

#Currency**LEGIT**eracy:

A Learning Guide on
Preserving the Integrity of
Coins and Banknotes



Objectives

To inform, educate and communicate the following currency-related topics:

- BSP and Philippine legal tender
- Classification of banknotes and coins as counterfeit, unfit, mutilated, or demonetized (CUMD)
- The BSP Clean Note and Coin Policy
- Countering currency counterfeiting
- Currency retirement





The BSP has the sole power and authority to issue currency within the Philippines.



BSP Clean Note and Coin Policy

BSP Circular No. 829, Series of 2014

- ✓ For safeguarding the integrity of Philippine currency
- ✓ For easier detection of counterfeit notes
- ✓ For health and sanitary reasons

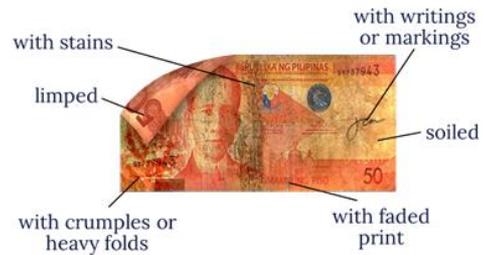
FIT

Recirculate



UNFIT

Submit to bank for exchange/deposit



MUTILATED

Submit to bank for analysis of BSP



Requirements for Redemption

Remaining area of **banknote** should be/have the ff:



3/5 or 60% surface area



A portion of any facsimile signature



The security thread is intact*



* except if the damage appears to be caused by 'wear and tear', accidental burning, action of water or chemical, or bites of rodents/insects and the like.

Requirements for Redemption

Coins should:



* filing, clipping or perforation



Proper handling of banknotes and coins



Place banknotes inside proper wallets or containers.



Place coins inside proper coin purses or containers.



Exchange unused coins in banks.



Keep banknotes and coins clean.



Use banknotes and coins as payment for goods and services.



Improper handling of banknotes and coins



Writing or making any marking



Excessive crumpling or folding



Tearing, cutting, or perforation



Exposing to chemicals



Willful burning



Stapling or placing any adhesive



What is counterfeit money?



An imitation of a legal and genuine note/coin intended to deceive or to be taken for that which is original, legal, and genuine.



Check your banknotes



FEEL

1. Security paper
2. Embossed prints
3. Tactile marks

LOOK

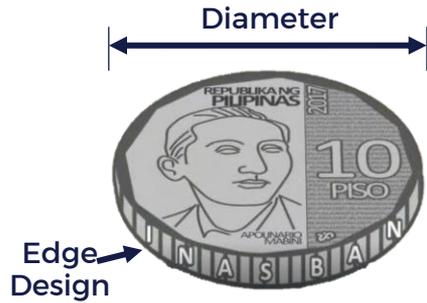
4. Watermark
5. Security fibers
6. Serial number
7. See-through mark
8. Security thread

TILT

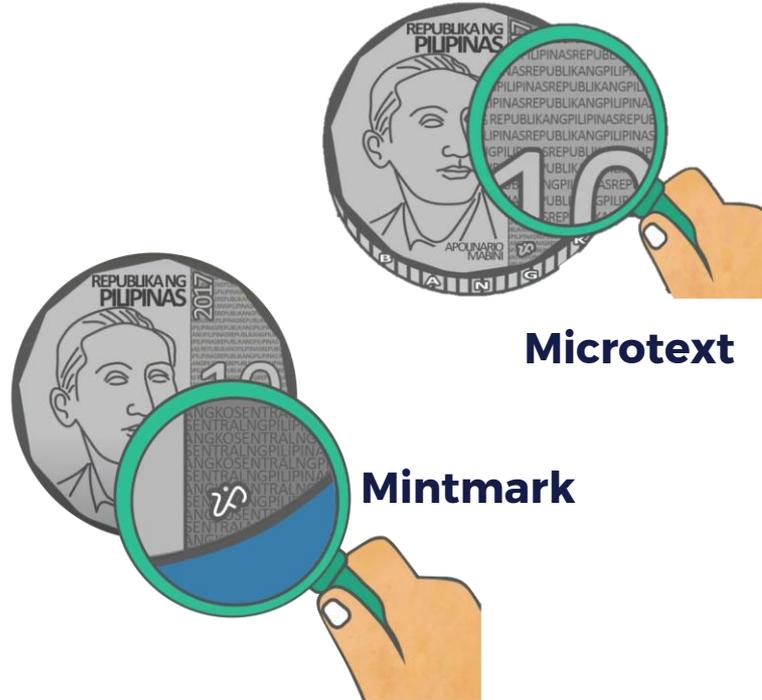
8. Security thread
9. Concealed value
10. Optically variable ink
11. OVD patch
12. Enhanced value panel



Check your coins



Size and Edge



Microdots



What to do with counterfeit currency?



Do not return to the passer



Surrender to the BSP through
BSP-supervised financial
institutions (e.g., banks)



BSP: Protector of Currency Integrity

The Payments and Currency Investigation Group



“The Bangko Sentral shall have authority to investigate, make arrests, conduct searches and seizures in accordance with law for the purpose of maintaining the integrity of the currency”.

PCIG Agents were designated to exclusively exercise this authority vested in the BSP.

Core Mandates:

- To Protect the integrity of the Philippine currency
- To promote the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the payment system

¹ Article 50 (3) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7653 (*The New Central Bank Act*)

² BSP Circular No. 599, Series of 2008



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Strategies:

- 🎯 BSP Rewards System (Bayani Ka Na, Magkakapera Ka Pa)
- 🎯 Close Collaboration with Other Law Enforcement Agencies (NBI, PNP, etc.)
- 🎯 Monitoring all cases of currency counterfeiting reported nationwide or other related matters
- 🎯 Cyber investigations – monitoring cyberspace and social media
- 🎯 Conduct intelligence/surveillance and field operations
- 🎯 Maintaining a pool of human assets/confidential informants



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PCIG Accomplishments: 2010 to 2021



2020-2021 PCIG Law Enforcement Operations

110 Operations

80%

Buy-Bust

20%

Search
Warrant



Affiliation to Counterfeiting or Criminal Syndicate

179 Suspects Arrested

71%

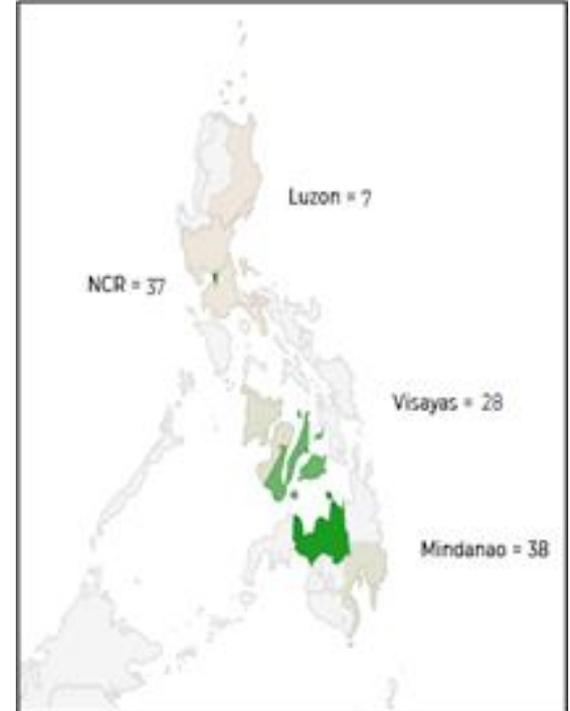
Member of Counterfeiting/
Criminal Syndicate

29%

Lone
Suspect



164 Criminal Charges Filed



PCIG Accomplishments: 2010 to 2021



164 Criminal Charges Filed

98
PENDING in court

65
CONCLUDED

1
DISMISSED*

64 out of 65
accused were
CONVICTED

*Due to death of
the accused

2020-2021 PCIG Conviction Rate

98.46%
Conviction Rate



Volume of Seized Counterfeit Currencies



Other Foreign
Currency

1,591 pieces



Philippine Peso
banknotes

12,479 pieces

notional value of
₱7,806,576.00



U.S. Dollars

14,349 pieces

notional value of
\$92,589,354.00



Philippine Peso
coins

estimated
value of
₱50,000,000.00

Other items confiscated are loose firearms and ammunition, illicit drugs, deadly weapons, printing paraphernalia, etc.



