



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN



**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : **The Directors**  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau

FROM : **The Chief**  
Policy Studies Division and  
In Charge, Office of the Director for Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INPUTS/DATA ON ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF  
WILDLIFE AND TIMBER FROM 01 AUGUST 2023 – 31 JULY 2024**

DATE : **02 AUG 2024**

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This has reference to the electronic mail referred from the Office of the Secretary dated 30 July 2024 pertaining to the request from the Philippine Center on Transnational Crime (PCTC) - INTERPOL-NCB Manila on the above-cited subject.

The PCTC is designated to establish a central database on transnational crime to continuously monitor trends and to formulate individual and collective strategies for the prevention and control of transnational crimes. The PCTC also serves as the National Secretariat to the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) and the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC).

In this regard, we respectfully request to be furnished copies of your office's accomplishment reports, capacity building efforts, challenges encountered, assessments and recommendations, and other relevant information in combating Illicit Trafficking of Wildlife and Timber covering the period from 01 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

These data will form part of the report from the Philippine Delegation under the Agenda Item 3: "Exchange of Views on International, Regional, and National Level Efforts in Combating Transnational Crime" during the convening of the 18<sup>th</sup> AMMTC and Its Related Meetings scheduled on 27-28 August 2024 in Lao PDR.

We appreciate receiving your inputs in word format through [policy@denr.gov.ph](mailto:policy@denr.gov.ph) cc: [policydivision@gmail.com](mailto:policydivision@gmail.com) on or before **Friday, 09 August 2024**, for timely consolidation and compliance to the requesting agency.

For your information and consideration, please.

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MEMO NO. 2024 - 683



Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs <ouppia@denr.gov.ph>

## Fwd: OSEC-2024-004508: [SEEK INPUTS] 18th AMMTC and Its Related Meetings to be held on 27-28 August 2024 in Vientiane Lao PDR

DENR OSEC Referral <osec.referral@denr.gov.ph>

Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 9:56 AM

To: "Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs" <ouppia@denr.gov.ph>, OSEC Appointments <osec.appointments@denr.gov.ph>

Sir/ Madam:

Respectfully referred to your good office for information and appropriate action, with EDATS No. OSEC-2024-004508.

Thank you!

**NOTE: DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL. For updates, inquiries and other communications, please send to [osec@denr.gov.ph](mailto:osec@denr.gov.ph).**



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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **SOMTC Philippines** <dpp@pctc.gov.ph>

Date: Mon, Jul 29, 2024 at 4:14 PM

Subject: [SEEK INPUTS] 18th AMMTC and Its Related Meetings to be held on 27-28 August 2024 in Vientiane Lao PDR

To: Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency - Employees <pdea.employees@pdea.gov.ph>, DOJ IACAT Secretariat <Secretariat@iacat.gov.ph>, ATC PMC <atcpmc.mabini@gmail.com>, <eemd.feo.csg@pnp.gov.ph>, OMD ACG <toc.acg.pnp.gov.ph@gmail.com>, <acg@pnp.gov.ph>, PDEA icfas <icfas@pdea.gov.ph>, WCPC, Camp Crame <wcpc\_pnp@yahoo.com>, <atc.pmc@gmail.com>, Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking - Employees <iacat.employees@iacat.gov.ph>, DICT DAP <dict-dap@dict.gov.ph>, <rojun.hosillos@cicc.gov.ph>, <oslo.feo@gmail.com>, Office of the DENR Secretary <osec@denr.gov.ph>, Wildlife Resources Division BMB <wrd@bmb.gov.ph>

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Greetings!

In view of the upcoming **18th AMMTC and Its Related Meetings to be held on 27-28 August 2024 in Vientiane Lao PDR**, the AMMTC-Leader Philippines will be presenting a country report on Agenda Item No. 5 "Exchange of views on International, Regional and National Efforts in Combatting Transnational Crime". Each ASEAN Member State is required to give a 7-minute presentation focusing on salient points covering the period August 2023 – August 2024.

The report will focus on the following TNCs:

- Trafficking in Persons
- Cybercrime
- Arms Smuggling
- Illicit Drug Trafficking
- Terrorism
- Illicit Trafficking of Wildlife and Timber (none provided during the 24th SOMTC)


In this regard, SOMTC-Philippines Secretariat is requesting for your comments/inputs on the attached zero draft country report presentation. In the zero draft, we relied on the country reports provided during the working group meetings by the agency concerned. We will highly appreciate your inputs/comments on the said draft, hence, YOU MAY MODIFY, CHANGE, OR ADD any of the slides of the draft. Please take note that the presentation is constrained to the 7-minute time allocation.

