing of face masks and face shield, physical distancing of at least I meter, and avoiding crowded places.





- Self isolate or just stay at home and not report to work. if with COVID-19 like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, myalgia, flu-like illness). Inform your supervisor immediately of your condition.
- Undergo risk exposure assessment and be subjected. to contact tracing procedure if with exposure to COVID-19 suspect, probable or confirmed case, according to prescribed national guidelines set by the Department of Health and local government and workplace policies.





















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Source: https://diclogoz.pl/

Strictly adhere to guidelines on the implementation of community quarantine issued by the Inter Agency Task Force on Emerging and Infectious Diseases and all other authorized bodies regarding mass gatherings, observance of minimum health standards and physical distancing.







Always fact check and be on alert for any new information or advisory.

For any queries, you may contact the following COVID-19 Hotlines: ○ DOH: (02) 894 - COVID (26843) or 1555 (for all subscribers) O DOLE: 1349 O DTI Command Center: 0956 091 6570 (Text/Viber) © DILG Emergency Operations Center Hotline: (02) 8876 3454 local 8881 - 8884 to monitor the implementation of COVID-19 response in LGUs O One Hospital Command Center: (02) 885-505-00, 0915-777-7777 and 0919-977-3333



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 Adopt an appropriate alternative work arrangement upon discussion with and approval by your work supervisors subject to governing rules and regulations and other local personnel guidelines. Workplace Handbook 15 A.





Keep personal track of daily activities for easier. history-taking when contact tracing is needed.

Strictly follow and implement guidelines on infection control procedures, waste management, and all other guidelines on managing visitors and clients.



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"JOLINA" RAPIDLY INTENSIFIES INTO A TYPHOON AND MAKES LANDFALL IN THE VICINITY OF HERNANI, EASTERN SAMAR.

Location of Center (10:00 PM)

The center of the eye of Typhoon "JOLINA" was estimated based on all available data in the vicinity of Llorente, Eastern Samar (11.4°N, 125.5°E)

Intensity

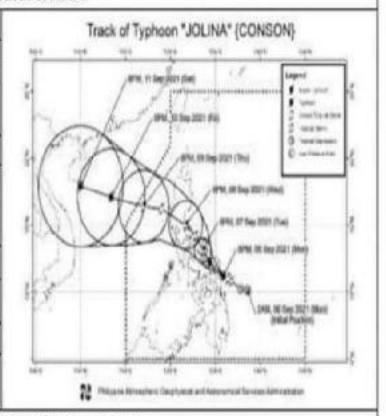
Maximum sustained winds of 120 km/h near the center, gustiness of up to 165 km/h, and central pressure of 985 hPa

Present Movement

West Northwestward at 20 km/h

Extent of Tropical Cyclone Winds

Strong winds or higher extend cutwards up to 180 km from the center



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3 (Destructive typhoon-force winds prevailing or expected within 18 hours)	•	The southern portion of Eastern Samar (Guiuan, Mercedes, Salcedo, Hemani, General Macarthur, Quinapondan, Giporlos, Balangiga, Llorente, Balangkayan, Maydolong, City of Borongan, Lawaan), and the southern portion of Samar (Calbiga, San Sebastian, Hinabangan, Motiong, Jiabong, City of Catbalogan, Zumarraga, Daram, Villareal, Talalora, Pinabacdao, Santa Rita, Basey, Marabut, Paranas)	•
(Damaging gale-force to storm-force winds prevailing or expected within 24 hours)	Albay, Sorsogon, and Masbate including Ticao and Burias Islands	Northern Samar, the rest of Samar, the rest of Eastern Samar, Biliran, and the northern portion of Leyte (Calubian, San Isidro, Tabango, Leyte, Capcocan, Kananga, Jaro, Pastrana, Dagami, Tabontabon, Dulag, Tolosa, Julita, Tanauan, Palo, Santa Fe, Alangalang, Carigara, Tunga, Barugo, San Miguel, Babatngon, Tacloban City)	•
1 (Strong winds prevailing or expected within 36 hours)	The southern portion of Quezon (Pagbilao, Padre Burgos, Atimonan, Agdangan, Plaridel, Unisan, Gumaca, Pitogo, Macalelon, General Luna, Mulanay, Catanauan, San Francisco, San Andres, San Narciso, Buenavista, Lopez, Guinayangan, Tagkawayan, Calauag, Quezon, Alabat, Perez), Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Romblon, and Marinduque	The rest of Leyte, Southern Leyte, and the northern portion of Cebu (Borbon, San Remigio, Tabogon, City of Bogo, Medellin, Daanbantayan, Santa Fe) including Bantayan and Camotes Islands	Dinagat Islands, Siargao Islands, and Bucas Grande Islands



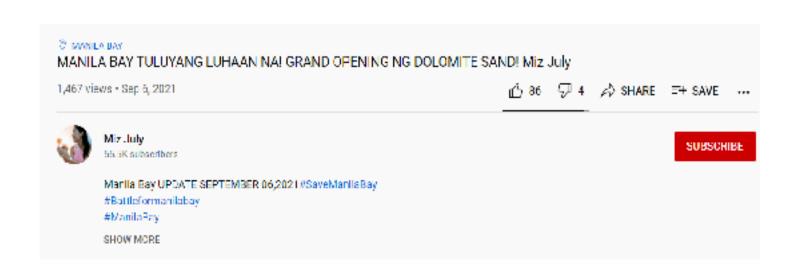




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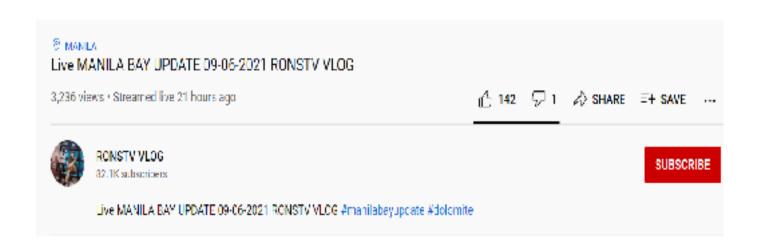




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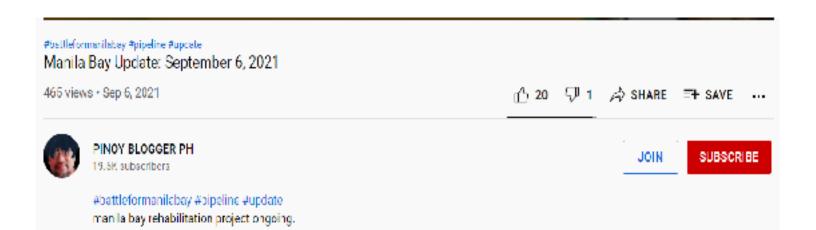




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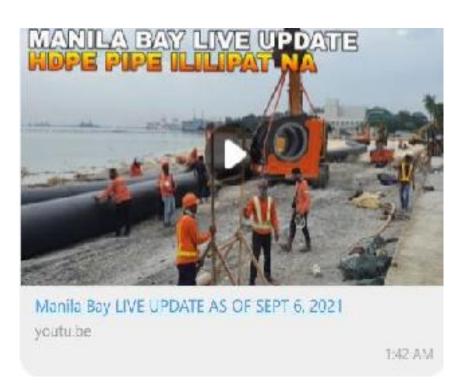
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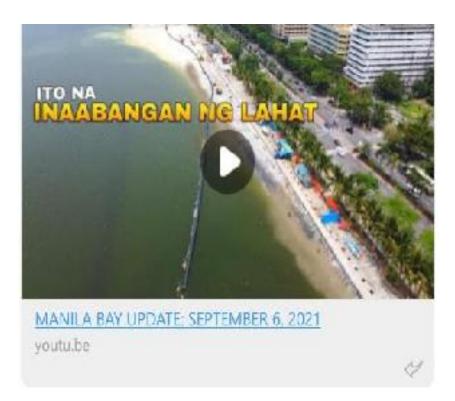
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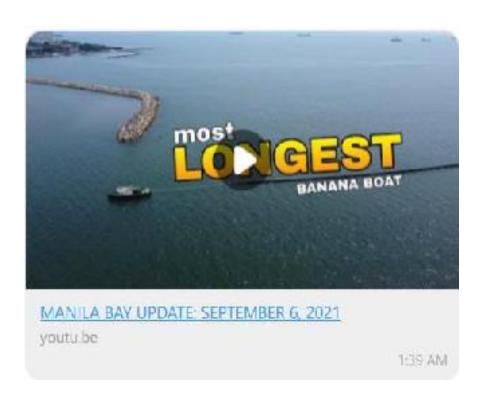
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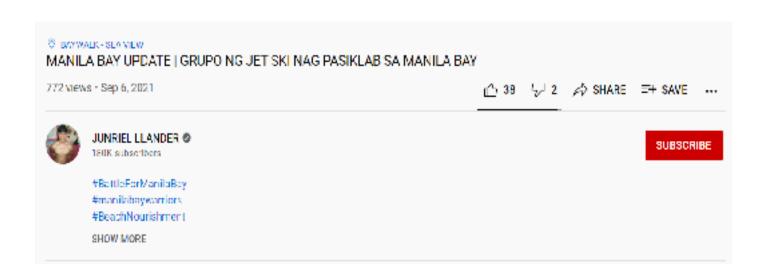




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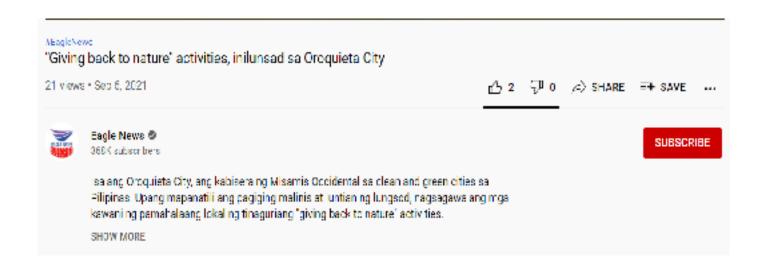




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