

29 APRIL 2022, FRIDAY



**DENR**

# **NEWS ALERTS**

**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE**

# DENR assures criminal raps vs violators, illegal occupants of protected areas

By: [Zacarian Sarao](#) - [@inquirerdotnet](#)

[INQUIRER.net](#) / 06:48 PM April 28, 2022



Acting Environment Secretary Jim Sampulna. (Photo from the Facebook page of DENR)

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on Thursday assured that it is consistently filing charges against violators and illegal occupants of protected areas.

“We assure His Excellency President Rodrigo Duterte, that the DENR has been consistent in identifying culprits operating in protected areas, investigating on violations, and filing charges against the violators in Masungi and Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL),” DENR Acting Secretary Jim Sampulna said in a statement.

This came after Malacañang on Tuesday told the DENR to file charges against violators of environmental laws in the Marikina Watershed, following environmentalists’ appeal to cancel [quarrying agreements in the Upper Marikina Watershed](#).

According to Sampulna, from year 2021 to February 2022, 16 cases have already been filed against violators through National Bureau of Investigation-Environmental Crimes Division (NBI-EnCD) operations conducted in Barangays San Jose, San Juan, and Pintong Bukawe in Antipolo City and Barangay Pinugay in Baras, Rizal.

“Four convictions were won on Monday, April 25,” said Sampulna.

Apart from these, Sampulna also bared that DENR-Calabarzon had already issued 96 show-cause orders and 43 cease-and-desist orders from August 2018 to March 2022, due to illegal construction, occupation, and conduct of business without clearance from the Protected Area Management Board.

Sampulna also clarified that three companies issued with mineral production sharing agreements (MPSA) in Calabarzon are no longer operational since 2004.



“One MPSA will expire in 2023 and the other two will expire in 2024,” said Sampulna.

He added that the DENR is also currently reviewing the legality of the perpetual land trust given by the agency to Masungi Georeserve Foundation through a memorandum of agreement with former Secretary Gina Lopez.

“The review is being conducted in consideration of certain provisions of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and NIPAS Act,” he said.



# DENR vows to clear Rizal protected areas of illegal occupants

Published April 28, 2022, 2:05 PM

by [Aaron Recuenco](#)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) assured on Thursday, April 28, that it will clear the protected areas in Rizal of illegal occupants.

This, as concerns were raised as some people were seen constructing houses and other structures within the protected areas of Masungi and Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL).

DENR Acting Sec. Jim O. Sampulna said they have already filed cases against the illegal occupants.

“From 2021 to February 2022, 16 cases were filed against violators through NBI operations conducted in Barangays San Jose, San Juan, and Pintong Bukawe in Antipolo City and Barangay Pinugay in Baras, Rizal, wherein four convictions were won on Monday, April 25,” said Sampulna.

Meanwhile, the DENR-Calabarzon reported that from August 2018 to March 2022, a total of 96 show cause orders and 43 cease-and-desist orders were issued because of illegal construction, occupation, and conduct of business without clearance from the Protected Area Management Board.

Establishment of illegal structures within protected areas violates Section 20 (n) and (o) of Republic Act (RA) 7586, as amended by RA 11038 or the National Integrated Protected Area Systems (NIPAS) Act of 2018, and Section 81, formerly Section 71, of Presidential Decree 705 or the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines.

On the other hand, Sampulna clarified that the three companies issued with mineral production sharing agreements or MPSA in the area have not been operational since 2004.

He said they are also currently reviewing the legality of the perpetual land trust given by the agency to Masungi Georeserve Foundation through a memorandum of agreement with former Secretary Gina Lopez.

# DENR to take legal action vs illegal activities in Masungi watershed

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

Published Apr 29, 2022 6:28:10 AM



**Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, April 29)** — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has assured that illegal occupants within government-protected areas in Masungi and Upper Marikina watershed will be sanctioned accordingly if they continue to violate environmental laws.

“We assure His Excellency President Rodrigo Duterte, that the DENR has been consistent in identifying culprits operating in protected areas, investigating on violations, and filing charges against the violators in Masungi and Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL),” Acting Secretary Jim Sampulna said in a statement on Thursday.

DENR's statement comes after the Palace asked agency to file charges against violators of environmental laws, following reports that harmful development activities were being conducted in the watershed.

Sampulna added that the DENR, in coordination with the National Bureau of Investigation-Environmental Crimes Division (NBI-EnCD) and the UMRBPL-Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) personnel, filed cases against the illegal occupants in 2021.

On the other hand, the DENR-CALABARZON reported that from August 2018 to March 2022, 96 show cause orders and 43 cease-and-desist orders were issued due to illegal construction, occupation, and/or conduct of business without clearance from the Protected Area Management Board.

According to the statement, establishing illegal structures within protected areas violates a number of laws, including Republic Act (RA) 7586, as amended by RA 11038 or the National Integrated Protected Area Systems (NIPAS) Act of 2018, and Section 81 (formerly Section 71) of Presidential Decree 705 or the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines.

The acting DENR chief also clarified that the three companies they issued with mineral production sharing agreements (MPSA) in the area have not been operational since 2004.

He said one MPSA will expire in 2023, while the two others will expire in 2024.

Source: <https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2022/4/29/denr-legal-action-vs-illegal-activities-masungi.html>



# DENR Supports Earth Saver PH

Thursday, April 28, 2022 Journal Online



Department of Environment and Natural Resources (**DENR**) Assistant Secretary for Human Resources, Strategic Communication and Sectoral Initiatives Hiro V. Masuda (right) joins Earth Saver Philippines advocates and beauty queens led by Miss Earth Saver Philippines Ambassadors Deniece Cornejo (6th from left) in a show of support to their cause in promoting climate change mitigation and environmental protection. Also present during their visit to the DENR Central Office for the Earth Day celebration are **DENR** Head Executive Assistant Roberto A. Oliveros, Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service (SCIS) and Director Khalil S. Bayam (3rd and 2nd from right, respectively).



# DENR Thanks ENR VLoggers as Partners for Envi Protection

Thursday, April 28, 2022 Journal Online



The **Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)** commends the officers of the environment and natural resources (ENR) vloggers led by their president Junriel Llander (4th from left) for their support to DENR programs, projects and activities through their vlogs on the conservation and protection of natural resources and the environment. They are joined by DENR Assistant Secretary for Human Resources, Strategic Communication and Sectoral Initiatives Hiro V. Masuda, Head Executive Assistant Roberto A. Oliveros, and DENR Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service (SCIS) Director Khalil S. Bayam (1st, 3rd and 4th from right, respectively) during their coverage of the Earth Day celebration on April 22 at the **DENR** Central Office.

## Pagbibigay ng titulo ng lupa, target pabilisin ng DENR



April 28, 2022 @ 5:26 PM 14 hours ago

MANILA, Philippines – Hiniling ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna sa Land Management Bureau (LMB) at iba pang tanggapan sa DENR na pabilisin ang pag-proseso ng land titling upang mawakasan na ang land conflicts at insurgency sa bansa.

Ayon kay Sampulna, ito ay matapos ang kanyang pakikipagpulong sa National Task Force-Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict na pinangunahan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte sa Butuan City noong Abril 12.

Ang ‘highlight’ ng event na distribusyon ng 7,000 land patents, ay nagpapalakas sa utos ni Pangulong Duterte na pabilisin ang land distribution bilang counter-insurgency measure sa mga probinsiya.

“I would like to urge the Land Management Bureau and the Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs and supervising undersecretary of LMB to fast-track the titling of all areas because of the fact that 70 percent of the conflict around us is caused by land conflict,” saad ni Sampulna sa ginanap na flag-raising ceremony noong Abril 18.

Kaugnay nito inatasan din ni Sampulna ang regional officials ng DENR na bilisan ang distribusyon ng lupa hanggang matapos ang taong ito.

“I hope that all of our regional executive directors can fast-track this, to be monitored by LMB Director Emelyne Talabis, for us to be able to distribute lands until the end of the year,” saad nito.

Nakasaad sa mandato ng Republic Act 10023 o ang Residential Free Patent Act na ang DENR ay tatanggap at magpoproseso ng aplikasyon para sa free patent titles ng residential lands. **Santi Celario**



# DENR bids integrated QR code system to oversee Boracay's tourist arrivals

April 28, 2022 3 min read

By Rjhay E Laurea

MANILA — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is embarking on a doable action plan with the Department of Tourism (DoT), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Province of Aklan, and the Municipal Government of Malay intended to control the number of tourists visiting Boracay Island.

This came after the Boracay Inter-Agency Rehabilitation and Management Group (BIARMG), a DENR-led task force, said that the rush in the number of people broke the gov't-set carrying capacity of the island during the Holy Week break on April 14-15, with 21,011 and 22,278 people, respectively.

A study tapped by the DENR in 2018 stated that Boracay Island's carrying capacity is 19,215 people daily, or about 6,405 arrivals daily based on an average three-day stay.

"We are now discussing possible adjustments on policies and what strategies we will take to prevent this from happening again in the future," said DENR Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs Atty. Jonas R. Leones.

Setting up a carrying capacity is in line with the DENR's commission to protect and conserve the environment in Boracay.

If the public remains to exceed the given carrying capacity, the ecosystem may be inapt for other species on the island to survive, or other resources may deplete.

BIARMG General Manager Martin Jose Despi said that one of their suggested measures to prevent another jamming in Boracay is to unite the use of QR codes in contact tracing into a control program aligned with monitoring the number of tourists going in the island.

Along with this, a said real-time monitoring system is required to see the total number of people issued with the QR Code on a certain date.

Despi suggested a review of the data of airline and shipping passengers and the total number of bargains that booked people to prevent overbooking.

"We need an integrated information technology system that would take care of all these capabilities," said Despi.

"The moment that we put in place a relevant system or software, all of this would be properly addressed," he added.

Leones said that DENR's Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau will be asked to study on the chance of increasing the island's carrying capacity, noting that the "DENR's policies should be based on science." (ai/mtvn)

Source: [https://maharlika.tv/2022/04/28/denr-bids-integrated-qr-code-system-to-oversee-boracays-tourist-arrivals/?fbclid=IwAR209gII4iRHejsFt1EF9Iz0tVnmruAt-3\\_1HwGZFctHuw3yGUSFM4itPII](https://maharlika.tv/2022/04/28/denr-bids-integrated-qr-code-system-to-oversee-boracays-tourist-arrivals/?fbclid=IwAR209gII4iRHejsFt1EF9Iz0tVnmruAt-3_1HwGZFctHuw3yGUSFM4itPII)



### Mas marami pang turista, inaasahang dadagsa sa Boracay para sa LaBoracay

522 views · 28 Apr 2022

14 DISLIKE SHARE SAVE ...



**PTV**   
1.54M subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**

Mas marami pang turista, inaasahang dadagsa sa Boracay para sa LaBoracay

For more news, visit:  
[SHOW MORE](#)



# CENRO intensifies 'Oplan Baklas' in Surigao Sur

By Alexander Lopez April 28, 2022, 7:56 pm



**ENVIRONMENT-CONSCIOUS CAMPAIGNING.** Personnel from the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office in Bislig City continue the removal of campaign materials posted in trees and non-designated poster areas Wednesday (April 28, 2022). CENRO-Bislig said 331 election materials were removed during their operation. *(Photo courtesy of CENRO-Bislig)*

**BUTUAN CITY** – The Community Environment and Natural Resources Office of Bislig City (CENRO-Bislig) in Surigao del Sur intensified its “Oplan Baklas’ operation.

“The intensification of Oplan Baklas is in compliance with the Memorandum Order issued by Acting DENR Secretary Jim Sampulna on March 21, 2022, for the promotion of environmentally-conscious national election campaigns,” CENRO-Bislig said in a statement Thursday.

During an operation Wednesday, the agency said 331 election campaign materials were removed along public roads, particularly those posted in different non-designated poster areas.

CENRO-Bislig noted that Republic Act 357 prohibits the "cutting, destroying, or injuring of planted or growing trees, flowering plants, and shrubs or plants of scenic value along public roads, in plazas, parks, schools premises, or any other public ground."

Last week, the agency also removed 304 election campaign materials posted on trees and non-designated poster areas in Bislig City and the town of Tagbina.

The DENR in the Caraga Region (DENR-13) reported Thursday the removal of 4,763 pieces of tarpaulins bearing political propaganda that were posted on trees and other structures along non-designated poster areas.

“The clearing operations in the region started a day after the campaign period that commenced on February 8 and is sustained until this time,” it said.

The operation was being supported by the Comelec, the Philippine National Police, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the local government units. **(PNA)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1173220>

## Survey: 11 Davao City bets favor environment protection initiatives



Photo by Macky Lim/SunStar Davao file

IONA FINLAY C. MENDOZA

April 28, 2022

RESULTS of the Green Vote Survey 2022 showed 11 local candidates in Davao City are in favor of environmental protection initiatives but also support possible environmentally harmful programs.

The Kalikasan Naman Green Vote Survey of the Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability (Idis) showed the results from respondents who are candidates running for local positions in the city, namely, vice mayor candidate Melchor Quitain Jr. and First Legislative District Representative candidate Mags Maglana.

Aspiring councilors Luna Acosta, Lydon Banzon, and Pilar Braga from the First District; Jonard Dayap, Marissa Abella, and Bong Batenga from the Second District; and Myrna Daloda-Ortiz, Wilberto Al-ag, and Alberto Ungab from the Third District were also respondents of the survey.

The survey aims to learn about the stand of local candidates on issues such as cutting of century-old trees in Mt. Makabol-Alikoson and Kalatong, the increasing waste and pollution of the sanitary landfill, the proposed waste-to-energy facility, resumption of aerial and chemical-based Spraying in mono-crop plantations, and mining, quarrying, and extraction of resources.

Based on the results garnered by Idis, majority of the candidates who responded were in favor of programs that benefit environmental protection such as the declaration of Mt. Makabol-Alikoson as a critical area for the Philippine Eagle, prohibition on selling and conversion of ancestral lands to ecotourism and other developments, and protection of watersheds and natural wetlands in urban areas.

Majority also support strict regulation on aerial spray and use of pesticides and fungicides, sustainable transportation, urban livability, Zoning Regulation and proper implementation of land use plan, and oppose dependency to coal-fired power plants.

However, some candidates were also in favor of developments that could cause high environmental impacts and pollution.



The proposed waste-to-energy (WTE) incineration facility was favored by eight respondents and opposed by candidates Maglana, Acosta, and Braga.

The promotion of metallic mining in Davao City was also backed by six candidates but is opposed by Maglana, Acosta, Dayap, Dalodo-Ortiz, and Ungab.

Lemuel Manalo, program coordinator of Idis, said those who voted for WTE incineration and metallic mining are in favor given that the said programs can be regulated.

“Nag in-favor pud sila sa mga developments with high environmental impacts but they believe pwede ma-regulate or there can be alternatives. Kailangan natin sila bantayan for us as lobbyists and environmentalists (They are also in favor of developments with high environmental impacts but they believe it can be regulated. We should be vigilant as lobbyists and environmentalists),” he said.

The proposed WTE incineration facility in Davao City is protested against by various environmental groups, saying it will negatively affect at least 20 barangays in proximity of the facility, which is eyed to be built in Barangay Biao Escuela.

According to Councilor Pamela Librado-Morata, WTE incineration facilities are known to produce toxic by-products that can pollute the water and air of Biao Escuela and its neighboring barangays and also risk the health of nearby residents.

At the same time, the 11 candidates showed low interest in Food Security and Coastal Management which, according to Idis, must also be prioritized.

Manalo said the answers of the respondents in the survey assess the candidates’ knowledge and experience on environmental issues and inform the public regarding their stand.

“Makita nato didto ilang mga responses and unsaon nila pag (We can see with their responses how they can) amend or improve the current ordinance or craft new ordinance. In that way, makita nato (we can see) how they are committed and who are the potential champions of environmental issues,” he said.



# Mt. Pulag, 4 others declared protected areas

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos [April 28, 2022, 2:40 pm](#)



(File photo)

**MANILA** – President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has signed into law five measures declaring Mt. Pulag and four other sites in the country as protected areas.

Duterte on April 8 inked Republic Acts (RAs) 11684, 11685, 11686, 11687, and 11688, adding Mt. Arayat in Pampanga, Mt. Pulag in Benguet, Naga-Kabasalan in Zamboanga Sibugay, Tirad Pass in Ilocos Sur, and Banao in Kalinga to the list of areas protected under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS).

The laws classify the five sites as "protected landscapes."

"As such, the State shall ensure the conservation, protection, management and rehabilitation of the area. It is likewise recognized that effective administration of this area is possible only through cooperation among national government, local government units (LGUs), concerned nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), private entities and local communities," the RAs read.

According to the laws, the use and enjoyment of the protected landscapes must be consistent with the principles of biological diversity and sustainable development.

The laws mandate the State to ensure the mobilization of resources for the institutional mechanisms, as well as the full scientific and technical support needed for the conservation of biodiversity and the integrity of the ecosystems, culture and indigenous practices.

Under RAs 11684, 11685, 11686, 11687, and 11688, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon the recommendation of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), may designate areas surrounding the protected areas for the purpose of providing an "extra layer of protection" where restrictions may be applied.

"In cases where the designated buffer zone would cover private lands, the owners thereof shall be required to design their development with due consideration to the protected area management plan," the laws said.

The PAMB will be created within 90 days from the effectivity of the laws to oversee the management of the protected landscapes.