Thank you so much.

Kind regards,

**SOMTC-Philippines Secretariat**



 **Zero Draft Country Report\_(18th AMMTC) as of 29 July 2024.pptx**  
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# 18 ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (AMMTC)

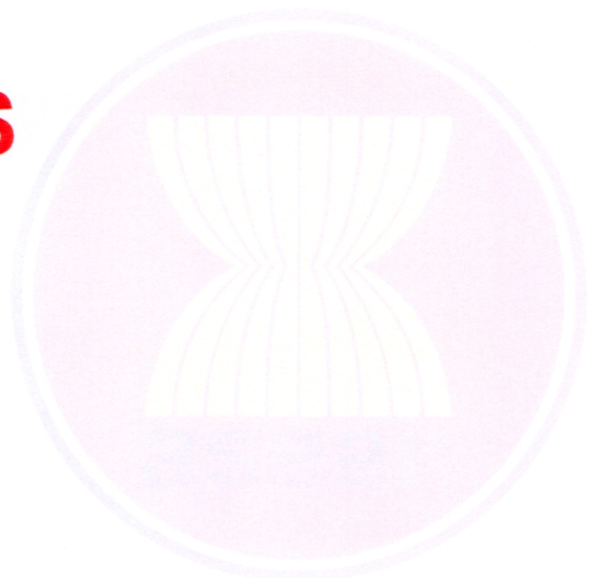
**& ITS RELATED MEETINGS**



## **THE PHILIPPINES**

### **Country Report**

**Views on International,  
Regional and National Efforts  
in Combating Transnational  
Crime**





# TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

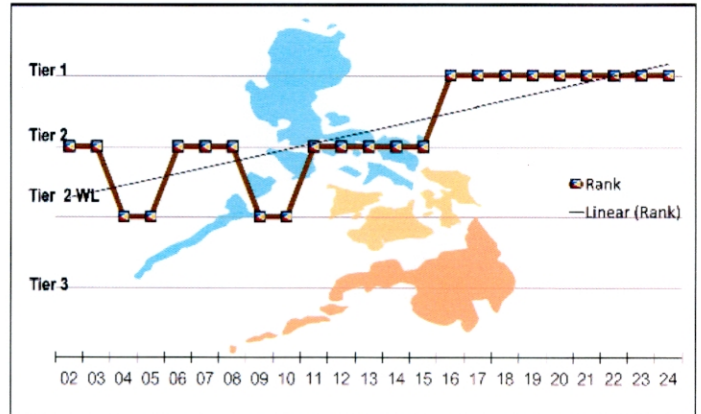
**THE PHILIPPINES RETAINED ITS TIER 1 STATUS IN THE 2024 US TIP REPORT FOR NINE (9) CONSECUTIVE YEARS.**

2024 Trafficking in Persons Report: Philippines

## PHILIPPINES (Tier 1)

The Government of the Philippines fully meets the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking. The government continued to demonstrate serious and sustained efforts during the reporting period; therefore, the Philippines remained on Tier 1. These efforts included investigating and prosecuting more alleged traffickers, finalizing and adopting Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) SOPs on the identification and monitoring of trafficking-related corruption cases, promulgating implementing rules and regulations for its amended anti-trafficking law, and sentencing nearly all traffickers to significant prison terms.

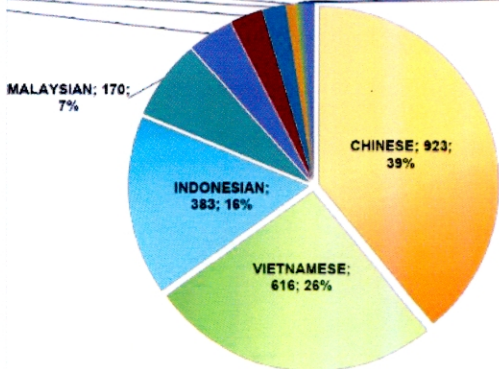
TIER 1 FOR 9 CONSECUTIVE YEARS



# TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

## Number of Rescued Foreign Nationals TIP Victims

E: 69; BURMESE: 49; 2%; TAIWANESE: 21; 1%; NIGERIAN: 9; 0%; BHUTANESE: 6; 0%; OTHERS: 23; 1%



NATIONALITY	NO. OF RESCUED VICTIMS
CHINESE	923
VIETNAMESE	616
INDONESIAN	383
MALAYSIAN	170
THAI	95
NEPALESE	69
BURMESE	49
TAIWANESE	21
NIGERIAN	9
BHUTANESE	6
OTHERS	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,364</b>

Chinese nationals made up the majority of the rescued victims, followed by Vietnamese and Indonesian nationals.





