

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 108, January 06, 1955 ]**

**EXCLUDING FROM THE OPERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 208,  
DATED JANUARY 12, 1929, A PARCEL OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN  
EMBRACED THEREIN SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RAPU-  
RAPU, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, ISLAND OF BATAN, AND  
DECLARING THE SAME OPEN TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE  
MINING ACT**

WHEREAS, Luis B. Montero has applied for the lease of a coal bearing land under Survey No. C1-105 of the Bureau of Mines, located on the western part of Batan Island and containing an area of 285.7039 hectares;

WHEREAS, the land surveyed partly affects the northwestern part of lot 1 of the Batan Island Forest Reserve established under Proclamation No. 208, dated January 12, 1929, and, according to the Director of Mines, contains coal of considerable quantity and value; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the forest reserve being to conserve the standing timber to help in the development of the coal mine therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources and pursuant to the provisions of section 14 of Commonwealth Act No. 137, as amended, I hereby exclude from the operation of Proclamation No. 208, dated January 12, 1929, the northwestern portion of Lot 1 of the Batan Island Forest Reserve, to wit:

All that portion of lot 1 of Batan Island Forest Reserve lying west of the line N. 29° E., connecting corner 24 and corner 43 of said lot, containing an approximate area of 261.00 hectares.

The cutting, removal, utilization of timber and other forest products shall be in accordance with the existing forest and internal revenue laws, and at any time the said area shall be abandoned for mining purposes, the same shall revert as part of the Batan Island Forest Reserve.

This proclamation shall take effect only upon the concurrence of the Congress of the Philippines.

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 6th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the ninth.

RAMON MAGSAYSAY  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President: