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DENR plants 3,600 bamboo in CLuzon

By [Jerry M. Hernandez](#)

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AS part of its contribution in the observance of World Bamboo Day, the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR) in Central [Luzon](#) planted about 3,600 variety of bamboo, such as Kawayan tinik and Bayog propagules, in various [National Greening Program](#) sites and forest reserves in the region. The region-wide bamboo planting was fundamental in rehabilitating denuded forest areas, facilitating rapid recovery of river easements and stabilizing riverbanks, particularly in [Manila Bay](#) areas, and river systems in [Bataan](#), Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija and Tarlac. "Bamboo offers a wide array of environmental benefits, which makes it a golden resource in the construction industry. In the implementation of our Manila Bay rehabilitation program, we consider it as a crucial component of soil erosion control and slope stabilization measures, which will fast-track our efforts to clean and restore river systems in the region," DENR [Regional Executive Director Paquito Moreno Jr.](#) said. He said bamboo suitability assessment was conducted before planting propagules of such grass along riverbanks to determine appropriate bamboo species in the area. Moreno added that a 1.7-hectare bambusetum and bamboo nursery was established in Barangay Mambog in Hermosa, Bataan where some 950 propagules of Giant Bamboo, Yellow bamboo, Buddha belly bamboo, Kawayan tinik, Kawayan kiling and Bayog species have been cultivated in partnership with the local government. World Bamboo Day is celebrated to promote awareness on the economic and ecological importance of bamboo species.



Bamboo propagules planted in C. Luzon for Manila Bay rehab

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by [Joseph Pedrajas](#)

About 3,600 Kawayan tinik (*Bambusa blumeana*) and Bayog (*Dendrocalamus merrillianus*) propagules have been planted in various sites and forest reserves in Central Luzon as part of Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (DENR's) efforts to rehabilitate denuded forests that have impacts on the Manila Bay.

Paquito Moreno, Jr., executive director of DENR's regional office, said in a statement Monday the region-wide bamboo planting held last week was fundamental not only in rehabilitating denuded forest areas, but also in facilitating rapid recovery of river easements, as well as stabilizing river banks, particularly in Manila Bay areas and river systems in Bataan, Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, and Tarlac.

According to him, "bamboo offers a wide array of environmental benefits, which makes it a golden resource in the construction industry."

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Moreno said they conducted a bamboo suitability assessment before planting bamboo propagules along the riverbanks to determine appropriate bamboo species in the area.



Bamboo propagules planted in C. Luzon for Manila Bay rehab

The activity was part of DENR Sec. Roy Cimatu's marching order to use bamboo to rehabilitate Manila Bay as well as its connected river banks.

Currently, Moreno said, a 1.7-hectare bambusetum and bamboo nursery had already been established in Barangay Mambog in Hermosa, Bataan, where some 950 propagules of Giant Bamboo (*Dendrocalamus giganteus*), Yellow bamboo (*Phyllostachys* sp.), Buddha belly bamboo (*Bambusa ventricosa*), Kawayan tinik (*Bambusa blumeana*), Kawayan kiling (*Bambusa blancoi*), and Bayog (*Dendrocalamus merrillianus*) species are being cultivated in partnership with the local government units.



Bamboo propagules boost Manila Bay rehab **B15**

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Office 3 disclosed that more than 3,600 *kawayan tinik* (*Bambusa blumeana*) and *bayog* (*Dendrocalamus merrillianus*) propagules were planted in various National Greening Program sites in Central Luzon.

The planting was part of the observance of the World Bamboo Day that was celebrated on Friday and no less than DENR Regional chief Paquito Moreno Jr. led the bamboo planting which aims to rehabilitate the denuded forests in the region.

He added that the planting of bamboo propagules will facilitate the rapid recovery of river easement and stabilization of river

banks, particularly in Manila Bay areas and river systems in Bataan, Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija and Tarlac.

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Before the planting of these bamboo propagules, the agency conducted a suitability assessment along the riverbanks of Central Luzon to determine the appropriate bamboo species in the area.

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DENR plants 3,600 bamboo propagules under greening program



ON WORLD BAMBOO DAY. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources plants about 3,600 Kawayan tinik and Bayog propagules in various National Greening Program sites and forest reserves in Central Luzon in line with the observance of World Bamboo Day. (Photo by DENR)

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OVER 3,600 Kawayan tinik (*Bambusa blumeana*) and Bayog (*Dendrocalamus merrillianus*) propagules have been planted in various National Greening Program (NGP) sites and forest reserves in Central Luzon.

The activity was led by various field offices of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in the region during the simultaneous tree planting on Friday, September 17, 2021 in observance of World Bamboo Day and in line with the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program.

According to Paquito Moreno, Jr., executive director of DENR regional office, the region wide bamboo planting was fundamental both in rehabilitating denuded forest areas and in facilitating rapid recovery of river easements and in stabilizing river banks, particularly in Manila Bay areas and river systems in Bataan, Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija and Tarlac.

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It may be recalled that Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu made a marching order to plant and use bamboo as priority species to rehabilitate river banks and the Manila Bay, and maximize its capability as an alternative wood supply in the construction industry.

As this developed, Moreno reported that a 1.7-hectare bambusetum and bamboo nursery was established in Barangay Mambog in Hermosa, Bataan, where some 950 propagules of Giant Bamboo (*Dendrocalamus giganteus*), Yellow bamboo (*Phyllostachys* sp.), Buddha belly bamboo (*Bambusa ventecosa*), Kawayan tinik (*Bambusa blumeana*), Kawayan kiling (*Bambusa blancoi*), and Bayog (*Dendrocalamus merrillianus*) species have been cultivated in partnership with the local government units.

DENR records show that more than 14,600 hectares of bamboo plantations have been established under the NGP since 2012.

World Bamboo Day is celebrated every September 18 to promote awareness on the economic and ecological importance of bamboo species.

This year's theme, "Alay ng Bayan sa Inang Kalikasan, Kawayan," underscores the importance of bamboo and its potential to aid in today's most pressing socio-economic and ecological issues.



Cenro-Liloy joins World Bamboo Day celebration



BAMBOO DAY. Personnel of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro) in Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte plant 75 giant bamboo culms as they join Friday, September 17, the celebration of World Bamboo Day. A photo handout shows two Cenro-Liloy personnel planting bamboo along the riverbanks of Patawag village during the activity. (SunStar Zamboanga)

September 20, 2021

PERSONNEL of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro) in Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte planted 75 giant bamboo culms as they joined Friday, September 17, 2021, the celebration of the World Bamboo Day.

Dionisio Rago, head of Cenro-Liloy, said the giant bamboo culms were planted along the riverbanks of Patawag village in the town of Liloy.

Prior to the planting, Antonio Yanos, supervising ecosystems management specialist and deputy Cenro forester, conducted an orientation on the importance of bamboo.

Yanos emphasized that bamboo plays an important role in the environment as it helps lower light intensity and protects humans against ultraviolet rays.

“It also reduces pollution and carbon dioxide in the climate and delivers more oxygen,” he added.

The activity was also participated by village officials and selected members of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and residents of Patawag village.

This year’s celebration of World Bamboo Day is anchored on the theme: “Alay ng Bayan sa Inang Kalikasan, Kawayan.”

The activity was observed following minimum protocols amidst the health pandemic. (**SunStar Zamboanga**)

Source: <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1907830/Zamboanga/Local-News/Cenro-Liloy-joins-World-Bamboo-Day-celebration>



DENR taps exporter Newtech Pulp to buy abaca fiber of 3 forest communities in Lake Lanao

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has linked forest communities in Lake Lanao with abaca exporter Newtech Pulp Inc., bringing hope of sustained livelihood while conserving the watershed that is the largest hydroelectric source in Mindanao.



Abaca plantation at Lake Lanao

Three people's organizations (PO) are now partners of Newtech Pulp in the supply of abaca fiber. Newtech Pulp has an abaca pulp manufacturing plant in Maria Cristina Balo, Lanao del Norte

The POs are Sunrise Producer Association, Wato Balindong Farmers Cooperative and Sania Farmers Association. These POs operate in Piagapo, Balindong, and Maguing all in the Province of Lanao del Sur.

Newtech Pulp is sourcing abaca fiber from an estimated 200 hectares of abaca plantation that are under DENR's Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management Project (INREMP).

"These people's organizations used to harvest (rice and other crops like abaca, and banana) just once a year. Their production in abaca is being sustained because they are now supplying directly to Newtech Pulp Inc.," said Samsodin Taha, operations manager at INREMP's Lake Lanao River Basin (LLRB).

The LLRB within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim MINDanao (BARMM) is the largest lake in Mindanao. It is also known to be one of 15 ancient lakes of the world.



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Abaca stripping at the Lake Lanao River Basin project

Lake Lanao's hydroelectric facilities provide 65% of Mindanao's power demand.

However, Lake Lanao's watersheds have been confronted with deforestation, unsustainable farming, limited economic opportunities, and limited development projects. All of these further worsen natural resources degradation and poverty.

INREMP has integrated a Maranao Ethnic Development Plan in its natural resources program in LLRB. The Maranaos have kept their own culture in keeping with the environment under the Al Khalifa Islamic concept of people as stewards of nature.

However, due to pervasive poverty, some residents have resorted to illegal resource extraction and conversion of forests into farm lands.

This is why DENR has carried out extensive natural resource management or NRM in LLRB.

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Livelihood Enhancement Support projects at Lake Lanao

As of the end of May, NRM includes a reforestation area of 145 hectares and agroforestry area of 1,300 hectares.

Commercial tree plantation covers 527 hectares; and conservation farming, 110 hectares.

Forest trees planted under CTP are the following: Falcata and Mahogany.

For conservation farming, the trees include fruit trees such as Durian, Rambutan, Lanzones, forest trees such as Falcata and Mahogany, together with cash crops and root crops.

Agroforestry areas are planted with rice, corn, banana, and palapa or white dallion (a root crop used as an appetizer) and fruit trees and forest trees.

Reforestation areas are planted with Narra and Lauan.



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Natural Resource Management projects at Lake Lanao

The NRM at Lake Lanao has a total of P78 million budget.

DENR is looking further in partnering with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR-LDS), Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE-LDS), and Department of Agriculture (DA) for a future expansion of the abaca plantation.

If these three agencies will infuse investment into the abaca project, the LLRB abaca area can expand by three times more in the future, Taha said.

INREMP covers rehabilitation of six subwatersheds in LLRB These are the subwatersheds of Marawi-Saguilaran, Ramin, Malaig, West, Taraka, and Gata.

INREMP is jointly funded by the Asian Development Bank and the Philippine government.

INREMP's livelihood enhancement includes provision of a turmeric processing machine for the Mapantao-Saguilaran People's Organization and its mini warehouse.



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Turmeric processing at Lake Lanao

A solar drying pavement has been put up for Dimapatoy Farmers Association.

An abaca stripping machine has been provided for the Harith Tree Planting Farmers Association.

There are six rural infrastructure projects in the LLRB site and 29 Livelihood Enhancement Support projects. Beneficiaries are a total of 41 people's organizations involved in NRM.

Rural infrastructure has a total of P97 million budget.

An ADB project profile indicated that the rural Infrastructure projects include access roads, farm-to-market access facilities, and potable water supply.

INREMP provides small irrigation systems in forest lands that do not have access to the National Irrigation System and Communal Irrigation System.



Illegal loggers naaresto ng DENR sa Kalinga



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KALINGA – Arestado ang apat na illegal loggers matapos madakip ng Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service (ELEPS) ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) sa munisipalidad ng Tabuk sa probinsiya ng Kalinga noong Setyembre 2, 2021.

Ayon sa DENR ang operasyon ay pinangunahan ng DENR-ELEPS kasama ang Kalinga Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources, DENR-Cordillera Administrative Region, at DENR's Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force (AILTF) na naging dahilan ng pagkakakumpiska ng iligal na pinutol na puno ng acacia at chainsaw.

Sa press release sinabi ni Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, ang operasyon ay nagpapakita lamang ng katatagan at tiyaga ng DENR kahit na may banta ng highly infectious Delta variant ng COVID-19.

“Our dedicated men and women in our enforcement arm just proved once again that we are committed to constantly protect our environment and natural resources even in the face of a deadly pandemic,” saad ni Cimatu.

Sinabi ng DENR ang mga naaresto na sina Vincent Dalanao, Archie Cadalina, Victor Manyaw at Fioni Tamaw ay sasampahan ng kasong paglabag sa Section 77 ng Presidential Decree (PD) 705 o mas kilala sa tawag na Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines at Section 7(4) ng Republic Act (RA) 9175 o ang Chainsaw Act of 2002.



Illegal loggers naaresto ng DENR sa Kalinga

Kaugnay nito nakasaad sa Section 77 ng PD 705, Unlawful possession of implements and devices used by forest officers, ang offenders “will be imprisoned for up to four years and pay a maximum fine of P10,000.”

Samantala, base naman sa Section 7(4) ng RA 9175 na “any person who is found to be in possession of a chainsaw and uses the same to cut trees and timber in forest land without authorization shall be penalized up to a maximum of eight years and a maximum fine of P50,000.”

Noong nakalipas na Agosto, pinag-usapan ng DENR at ng Department of Trade and Industry ang mga regulasyon tungkol sa pagbili at pagbebenta ng chainsaw sa pamamagitan ng online platforms.

Sa kanyang panig, sinabi ni DENR Undersecretary for Enforcement Benito Antonio de Leon na “the DENR aims to empower the enforcement officers to protect them amid these dangerous operations.”

“We believe in the capabilities and dauntlessness of our men and women in the face of these environmental culprits. To further support their dedication and enhance their skills, we in the Department will continue training and retooling their abilities for both personal and institutional development,” sabi ni de Leon.

Kaugnay nito inilunsad din ng DENR noong Biyernes, Setyembre 17, ang special course on enforcement upang mapalakas ang abilidad ng enforcement personnel sa pag-analisa ng mga piraso ng ebidensiya, paghuli sa mga suspek at pagsunod sa rules of criminal procedures sa environmental cases. **Santi Celario**



4 dinampot sa pagtapyas ng puno

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TIMBOG ang apat na lalaki matapos mahuli sa aktong pinuputol ang mga puno ng acacia gamit ang chainsaw sa bayan ng Tabuk, Kalinga nitong Sabado, ayon sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Sa ulat, base na rin sa report kay DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, sinabi ni DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda na ang inaresto ay sina Vincent Dalanao, Archie Cadalina, Victor Manya-aw at Fioni Tamaw.

Ayon kay Antiporda, ang mga suspek ay naaktuhan ng DENR Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service (ELEPS) na pinuputol ang malaking puno ng acacia gamit ang isang chainsaw sa bulubundukin ng bayan ng Tabuk.

