



# Resilience & Renewal

A Journey Towards a Sustainable Future



# Dear Rainbow Warrior,

Once again, this year has been challenging for climate change-vulnerable communities. As Filipinos, we witnessed and experienced firsthand the worsening effects of fossil fuel-charged climate change that destroyed livelihoods and put more people in danger.

Extreme weather events are getting worse. The consecutive intense typhoons Carina, Enteng, and Kristine destroyed homes, roads, and bridges, claimed lives, and costed our economy millions of pesos. Communities will continue to shoulder the brunt of climate change caused by fossil fuel companies and other polluters if they continue business as usual and do not deprioritize profit.

Greenpeace monitored the typhoons and intense flooding in Luzon. We have deployed our teams to extend relief to our partner communities and document the several oil spills that happened in our waters. We also used our social media channels to amplify the donation calls of communities during these times.

**These actions will not be possible without your continued support. And we will continue to respond to these emergencies while calling on the Philippines' and the world's governments to fossil fuel companies accountable and liable.**

As long as carbon majors will continue their business as usual practices, we will continue to resist. We hope that you will continue to support us until the day we will not need to fight for our rights.

Enough of being resilient! Climate change should not be the norm.



For a better future,

Khevin Yu  
Climate and Energy Campaigner  
Greenpeace Philippines

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# Our Victories in the Philippines

Your support empowers our ambitious, critical work.  
Here are some landmark victories we've had in the Philippines this year!



## More refill stations!

'Kuha sa Tingi' expands in more Metro Manila sari-sari stores!

We also launched a report that presents the successes of this successful refill project. (More on page 4)



## Pinoys: Ban single-use plastics!

Filipinos are the top supporters of the Global Plastics Treaty that would mandate cuts on plastic production, INC4 survey shows. Conducted across 19 countries, the survey reveals that 94% of Filipinos believe a cap on plastic production would stop plastic pollution, prevent biodiversity loss, and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.



## CA bans GM crops-related activities

The Court of Appeals ruled against the commercial propagation and/or conduct of activities relating to genetically modified crops, including Bt Eggplant and so-called Golden Rice. This work was spearheaded by Filipino farmers, who will ultimately benefit the most from the decision.



## Greenpeace vs Total Energies

Frank Nicol Melgar Marba from Dinagat Islands joined a climate litigation against TotalEnergies in a case filed in France. (More on page 3)



## Pride in an 'Earth for All'

The climate crisis continues to magnify existing inequities. LGBTQIA2S+ individuals are exposed to increased vulnerability and discrimination during climate-induced disasters. Greenpeace Philippines joins this year's Pride March with the call "Earth for All".



## Dove's Real Harm

Residents of a coastal community in Bataan Province are using brand parodies to show how plastic sachet manufacturers are bringing "real harm" to Filipinos. Playing with popular advertisements, the groups illustrated how plastic sachets and other single-use plastics are not only destroying nature, but also harming human health and livelihoods.



## Hold Big Oil accountable!

Representatives of climate-impacted communities, civil society organizations, and Greenpeace Philippines protested for the DENR to hold climate polluters accountable for extreme weather events like the impact of Super Typhoon Carina, and the oil spill off Manila Bay following the recent sinking of two cargo ships in Limay, Bataan west of Manila.



# Climate case filed against oil company

Frank Marba from the Dinagat Islands has stepped up to take on TotalEnergies, the sixth biggest carbon major, in an international court case. He is joined by seven other climate impact survivors from seven countries, as well as three non-government organizations.

The criminal case was filed in Paris, France against the oil company's board of directors and main shareholders for their contribution to climate change and its fatal impact on human and non-human lives. The litigation comes in the context of intensifying climate disasters around the world and was filed just three days before TotalEnergies' Annual General Meeting.

Each offense is punishable by at least one year of imprisonment and a fine. The prosecutor will have the discretion to open a judicial

investigation and to determine the roster of individuals facing prosecution.

Frank's community is still recovering from the devastation of Typhoon Odette and they continue to face severe weather challenges like droughts and floods—all driven by the climate crisis.

For far too long, fossil fuel companies like those producing oil, coal, and gas have profited while our planet suffers. Their emissions have fueled climate impacts that bring extreme weather events, wreaking havoc on our homes, livelihoods, and well-being. In countries like the Philippines, the climate crisis costs billions in damages, making it even harder to build a stable future. We can't let this climate injustice go on.

But there is hope. Through your donations, Greenpeace was able to support Frank in his battle against the oil giant. We have the power to reclaim our future by holding these oil and gas companies accountable and demanding they change their harmful practices. Together, we can create a more resilient and sustainable world, where renewable energy—like wind and solar—powers our communities, and everyone can thrive in a safer, kinder environment.

It's time to end this climate injustice. We're calling on governments to make polluters pay and to use every tool available to ensure justice for vulnerable communities. These corporations need to be held responsible for the losses and damages our people endure.

A win for Frank is a win for all of us and for our future. Support Frank in his fight for climate justice for the people of Dinagat Islands and beyond by signing this petition. Together, we can make a difference!





## 'Kuha sa Tingi' Expands in Metro Manila

Communities in the Philippines continue to step up to address plastic pollution. The successful "Kuha sa Tingi" project, originally launched in San Juan City and Quezon City, is expanding across Metro Manila.

This initiative by Greenpeace Philippines in partnership with the Metro Manila Mayors' Spouses Foundation (MMMSF) aims to promote reuse and refill systems in local communities to reduce plastic waste.

Beginning in September, the project will install refilling dispensers in barangays and sari-sari stores throughout Metro Manila, offering affordable refill options for household essentials like detergent, dishwashing liquid, and multipurpose cleaner. By replacing single-use sachets with sustainable alternatives, the project empowers consumers to make eco-friendly choices while supporting local economies.

Pilot runs have already shown promising results: sari-sari store owners reported increased profits, and participating households saved money by choosing refills over sachets. This expansion highlights the potential for community-driven solutions to create lasting environmental and economic benefits.

Keri Zamora, President of MMMSF, emphasizes that promoting reuse and refill not only reduces plastic waste but also fosters a culture of environmental responsibility. "We are proud to be a partner in this project, and we hope to make a plastic-free future a reality for Metro Manila," she said.

"Kuha sa Tingi" stands as a powerful example of how grassroots actions can inspire global change and your donations have been crucial in helping us expand this initiative and promote sustainable practices. Together, we are paving the way for a cleaner, greener future for our communities and the planet.



<http://act.gp/reuserefill>





# Why Queer Justice is Climate Justice

Greenpeace once again joined this year's Pride celebration to confront the urgent need to address the injustices faced by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or gender expansive, queer and/or questioning, intersex, asexual, and two-spirit (LGBTQIA2S+) community that are especially exacerbated by the climate crisis.

Your support enables us to push forward climate justice, emphasizing fairness and equity for the most vulnerable. It's crucial that institutions prioritize marginalized communities by passing vital legislation like the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and gender expression (SOGIE) Equality Bill. Delaying such laws perpetuates injustice and worsens the climate crisis's effects on discriminated groups.

The impacts of climate change disproportionately affect marginalized communities, and inaction only deepens these inequities. We must act now to prevent further harm and build a just, sustainable world for all.

The climate crisis amplifies existing inequities, making LGBTQIA2S+ individuals more vulnerable during climate-induced disasters. Discrimination often prevents queer people from accessing essential services and transitional housing, and relief efforts frequently neglect their needs due to biases. This highlights the need for inclusive policies that protect everyone, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation.

Corporations, too, must move beyond performative gestures and become genuine allies in the fight for justice. True commitment means embedding human rights and diversity into their operations year-round, not just during Pride Month.

Our participation in Pride is a call to amplify our demand for a just transition to a safe, sustainable future. We draw inspiration from the leadership of the LGBTQIA2S+ community and strive for a world where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Our vision is a planet where people and nature thrive, free from oppression and exploitation.

We set up a booth where attendees learned more about our climate justice campaign and signed a petition to support Frank Marba, a resident of Dinagat Islands, who has bravely joined a landmark international court case in France against TotalEnergies. A water refilling station was also available, allowing attendees to refill their reusable containers for free and helping to avoid hundreds of single-use plastic cups and bottles during the event. We were also present in Iloilo City where our volunteers participated in their local Pride March and organized interactive activities for the attendees!

EARTH FOR ALL. QUEER JUSTICE NOW. CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW. Together, we can create a future where every color of the rainbow shines in a world that cares for all.