The board will be chaired by DENR Regional Executive Director.

The Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) will also be established. This will be headed by a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) who will supervise the day-to-day management,



protection, and administration of the protected areas.

A trust fund will likewise be established for purposes of financing projects.

The PAMB will retain 75 percent of all revenues raised, which will be deposited to the Protected Area-Retained Income Account in any authorized government depository bank within the locality.

The fund may be augmented by grants, donations, and endowment from domestic or foreign sources.

"The fund shall be deposited in full as a special account in the National Treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration, and management of the NIPAS and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with existing accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations," according to the laws.

The fund, the RAs stressed, must not be used for personal services expenditures.

The LGUs are directed to continue the imposition of taxes and collection of all other fees they have traditionally collected, including business permits, property tax and rentals of local governments' facilities.

The laws, which were made public on Thursday, take effect 15 days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. **(PNA)**



## Mt. Pulag, 4 others declared protected areas

[Alexis Romero](#) - The Philippine Star April 29, 2022 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — President Duterte has enacted five laws declaring certain areas in Luzon and Mindanao as protected areas with the category of protected landscape.

The laws were signed on April 8, documents released by Malacañang yesterday showed.

Republic Act 11684 declared the Mt. Arayat Protected Landscape while areas in Kabayan, Bokod and Buguias in Benguet as well as in Tinoc, Ifugao and Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya were declared as Mt. Pulag Protected Landscape under RA 11685.

The Naga-Kabasalan Protected Landscape in Naga and Kabasalan in Zamboanga Sibugay was declared under RA 11686; portions of Gregorio del Pilar, Quirino, Sigay, Cervantes and Suyo in Ilocos Sur as Tirad Pass Protected Landscape under RA 11687, and Balbalan in Kalinga as Banao Protected Landscape under RA 11688.

The laws define a protected area as a portion of land and water “set aside by reason of its unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation.”



# Mt. Pulag, 4 others declared protected areas

April 28, 2022



*An undated photo showing tourists viewing a sea of clouds. (PNA file photo)*

**By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos | Philippine News Agency**

MANILA – President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has signed into law five measures declaring Mt. Pulag and four other sites in the country as protected areas.

Duterte on April 8 inked Republic Acts (RAs) 11684, 11685, 11686, 11687, and 11688, adding Mt. Arayat in Pampanga, Mt. Pulag in Benguet, Naga-Kabasalan in Zamboanga Sibugay, Tirad Pass in Ilocos Sur, and Banao in Kalinga to the list of areas protected under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS).

The laws classify the five sites as “protected landscapes.”

“As such, the State shall ensure the conservation, protection, management and rehabilitation of the area. It is likewise recognized that effective administration of this area is possible only through cooperation among national government, local government units (LGUs), concerned nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), private entities and local communities,” the RAs read.

According to the laws, the use and enjoyment of the protected landscapes must be consistent with the principles of biological diversity and sustainable development.

The laws mandate the State to ensure the mobilization of resources for the institutional mechanisms, as well as the full scientific and technical support needed for the conservation of biodiversity and the integrity of the ecosystems, culture and indigenous practices.

Under RAs 11684, 11685, 11686, 11687, and 11688, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon the recommendation of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), may designate areas surrounding the protected areas for the purpose of providing an “extra layer of protection” where restrictions may be applied.

“In cases where the designated buffer zone would cover private lands, the owners thereof shall be required to design their development with due consideration to the protected area management plan,” the laws said.

The PAMB will be created within 90 days from the effectivity of the laws to oversee the management of the protected landscapes.

The board will be chaired by DENR Regional Executive Director.

The Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) will also be established. This will be headed by a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) who will supervise the day-to-day management, protection, and administration of the protected areas.

A trust fund will likewise be established for purposes of financing projects.

The PAMB will retain 75 percent of all revenues raised, which will be deposited to the Protected Area-Retained Income Account in any authorized government depository bank within the locality.

The fund may be augmented by grants, donations, and endowment from domestic or foreign sources.

“The fund shall be deposited in full as a special account in the National Treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration, and management of the NIPAS and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with existing accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations,” according to the laws.

The fund, the RAs stressed, must not be used for personal services expenditures.

The LGUs are directed to continue the imposition of taxes and collection of all other fees they have traditionally collected, including business permits, property tax and rentals of local governments' facilities.

The laws, which were made public on Thursday, take effect 15 days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. ([PNA](#))

– ag



## KALAGAYAN NG ATING INANG KALIKASAN (Part 3)



April 28, 2022 @ 11:06 AM 21 hours ago

NASA kategoryang “biodiversity hotspot” na ang Pilipinas. Ibig sabihin nito, marami na sa mga natatanging halaman at buhay ilang sa ating mga kagubatan ang nanganganib nang maubos o tuluyang mawala.

Kabilang sa mga ito ang Philippine Eagle (Pithecophaga jefferyi) na sa pagtataya ng International Union for the Conservation of Nature at Birdlife International ay mayroon na lamang nalalabing 180 hanggang 400 sa buong bansa. Ang endemic o tanging sa Pilipinas lamang makikitang ibon ay sinasabing “rarest, largest and most powerful birds in the world”. Sa bisa ng Presidential Proclamation No. 615 ay kinilala ito bilang siya nating “pambansang ibon” na kilala rin sa tawag na Agila, Haribon (Haring Ibon), at Banog.

Ganito rin ang kalagayan ng Tamaraw (Mindoro Dwarf Buffalo, Bubalus Mindorensis), isang katutubong hayop na tanging sa isla ng Mindoro lamang matatagpuan. Ito ay nahahawig sa kalabaw ngunit mas maliit ang mga binti at sungay at lubhang mapanganib lalo na kapag pinapasok ang kanilang teritoryo. Ayon sa mga eksperto, 274 na lamang ang nalalabi sa mga ito.

### Matinding kahirapan

Mula sa datus ng World Bank, mayroong 1.29 bilyong tao ang namumuhay sa kategoryang “absolute poverty” na isang kondisyon kung saan mayroong severe deprivation of basic human needs gaya ng pagkain, inuming tubig, bahay, sanitasyon, edukasyon, impormasyon, at mga serbisyo ng gobyerno.

Base sa talaan ng Global Finance Magazine mula taong 2009 hanggang 2013, ang sampung pinakamahirap na bansa ay ang – Congo Kinshasa, Zimbabwe, Burundi, Liberia, Eritrea, Central African Republic, Niger, Malawi, Madagascar, at Afghanistan. Nasa ika-58 na puwesto naman ang Pilipinas sa 183 bansa.

Ang nakalulungkot, 75 porsiyento ng mga dumaranas ng gutom sa mundo ay mula sa mga kanayunan na umaasa sa pagsasaka at pangingisda para mabuhay. Ngunit habang dumaraan ang mga araw, paunti ng paunti ang kanilang inaani at nahuhuling isda.

Sa pagtataya ng mga eksperto, upang matugunan ang basikong pangangailangan para sa edukasyon, kalusugan, at sanitasyon, kinakailangang magdagdag ng pondong US\$ 28 billion. Kung tutuusin, kayang-kaya naman itong mapunuan dahil batay sa pag-aaral, kayang gumastos ng mga nakakariwasang tao ng US\$ 105 billion para sa iba’t ibang klase ng alak, US\$ 50 billion sa sigarilyo, US\$ 20 billion sa pabango at kolorete, US\$ 17 billion sa pagkain ng mga alagang hayop, at US\$ 8 billion sa ice cream.



Malinaw ang kasagutan – makakabawas ng mga taong naghihirap kung magkakaroon lamang ng malasakit ang maraming tao sa mundo.



# EIU: Russia-Ukraine war to derail climate change response

[Louise Maureen Simeon](#) - The Philippine Star April 29, 2022 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — The continuing global tension is expected to make the transition to clean energy more expensive and may likely derail an important move toward addressing worsening climate change.

In a briefing late Wednesday, UK-based The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) said the implications of the Russia-Ukraine war to the world's fight against climate change are leaning to the negative in the short term.

EIU industry operations director Ana Nicholls said that challenges to clean energy transition are on the rise amid rising costs of commodities, such as energy prices.

Unfortunately, net importing countries such as the Philippines are bearing the brunt of continued escalation of the war.

About 50 percent of the country's energy needs are still being imported, such as coal and oil, making the Philippines among the most vulnerable to price shocks.

"In theory, net energy importers should speed up their investment into renewables to try and reduce their dependence on oil and gas reserves. While they are trying to do that, there may be some backpedaling on some of these decarbonization goals in the short term," Nicholls said.

The government said there is a need to bring down the country's dependence on energy imports by developing renewable energy and indigenous sources.

However, only 29 percent of the country's current energy mix comes from renewables. The Department of Energy wants to bring it up to 35 percent by 2030 or to 50 percent by 2040, as outlined in the Renewable Energy Roadmap.