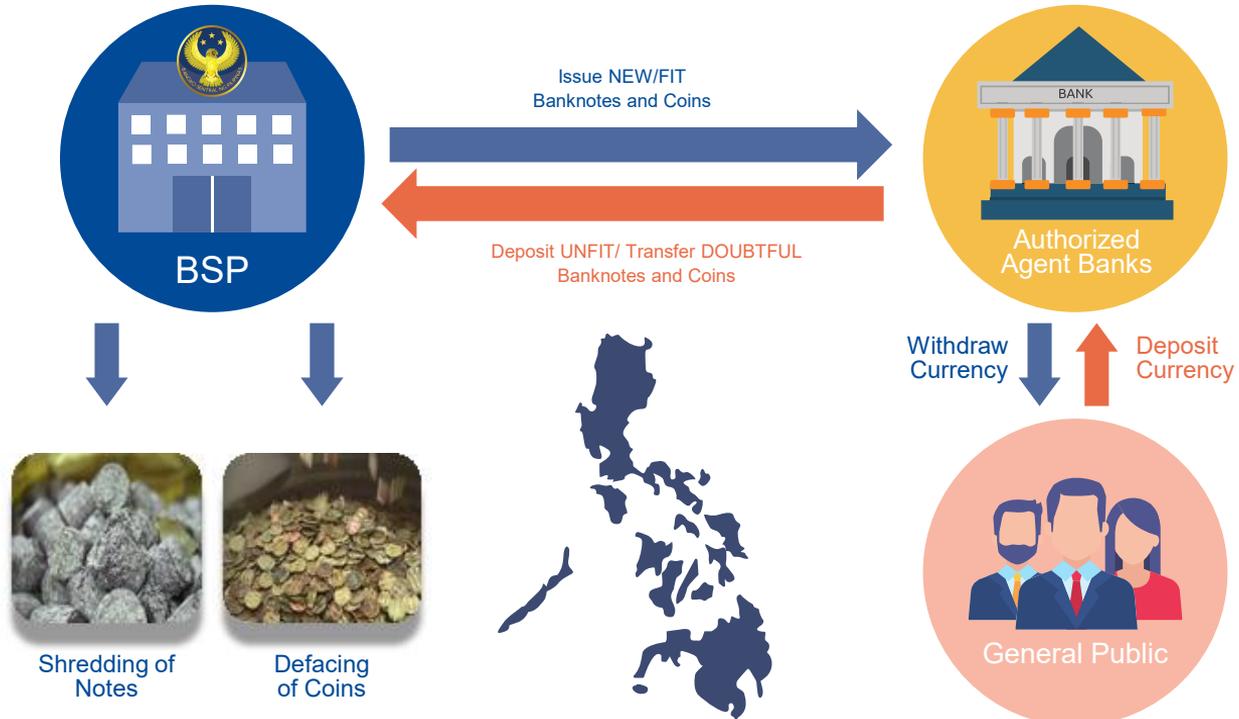


The life cycle of currency includes the following:

- 01 Currency Production
- 02 Distribution
- 03 Deposit & Verification
- 04 Currency Analysis and Investigation
- 05 Currency Retirement**



Overview on the Retirement of Currency



Parameters and Guidelines in Replacing Unfit/Mutilated/Demonetized Currency and Manner of Retirement



UNFIT



DEMONETIZED



MUTILATED

DEFACING OF COINS

1



2



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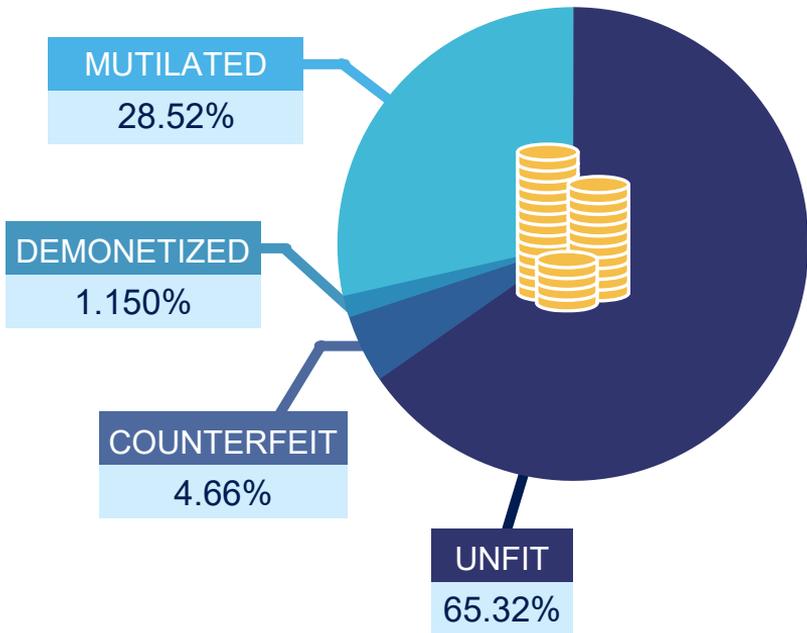


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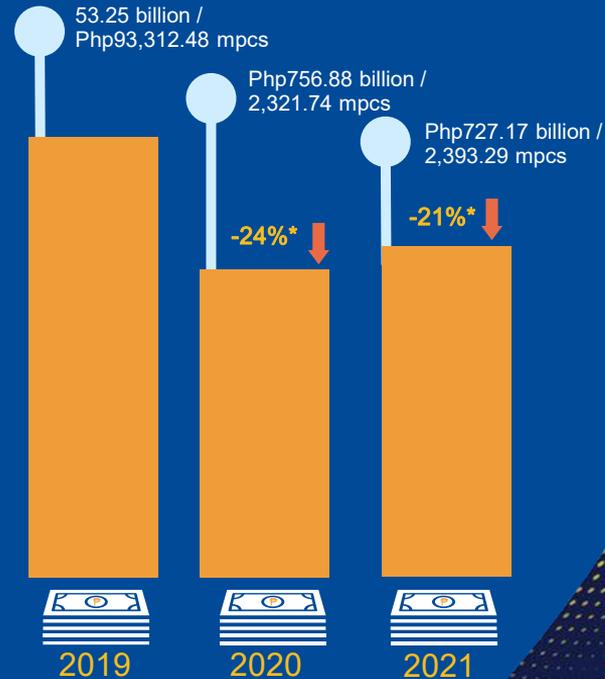
SHREDDING OF NOTES

A total of 445.74 metric tons or Php152.15 millions CUMD coins were defaced



2021 Defaced CUMD Coins Data

A total of Php 2.44 trillion or 8,027.51 mpcs of banknotes were retired from 2019 - 2021



*compared with 2019



Why retire coins and banknotes?



Shredded Banknotes



Defaced Coins



Fit Currency
in Circulation



Removal of
Unfit Currency



Price
Stability



Currency
Integrity

Key Takeaways

-  BSP is the sole authorized issuer of Philippine legal tender
-  BSP promotes currency integrity through its Clean Note and Coin Policy
-  BSP and its anti-counterfeiting advocacies protects consumers and our currency
-  BSP currency retirement contributes to ensuring the integrity of currency in circulation and price stability



Preserving currency integrity is a **SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.**



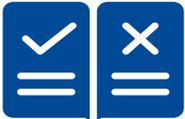
Recognize that BSP is the sole authorized issuer of Philippine legal tender.



Value our bank notes and coins beyond their face value.



Be one with BSP in anti-counterfeiting advocacies.



Follow guidelines in handling counterfeit, unfit, mutilated and demonetized bills and coins.



THANK YOU.

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