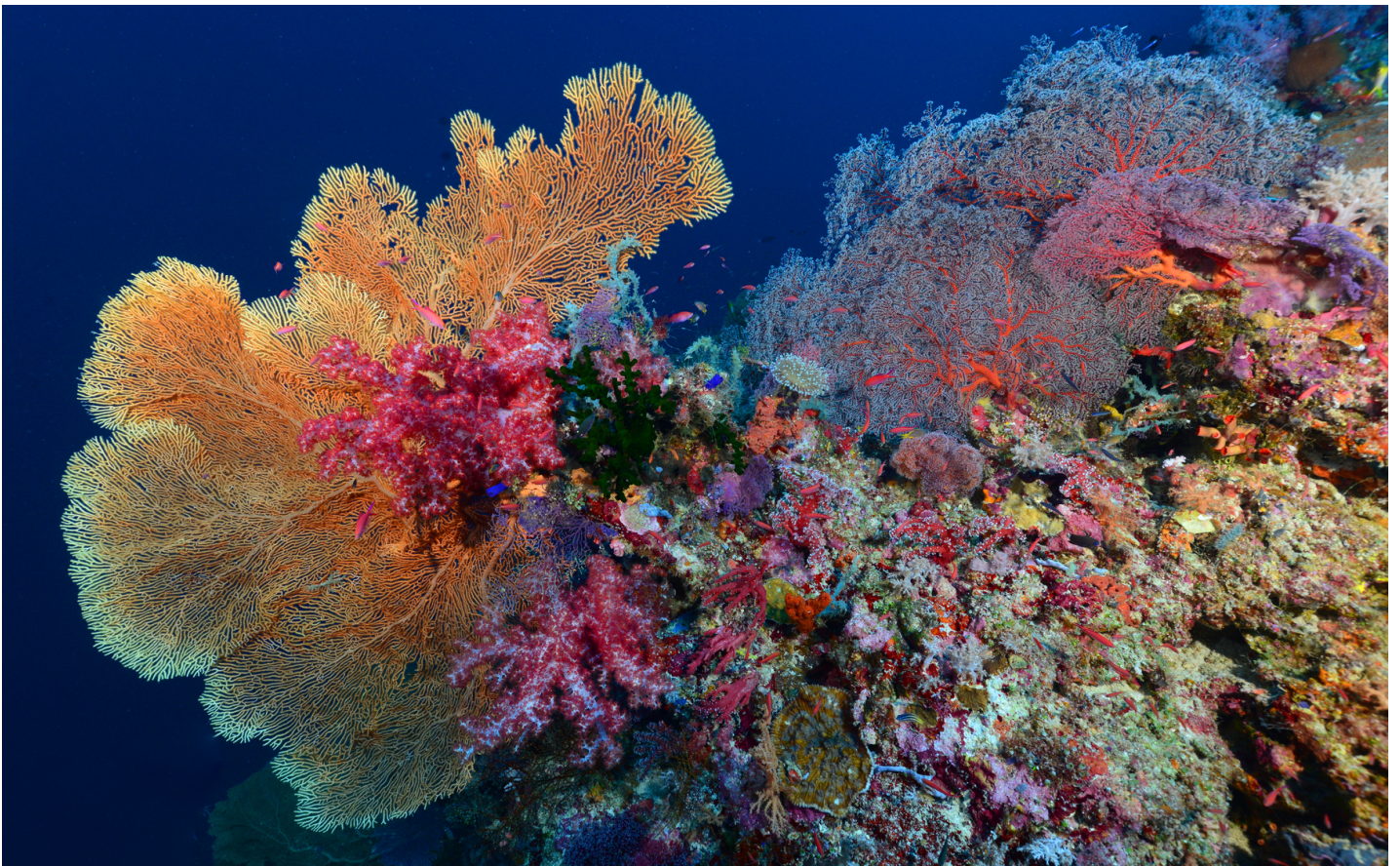


TUBBATAHA MANAGEMENT OFFICE

2022

TOURISM REPORT



WORLD HERITAGE SITE

DIVE TRIPS AND DEMOGRAPHICS

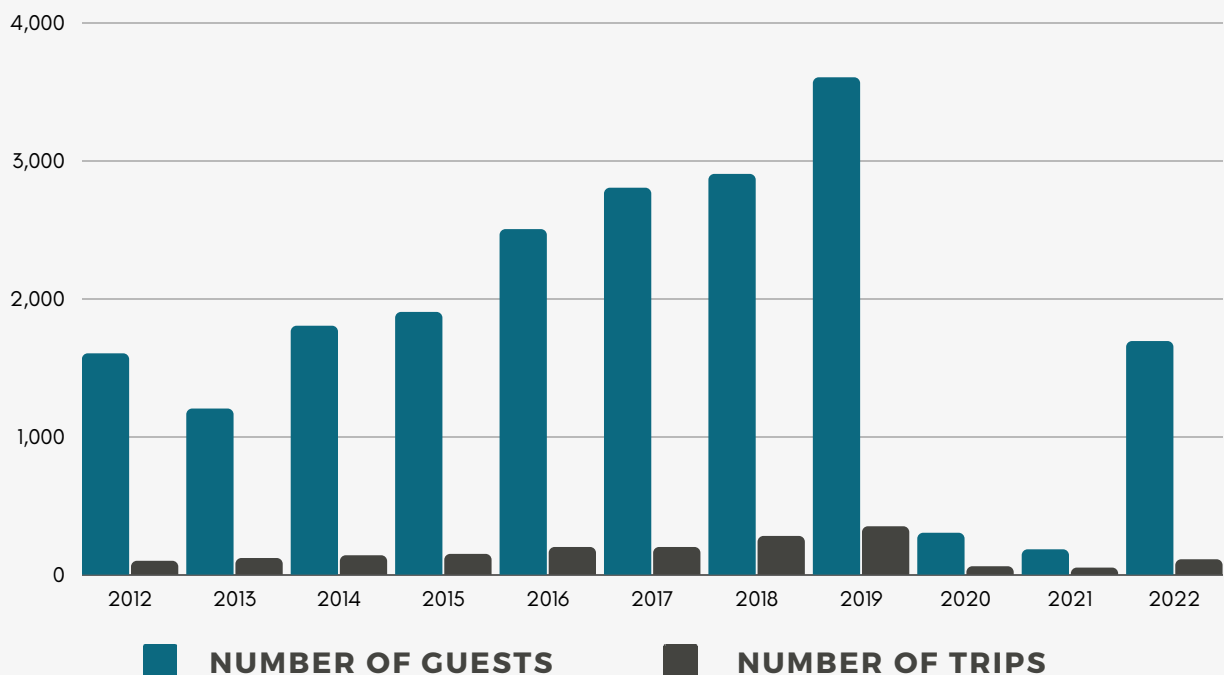
The commercial boat P/Y Atlantis Azores arrived on March 12 to begin the diving season in 2022, and M/Y Stella Maris ended the scuba diving season when it left on June 27, 2022. This season, thirteen (13) commercial dive boats were in operation and two (2) private yachts visited the park.

M/V Almaroon Intrepid
 P/y Atlantis Azores
 M/Y Azalea
 M/Y Discovery Palawan
 M/V Dolphin
 M/Y Infiniti
 M/Y Narayana
 M/Y Oceana Maria Scuba

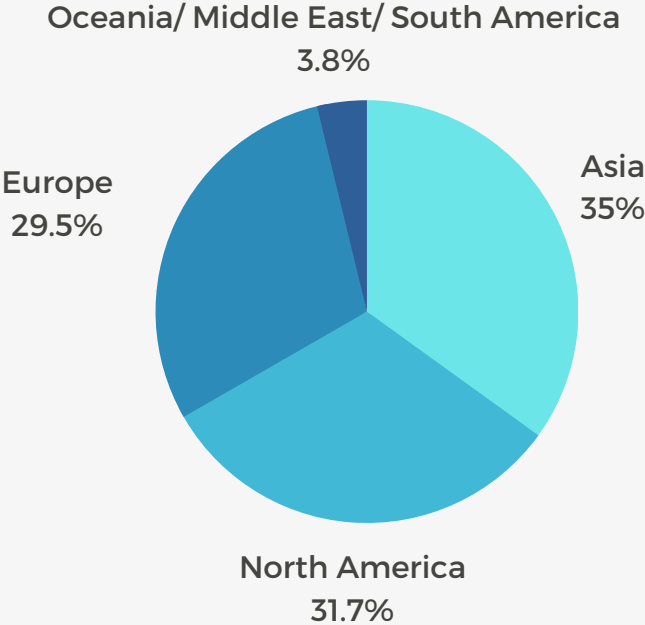
S/Y Philippine Siren 2
 M/Y Resolute
 M/V Solitude One
 M/V Stella Maris
 M/Y Zamerdius
 M/Y Monsy*
 M/Y Princess Iolanthe*

*Private yachts

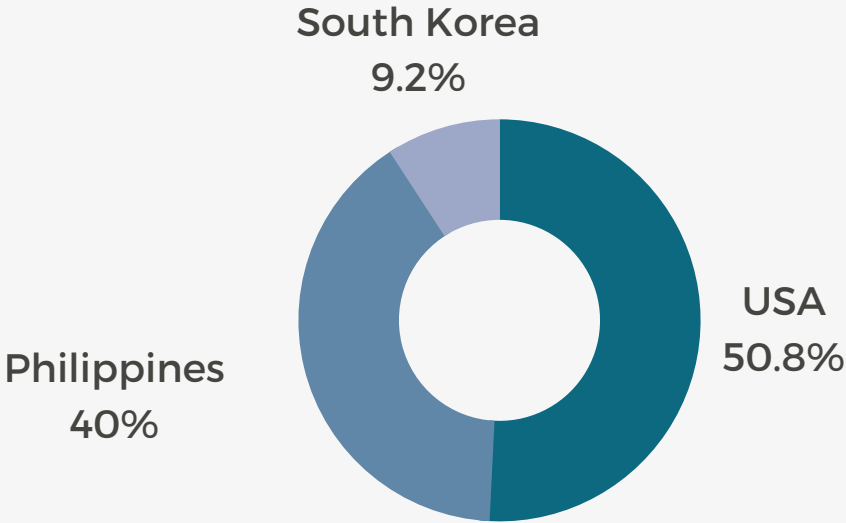
NUMBER OF TRIPS AND GUESTS 2012-2022



DEMOGRAPHICS BY REGION



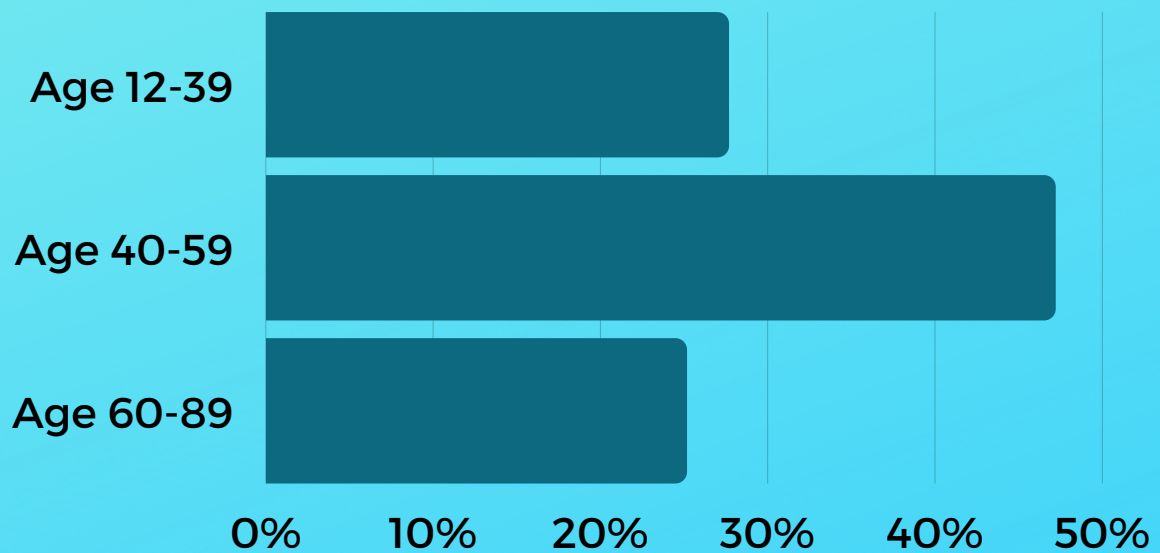
TOP 3 NATIONALITIES



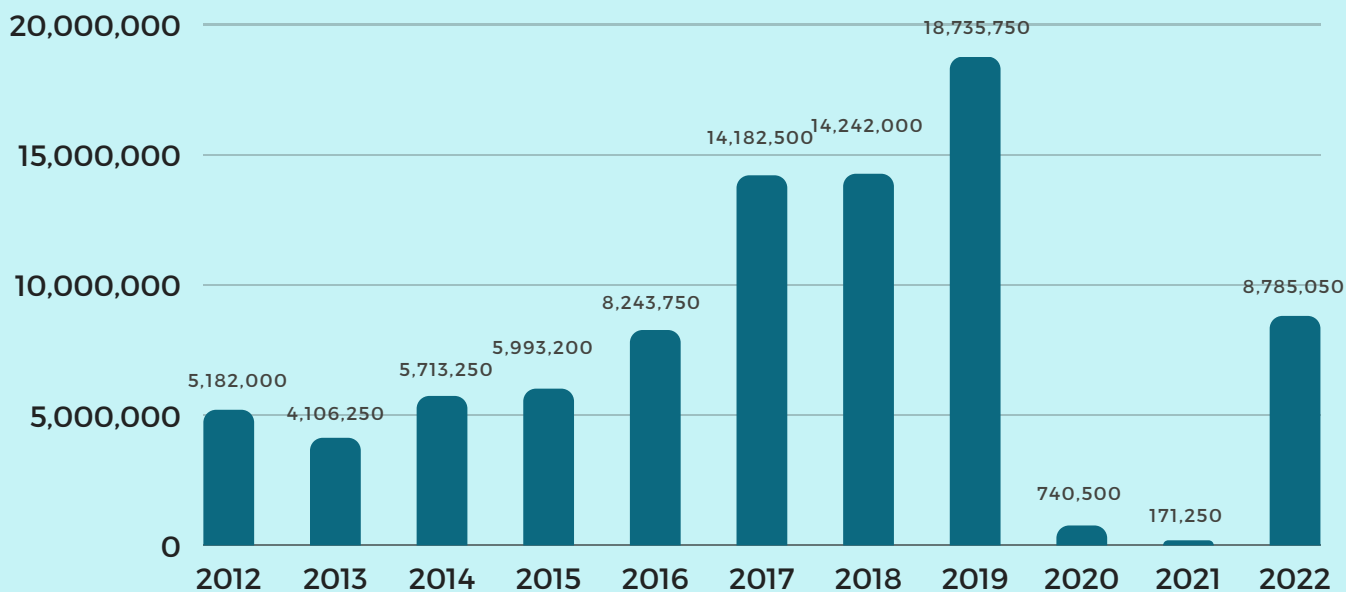
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AGE GROUP



REVENUES / FEES



PRE- DEPARTURE BRIEFINGS

In order to minimize the detrimental effects of tourism activities on the Park, the Tubbataha Management Office (TMO) organizes briefings for guests prior to their departure for Tubbataha. Pre-departure briefings instructions seek to:

- Increase visitor appreciation of the values of the Tubbataha Reefs;
- Increase visitors' understanding of the regulations and the rationale for their formulation;
- Provide a channel for visitors, diving professionals, and boat operators to present comments and suggestions to improve park management.