Nakumpiska ng ahensya kasama ang Kalinga Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources, DENR-Cordillera Administrative Region, at DENR's Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force ang mga illegal na pinutol na puno ng acacia at chainsaw. (Allan Bergonia)

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Two illegal loggers arrested at Ipo Dam gate

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by [Freddie Velez](#)

As part of its conservation efforts not only at the Ipo Dam area but in all the watershed areas in the mountain towns of Bulacan, authorities have arrested two illegal loggers in an operation they conducted on Sunday, September 19, at Ipo Dam Road in Barangay San Mateo, Norzagaray, Bulacan.

Col. Lawrence B. Cajipe, Bulacan police director, identified the arrested suspects as Renato Patulot and Jennifer Sarandona, both of legal age, of San Mateo village, Norzagaray, Bulacan.

Investigation showed that joint elements of Norzagaray police, the Anti-Illegal Task Force Luzon (AILTF Luzon), 2nd Bulacan Provincial Mobile Force Company, and 24th SAC Special Action Force, conducted an anti-illegal logging buy-bust operation at Ipo Dam Gate at about 11:50 p.m. on Sunday.

After the poseur buyer handed over the buy-bust money to the suspects in exchange for illegally cut logs, the operatives introduced themselves as police officers and arrested the suspects.

Recovered from the suspects were assorted Teak wood and Kamagong logs as well as the buy-bust money.

The arrested suspects were brought to the Norzagaray police station for proper documentation while appropriate criminal complaints against them are being prepared for filing in court.



TUKO, GAGAMBA NASILAT SA NAIA

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MAS pinahigpit na inspeksyong pinaiiral ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) ang naging susi sa pagkakasabat ng mga tuko at gagamba na kapwa tinangkang ipuslit sa bansa sa dalawang magkahiwalay na pagkakataon.

Unang nahagip ng mga tauhan ng BOC sa Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) ang isang pambihirang uri ng tukong kilala bilang Leopard Gecko na inangkat pa mula sa bansang Thailand. Sa pagrerebisa ng mga dokumentong kalakip ng nasabing bagaheng dumating sa Paircargo warehouse, lumabas na wala itong import permit mula sa Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) kaya

naman agad itong kinumpiska ng BOC-NAIA.

Sinundan pa ito ng paglapag naman ng 826 piraso ng iba't ibang klase ng gagambang ikinubli naman sa maliliit na botelyang ikinubli sa loob ng maliliit na figurines.

Ayon sa BOC-NAIA, nakatakda sanang dalhin ang nasabing bagaheng idineklarang mga figurines mula pa sa bansang Poland sa mga lungsod ng Pasay, Parañaque at lalawigan ng Batangas nang madiskubre ito habang iniinspeksyon ng mga kawani ng BOC.

Agad namang inilipat ang mga nasabat na endangered and controlled species sa DENR-Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit (DENR-WTMU), batay sa Customs Administrative Order 10-2020. Nahaharap din sa kasong paglabag ng Republic Act 10863 (Customs Modernization and Tariff Act) at Republic Act 9147 (Conservation and Protection of Wildlife Resources) ang mga importer at consignees ng mga nasabing bagahe.

Paalala ni Customs Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero sa iba pang nagtatangkang magpuslit ng mga endangered at controlled specie, makipag-ugnayan sa DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau para sa tamang proseso nang sa gayon ay hindi mabulilyaso.



Cavite LGUs urged to defy DENR's order

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by [Joseph Pedrajas](#)

Fisher's group Pamalakaya is urging four local government units (LGUs) in the province of Cavite to stand with their constituents who are bound to lose source of livelihood against the order of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to dismantle illegal fishing structures in their coastal areas.

In a statement released on Monday, Sept. 20, Pamalakaya urged the LGUs of Cavite City, Bacoor City, Noveleta, and Kawit "to stand alongside their coastal constituents on their fight against the unjust order" of the DENR to demolish mussel and oyster farms in the Manila Bay.

According to the group, the order [will only displace at least 15,000 residents whose livelihood depends on mussel and oyster farming in the area](#). The group also doubted the mandate by saying that DENR's order is only a "prelude to massive reclamation projects that are meant to wipe out not only the fishing structures but also the fishing villages along Manila Bay."

PAMALAKAYA asserted that local government units can cite the Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 to go against the agency.

The provision stated that LGUs are mandated to promote the general welfare of their constituents and ensure support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture and enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology within their respective territorial jurisdiction.

"The local executives in Cavite are morally, politically, and constitutionally obliged to protect the welfare of tens of thousands of fisherfolk who are deemed to lose their source of livelihood courtesy of the national government's directive against fishing structures in Manila Bay," Fernando Hicap, PAMALAKAYA national chairperson, said in a statement.

"We will continue to oppose this undertaking in various legal institutions such as the Supreme Court and the Philippine Congress, and through mass actions in the parliament of the streets and in the court of public opinion," he added.

The schedule of the fishing structures dismantling in Manila Bay has been postponed from September 7 to September 25. Despite this, PAMALAKAYA said it will continue to monitor and protest the demolition order.

In a press briefing on Sept. 8, DENR Usec. Benny Antiporda said [small-scale fisherfolk would benefit from the dismantling of illegal structures in the Manila Bay](#) as they would no longer have to travel far to avoid the said structures just to fish.



Group to LGUs: 'Defy' fish cage demolition order in Manila Bay



[BYJONATHAN L. MAYUGA](#)

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File photo: A resident of Baseco in Tondo Manila tries his luck in catching fish and seems to be carefree on what the rehabilitation controversy as long as he can have food to put on his table for his family at Baseco beach which is part of the famed Manila bay. (Photo by NONIE REYES)

The Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya) on Monday urged local officials in four coastal towns in Cavite to stand their ground and defy the order of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to dismantle mussel and oyster farms in their areas of jurisdiction.

According to Pamalakaya, LGUs from Cavite City, Bacoor City, Noveleta and Kawit have jurisdiction over mussel and oyster farm operations, and not the DENR.

The group said the local officials should “stand alongside their coastal constituents” in their fight against what the group described as “unjust order” of the DENR to demolish the “illegal structures” in Manila Bay.

The group insisted that the national government, through the DENR, is carrying out a massive destruction campaign against the livelihood and fishing rights of tens of thousands in Manila Bay in the guise of rehabilitating the historic bay’s waters. The group said fishing structures in Manila Bay do not contribute to pollution, but rather boost ecological productivity by catering the food needs of the fish-eating population across Manila Bay.

Citing the Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, Pamalakaya argued that LGUs are mandated to promote the general welfare of their constituents and ensure support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture and enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology within their respective territorial jurisdiction.



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The group earlier raised its suspicion that the dismantling order is a “prelude to massive reclamation projects that are meant to wipe out not only the fishing structures but also the fishing villages along Manila Bay.”

“The DENR deserves nothing but defiance from the coastal population for using the rehabilitation program against us. We will continue to oppose this undertaking in various legal institutions such as the Supreme Court and the Philippine Congress, and through mass actions in the parliament of the streets and in the court of public opinion,” Hicap, former Anakpawis Party-list representative added.

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Scenic views of georeserve's restored limestone forest has always served as inspiration for our team. We remain committed to replicating the same feat in degraded forest lands in parts of the Upper Marikina Watershed, which we have vowed to restore and defend.

The job is never easy, especially for our forest rangers who are on the ground 24/7 and who are trying to prevent further destruction caused by repeat violators. But for every challenge, we have learned to persevere, and hope that through decisive action, our efforts will not go in vain.

The stakes go higher each day, and we cannot do it alone.

The Global Witness Report shows that the Philippines may be the most dangerous country in Asia to become an environmental defender. And the recent attack on two of our rangers is a blatant reminder of this fact.

We continue to hope that these recent incidents instigate action from everyone, especially key decision-makers and enforcement actors, to take part in safeguarding the watershed and the future of millions of Filipinos with us.

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‘271 establishments sa Boracay compliant na sa beach zone protocols’

By [Bombo Radyo Kalibo](#)

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KALIBO, Aklan – Bago ang pagtapos ng termino ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte, positibo ang mga opisyal ng Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force na matatapos ang mga nalalabing proyekto o milestone projects sa ilalim ng Boracay Action Plan.

Ayon kay Natividad Berdandino, general manager ng Boracay Inter-Agency Rehabilitation Management Group na nasa 80% o 271 mula sa 339 na target na commercial establishments sa Boracay ang compliant sa “25 + 5” meter beach easement zone protocols,” habang 83% naman o 1,017 mula sa 1,230 ng kabuuang gusali ang nakakasunod sa “12-meter road easement”.

Nabatid na ilang pamilya pa ang hindi nailipat dahil sa kawalan ng relocation sites.

Maliban dito, tatapusin pa ang natitirang bahagi ng circumferential road at drainage system.

Sa pamamagitan ng Executive Order No. 147, muling pinalawig ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte ang termino Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) hanggang June 30, 2022.

Matatandaang binuo ang Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force upang pangasiwaan ang Boracay rehabilitation na nag-umpisa noong 2018.



House approves bill creating Boracay development agency



[BYJOVEE MARIE DE LA CRUZ](#)

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2 MINUTE READ



Boracay Island, Aklan

THE House of Representatives on Monday approved on third and final reading the Duterte administration's priority bill creating the Boracay Island Development Authority (BIDA), a body that tourism stakeholders and island groups opposed because it was first tailored to become a powerful state corporation.

Voting 192 affirmative, 7 negative, and 0 abstentions, lawmakers approved House Bill 9826 or the proposed BIDA Act. Under the bill, the proposed government-owned and -controlled corporation (GOCC) to be known as BIDA shall be created to ensure continuous development of the famous tourist area and carry on the gains from its earlier rehabilitation.

The bill said BIDA shall manage, develop, operate, preserve, and rehabilitate the Boracay Island Development Zone, which shall include the entirety of Boracay Island and surrounding islets including Barangay Caticlan.

It added the development zone shall be transformed into a self-sustaining industrial, commercial, leisure, financial, and investment center to generate employment opportunities and attract and promote productive local and foreign investments, while strictly prioritizing the protection and preservation of the natural resources and biodiversity of Boracay Island.

The bill also said a Boracay Action Plan geared towards investment sustainability and balanced development in the island shall be formulated and implemented.

The measure said international standards of excellence in all tourism facilities and services shall be maintained with the end goal of promoting Boracay Island as an environmentally sustainable and safety-conscious tourism destination.



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It added programs and activities such as eco-farm tourism, lifestyle, medical and wellness, local arts and crafts, outdoor recreation, and other social activities like family reunions and celebrations, corporate conferences, and those with environmental preservation and conservation themes shall be promoted.

Not as GOCC

During the hearing on the bill, Aklan Governor Florencio Miraflores expressed support for the creation of the BIDA as a regulatory body but not as a GOCC.

Earlier, the BusinessMirror reported that several tourism stakeholders and island associations have expressed their opposition to the creation of the BIDA as a powerful GOCC.

In a position paper, 17 multisectoral groups with nearly 20,000 members, along with barangay captains of Yapak, Manoc-Manoc and Balabag in Malay, Aklan, said, "We are one in our strong opposition to BIDA as a GOCC, clothed with powers and functions, which duplicate, and overlap with, those already vested upon and exercised by the national government's line and attached agencies and violate the policy of devolution and decentralization, and repugnant to the very essence of federalism advocated and espoused by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte himself."

The groups added they were in "ardent opposition" to the BIDA GOCC "with powers and functions which encroach upon and divest local government units of their constitutionally granted [1987 Philippine Constitution] local autonomy and law-mandated powers and functions, rights and prerogatives," as provided under Republic Act 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991).



Villar airs call for National Clean Up Month

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by [Macon Ramos-Araneta](#)

Senator Cynthia A. Villar renewed her pitch for a clean and green environment as she joined the nation in observance of the National Clean Up Month this September by virtue of Proclamation No. 244.

The World Clean and Green Week is also observed from September 17 to 23 every year.

The events encourage all communities to clean up and conserve the environment as the country's contribution to the worldwide environmental preservation efforts.

Prior to the pandemic, Villar, chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, has been leading series of clean-up activities and mangrove planting in different parts of the National Capital Region.

"We would like to again and again instill in the minds of the public awareness on the importance of having a clean and green environment in our lives, especially now that we are facing a global health crisis," said Villar.

"The children of our children and our great, great grandchildren would definitely reap the gains of our initiatives in working for a healthy environment and preserving them," added Villar.

Aside from mangrove planting, the senator has also been pushing for urban gardening and repeatedly calling on the public to grow their own foods even in small patches of lands and empty containers.

Furthermore, the senator has been actively participating in programs to clean and rehabilitate Manila Bay, touted as having the best sunset in the world.

More than a decade after the Supreme Court issued a mandamus compelling government agencies and local government units to clean up and rehabilitate Manila Bay, Villar admitted "we still have a long way to go before we restore the bay to its pristine condition."

She continues to be at the forefront of the fight against Manila Bay reclamation to preserve the Las Pinas-Paranaque Wetland Park, a 175-hectare critical area situated south of Manila Bay.

The wetland is one of international importance that was accorded protection against the threat of reclamation through the Villar-authored Republic Act 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (E-NIPAS) Act.

The senator wants to put more areas under government protection through the E-NIPAS Act.

"We have to put in place adequate conservation measures and appropriate management schemes to safeguard the biodiversity of ecologically rich and biologically important areas in our country so that present and future generations will continue to benefit from it," she stressed.

The senator is the principal author of the E-NIPAS Act which expanded the list of protected areas from 13 to 107. These include popular tourism destinations as well as internationally recognized critical zones. The law was signed on June 22, 2018.

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Sa pagdiriwang ng National Clean UP Month MALUSOG NA KAPALIGIRAN IPINANAWAGAN

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SA pakikiisa sa pagdiriwang ng “National Clean Up Month” ngayong September sa bisa ng Proclamation No. 244, muling nanawagan si Senator Cynthia A. Villar para sa isang malinis at luntiang kapaligiran.

Ipinagdiriwang din ang World Clean and Green Week sa September 17 hanggang 23 kada taon.

Sa okasyong ito, hinihikayat ang mga komunidad na linisin at panatilihin ang kanilang kapaligiran bilang ambag sa “worldwide environmental preservation efforts.”

Bago ang pandemya, pinangungunahan ni Villar, chairperson Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, ang mga paglilinis at Mangrove planting sa iba’t-ibang lugar sa National Capital Region.

“We would like to again and again instill in the minds of the public awareness on the importance of having a clean and green environment in our lives, especially now that we are facing a global health crisis,” ayon kay Villar.

“The children of our children and our great, great grandchildren would definitely reap the gains of our initiatives in working for a healthy environment and preserving them,” dagdag pa niya.

Bukod sa mangrove planting, itinutulak din ng senador ang urban gardening kasabay ng paulit-ulit na panawagan sa publiko na magtanim ng sarili nilang pagkain kahit sa kapirasong lupa o walang laman na lata o plastik.