# Behind the Scenes

## Bill Angelo Bontingao *Public Engagement Campaigner*

During my college years, I was a passionate youth leader in my community. Partnering with Greenpeace, we sparked waves of courage and hope for climate action. This partnership deepened my commitment, leading me to become a volunteer. My dedication to serving both people and the planet kept me actively involved as a volunteer until I graduated in 2022.

After graduation, I entered the teaching profession. However, as months went by, I found myself questioning whether a traditional classroom was where I truly belonged. After much reflection, I decided to resign from teaching and pursue a path that aligned more closely with my passion—community organizing for people and the planet. It has always been my dream to be part of Greenpeace. Today, I'm proud to continue working directly with communities as part of the team.

With this story, I hope to convey how your donations to Greenpeace have profoundly shaped who I am today. The support you generously provided during my time as a youth leader and volunteer has been pivotal in my journey. **Your contributions have created ripples of hope and courage, advancing the cause of environmental justice.**



Bill Angelo Bontingao (right) with Miss Philippines Earth Naelah Alshorbaji (left) reading the "Story of Agus" to kids during the Rainbow Warrior Ship Tour in 2023. Story of Agus, a story about saving the environment and safeguarding the future of the youth, was written by Bill, Arami Kasih, and Ginanjar Ariyasuta. © Chris J Ratcliffe / Greenpeace

# Our global climate that



## FOSSIL FUELS

- **USA:** The Biden-Harris administration halted all new liquefied natural gas (LNG) export project approvals.
- **USA:** The US government has signalled their support for a Global Plastics Treaty.
- **Austria:** The European Gas Conference, an annual meeting of representatives of major fossil fuel companies, financiers and selected politicians in Vienna, was postponed indefinitely due to announced protests.
- **France-Luxembourg:** In March, the Paris Judicial Court dismissed TotalEnergies' summons against Greenpeace France.
- **Africa:** In June, Supreme Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal by Shell, Impact Africa and the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy of the Makhanda High Court judgement which set aside exploration rights and subsequent renewals granted to Shell to conduct oil and gas exploration off the Wild Coast of South Africa.
- **Canada:** In 2022, Greenpeace Canada filed an anti-competition complaint against the Pathways Alliance (a lobby group made up of Canada's biggest fossil fuel companies) for a misleading ad campaign. A new law was passed that strengthened greenwashing laws. Pathways Alliance has entirely removed its website.
- **UK:** A Greenpeace-supported court case on oil drilling has ended with a big win for the climate. UK fossil fuel projects will no longer be allowed to ignore the emissions from burning the fossil fuels they extract.
- **East Asia:** Approvals for new coal-fired power plants in China dropped sharply in the first half of this year, according to an analysis by Greenpeace East Asia, after a surge of permits in the last two years.



## BIODIVERSITY

- **International:** The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea found that States must take all necessary measures to reduce GHG emissions to no more than 1.5C and ensure the protection of the marine environment.
- **International:** Pro-industry head of deep sea mining regulator defeated in re-election bid in the International Seabed Authority in favour of an oceanographer.
- **Nordic:** Greenpeace Norway and Natur og Ungdom won against the Norwegian state in court over the legality of permitting three new oil and gas fields, Yggdrasil, Breidablikk and Tyrving in the North Sea!
- **Nordic:** The European Parliament voted to criticise Norway's decision to open up the Arctic to deep sea mining while repeating calls for a global moratorium!
- **Brazil:** Brazilian Supreme Court ruled that Bolsonaro's administration has actively promoted massive violation of socio-environmental rights in the Amazon. The decision mandates compliance with climate change targets, while ruling that sufficient and effective measures must be taken to safeguard the environment and protect against deforestation.
- **EU:** The European Nature Restoration Law was passed! This law aims to restore and protect European biodiversity hotspots. By 2040, 60% of certain European habitats need to be restored, and by 2050 even 90%.



# victories you made possible.



## CIVIC RIGHTS

- **International:** 110 countries voted in favour of the negotiations on the Term of Reference for a UN Tax Convention.
- **Switzerland:** After 9 years of work, the KlimaSeniorinnen (Swiss Senior Women for Climate Protection) achieved victory at the European Court of Human Rights. The Grand Chamber of the Court ruled that Switzerland is violating the human rights of the older women because the state was not taking the necessary steps to combat global warming.
- **Indonesia:** Four thousand Indigenous Papuans have finally received legal recognition of customary rights over tropical rainforest in South Sorong Regency that is almost the size of Hong Kong.