But Nicholls argued that even with the best will in the world, governments would face difficulties in accelerating the rollout of renewable power.

Nicholls said higher energy prices, combined with the need to invest in liquefied natural gas capacity or fossil fuel production, would reduce the investment available for renewables.

Further, monetary policy tightening will not help, as pending higher interest rates in many economies may hamper investments in nascent technologies toward clean energy.

"There will also be quite a lot of supply chain blockages that actually impact the renewable sector. The war has pushed up prices for lots of base metals," Nicholls said.

For one, prices of copper and zinc used for solar and wind farms have increased, while costs of nickel and lithium, which are crucial for electric vehicle batteries, have also climbed since the invasion.

"If these prices remain high for a long time, it will make the transition quite costly and make it harder to reduce the use of dirty fossil fuels," Nicholls said.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has warned that even if countries keep all of their emissions goals at the moment, these will not stop global temperatures from rising.



This will only mean that if the war becomes a reason for backtracking on climate goals, the world will face dire consequences, Nicholls said.

“It is really clear how dangerous it is for the world to rely on fossil fuels,” she said.



# Over 21% of reptile species at risk of extinction

By KELLY MACNAMARA, Agence France-Presse

Published April 28, 2022 4:26pm



A critically endangered adult Cuban crocodile (*Crocodylus rhombifer*) is seen at a breeding center in Cienaga de Zapata, Cuba, on June 14, 2021. Adalberto Roque/ AFP

PARIS — At least one in five reptile species are threatened with extinction, including more than half of turtles and crocodiles, according to the first major global assessment of the world's so-called cold-blooded creatures.

Catastrophic declines in biodiversity across the world are increasingly seen as a threat to life on Earth—and as important as the interrelated menace of climate change.

Threats to other creatures have been well documented. More than 40 percent of amphibians, 25 percent of mammals and 13 percent of birds could face extinction.

But until now, researchers did not have a comprehensive picture of the proportion of reptiles at risk.

In a new global assessment, published in the journal *Nature*, researchers assessed 10,196 reptile species and evaluated them using criteria from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of threatened species.

They found that at least 1,829—or 21 percent—were either vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered.

"It's just overwhelming the number of species that we see as being threatened," said co-author Neil Cox, who manages the IUCN-Conservation International Biodiversity Assessment Unit and co-led the study.

"Now we know the threats facing each reptile species, the global community can take the next step... and invest in turning around the often too under-appreciated and severe biodiversity crisis."

Crocodiles and turtles were found to be among the most at-risk species, with around 58 percent and 50 percent of those assessed found to be under threat respectively.

Cox said this was often down to "over-exploitation and persecution."

Crocodiles are killed for their meat and to remove them from human settlements, he said, while turtles are targeted by the pet trade and used for traditional medicine.



## Climate threat

Another well-known species at risk is the fearsome king cobra, the world's largest venomous snake. It can grow to around five meters long, feasting on other snakes in forests across a huge area from India to Southeast Asia.

It has been classified as vulnerable, indicating it is "very close to extinction," Cox said at a press briefing on the research.

"It's a real iconic species in Asia and it's such a shame that even widespread species such as this are really suffering and in decline," he said, adding that logging and deliberate attacks by humans were among the biggest threats to the snake.

Bruce Young, chief zoologist at NatureServe, who co-led the study, said threatened reptiles were largely found concentrated in Southeast Asia, Western Africa, northern Madagascar, the Northern Andes and the Caribbean.

The researchers found reptiles restricted to arid habitats such as deserts, grasslands, and savannas "are significantly less threatened" than those in forest habitats, he explained.

Agriculture, logging, invasive species and urban development were found to be among the threats to reptiles, while people also target them for the pet trade or kill them for food or out of fear.

Climate change was found to pose a direct threat to some 10 percent of reptile species, although researchers said that was likely an underestimate because it does not take into account longer-term threats like sea level rise, or indirect climate-driven dangers from things like disease.

The researchers were surprised to find that conservation aimed at mammals, birds and amphibians had also benefited reptiles to an extent, although they stressed that the study highlights the need for specific urgent conservation for some species.

## 'Furry, feathery' focus

Young said the reptile assessment, which involved hundreds of scientists from across the world, took around 15 years to complete because of a lack of funding.

"Reptiles, to many people, are not charismatic. And there's just been a lot more focus on some of the more furry or feathery species of vertebrates for conservation," he said.

Researchers hope the new assessment will help spur international action to halt biodiversity loss.

Almost 200 countries are currently locked in global biodiversity talks to try to safeguard nature, including a key milestone of 30 percent of Earth's surface protected by 2030.

"Through work like this, we advertise the importance of these creatures. They're part of the tree of life, just like any other and equally deserving of attention," Young said. — **AFP**

Source: [https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/scitech/science/830024/over-21-of-reptile-species-at-risk-of-extinction/story/?utm\\_source=GMANews&utm\\_medium=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR1pTLocQhdhtrxIK\\_D5DU9cR4Y7soISKw0n2cBwTK1FLNi3m3VSP31jVn8](https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/scitech/science/830024/over-21-of-reptile-species-at-risk-of-extinction/story/?utm_source=GMANews&utm_medium=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR1pTLocQhdhtrxIK_D5DU9cR4Y7soISKw0n2cBwTK1FLNi3m3VSP31jVn8)



29 APRIL 2022, FRIDAY



**DENR**

# **NEWS ALERTS**

# **NEWS CLIPPINGS**

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE



## EV zero-tariff policy readied before end of term

A ZERO-TARIFF policy for electric vehicle (EV) imports is targeted for approval before the current government leaves office, according to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

Trade Secretary Ramon M. Lopez said during the launch of SM Supermalls' free EV charging stations at the SM Aura Premier on Thursday that the DTI's proposal to lower the tariff on EV imports to 0% from 30% was approved by President Rodrigo R. Duterte, with the proposal now being heard by the Tariff Commission (TC).

"We're just undergoing the process now of the usual hearings in the TC so that we can formalize the reduction from 30% to 0%. And then it will pass through the Committee on Tariff and Trade Related Matters," Mr. Lopez said.

He is hoping for approval before June 30, the day the President's term ends.

The DTI, in March, announced the zero-tariff policy for EVs, pitching it as a counter to rising fuel prices and promote the vehicles' widespread adoption.

"The EV industry will be happy with this. Distributors (will) lower the price of EVs and encourage the use of these. Hopefully, the streets of the Philippines (will) have more EVs," Mr. Lopez said.

Mr. Lopez said broader adoption will result in the construction of more charging stations, making local manufacturing of EVs more feasible.

He estimated a charging station to cost between P1 and P2 million.

Mr. Lopez said the effort to build an EV market will gain traction due to the recent passage of Republic Act No. 11697, or the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act.

The new law requires companies, public transport operators, and government units maintain vehicle fleets that include at least 5% EVs.

Mr. Lopez said that the DTI is also considering the allocation of part of the fiscal support for the P27-billion Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) program to local EV manufacturing.

"Remember, the CARS program has 2 participants. There are supposed to be three participants. The

remaining budget for that, hopefully, we can channel it into the development for the manufacturing of EVs as well," Mr. Lopez said.

"That's about P9 billion per company (worth) of support. The third one we can allocate to the third participant in the CARS program. It's still a draft executive order I'd like to present to the President. Hopefully it can be passed by the President (before he steps down)," he added.

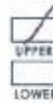
The two manufacturers participating in the CARS program are Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. (TMP) and Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp. (MMPC).

The program provides fiscal support for the domestic production of at least 200,000 units within six years.

Under the program, TMP produces the Vios compact car while MMPC manufactures the competing Mirage. The deadline for MMPC to meet the Mirage quota is 2023 while TMP has until 2024 to produce the required volume of Vios cars. — **Revin Michael D. Ochave**



MACROVECTOR-FREEMK



## New law seen to boost Philippine EV industry amid oil price hikes in global market

By BUTCH FERNANDEZ @butchfBM

**C**ITING the timely enactment of an implementing law embodied in the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act, Senator Sherwin Gatchalian foresees the Philippines gradually reducing reliance on dollar-draining imported fuel supply.

"The country can now look forward to transitioning to sustainable transportation with the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act having lapsed into law last April 15," the senator said.

Gatchalian, the presiding chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy, pointed out that "from the initial proposal of having a national policy and regulatory framework for the use of Electric Vehicles and the establishment of electric charging stations, we have come up with a law that will not only promote the use of EVs but develop the industry as well."

The senator struck an upbeat tone foreseeing local production of electric vehicles (EV), noting "some industry players already initiated it ahead of this new

law." He projected, "This will not only increase the uptake of EVs but likewise pave the way for the generation of new jobs and reduce the transportation sector's reliance on imported fuel."

Gatchalian, as principal proponent of the enabling law embodied in Senate of RA 11697, cited a salient feature of the new law creating a Comprehensive Roadmap for the Electric Vehicle Industry (CREVI) intended to "accelerate development, commercialization, and utilization of EVs in the country," which includes

construction or installation of charging stations in dedicated parking slots and spaces.

Reminding that CREVI shall be incorporated in the Philippine Energy Plan and the National Transport Policy, he noted that the measure also requires industrial and commercial companies, such as cargo logistics companies, food delivery companies, tour agencies, hotels, power and water utilities to ensure that at least 5 percent of their fleet should comprise EVs, adding public transport operators

and government units are also included.

The senator is upbeat that the current high price of EVs will eventually go down quickly as the industry grows fast, saying "*Mataas man ang presyo sa kasalukuyan ng EVs, inaasahan natin na mapapabilis ang paghaha ng presyo nito at maaaring mas abot-kamay pa sa tradisyunal na mga sasakyan ngayon kung mapapalago natin ang industriya sa lalong madaling panahon.*"

Moreover, he projects that "if implemented correctly, it can help reduce oil consumption in the country by as much as 146.56

million barrels per year and create \$9.8 billion or almost P510 billion in savings per year based on the current exchange rate.

Gatchalian reminded, "Under the new law, fiscal incentives are provided in the manufacture and assembly of EVs, charging stations, batteries, parts and components, and other related support infrastructure."

In addition, the senator noted that "a set of non-fiscal incentives will also be applicable for a duration of eight years for EV users, manufacturers and importers."



STRATEGIC  
COMMUNICATION  
AND  
INITIATIVES  
SERVICE

# SM welcomes EV law with docks

Transportation has been a major contributor to our long-standing environmental crisis which largely contributes to carbon dioxide emissions or harmful gases in the environment

BY RAFFY AVENG  
@tribunephil\_yaf

Partnering with the government thrust to promote sustainable transportation and renewable energy, SM Supermalls has launched several electric vehicles (EV) charging stations inside three malls in the capital.

This was after President Rodrigo Duterte signed into law a measure regulating and developing the Philippines' EV industry, including quotas for their adoption by various industries.

Republic Act 11697 was signed on 15 April and provides the regulatory framework for the manufacturing and adoption of EV, in its main plan is to promote the industry as a "feasible mode of transportation to reduce dependence on fossil fuels."

The law sets provisions for the "manufacture, assembly, importation,

construction, installation, maintenance, trade and utilization, research and development, and regulation of electric vehicles."

The Department of Energy (DoE) has been assigned by the law as the primary agency for the "promotion of the adoption of EV and the development of charging stations and related equipment."

### Realization of dream

During the launch, Department of Transportation (DoTr)-IACT chief Charile del Rosario said the installation of these charging stations in SM Malls, namely SM Aura Premier, SM Megamall, and SM City North EDSA is the realization of the dream of a friendly environment.

"SM Supermalls is bringing this to reality. Transportation has been a major contributor to our long-standing environmental crisis which largely contributes to carbon dioxide emissions or harmful gases in the environment, the government will continue to support the thrust in taking part in ensuring that our transportation facilities or motor vehicles will be using sustainable energy," Del Rosario said.

Further, he said the DoTr will not only be the agency at the forefront of this endeavor, "but a whole of government approach, which will work together to ensure this,



including the DoE, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Science and Technology, as well as the private sector. This has been our long dream to bring sustainable transportation to our roads."

According to the SM Supermalls president Steven Tan, using the charging stations for electric vehicles used by its customers will be free of charge. The charger uses Type 2 chargers, which are fast chargers, which can charge EV in full in four hours.

Each charger costs around P1 to P2 million, according to Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez.

"It is really part of the law to encourage the infrastructure as well the development of e-vehicle itself, both manufacturing, as well as the use of it. The EV Act will support the industry by creating the demand, requiring five percent of the fleet to be electric vehicles," he said.

Moreover, industries such as cargo logistics, food delivery companies, tour agencies, hotels, power utilities, and water utilities have also set a 5 percent EV quota for their vehicle fleets, whether owned or leased, on a timetable to be determined by an industry roadmap.



TITLE:

PAGE:



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF SM SUPERMALL

**Charged-up commitment to planet** As part of the SM Green Movement initiative, SM Prime, through the leadership of Disaster Resilience Champion Hans Sy, officially launched Electronic Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations at SM Aura, SM Mall of Asia, SM Megamall and SM North EDSA: (From left) Department of Energy supervisor for the Energy Utilization Management Bureau Undersecretary Jesusito Sulit; DENR Field Operations for Luzon and Visayas Assistant Secretary Gilbert Gonzales; SM Engineering Design and Development president Hans Sy Jr.; DoST Administration and Legal Affairs Assistant Secretary Teodoro Gatchalian; SM Supermalls president Steven Tan; DTI Competitiveness and Innovation Undersecretary Rafaelita Aidaba; DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez and DoTR I-ACT Chief Charlie del Rosario.



TITLE:

PAGE

DATE

# Pulag, Tirad Pass, 3 others declared protected areas

## NEWS

### Pulag, Tirad Pass, Arayat 'protected'

Mount Pulag (Luzon's highest peak), Mount Arayat in Pampanga, the historic Tirad Pass in Ilocos Sur, and other sites in two other provinces should now be deemed safer from destructive human exploitation after President Duterte signed separate laws designating them as protected landscapes. Their status as protected areas will help safeguard their rich biodiversity for the stewardship of future generations. —STORY BY JEROME ANING



ABOUT TIME Mt. Pulag, Luzon's highest peak, enters the list of the country's protected areas under new laws signed by President Duterte on April 8 and announced by the Palace on Thursday. —NOLI GABIDO/CONTRIBUTOR

By Jerome Aning  
@JeromeAningINQ

President Duterte has signed separate laws designating as protected areas Mount Pulag (Luzon's highest peak), Mount Arayat in Pampanga, the historic Tirad Pass in Ilocos Sur, and other sites in two other provinces.

The designations were made official through Republic Act Nos. 11684, 11685, 11686, 11687 and 11688, which the President signed on April 8.

Declared protected areas are the expanse of Mt. Pulag covering the towns of Kabayan, Bokod and Buguias in Benguet, Tinoc in Ifugao, and Kayapa in Nueva Vizcaya; Mt. Arayat in Arayat and Magalang towns in Pampanga; Banao covering the Balbalasang-Balbalan National Park in Kalinga; Tirad Pass covering the Tirad Pass National Park in Gregorio del Pilar, Quirino, Sigay, Cervantes and Suyo towns in Ilocos Sur, and Naga-Kabasalan covering the Tipan and Busyawan Watersheds in Zamboanga Sibugay.

According to the newly enacted laws, these areas are given such status in recognition of their rich biological resources, both flora and fauna, that are native and distinct to these locations, as well as their aesthetic and ecological importance, which the state must safeguard, manage or rehabilitate.

A protected area refers to portions of land and water set aside for their unique biodiversity and shielded from destructive human exploitation. Examples are natural parks, wildlife sanctuaries, marine reserves, and watershed or mangrove swamp forests.

They are treasured for their crucial role in mitigating the effects of climate change and building resilience to calamities such as typhoons.

#### Legal basis

In 1992, the government enacted Republic Act No. 7586, or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (Nipas) Act, which called for the management of protected areas, forming them into an integrated system and ensuring their sustainable use while maintaining their natural conditions for future generations.

The law was amended in 2018 by RA 11038, or the Expanded Nipas (Enipas) Act, to enlarge its scope and further strengthen the management system.

Prior to the amended law, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) listed only 13 protected areas that were proclaimed through legislation. With the Enipas Act, the list has grown to 244 areas covering a total of 7.76 million hectares as of 2020. Of the 244 sites, 58 are further classified as protected landscapes and seascapes.

By category, watershed forest reserves are the most common (at 20.1 percent), followed by protected landscapes (14.3 percent) and national parks (13.5 percent).

#### Per region

DENR records show that Region 5 has the most number of protected areas with 26, followed by Region 3 with 24 and Region 4B with 23. In terms of land area, Region 4B has the biggest protected area at 2.34 million ha, followed by Region 2 with 999,320 ha and Region 7 with 637,892 ha.

The Philippine Rise Marine Resource Reserve is notable for being the sole transboundary protected area, spanning

across Regions 2, 3, 4B and 5.

The Biodiversity Management Bureau of the DENR provides the overall supervision of all protected areas in the country.

Under the law, each protected area must have a Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) headed by the DENR's regional, provincial, city or municipal officers. It also includes governors, city and municipal mayors, other officials of national government agencies as well as from nongovernmental organizations.

#### Income generation

Each protected area must also have its own Protected Area Management Office, headed by a superintendent, to implement policies issued by the PAMBs, and manage, operate, issue the corresponding permits and clearances, and collect fees for allowed activities such as permitted sale and export of flora and fauna, and lease of multiple-use sites.

The protected areas retain 75 percent of the income generated from all allowed activities, and the other 25 percent is being remitted to the national treasury to fund other Nipas programs and projects.

The law likewise requires the Department of Justice to appoint special prosecutors for violators of the laws, rules and regulations in the protected areas. —WITH A REPORT FROM INQUIRER RESEARCH INQ



STRATEGIC  
COMMUNICATION  
AND  
INITIATIVES  
SERVICE



PAGE



UPPER  
LOWER



PAGE 1  
STORY



BANNER  
STORY



EDITORIAL



CARTOON

04-29-22

TITLE

PAGE

DATE

## Mt. Pulag, 4 others declared protected areas

President Duterte has enacted five laws declaring certain areas in Luzon and Mindanao as protected areas with the category of protected landscape.

The laws were signed on April 8, documents released by Malacañang yesterday showed.

Republic Act 11684 declared the Mt. Arayat Protected Landscape while areas in Kabayan, Bokod and Buguias in Benguet as well as in Tinoc, Ifugao and Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya were declared as Mt. Pulag Protected Landscape under RA 11685.

The Naga-Kabasalan Protected Land-

scape in Naga and Kabasalan in Zamboanga Sibugay was declared under RA 11686; portions of Gregorio del Pilar, Quirino, Sigay, Cervantes and Suyu in Ilocos Sur as Tirad Pass Protected Landscape under RA 11687, and Balbalan in Kalinga as Banao Protected Landscape under RA 11688.

The laws define a protected area as a portion of land and water "set aside by reason of its unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation."

- Alexis Romero





# DENR: Illegal settlers in protected areas face sanctions

By CORY MARTINEZ

**LEGAL sanctions will be imposed against illegal occupants within protected areas if they continue to violate environmental laws.**

This was the assurance made by Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna, saying that the DENR has been consistent in identifying culprits operating in protected areas, investigating violations, and filing charges against the violators, particularly in Masungi and Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL).

Sampulna disclosed that in 2021, the DENR, in coordination with the National Bureau of Investigation-Environmental Crimes Division (NBI-EnCD) and the UMRBPL-Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) personnel, has filed cases against the illegal occupants.

Through the Rizal Provincial ENR office, DENR-Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service, NBI-EnCD, and other enforcement agencies, Sampulna pointed out that joint operations and inquest proceedings, and ap-

prehension activities were also conducted within the protected area.

"From 2021 to February 2022, 16 cases were filed against violators through NBI operations conducted in Barangays San Jose, San Juan, and Pintong Bukawe in Antipolo City and Bgy. Pinugay in Baras, Rizal, wherein four convictions were won on Monday, April 25," he said.

Meanwhile, the DENR-Calabarzon (Cavite/Laguna/Batangas/Rizal/Quezon) reported that from August 2018 to March 2022 - 96 show cause orders and 43 cease-and-desist orders

were issued because of illegal construction, occupation, and conduct of business without clearance from the Protected Area Management Board.

The establishment of illegal structures within protected areas violates Section 20 (n) and (o) of Republic Act (RA) 7586, as amended by RA 11038 or the National Integrated Protected Area Systems (NIPAS) Act of 2018, and Section 81, formerly Section 71, of Presidential Decree 705 or the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines. **See Page 15**

## DENR: ORDERS

FROM PAGE 7

Of the 67 non-compliant LGUs, two are provinces, 14 are municipalities, and 51 are barangays.

"Ang mga karapatan ng mga IP ay nasa batas at dapat nating sundin ang batas. Sila ay bahagi ng ating kasaysayan at kultura. Dapat natin silang hayaang lumahok sa ating mga gawaing pangkomunidad at pakinggan ang kanilang panig sa mga usaping pang-LGU," he added.

According to Año, among the issues on IP representation in sanggunians are no fund allocation for salaries of IPMR and non-recognition of IPMRs by higher levels of LGUs.

Section 16 of the IPRA Law states that "the State

shall ensure that the ICCs/IPs shall be given mandatory representation in policy-making bodies and other local legislative councils."

IP representation is also mandated by National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Administrative Order 2021-01, which amends NCIP AO 2018-03 or the Revised National Guidelines for the Mandatory Representation of Indigenous Peoples in Local Councils and Policy-making Bodies. Jun I. Legaspi

The DILG Secretary issued the directive upon receiving a letter from NCIP Chairperson Allen Capuyan providing the Department a list of the 67

LGUs with issues with the acceptance of IPMRs and a list of 530 other LGUs that are qualified for IPMR representation but still do not have IPMRs.

In his letter, Capuyan said that while the number of LGUs with issues with IP representation have decreased, he hopes that resistance to IP representation will become "a thing of the past" and the IPRA law will be fully implemented.

As members of local legislative councils and policymaking bodies, IPMRs are expected to carry out at all times the collective interests and aspirations of the indigenous cultural community (ICC).

In consultation with the IP leaders/elders or the entire community, they are also tasked to formulate the IP agenda and source

financial support to implement the IP agenda.

Moreover, IPMRs sponsor ordinances and resolutions and conduct committee hearings that will promote and protect the well-being and interests of the community and inclusion in the LGU annual budget and projects.

They also coordinate with the NCIP on implementing programs and projects and the conduct of IP census in their area of responsibility during the first year of their term.

In return, IPMRs receive compensation, benefits, and other emoluments similar to those of the regular members of legislative bodies upon the enactment of an ordinance providing the appropriation of funds for their salaries and other payments.

Jun I. Legaspi



TITLE

PAGE

DATE

## Photo contest highlights Las Piñas watershed

By Macon Ramos-Araneta

THE "LPPWP@15 Mobile Photography Contest" for amateur photographers was recently launched to mark the country's celebration of Earth Day.

Sen. Cynthia Villar lauded the launch of the competition, highlighting the theme of this year's Earth Day celebration, which is "Invest on Planet Earth."

Villar, the chairperson of the Senate committee on environment and natural resources, noted the photo competition will capture the beauty and biodiversity at the Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP).

LPPWP, formerly known as Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA), was included in the "List of Ramsar Wetland of International Importance."

"It was then known as LPPCHEA,

Now, we call it the Las Piñas Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP). It was proclaimed by the Philippine government a critical habitat on Earth Day 15 years ago (April 22, 2007) through Presidential Proclamation No. 1412," Villar said.

Upon the enactment of the Republic Act No. 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Area System (E-NIPAS) Act on June 22, 2018, LPPWP was legislated as a National Protected Area.

Since then, Villar said, so many things have been happening at LPPWP, including threats of reclamation.

"But our resolve and commitment to keep the Ramsar Wetland of International Importance in our country thriving and safe from damages and threats is still strong," she guaranteed.

"I am sure the photographers will find a lot of subjects or inspiration for their

pictures in our wetland. The migratory and endemic birds, mangroves forest, the native trees, the now pristine shoreline, and of course its corner of the Manila Bay teeming with fish now," also related the senator, a known environmental advocate.

The 175-hectare nature reserve LPPWP is located south of Manila Bay. It has 35 hectares of mangrove forest providing sanctuary to 82 bird species from China, Japan, and Siberia.

This last natural bastion in the metropolis, Villar also said, is home to three endangered or vulnerable bird species—Black-Winged Stilt, Chinese Egrets, and Philippine Duck.

The senator extolled that their collective efforts and actions have turned LPPWP into what it is now: a beautiful sanctuary and center of biodiversity in an urban setting.



# DENR vows to implement faster titling process, end land conflicts

By JONATHAN L. MAYUGA

@jonlmayuga

**T**HE Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is moving to fast track the land titling process and put an end to land conflicts and insurgency problems in the Philippines.

DENR Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna said he has ordered the Land Management Bureau (LMB) and other DENR offices to implement the measure following the National Task Force-Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict meeting led by President Duterte in Butuan City on April 12.

The event, which was also high-

lighted by the distribution of 7,000 land patents, enforces President Duterte's order to hasten land distribution as a counterinsurgency measure in the provinces.

"I would like to urge the Land Management Bureau and the Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs and supervising undersecretary of LMB to fast track the titling of all areas because of the fact that 70 percent of the conflict around us is caused by land conflict," he said during the DENR's flag-raising ceremony on April 18.

"I hope that all of our regional executive directors can fast track this, to be monitored by LMB Director Emelyne Talabis, for us to be able to

distribute lands until the end of the year," he added.

Republic Act 10023 or the Residential Free Patent Act mandates the DENR to accept and process applications for free patent titles of residential lands.

He acknowledged the low number of Filipinos with land titles and underscored the importance of bringing the agency's services to the public to ease the processing of free patents.

