

**PROCLAMATION  
NO. 281**

**DECLARING MURCIELAGOS ISLAND SITUATED IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON, PROVINCE OF  
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AS PROTECTED AREA AND  
ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS AS BUFFER ZONE PURSUANT  
TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586 (NIPAS ACT OF 1992), AND  
SHALL BE KNOWN AS MURCIELAGOS ISLAND  
PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND SEASCAPE**

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, and pursuant to the powers vested upon me by law, **I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**, President of the Philippines, do hereby set aside and declare Murcielagos Island situated in the Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga del Norte as a Protected Area under the category of Protected Landscape and Seascape and its peripheral areas as Buffer Zone, subject to private rights and without prejudice to the rights of the indigenous peoples as provided for in R.A. 8371, DENR Administrative Order 93-02 and other related rules and regulations, if any, as described in the DENR NIPAS Map No. RO9-09.

The Murcielagos Protected Landscape and Seascape begins at a point marked "1" on the map which is N 59°50'W at 10,665.55 meters from BLLM No. 1, PLS-6;

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| Thence N 19°32'W, | 272.90 m. | to corner 2;  |
| Thence N 41°59'W, | 247.10 m. | to corner 3;  |
| Thence N 26°20'W, | 108.60 m. | to corner 4;  |
| Thence N 53°22'E, | 108.90 m. | to corner 5;  |
| Thence N 71°09'E, | 137.60 m. | to corner 6;  |
| Thence N 89°09'E, | 115.80 m. | to corner 7;  |
| Thence S 80°33'E, | 968.00 m. | to corner 8;  |
| Thence S 56°08'E, | 222.70 m. | to corner 9;  |
| Thence S 43°30'E, | 189.40 m. | to corner 10; |
| Thence S 10°16'E, | 144.20 m. | to corner 11; |
| Thence S 38°32'W, | 271.60 m. | to corner 12; |
| Thence S 61°06'W, | 285.20 m. | to corner 13; |

Thence S 85°36'W, 225.50 m. to corner 14;  
Thence N 75°59'W, 297.80 m. to corner 15;  
Thence N 62°00'W, 444.00 m. to corner 1, the point of beginning, containing an area of One Hundred (100) Hectares, more or less.

The Buffer Zone of the Murcielagos Protected Landscape and Seascape begins at a point marked "1" on the map which is S 10°00'W at 414.00 meters from corner 1 of the Murcielagos Island Protected Landscape and Seascape;

Thence N 48°01'W, 680.20 m. to corner 2;  
Thence N 02°00'W, 817.00 m. to corner 3;  
Thence N 61°59'E, 259.90 m. to corner 4;  
Thence S 84°60'E, 679.70 m. to corner 5;  
Thence S 61°59'E, 743.70 m. to corner 6;  
Thence S 79°60'E, 519.80 m. to corner 7;  
Thence S 1°60'E, 580.00 m. to corner 8;  
Thence S 43°01'W, 740.20 m. to corner 9;  
Thence N 73°01'W, 208.10 m. to corner 10;  
Thence S 76°00'W, 460.20 m. to corner 11;  
Thence N 56°01'W, 495.20 m. to corner 1; the point of beginning containing an area of One Hundred Fifty-One (151) Hectares, more or less.

The technical descriptions of the Murcielagos Island Protected Landscape and Seascape and its buffer zone shall be subject to actual ground survey.

These areas shall be under the administrative jurisdiction of the DENR and shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the NIPAS Act of 1992.

**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 23rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand.