

**Proclamation
No. 231
August 19, 1993**

**SUBJECT : Declaring the Coastal Area and Islands
Within Masinloc and Oyon Bay, Province
of Zambales as a Marine Reserve**

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, **I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, do hereby set aside, for the benefit and enjoyment of the Filipino people, subject to private rights, if there be any, the coastal area, and islands within Masinloc and Oyon Bay, Province of Zambales, as shown in the DENR Map N. ____ with the following description:

Beginning at point 1, which is N 41⁰00 W 5,223 m. from BLLM No. 1 Map of Masinloc, Zambales.

(technical description omitted)

containing an approximate area of 7,568 hectares as a marine protected area.

The said area shall be known as the "Masinloc and Oyon Bay Marine Reserve" and shall be under the administration of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586 (NIPAS Act of 1992).

The primary purpose for the establishment of this marine reserve is to protect and conserve the ecological, scenic, scientific and educational features of the area. Sustainable development of the area shall be pursued to address the social and economic needs of the local communities without causing adverse impact on the environment.

The destruction of the coastal and marine resources, including mangroves, coral reefs and seagrass beds or any other activity which could disturb or destroy these resources and ecosystems are hereby prohibited.

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 18th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-three.

FIDEL V. RAMOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary