

[PROCLAMATION NO. 1126, August 23, 2006]

ESTABLISHING THE TUBBATAHA REEFS NATIONAL MARINE PARK IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS A NATURAL PARK UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS) ACT (R.A. NO. 7586) AND THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN OF PALAWAN ACT (RA NO. 7611) AND SHALL BE KNOWN AS TUBBATAHA REEFS NATURAL PARK

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development, and pursuant to the powers vested upon me by law, **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby withdraw from unauthorized entry, fishing, exploration, exploitation and other forms of utilization, and set aside and declare **Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park as TUBBATAHA REEFS NATURAL PARK** (TRNP) to protect, preserve and enhance the rare and threatened species of the flora and fauna and their associated ecosystem within its boundaries, more specifically described in DENR NIPAS Map No. R-48-9:

	Latitude	Longitude
From Pt. 1	9° 04'52" N	119° 46' 10" E
to Pt. 2	9° 06'05"N	119° 48' 22" E
Pt. 3	8° 58' 09" N	120° 03' 12" E
Pt. 4	8° 53' 29" N	120° 03' 30" E
Pt. 5	8° 41' 33" N	119° 50' 41" E
Pt. 6	8° 43' 09" N	119° 45' 46" E to point 1,
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point of beginning, containing an area of **NINETY-SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHT (96,828) HECTARES**, more or less, which shall include the Tubbataha Reefs and the Jessie Beazley Reef in the Province of Palawan. The area and technical description of the TRNP shall be subject to actual survey and ground delineation.

As a component of the NIPAS under the DENR and the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN) under the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park shall be managed by the Tubbataha Protected Area Management Board ITPAMB), which shall be the sole policy-making and permit-granting body of the TRNP. It shall be composed of:

- a. The Regional Executive Director of the DENR Region IV-B as Chairperson;
- b. The Environment and Natural Resources Officer of the Provincial Government as member;
- c. A representative from the Department of Tourism as member;
- d. The Provincial Officer of the DA-BFAR as member;
- e. A representative from the academe as member;