# CYBERCRIME

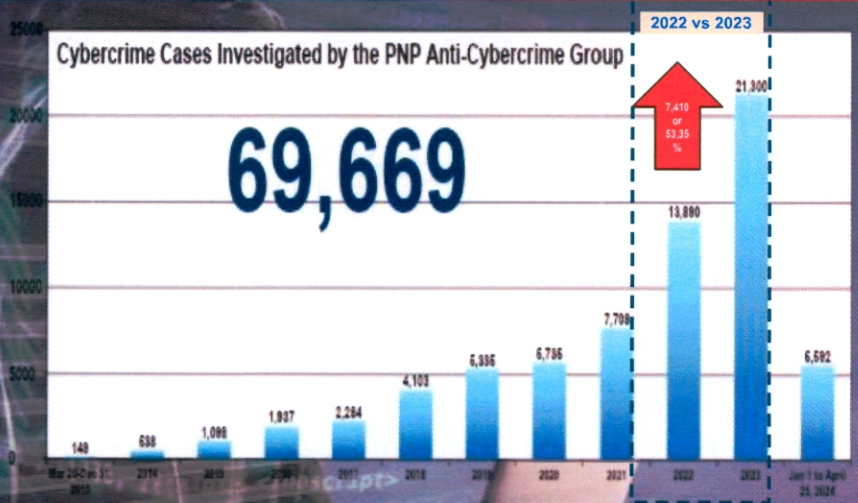
The Prevalence of Online Fraud / Scams: The PNP Statistics

## ANNUAL CYBERCRIME STATISTICS

Increasing Cybercrime complaints of different modus with the highest recorded increase of 7,410 or 53.35% from 2022 to 2023.

Cybercriminals also took advantage of the new technologies

Online Scam as the biggest contributor of cybercrime cases



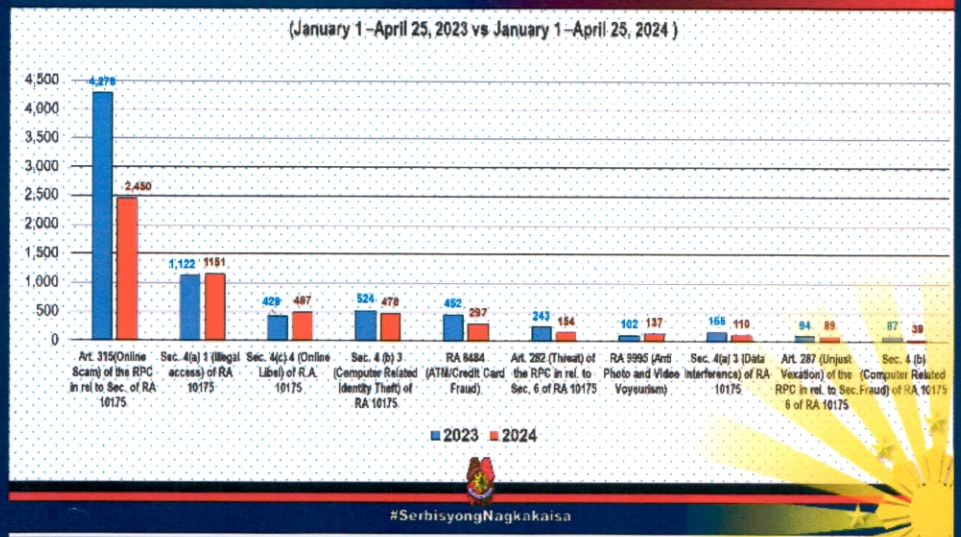
# CYBERCRIME

The Prevalence of Online Fraud / Scams: The PNP Statistics

## TOP 10 PREVALENT CYBERCRIMES

(January 1 – April 25, 2023 vs January 1 – April 25, 2024)

The Scam hubs expanded their operations in Philippines that resulted on the prevalence of various scams in the country.



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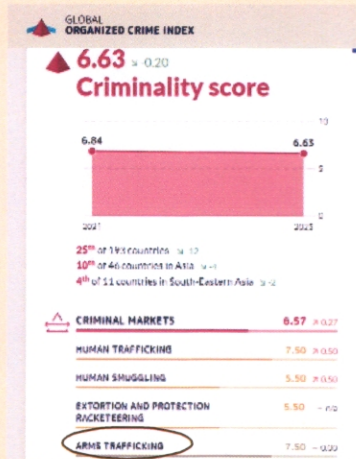


# ARMS SMUGGLING

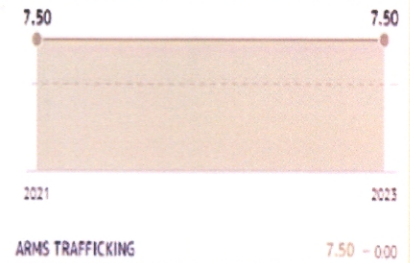
IMPLEMENTATION IN 2023

## 7.50 SCORE ON THE GLOBAL CRIME INDEX

Retained the same score as in 2021



The sale, acquisition, movement, and diversion of arms, their parts and ammunition from legal to illegal commerce and/or across borders.

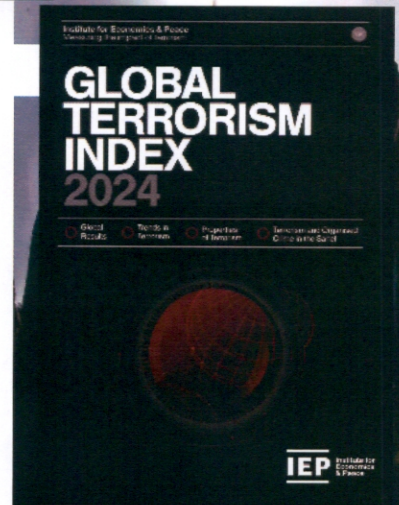
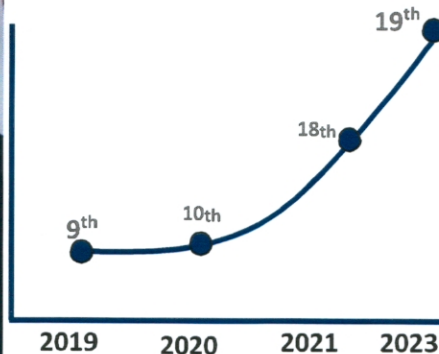


# TERRORISM

## Country Improvement in Global Terrorism Index

- Threat of terrorism in the Philippines significantly declining
- Downward trend in terrorism expected to continue through:
  - Implementation of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020
  - Intensified counter-terrorism efforts
  - Strengthened regional cooperation

## PH Rank for four (4) years



# TERRORISM

## Developments

### Implementation of Anti-Terrorism Act 2020:

- Programs to Counter-Terrorism
- Designation of Terrorists and Disrupting Terrorist Financing



Designation of Terrorist Individuals/Organizations plays a critical role in our fight against terrorism and is an effective means of curtailing finances that support terrorist activities and preventing further recruitment/membership.

Cut funding of Terrorist



Disrupt recruitment/membership



# TERRORISM

## Developments and Government Response

### Focused Military Operations

#### Terrorist Group threat continues to decline...

- ✓ high number of surrenders
- ✓ neutralization of key leaders
- ✓ decimation of their ranks
- ✓ reduced areas of operation
- ✓ disruption of their terror financing network



### National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict

- ✓ Strategic Communication
- ✓ Empowering Local Government & Barangays
- ✓ Basic Services e.g., peace education, barangay development, livelihood
- ✓ Legal Cooperation

### National Action Plan - Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP-PCVE)

Groups	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Daesh-Influence Groups (DIGs)	11	14	2	27
Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF)	40	20	7	67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>94</b>





# ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING

## SUPPLY AND DEMAND REDUCTION STRATEGY

on anti-illegal drugs campaign has greatly improved the Philippine's fight against prohibited narcotics.



Approximately USD587 million worth of illegal drugs were already seized with minimal loss of life.



**Buhay Droga'y Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan (BIDA)** program led to a significant decrease in drug-related cases.



## Strategies and Capacity Development Initiatives

Collaborations with other Law Enforcement Agencies and other government agencies





**BAGONG PILIPINAS**

***END OF PRESENTATION***

***THANK YOU.***