## WE HAVE NEW OFFICES!

### Greenpeace South Asia Regional Office

Greenpeace launched the South Asia regional office in Colombo, Sri Lanka with the arrival of the Rainbow Warrior last February 15, 2024. This is the start of a journey focused on collective action demanding accountability and resilience in the South Asian region.

### Greenpeace Ukraine

Greenpeace Central and Eastern Europe formally opened a new office in Kyiv, Ukraine on September 10, 2024. Through this expansion, we will accelerate our work on green reconstruction projects in Ukraine, investigate environmental war crimes resulting from Russia's invasion and continue to closely monitor the security concerns and radiation levels around Ukrainian nuclear power plants.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED IN 2024

[www.greenpeace.org/international/publication/](http://www.greenpeace.org/international/publication/)





# How are we using our funding?

**Your donations are the lifeblood of our work.** In 2023, 77% of our funding came entirely from individual donations. As our key partners in our continuously expanding endeavors not only in the Philippines, but also in the rest of the region, we are truly grateful for your continuing support.

We are happy to report that 89% of our incurred 2023 costs went to our ambitious campaigns and projects geared towards championing environmental and human rights. Our costs were broken down as shown below:



**Forests**  
**37%**



**Climate Energy**  
**37%**



**Ocean**  
**14%**



**Good Life**  
**5%**



**Food for Life**  
**1%**



**Other Issues**  
**6%**

We make sure that your contributions are spent where it's needed most and that every expense is accounted for. Greenpeace Southeast Asia's (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand) expenditures comply with established internal policies, regulations and procedures and are part of the yearly budgets that are annually reviewed and approved by Greenpeace Southeast Asia's Regional Board of Directors.

For more information, you can always get in touch with our responsive supporter care team at [supporterservices.ph@greenpeace.org](mailto:supporterservices.ph@greenpeace.org).





# Hello, Earth Hero! 🦸

**In case you missed it, we've recently revamped our website with brand-new sections just for you!** Head over to <https://greenpeace.org/philippines/> and hover over the green "DONATE" button at the top-right corner to discover our new pages designed specifically for donors. ✅

**We've also made donating even easier!** ✨ You can now support us through new payment options like GCash, Maya, and ShopeePay. Just scan the QR code with your camera, and you'll be redirected to our donation page.

**Spread the word!** 📣 We hope you can share these exciting updates with your family and friends.

**We'd love to hear back from you!** ✉️ Have a favorite Greenpeace moment to share? Exciting ideas for events you'd like to propose? Personal climate victories you've experienced? Or do you just want to say 'hi'? We'd love to hear it! Send your story to [supporterservices.ph@greenpeace.org](mailto:supporterservices.ph@greenpeace.org) with the subject line "My Greenpeace Story 2024."

We can't wait to hear your *kuwento*! 💡

Best,



**EDWARD AQUINO**

Supporter Relations Coordinator  
Greenpeace Philippines



Supporting Greenpeace Philippines is just a few taps away! Use your favorite e-wallets like GCash, Maya, and more to make a quick and secure donation. Every contribution helps us protect the environment and advocate for a sustainable future.

## Let's make a difference in five minutes.



### COURAGE FOR CLIMATE

Are you worried about your and your loved ones' future because of climate change? Climate change is real and climate anxiety is normal. You are not alone.

The Philippines is least responsible for the greenhouse gas emissions causing climate change, but Filipinos suffer the most from the climate crisis. This situation may seem hopeless, but it is not a time for despair but for courage. Now is when climate action will make the most difference.



### STOP SACHETS!

In the Philippines, where companies aggressively market sachets, the absence of meaningful policies to curb sachet production has led to an estimated 164 millions sachets consumed daily, on top of the long list of other single-use plastics (SUPs) produced by corporations. These SUPs have devastating impacts on our environment and society. Sachets are everywhere and contribute to widespread pollution, from our neighborhoods to our waterways to our oceans.

Sign the petition to call for corporations to take responsibility and phase out sachets and for the government to play their critical role in this transition.



# Which Southeast Asian animal represents your climate activism?

Start here!



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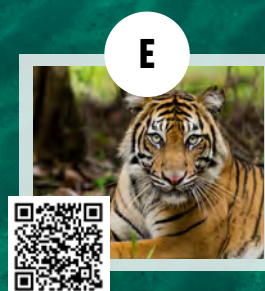
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