

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 77th TPAMB Meeting
Governor's Conference Room, Provincial Capitol, Puerto Princesa City
28 February 2019

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8.	Mr. Enrique Nuñez, CI-Phils	Member
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TPAMB Resolution No. 19-03

**'Approving Administrative Order No. 2, series of 2019 on
Ban on Single-Use Plastics Products in TRNP'**

WHEREAS, the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park Act of 2009, also known as Republic Act (RA) No. 10067, which took effect on April 24, 2010, aims to ensure the protection of the globally significant economic and other values of the Tubbataha Reefs;

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NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, that the TPAMB approves, as it is hereby approved, Administrative Order No. 2, series of 2019 banning single-use plastic products in TRNP, a copy of which is an integral part of the Resolution hereto attached as Annex A;

RESOLVED FURTHER, Administrative Order No. 2, series of 2019 be published in the Official Gazette through the Office of the National Administrative Register or in a newspaper of national circulation.

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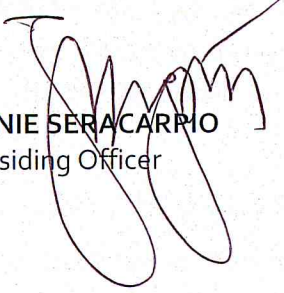
ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 28th day of February 2019 at Puerto Princesa City.

I hereby certify to the correctness and accuracy of the above – quoted resolution.

Prepared by:


ANGELIQUE M. SONGCO
Secretary

Attested by:


MR. ZANIE SERACARRIO
Presiding Officer

Republic of the Philippines
TUBBATAHA PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

TPAMB ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 02, SERIES OF 2019

Subject: Ban On Single-Use Plastic Products in TRNP

Pursuant to Section 13 (a), (e) and (l) of Republic Act No. 10067 or the TRNP Act of 2009 and consistent with other environmental laws relevant to the TRNP, this Administrative Order is issued through TPAMB Resolution 19-02 dated 27 February 2019.

Section 1. Title. This Order shall be known as the 'Ban on Single-Use Plastic Products in TRNP.'

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It shall be the policy of the TPAMB to protect and conserve the globally significant economic, biological and socio-cultural values of the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park into perpetuity for the enjoyment of present and future generations. This shall be pursued by prohibiting all extractive and destructive activities within the park. Participatory and collaborative management shall be pursued and public awareness and concern for TRNP heightened through education and information activities.

In line with this, it is the policy of the TPAMB to support the advocacy against single-use plastic products through the institution of responsive policies. Further, the TPAMB recognizes the imperative of contributing to worldwide efforts to curtail pollution, especially from plastic products, by encouraging the use of environmentally sustainable products and services by Park users.

Section 3. Scope. This Order applies to all dive operators and private boat owners entering the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park for tourism or other purposes.

Section 4. Single-Use Plastics refer to disposable plastic products which are commonly used for packaging and include items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away or recycled. This includes, but is not limited to, items such as mineral water bottles, plastic cutlery, straws, stirrers, Styrofoam cups and plates, and other similar items.

Section 5. Prohibition. The use of singly-use plastics as defined above, is prohibited while in the Tubbataha Reefs beginning January 2019. All dive boat operators, researchers and other entrants into the Park are covered by this Order.

Section 6. Compliance and Monitoring. Marine park rangers and TMO staff shall conduct regular inspection and monitoring on watercraft entering TRNP to ascertain their compliance with this Order. Marine park rangers shall file an Incident Report with the TMO against non-compliant Park users to serve as primary document for taking action against an offender/s.

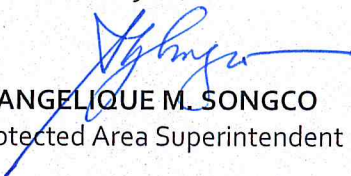
Section 7. Penalties. Pursuant to Rule 31 of Administrative Order No. 1, as amended, the boat operators/owners, and/or managers and top three (3) officers of any vessel violating this Order shall suffer administrative penalty for violations of the provisions of Section 5.

First Offense	–	Warning/Citation
Second Offense	–	A fine of Ten Thousand Pesos (PhP10,000.00)
Third Offense	–	A fine of thirty Thousand Pesos (PhP30,000.00)
Fourth Offense	–	Ban from entering TRNP for one (1) year, during the immediately following dive season

Section 8. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this order are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette through the Office of the National Administrative Register at the UP Law Center or in a newspaper of national circulation.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted Administrative Order has been duly approved and adopted on 28 February 2019 through TPAMB Resolution No. 19-03 at Puerto Princesa City.


ANGELIQUE M. SONGCO
Protected Area Superintendent