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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 868

AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 1801, SERIES OF 1980, BY DECLARING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF PUBLIC DOMAIN AND REEF AREAS COVERING APO REEF SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AS PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, and pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby set aside and declare certain parcels of land of the public domain and reef areas covering Apo Reef situated in the municipality of Sablayan in the province of Occidental Mindoro, as Protected Area under the category of Natural Park and its surrounding waters as Buffer Zone, subject to ground verification.

The technical description provided hereunder is based on a table survey and therefore subject to ground survey and verification to be conducted by the DENR, for which additional funds are to be requested for the purpose from the Department of Budget and Management.

The Apo Reef Natural Park

Control Points	CM (°)	LATITUDE (°, ")	LONGITUDE (°, ")	NORTHINGS (METRES)	EASTINGS (METRES)
1	123	12-44-47	120-27-22	1410356.242	223773.809
2	123	12-41-11	120-33-44	1403605.487	235240.033
3	123	12-35-47	120-29-57	1393709.839	228292.637
4	123	12-39-18	120-23-46	1400336.616	217153.893

containing an approximate area of FIFTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO (15,792) hectares.

The Buffer Zone

CONTROL POINTS	CM (°)	LATITUDE (°, ")	LONGITUDE (°, ")	NORTHINGS (METRES)	EASTINGS (METRES)
1	123	12-46-14	120-27-00	1413043.227	223151.990
2	123	12-41-32	120-35-19	1404229.656	238121.888
3	123	12-34-20	120-30-16	1391042.803	228863.890
4	123	12-38-57	120-22-12	1399689.788	214329.441

containing an approximate area of ELEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN (11,677) hectares.

The said area shall be known as the "APO REEF NATURAL PARK" and its surrounding waters, as the Buffer Zone. These areas shall be under the administrative jurisdiction of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and shall be administered by the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) as constituted pursuant to R.A. No. 7568 otherwise known as the NIPAS Act of 1992 and its implementing rules and regulations.

The purpose for the establishment of the Natural Park is to protect and conserve the ecological, biological, scientific and educational features of the area. The peripheral Buffer Zone is established to serve as an extra layer of protection for the Park.

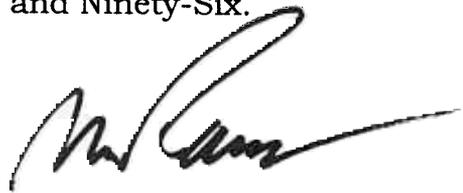
Insofar as the rules and regulations over national parks are consistent with the provisions of the NIPAS Act, they shall continue to apply until Congress shall otherwise declare. All other applicable laws shall remain in full force and effect.

The DENR shall prioritize the implementation of the General Management Planning Strategy (GMPS), boundary relocation and the appointment of the Protected Area (PA) Staff in the area covered.

The Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) appointed by the Secretary shall perform such powers and duties as specified in the NIPAS Act and as delegated to it by the Secretary under such Act. All decisions made pursuant to these rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of acts of a final PAMB under the NIPAS Act.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.



By the President:



**RUBEN D. TORRES**  
Executive Secretary

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