

MALACANANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 86

DECLARING THE BALANGAYS IN THE VICINITIES OF BUTUAN CITY NATIONAL CULTURAL TREASURES; AND THE SITES WHERE THESE BALANGAYS ARE FOUND, ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 3(c) AND 3(j), RESPECTIVELY, OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4846, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CULTURAL PROPERTIES PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT"

WHEREAS, the cultural properties of the nation are necessary and indispensable in the understanding of its prehistory and culture;

WHEREAS, the remains of the balangays in the vicinities of Butuan City are unique in the world in terms of number and age, dating as early as 320 A.D.;

WHEREAS, these boats are related to the evidences of the remains of a prehistoric village where gold industry has been discovered, the only one to date known;

WHEREAS, these boats and the sites evidence the culture and technological level of the country as well as its marine contact capabilities with the rest of Southeast Asia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the balangays in the vicinities of Butuan City as National Cultural Treasures and the sites where these balangays are found as Archaeological Sites, as defined in Sections 3(c) and 3(j) of Republic Act No. 4846, as amended, and placed under the supervision and control of the National Museum.

All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Proclamation are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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 9th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(SGD.) CORAZON C. AQUINO
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) JOKER P. ARROYO
Executive Secretary