Aktibo ring lumalahok si Villar sa mga programa para linisin at ayusin ang Manila Bay na mayroong pinaka-magandang sunset sa buong mundo.



Sa pagdiriwang ng National Clean UP Month MALUSOG NA KAPALIGIRAN IPINANAWAGAN

Mahigit sa isang dekada na nang mag-isyu ang Supreme Court ng mandamus na nagtatakda sa concerned government agencies at local government units na linisin at ayusin ang Manila Bay. Inamin ni Villar na matagal pa bago maibalik kagandahan ng Manila Bay.

Patuloy si Villar sa pangunguna sa paglaban Manila Bay reclamation upang ma-preserve ang Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park, ang 175-hectare critical area sa timog ng Manila Bay. Isa itong Wetland of International Importance na pinangangalagaan laban sa banta reclamation sa pamamagitan ng Republic Act 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (E-NIPAS) Act na inakda ni Villar.

Isinusulong ng senador na mas marami pang lugar ang mailagay sa government protection sa ilalim ng E-NIPAS Act.

“We have to put in place adequate conservation measures and appropriate management schemes to safeguard the biodiversity of ecologically rich and biologically important areas in our country so that present and future generations will continue to benefit from it,” giit ni Villar.

Ang senador ang principal author E-NIPAS Act na nagpalawig sa talaan ng protected areas sa bansa na 107 na mula 13. Kabilang dito ang mga tanyag na tourism destinations pati na rin ang internationally-recognized critical zones. Nilagdaan ang batas noong June 22, 2018. (ESTONG REYES)



Divers clear plastic waste from Batangas corals for World Cleanup Day

By [Peter Blaza via Reuters](#)

- September 20, 2021 - 5:40 PM



Diving instructor Carmela Sevilla holds a mesh bag filled with trash during an underwater cleanup drive in Bauan, Batangas Province, Philippines, September 18, 2021. (Reuters/Peter Blaza)

MANILA — Divers in the Philippines pulled plastic bags, drinks bottles and fishing nets from a coral reef on Saturday, joining an annual cleanup that aims to highlight the impact of garbage on the world's oceans.

About a dozen divers cleared rubbish from the reef and nearby beaches as they marked World Cleanup Day in Batangas province, a popular spot for snorkeling and diving south of the capital, Manila.

“For every fishing line or net that you remove, you could actually prevent a turtle from dying or getting caught in it or eating a plastic bag,” organizer Carmela Sevilla told Reuters, holding up a mesh bag full of garbage.

The Philippines, an archipelago of more than 7,600 islands with nearly 36,300 km (22,555 miles) of coastline, is one of the world's most marine resource-rich countries.

But campaigners say its marine resources are threatened by the neglect of local authorities and lax implementation of environmental laws.

Another of the clean-up participants, Haley Osbourne, 35, a Canadian who has lived in the Philippines five years, said all divers should do their bit by picking up any rubbish they come across while underwater.



Divers clear plastic waste from Batangas corals for World Cleanup Day

Most of the plastic trash blighting the world's oceans comes from rivers and coastlines.

Of the total, 81% percent is estimated to come from Asia, with a third of the Asian plastic originating in the Philippines, according to a 2021 report by Our World in Data, a scientific online publication.

World Cleanup Day is held annually on the third Saturday of September. —**Reporting by Peter Blaza Writing by Neil Jerome Morales Editing by Helen Popper**

4 tons of garbage collected from Mahiga Creek

By: Morexette Marie B. Erram September 19, 2021 - 10:59 AM



Photo from MGB – 7

CEBU CITY, Philippines – Around three to four tons of garbage were collected from portions of the Mahiga Creek on Saturday, September 18, when the entire country conducted a nationwide clean-up efforts.

[In a post on social media](#), the Mines and Geosciences Bureau in Central Visayas (MGB-7) said their employees and volunteers stationed in Mahiga Creek that is located within the boundary of the cities of Mandaue and Cebu collected trash weighing between 3,000 to 4,000 kilograms the entire day.

“Trash items collected were mostly beverage and water bottles, beverage cans, sachets, pouches, cups and plates (foam, papers & plastics), plastic utensils, plastic food containers (bleach and oil), etc. There were also damaged appliances, toys, footwears and clothings,” said MGB-7.

On Saturday, the country celebrated the International Coastal Clean-Up (ICC) day by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 470 series of 2003.

It is held every third Saturday of September.

Cebu City, for its part, collected a total of close to 68 tons of trash from the city’s rivers and major waterways during the activity.

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Pasay CENRO coastal clean-up operation nets 5,834 kilos of trash

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by [Jean Fernando](#)

The Pasay City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) conducted a clean-up operation at the baywalk near the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) and was able to collect about 5,834 kilograms of garbage.

Mayor Emi Calixto – Rubiano said the team of CENRO joined the bay cleanup operation on Saturday (Sept. 18) in celebration of International Coastal Cleanup Day.

CENRO supervising administrative officer Ronald Rey “RR” Salvador said seven garbage trucks were used to pick-up the garbage collected during the cleanup operation.

Salvador said the city government used three trash traps to prevent garbage trash from nearby cities and provinces like Cavite and Bataan.

He said the CENRO also usually conducts cleanup operations in the city’s four esteros/creeks and in Manila Bay to prevent flooding in the city.

Salvador also said the city has two pumping stations located along Libertad Street and Don Carlos Revilla Village that filter the garbage.

The city also has a retarding pond located along Aurora Boulevard where a creek and estero meet prior to draining to Paranaque River then to Marikina Bay.



Apo Island goes zero waste

By [Christine Gaylican](#)

September 21, 2021



Apo Island. Photo courtesy from Apo Island Trip - Dumaguete website

ONE of the country's top scuba diving sites, the [Apo Island](#) in Dauin, Negros Oriental, is intensifying its advocacy on zero [waste management](#) as it pilot tests the use of organic shampoos and body wash, lime soap bars, organic liquid laundry and dishwashing solutions to eliminate plastic waste sachets. The social enterprise is a partnership with [Silver Reef Dive Resort](#) and Plastic Life Sucks, which will supply in pump bottles refillable and biodegradable bathroom and daily washing essentials. The 74-hectare protected seascape and landscape of Apo Island was recently awarded as the first "zero waste" barangay (village) in the [Philippines](#) because of its community-based upcycling livelihood projects. The island currently has four purok-level material recovery facilities, which integrates solid wastes into construction aggregates and resort furnishings. The zero waste and sustainable tourism advocacy is also supported by the municipal government of Dauin led by Mayor [Galicano Truita](#). Apo Island bagged the prestigious [7th Para El Mar Awards](#) in 2019 as the most outstanding marine protected area under the government's [National Integrated Protected Areas System](#). It is known for its lush marine biodiversity with coral gardens, sea turtles, school of jacks and other aquatic resources.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/21/news/regions/apo-island-goes-zero-waste/1815522>