"I think by estimate, 30 to 35 percent of our people still do not have titles but they are in possession of tax declaration. This is mainly because they do not want to undergo the process of land titling, as they do not know who to

approach. That is why we have to bring our service to them. Let us be closer to the people to speed up the transactions of the public with us," Sampulna pointed out.

Moreover, the DENR chief noted that while the agency handles other environmental sectors, it should also focus on addressing land conflicts.

"There are three reasons the DENR exists. First is to give lands to those without titles. Second is for the country's natural resources—forestry, mines, and the environment. And last, to address conflicts on land, which is a pressing issue at present. Let us concentrate on land conflicts and whoever is in charge should work more," Sampulna stressed.



STRATEGIC  
COMMUNICATION  
AND  
INITIATIVES  
SERVICE

**BULGAR**  
BOSOG NG MASA, KATA NG TAYAN

2  
PAGE

TITLE  
 COVER

PAGE 1  
STORY

COLUMN  
STORY

EDITORIAL

CARTOON

04-29-22

TIME

PAGE

DATE

**Comelec kay P-Du30:**

## MAY 9 ELECTIONS, HOLIDAY

**HINILING** na ng Commission on Elections (Comelec) kay Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na ideklara ang May 9 national and local elections bilang isang special non-working holiday dito sa bansa.

Ito ang inihayag ni Comelec chairman Sardamen Pangarungan, halos dalawang linggo

bago ang halalan.

Ayon kay Pangarungan, isang resolusyon ang kanilang nilagdaan para rito.

Nais aniya ng Comelec na masigurong lahat ng botante sa bansa ay makakaboto sa eleksyon.

*(Madel Moraitillo)*



TITLE:

PAGE:

DATE:

# Garbage fire chokes Indian capital reeling from heatwave



THE fire was the fourth to break out in less than a month at a landfill in New Delhi, where a running heatwave has added extra discomfort to the city's hot and dry spring climate. *AFP*

NEW DELHI, AFP — Indian fire-fighting teams poured truckloads of sand and mud to douse a huge rubbish dump blaze on Wednesday after thick and putrid smoke from the inferno choked the country's unseasonably hot capital.

Tuesday night's fire was the fourth to break out in less than a month at a landfill in New Delhi, where a running heatwave has added extra discomfort to the city's hot and dry spring climate.

At least 10 fire trucks battled through the night to put out the blaze at the Bhalswa dump in Delhi's north, which ignited a trash mound around 60 metres (200 feet) in height.

No casualties were reported, and officials were investigating the cause of the fire.

Three other fires have broken out in recent weeks further east at the city's biggest landfill, which experts have blamed on searing heat.

Pradeep Khandelwal, the former head of Delhi's waste management department, said each blaze was likely sparked by warmer temperatures speeding up the decomposition of organic waste.

"The dry and hot weather produces excess methane gas at the dumping sites that trigger such

fires," Khandelwal told AFP.

Delhi is a sprawling megacity home to more than 20 million people but lacks modern waste management infrastructure to process the roughly 12,000 tonnes of solid trash it produces each day.

The city has witnessed several

bouts of scorching heat since March and forecasters have predicted daytime temperatures could reach 46 degrees Celsius (115 degrees Fahrenheit) on Thursday.

Authorities have issued an alert and asked vulnerable people to avoid the outdoors.

Last month Delhi recorded a high of 40.1 degrees — the hottest March temperature in the city since 1946.

Heatwaves have killed over 6,500 people in India since 2010, and scientists say climate change is making them harsher and more frequent.



STRATEGIC  
COMMUNICATION  
AND  
INITIATIVES  
SERVICES

# Manila Standard



PAGE



UPPER

LOWER



PAGE 1  
STORY

BANNER  
STORY



EDITORIAL

CARTOON

04-29-22

DATE

## Pagasa: La Niña to persist from June to August

THE La Niña phenomenon in the Philippines, characterized by unusually cold temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific, is likely to persist until June to August 2022, based on climate models, state weather bureau PAGASA said.

The ongoing La Niña has slightly strengthened based on observed temperatures, PAGASA said during the 147th climate forum held April 27.

La Niña is an oceanic and atmospheric phenomenon that is the colder counterpart of El Niño, as part of the broader El Niño-Southern Oscillation climate pattern. The name La Niña originates from Spanish for "the girl," by analogy to El Niño, meaning "the boy."

The weather bureau said La Niña was responsible for increasing the likelihood of above-normal precipitation in some parts of the country.

In the same forum, PAGASA showed a rainfall forecast for the month of May.

Its forecast shows near normal (81 to 120 percent of normal) rainfall in almost the entire country, while above normal (>120 percent) rainfall is expected in Bataan, Occidental Mindoro, Negros Oriental, and Siquijor.

The rainfall forecast for the Angat watershed is also above normal. *(See full story online at [manilastandard.net](http://manilastandard.net))*



TITLE:

PAGE

DATE



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD**  
8th Floor NIA Bldg., EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, 1106

**AVIDA TOWERS ALTURA**  
CONDOMINIUM CORPORATION,  
Applicant

Case No. 22-3297

X-----X

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system within South Park District Condominium, Barangay Alabang, Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila, with the following proposed rates:

#### PROPOSED TARIFF

Residential and Institutional

Pipe Size	0-5 m3 (mm)	6-10 m3	11-20 m3	21-30 m3	31-40 m3	Over 40 m3
1/2"	P-196.00	49.00	58.80	68.60	78.50	117.70

This application will be initially heard by the Board on **16 May 2022**. The hearing will start at **9:00 o'clock in the morning** at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

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

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

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

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

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 31st day of March 2022.

By Authority of the Board:

(Sgd.) **DR. SEVILLO D. DAVID, JR., CESO III**  
Executive Director

#### Affected Parties:

The Secretary  
Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila

The Barangay Chairman  
Barangay Alabang  
Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila

The Homeowners Assn. President  
South Park District  
Barangay Alabang  
Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila

The Administrator  
Metropolitan Waterworks & Sewerage System  
MWSS Compound, Katipunan Road  
Balara, Quezon City

(PDI - April 29, 2022)



TITLE:

PAGE:

DATE:



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD**  
801 Fourth NIA Bldg., EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, 1100

ABREEZA PLACE CONDOMINIUM  
CORPORATION

Applicant

Case No. 22-3291

x-----x

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system within Abreeza Place Condominium Barangays 20B Poblacion West Bajada, Davao City, province of Davao del Sur, with the following proposed rates:

#### PROPOSED TARIFF

Residential and Institutional

Pipe Size	0-5 m <sup>3</sup> (incl)	6-10 m <sup>3</sup>	11-20 m <sup>3</sup>	21-30 m <sup>3</sup>	31-40 m <sup>3</sup>	Over 40 m <sup>3</sup>
1/2"	1366.00	91.50	109.50	128.10	146.30	210.50

This application will be initially heard by the Board on 15 May 2022. The hearing will start at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 9th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

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

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

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

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

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 25th day of March 2022.

By Authority of the Board:

(Sgd.) **DR. SEVILLO D. DAVID, JR., CESO III**  
Executive Director

Affected Parties:

The Secretary  
Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Davao City, Davao del Sur

The Barangay Chairman  
Barangays 20B Poblacion West  
& Bajada, Davao City  
Province of Davao del Sur

The Homeowners Assn. President  
Abreeza Place Condominium  
Barangays 20B Poblacion West  
Bajada, Davao City  
Province of Davao del Sur

The General Manager  
Davao City Water District  
McArthur Highway, Matina  
Davao City, 8000

(POI - April 29, 2022)





TITLE:

PAGE

DATE



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

**NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

8th Floor NIA Bldg., EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, 1100

MARQUEE RESIDENCES  
CONDOMINIUM CORP.,

Applicant.

Case No. 22-3282

x-----x

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system within Marquee Residences Condominium, Barangay Pulung Maragul, Angeles City, province of Pampanga, with the following proposed rates:

#### PROPOSED TARIFF

Residential and Institutional

Pipe Size	0-5 m <sup>3</sup> (min)	6-10 m <sup>3</sup>	11-20 m <sup>3</sup>	21-30 m <sup>3</sup>	31-40 m <sup>3</sup>	Over 40 m <sup>3</sup>
1"	P 336.50	94.10	100.90	117.70	134.50	201.80
1 1/2"	P 840.50	210.20	252.20	294.20	336.30	504.40

This application will be initially heard by the Board on 16 May 2022. The hearing will start at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at the NWRB-WJD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

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

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

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

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

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 24th day of March 2022.

By Authority of the Board:

(Sgd.) **DR. SEVILLO D. DAVID, JR., CESO III**  
Executive Director

#### Affected Parties:

The Secretary  
Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Angeles City, Pampanga

The Barangay Chairman  
Barangay Pulung Maragul  
Angeles City, Pampanga

The Homeowners Asn. President  
Marquee Residences  
Barangay Pulung Maragul  
Angeles City, Pampanga

The General Manager  
Angeles City Water District  
Pampang Road, Brgy. Lourdes  
North West, Angeles City 2008

(PDI - April 29, 2022)



TITLE

PAGE

DATE



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD**  
8th Floor NIA Bldg., EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, 1100

AMAIA SKIES SHAW CONDOMINIUM  
CORPORATION,

Applicant.

