

**Proclamation
No. 306
August 11, 1988**

**SUBJECT : Declaring The Tubbataha Reefs And
Surrounding Waters Of The Public Domain
In Central Sulu Sea, Province Of Palawan,
As Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park**

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, and pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, **I, CORAZON C. AQUINO**, President of the Philippines, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the Philippines and in order to protect the area from all destructive activities, do hereby reserve for park purposes the reefs, islets and surrounding waters of the public domain situated in the Central Sulu Sea, Province of Palawan, described in the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau Map MP-01, and more particularly described as follows:

From Pt. 1 119°50' latitude 8°43' longitude
to Pt. 2 119°48' latitude 8°43' longitude
to Pt. 3 119°47' latitude 8°05' longitude
to Pt. 4 119°47' latitude 8°48' longitude
to Pt. 5 120°00' latitude 8°57' 20" longitude
to Pt. 6 120°02' latitude 8°57' longitude
to Pt. 7 120°04' latitude 8°56' longitude
to Pt. 8 120°04' latitude 8°54' longitude
to Pt. 1 119°50' latitude 8°43' longitude
containing an approximate area of 33,200 hectares.

The said area shall be known as "Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park" and shall remain under the administration of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The primary purpose for the establishment of this national marine park is to protect and preserve the coral reef atoll with its abundant and diverse reef assemblage, including the marine turtles and water birds found roosting in the area.

Any person who shall collect, gather coral reefs, wildlife or any marine life from the said marine park or in any manner disturb or destroy the

habitat and wildlife therein shall be punished in accordance with the penalties prescribed in Section 71 of PD 1559.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.