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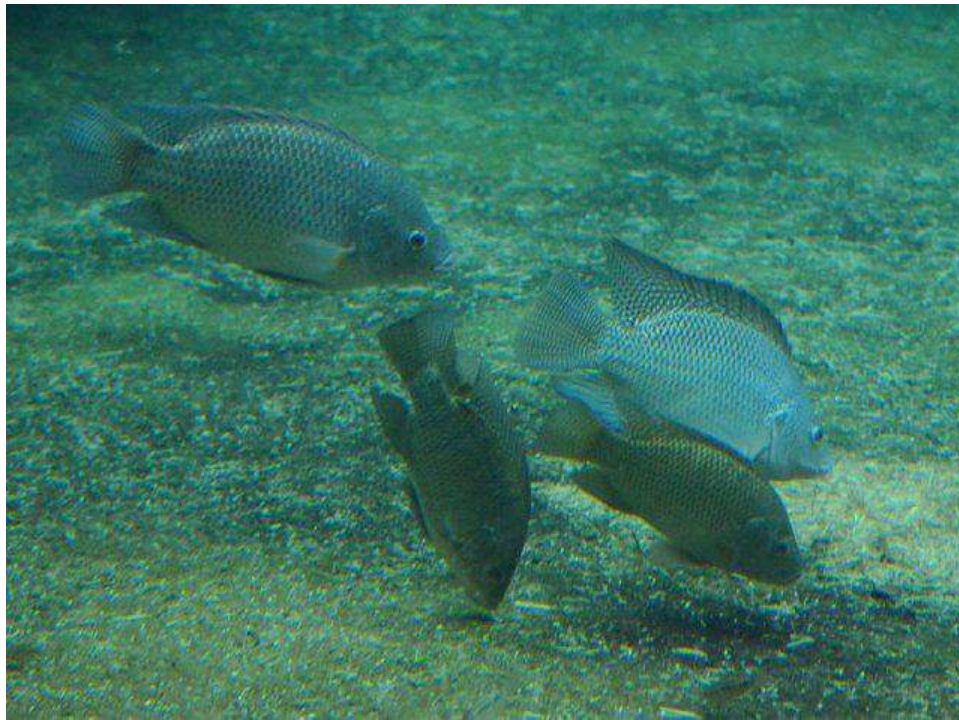
SAN Vicente's Long Beach is the longest in the Philippines and second longest in Southeast Asia with its 15-kilometers of coastline which is three times more than Boracay's White Beach.

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PHL waters being taken over by invasive fish

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Invasive Nile tilapia. Image via Gregory Paul “Gregg” H. Yan.

By **Brontë H. Lacsamana**

Over the last decade, fisherfolk operating in freshwater lakes and rivers have noticed a shift in the contents of their catch, according to environmental group Best Alternatives.

Native fish like *biya* (gobies), *ayungin* (silver perch), *martiniko* (climbing perch), and *ulang* (freshwater shrimp) have grown scarcer while species alien to the Philippines such as knifefish from Indochina, blackchin tilapia from Africa, janitor fish from the Americas, and cream dory from other parts of Asia, have multiplied in inland waters.

“Our native fish are dying a slow, silent death because they’re quietly being eaten by invasive fish every minute, every second. It’s happening now,” said Gregory Paul “Gregg” H. Yan, founder of the Best Alternatives campaign, in an interview with *BusinessWorld*.

He shared that fisherfolk along Marikina River observed an abundance of Nile tilapia, janitor fish, knifefish, and blackchin tilapia (dubbed Gloria or Arroyo due to the black moles on their faces) after heavy rains this July.

(When it rains, ponds, lakes, and other bodies of water in areas like Rizal and Laguna overflow, allowing fish to escape into the Marikina and Pasig rivers. Fisherfolk, knowing this, go there while water levels are elevated.)

Only the *kanduli*, a type of brackish water catfish, remained plentiful among the numerous native species that used to roam the river.



PHL waters being taken over by invasive fish

“They said there’s regularly a lot of *kanduli*, but that’s almost the only native species left,” he said. “Still, they’re just happy to have a catch because, when you get a 20-kilogram cream dory, *siyempre tingin nila biyaya* (of course they see it as a blessing).”

ALIENS

EVERYWHERE

In 2011, two years after Typhoon Ondoy, fisherfolk in the Laguna Lake area reported an alarming presence of the ornamental knifefish in the lake, which was traced back to their possible escape from aquaculture ponds during the typhoon. BFAR, after conducting surveys, declared it an infestation of invasive alien species (IAS) in the lake.

“By 2012, nearly half of fishermen in the area were affected by this, with knifefish comprising a large chunk of their catch,” said Romualdo M. Pol, officer-in-charge at BFAR’s National Inland Fisheries Technology Center (NIFTC), told *BusinessWorld*.

He added that NIFTC analyzed the gut contents of the knifefish, finding that around 32% were small fish heads and tails and about 29% were scales and eyes of *kanduli*, meaning the lake’s native species were indeed being eaten by the IAS. The sad part was, knifefish weren’t appealing to fish markets and were often released back into waters, where they would continue their reign of terror.

The worst-case scenario, according to Mr. Yan of Best Alternatives, is similar to what happened to Lake Victoria in Africa, where the Nile perch was introduced to the lake to boost productivity, eventually [wiping out 60% of its native cichlids](#). There’s also a local example, unfortunately — Lake Lanao in December 2020 saw 15 of the 17 freshwater fish endemic to the lake [go extinct due to invasive species that altered the ecosystem](#).

To combat extinction of species in Laguna Lake, BFAR-NIFTC enacted multiple initiatives, from the development of a prototype electro-fishing gadget to stop eggs from hatching to a buy-back scheme that mobilizes fisherfolk to catch knifefish for at least P20 per kilo until they are consumed to depletion, said Mr. Pol.

He added that the catch is usually processed into fishmeal feed for farm animals as well as value added products like hotdog, fishball, *kikiam*, and *siomai*, which they also teach affected fisherfolk to do through livelihood programs. During the pandemic, these have unfortunately been hindered by restrictions.

Fisherfolk also caught much less, unable to go out in lockdowns, resulting in a drop to around 900,000 knifefish caught in 2020 from 1.9M in 2019, reported Mr. Pol.

Meanwhile, the [Balik ang Sigla sa Ilog at mga Lawa](#) (BASIL) program, launched by BFAR in 2017, has been working on propagating native freshwater species like *biya*, *ayungin*, *martiniko*, *ulang*, and *kanduli* to replace the invasive ones being retrieved.

In addition to collaborating with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and University of the Philippines Los Banos (UPLB) for studies on the population dynamics and control assessment of knifefish in Laguna Lake, BFAR-NIFTC said that they’ve been sharing their native species repopulation methods and technologies to a network of regional government hatcheries, to replicate their pilot efforts nationwide.



PHL waters being taken over by invasive fish

SUSTAINABLE BUT EXPENSIVE

Best Alternatives, meanwhile, has put forward transitioning into the farming of local fish species — a long-term objective they're looking into with European research firm VB Consultancy.

“We’re trying to convince government and businesses that instead of farming invasive tilapia and cream dory, we should invest in the farming of high-value local fish species like *ludong* (which is expensive at P5,000 per kilo). It’s a type of mullet, a very common fish, just like how the *maliputo* and *tawilis* in Taal Lake are really nothing more than freshwater sardines, which can be marketed well,” said Mr. Yan.

He cited their advantages: being better adapted to local conditions, resilient to diseases in this part of the world, and profitable for fish farmers who can earn up to P5,000 per kilo of *ludong* compared to at least P15 per kilo for knifefish and about P80 for tilapia.

Mr. Pol of BFAR-NIFTC echoed this sentiment, adding that culturing these fishes in aquaculture facilities could eventually lead to more affordable prices once the population grows, since large *ayungin* currently reach up to P600 a kilo.

“If we embrace the technologies now, there’s potential for profit, locally and in export markets. Most people have this idea that, to be sustainable, you have to let go of profitability. That’s not true. You can be profitable by farming the right species *and* you can bring back native fish in the country,” said Mr. Yan.

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DOH reports 18,937 more COVID-19 cases

(Philstar.com)

- September 20, 2021 - 4:01pm



Residents of Dagat Dagatan Navotas City who are on the waiting list receive the Social Amelioration Program budget from the local government unit on Sept. 16, 2021.
The STAR/Geremy Pintolo

MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities on Monday reported 18,937 more coronavirus cases to bring the country's total to 2,385,616.

Today's figures saw active cases down by 1,346 from the 178,196 on September 19. The Department of Health said five laboratories did not turn in screening results.

- Active cases: 176,850 or 7.4% of the total
- Recoveries: 20,171, bringing the number to 2,171,832
- Deaths: 146, or now 36,934 in total

NCR+ NASA HIGH RISK PA RIN DULOT NG COVID-19— DOH

written by [DWIZ 882](#) September 21, 2021



Inihayag ni Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire na nasa ilalim parin ng high risk classification ng kanilang ahensya ang Metro Manila at 11 pang rehiyon sa bansa.

Ito ay dahil patuloy paring tumataas ang bilang ng mga tinatamaan ng COVID-19.

Ayon kay Vergeire, nasa 39.56 na ang average daily attack rate pero nasa 70.57% pa ang bed utilization sa mga ospital habang 76.64% naman ang ICU utilization sa Metro Manila.—sa panulat ni Angelica Doctolero

Source: <https://www.dwiz882am.com/index.php/ncr-nasa-high-risk-pa-rin-dulot-ng-covid-19-doh/>



Philippines ranks 8th in global COVID-19 cases

By [Sheila Crisostomo](#)(Philstar.com)

- September 21, 2021 - 12:00am



City of Manila residents wait for their turn to get their COVID-19 jab as the local government began its 24/7 vaccination program on Aug. 8, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines ranked eighth among countries with the most COVID-19 cases in the past 28 days, according to the global tracker of the Johns Hopkins University and Medicine (JHU) based in Maryland.

Based on the JHU Dashboard yesterday, the Philippines was in eighth place with 527,114 COVID-19 cases in the last 29 days and 2,366,749 total cases as of Sept. 19.

The other Asian countries that made it to the top 20 of the COVID-19 table in the past 28 days are Malaysia at seventh with 542,737 cases; Thailand at 10th with 432,620; Japan at 11th with 390,827; Vietnam 13th with 340,316 and Indonesia at 17th with 221,481 cases.

The top six countries are the United States with 4,290,319 cases, followed by India with 1,023,929; United Kingdom with 943,964; Iran with 768,165; Brazil with 673,838 and Turkey with 623,820 cases.

Ninth is Russia with 516,723, France at 12th with 354,853; Mexico 14th with 335,568; Germany at 15th with 274,070; Israel 16th with 234,908; Cuba 18th with 219,182; South Africa 19th with 200,124 and Spain at 29th with 159,093 cases. Globally, a total of 228,493,023 COVID-19 cases were recorded.

High-risk

The National Capital Region (NCR) remains in high-risk classification for COVID-19 cases but the trend is going down, albeit rather slowly, Department of Health (DOH) Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said yesterday.



Philippines ranks 8th in global COVID-19 cases

Vergeire noted the average daily attack rate (ADAR) in NCR increased from 33.71 percent to 39.56 percent per 100,000 population but the cases slightly decreased by 780 cases compared to the previous seven days. The two-week growth rate was 17 percent lower.

“Our case data showed that cases in NCR continued to increase, but at a slower rate. This is evidenced by the positive growth rates over the past month,” she said.

Data showed that aside from NCR, 11 other regions are high risk for COVID-19 cases.

On the other hand, the national ICU and bed utilization rates are at high risk with 76.64 percent and 70.587 percent, respectively. For mechanical ventilator utilization, the Cordilleras and Bicol region are high risk at 83.95 percent and 75 percent, respectively.

OCTA Research expects new daily COVID-19 cases in Metro Manila and nearby provinces to continue declining over the next weeks.

“The key now is to sustain our efforts in order to continue to bring new cases in the National Capital Region and other areas down,” OCTA said.

It noted that Metro Manila had an average of 5,136 new COVID-19 cases from Sept. 13 to 19, or 13 percent lower than the seven-day average of 5,916 from Sept. 6 to 12.

Delta most common

Vergeire also noted that the Delta variant is the most common lineage detected among positive samples. Based on the latest run of the Philippine Genome Center last Sept. 18 on 374 samples, 319 or 85.3 percent yielded the Delta variant.

“The Delta variant (B.1.617.2 Indian lineage) is now the most common (24.2 percent) among sequenced samples, nationally,” she said.

On the other hand, the Beta variant or South African lineage accounted for 2,734 or 21.8 percent of the samples, while Alpha variant had 2,461 or 19.6 percent and Gamma with two or 0.02 percent of samples.

The Alpha and Beta variants accounted for 3.5 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively. – **Michael Punongbayan**



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77% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (21.0K TOTAL BEDS)
67% Utilized

WARD BEDS (15.8K TOTAL BEDS)
71% Utilized

VENTILATORS (3.4K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
57% Utilized

ICU BEDS (1.6K TOTAL BEDS)
79% Utilized

ISOLATION BEDS (4.6K TOTAL BEDS)
63% Utilized

WARD BEDS (4.3K TOTAL BEDS)
72% Utilized

VENTILATORS (1.2K TOTAL VENTILATORS)
60% Utilized

Mild **92.7%**

2.7% Asymptomatic

0.6% Critical

1.4% Severe

2.61% Moderate



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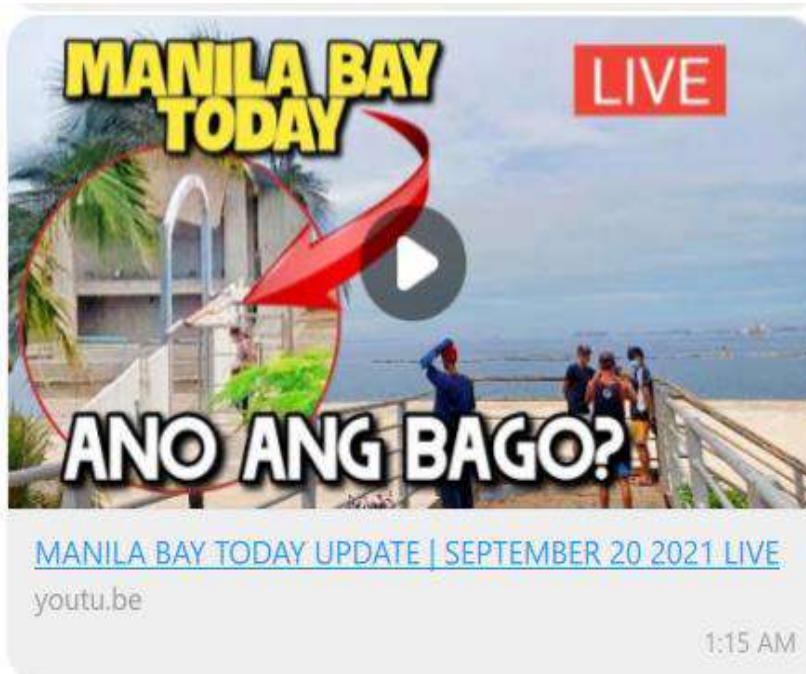
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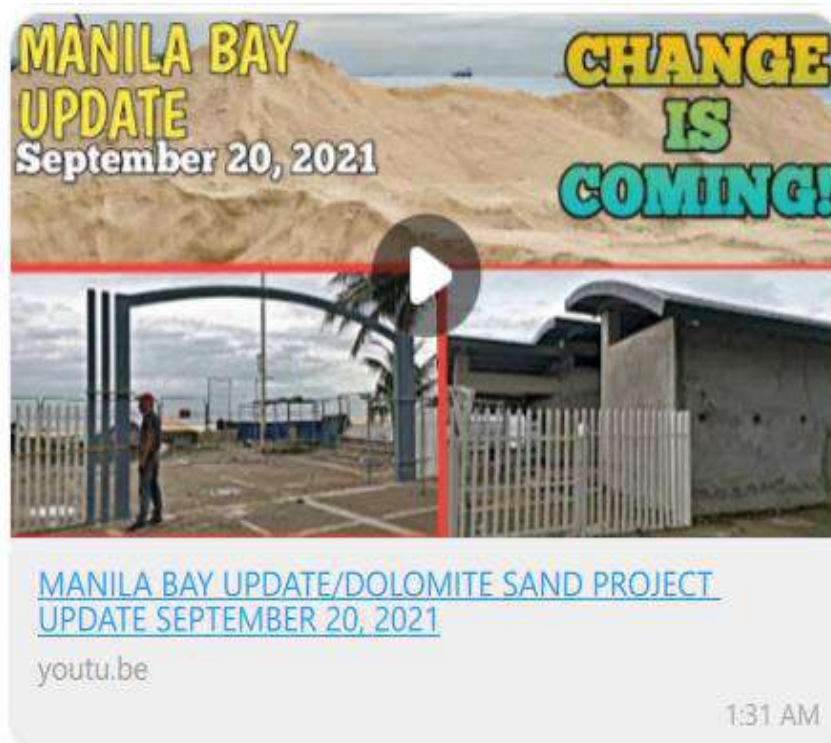