Case No. 22-3293

X-----X

### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is an application for Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system within Amaia Skies Shaw, Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, with the following proposed rates:

#### PROPOSED TARIFF

Residential and Commercial

Pipe Size	0-5 m3 (mm)	6-10 m3	11-20 m3	21-30 m3	31-40 m3	Over 40 m3
1/2"	P 128.00	32.00	38.40	44.80	51.20	76.90

This application will be initially heard by the Board on **16 May 2022**. The hearing will start at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

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

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

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

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

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 25th day of March 2022.

By Authority of the Board:

(Sgd.) **DR. SEVILLO D. DAVID, JR., CESO III**  
Executive Director

#### Affected Parties:

The Secretary  
Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

The Barangay Chairman  
Barangay Highway Hills  
Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

The Homeowners Assn. President  
Amaia Skies Shaw Condominium  
Barangay Highway Hills  
Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

The Administrator  
Metropolitan Waterworks & Sewerage System  
MWSS Compound, Katipunan Road  
Balara, Quezon City

(PDI - April 29, 2022)



## INVENTORY NG MGA PUNO, LATIAN, BAKAWAN, PANIKI AT IBA PA SA SUBIC BAY

**NAPAKAGANDA**, walang duda, ng Subic Bay, kasama na ang kapaligiran nito, lalong-lalo na ang bahagi na dating sakop ng Base Naval ng mga Amerikano hanggang 1992.

Ito Ang Totoo: na-preserba ang Subic sa panahon ng base ng mga Amerikano dahil limitado ang galaw sa loob ng base militar, at hindi basta magalaw ang kalikasan, mapa puno, hayop, dagat, at iba pa.

Bukod sa ganda, importante rin ang pangangalaga sa kalikasan para sa kapakanan ng mamamayan, at mundong ating ginagalawan, ngayon at sa kinabukasan.

Ito Ang Totoo: pag-alis ng mga Amerikano, nagsimula nang magalaw ang mga latian o wetlands kung saan naman ang mga bakawan.

Ginawa na kasing yarda ng mga used truck at heavy equipment traders na may dala pang mapanganib na mga kemikal na nakasera sa kalikasan, tulad ng langis, asbestos, etc. Malaking bahagi rin ang ginawa nang mga "warehouse" o bodega.

Pati ang mga puno sa tinatag na "Virgin Forest" ay nangangawala na, halimbawa sa bahagi ng ginawang malaking gusali para sa noo'y pabahay sa mga Koreanong opisyal ng

ngayo'y bangkrote nang Harjin Shipyard.

Kahit sa may Kalayaan, Binictican at Cubi Housing areas ay kita ang pagkawala ng maraming puno sa balibang dahilan, kapwa gawa ng tao at kalikasan.

Ito Ang Totoo: pati ang mga naglalekhang paniki na bukod sa atraksyon kapwa sa mga turista at local na residente ay hindi rin kasing demi tulad ng dati kapag nagliparan tungo sa kanilang "feeding grounds" tuwing dapit-hapon at pabalik naman bago pa sumikat ang araw.

Hindi matatatwa na ang mga paniki ay may ginaganapanan ding papel sa balanseng ekolohiya

## Ito Ang Totoo

NI VIC V. VIZCOCHO, JR.



(ecosystem) at kapaligiran.

Ito Ang Totoo: sa pag-upo ng bagong Chairman at Administrator ng Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Rolan C. Paulino, maaaring magkaroon ng ibayong pagtuon ng pansin sa pangangala ng ekolohiya at kapaligiran ng Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

Una sa lahat ay maaaring ipa-imbentaryo ni Chairman Paulino ang natitira pang bakawan at latian, ang bilang ng mga paniki at puno, at tukuyin ang nawala

na mula nang umalis ang mga Amerikano.

Marapet din na alamin ang panahon kung kailan nangawala ang mga bakawan at latian, paniki, mga puno at matumbok ang mga may kinalaman, kapwa sa loob at labas ng hanay ng mga opisyal ng SBMA.

Ito ang isang magandang hakbang na maaaring magawa ni Chairman Paulino bilang taga-taguyod ng pangangalaga ng kalikasan. Sana gawin niya. Ito Ang Totoo!

29 APRIL 2022, FRIDAY



# NEWS ALERTS

# COVID-19 NEWS

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE



# 1st Omicron subvariant case in PH has 44 close contacts

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor [April 28, 2022, 2:12 pm](#)



**MANILA** – The country's first case of the BA.2.12 Omicron subvariant, a 52-year-old Finnish woman, has a total of 44 close contacts, a health official said Thursday.

In a television interview, Department of Health (DOH) Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said the country's first case had nine close contacts in Quezon City, five in Benguet, and 30 while aboard a commercial flight going to Manila.

"All of them are being closely monitored. Some of them were tested already which turned out to be negative," she added.

The DOH has received a manifesto from the airline and subsequently conducted contact tracing.

"She had a total of 30 close contacts, near contacts in the airplane. All of them are being closely monitored and nobody is experiencing symptoms as of this time," Vergeire said.

The 30 contacts are fully vaccinated.

Earlier, the DOH said the woman arrived in the country on April 2 and traveled to a university in Quezon City and in Baguio City to conduct seminars.

She tested negative for Covid-19 in her pre-departure test in Finland and is fully vaccinated.

She was not required to undergo routine isolation at a quarantine facility since she was fully vaccinated and arrived asymptomatic.

She began experiencing mild symptoms such as headache and sore throat after nine days.

Citing the 14-day incubation period of the virus, Vergeire said "it is possible that the woman got infected in her home country or during her travel to the Philippines".

The DOH assured the public that the woman finished her seven-day isolation, had recovered, and discharged.

She had returned to Finland on April 21. **(PNA)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1173178>

29 APRIL 2022, FRIDAY



**DENR**

**NEWS**

**ALERTS**

**VLOGS**

**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE**



**Please click this link:**

[\(428\) ANO KAYA ANG GAGAWIN? MANILA BAY UPDATE APRIL 28, 2022 \[4K\] - YouTube](#)

#manilabay #4k

ANO KAYA ANG GAGAWIN? MANILA BAY UPDATE APRIL 28, 2022 [4K]

4,588 views • 28 Apr 2022

👍 147    🗨 DISLIKE    ➦ SHARE    💖 THANKS    ⌵ SAVE    ...



**BTV Pinas**

75.4K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**

#manilabay

#4k

SHOW MORE



**Please click this link:**

[\(428\) MANILA BAY UPDATE APRIL 28, 2022 \[4K\] - YouTube](#)

#manilabay #4k

MANILA BAY UPDATE APRIL 28, 2022 [4K]

3,704 views • 28 Apr 2022

120 DISLIKE SHARE THANKS SAVE ...



**BTV Pinas**

75.4K subscribers

**SUBSCRIBE**

#manilabay

#4k

SHOW MORE





Please click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QM5echvgIrs>

#ManilaBayUpdate #DolomiteBeach #BattleForManilaBay

DOLOMITE BEACH NANG-AANO KA EH! NEEDLE FISH NAMAN NGAYON!

12,737 views • 28 Apr 2022

👍 522    🗨 DISLIKE    ➦ SHARE    ✂ CLIP    ⚙ SAVE    ...



enr. berto  
195K subscribers

JOIN

SUBSCRIBE

#ManilaBayUpdate #DolomiteBeach  
#BattleForManilaBay

SHOW MORE



**Please click this link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EALhZ\\_zEA3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EALhZ_zEA3s)

MANILA BAYWALK GREEN REVOLUTION

3,284 views · Streamed live 21 hours ago

209 DISLIKE SHARE CLIP SAVE ...



**engr. berto**  
195K subscribers

JOIN

SUBSCRIBE

SHOW MORE



Please click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NseJmQsZ8JU>

#manilabay #rehabilitation #dolomitebeach

Manila Bay Update: April: 28, 2022

5,738 views • 28 Apr 2022

150 DISLIKE SHARE CLIP SAVE ...



PINOY BLOGGER PH

29.9K subscribers

JOIN

SUBSCRIBE

#manilabay #rehabilitation #dolomitebeach

SHOW MORE



**Please click this link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyMm\\_48Bzzs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyMm_48Bzzs)

manila bay update April 29.2022

344 views · 29 Apr 2022

29 DISLIKE SHARE CLIP SAVE ...



**BOSS MARLON OCAMPO VLOG**  
5.18K subscribers

JOIN

SUBSCRIBE

SHOW MORE