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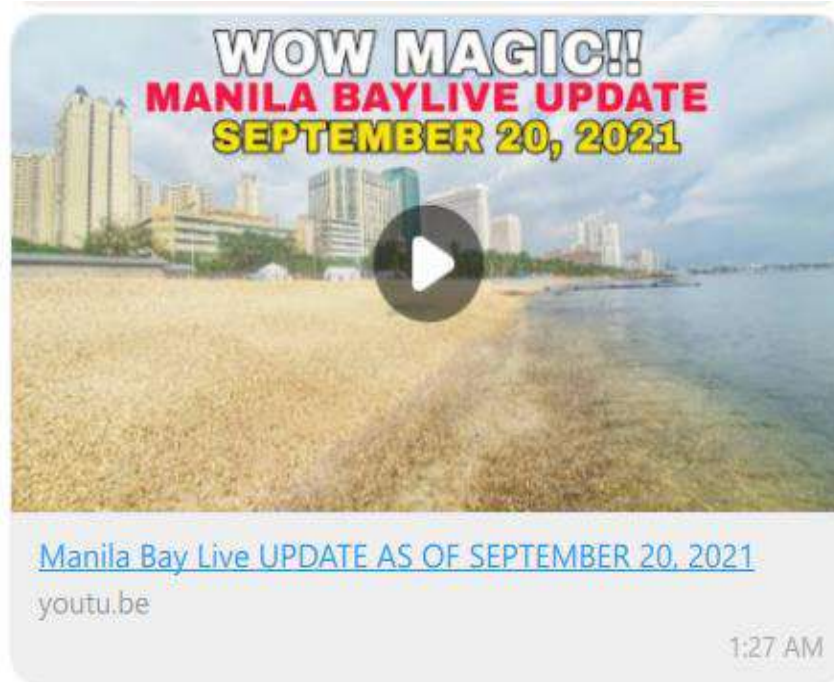
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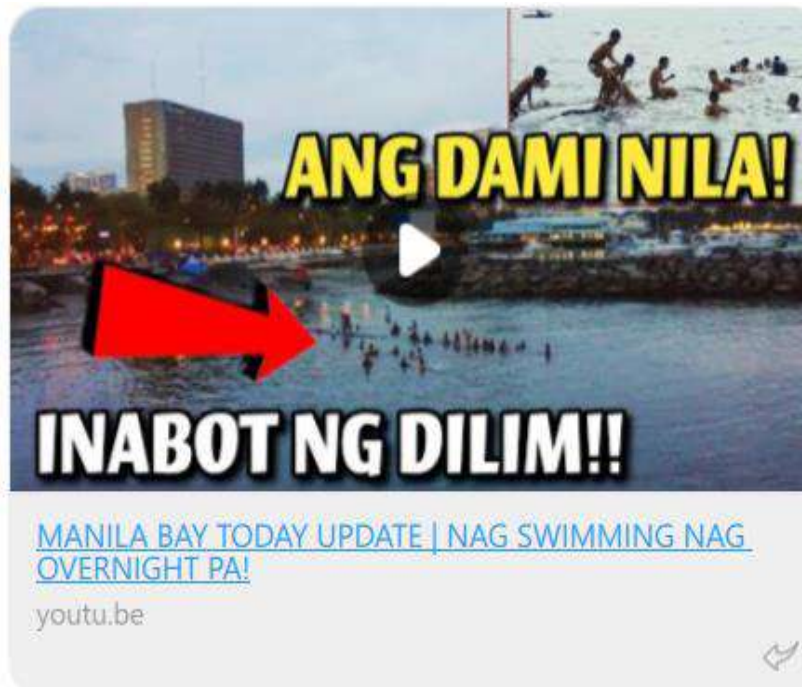
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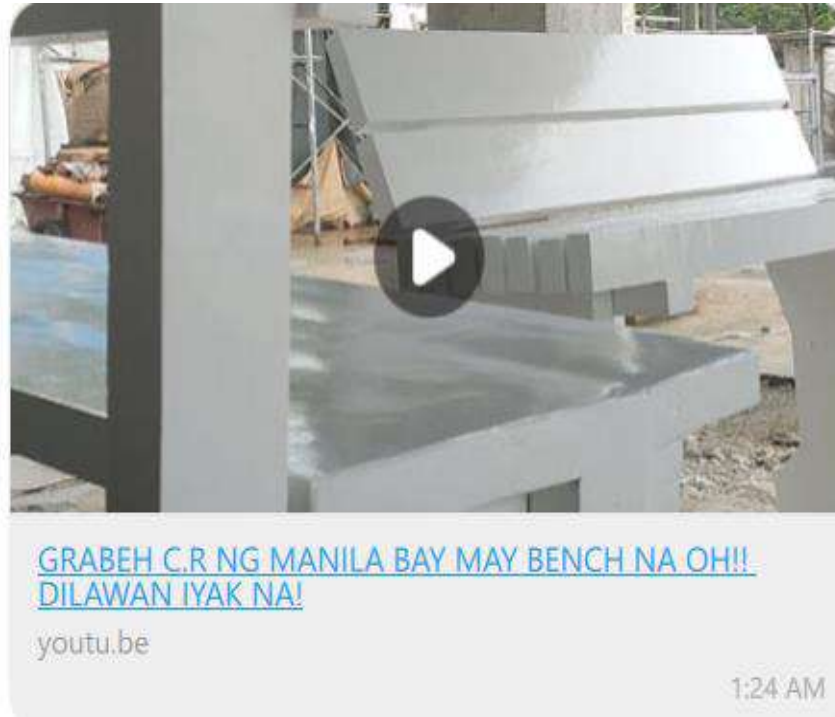
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