Due to COVID-19, TMO opted to provide briefing materials via email. These include, a video with general information in Tubbataha and infographics and video on Park Rules and Regulations, which dive masters and boat managers played during their safety briefings before departure.



Video on Tubbataha Rules and Regulations



Infographic on Tubbataha Rules and Regulations

INCIDENT REPORT

COVID CASES



M/V ALMAROON INTREPID

28 APRIL 2022

Omicron ba.2.12.1 was detected in 4 visitors and 1 member of the crew.

Guests and staff who tested positive were quarantined at the Skylight Hotel, while non-positive guests were quarantined at the Sunlight Hotel from May 3 to May 6.

M/V ALMAROON INTREPID

18 MAY 2022

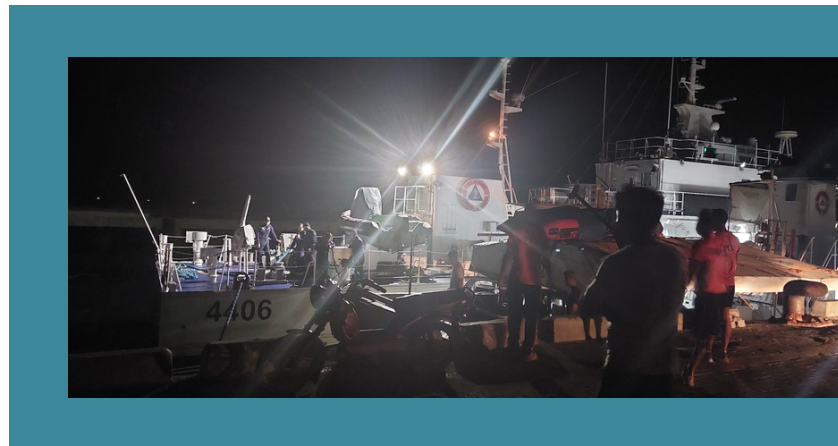
Again, four (4) visitors and two (2) crew members tested positive for Covid 19. Infected guests and staff were transferred to the Skylight Hotel, while non-positive guests were quarantined and later released from the hotels.

NEAR DROWNING

M/Y NARAYANA

22 MAY 2022

A female guest of M/Y Narayana with a PADI Rescue Diver certification nearly drowned in Malayan Wreck and was brought back to Puerto Princesa. She was admitted to Palawan Adventist Hospital for further tests and medication. The patient was discharged on May 26.





RESEARCH TRIPS

M/Y NAVORCA

TASK	START DATE	END DATE
FISH, BENTHOS, SEABIRD	APRIL 24, 2022	MAY 7, 2022
WATER QUALITY	MAY 10, 2022	MAY 13, 2022
HABITAT MAPPING	MAY 15, 2022	MAY 26, 2022

DIVE OPERATOR RECOMMENDATIONS



A post season Dive Operators' Consultation was held on 8 August 2021 via Zoom. Ten (10) of the 13 dive operators were in attendance; the following matters were discussed:

1. Invite City Government COVID focal person to brief dive operators of the protocols before diving season.
2. Drone permits can only be issued in PPC, and dive operators need to inform their guests of the permitting system prior to their trip.
3. To forego filling out the Visitor Entry form and avoid making guests fill in too many forms, the dive operators will provide TMO with a copy of their guests' information.
4. Some operators do not pay the conservation fee ahead of time to avoid paying the cancellation fee in case a guest is unable to join the trip. TMO proposed a solution: to issue tickets that can be purchased ahead of time, that way payment would be received before guests enter the park. The dive operators agreed to try this system in 2023.
5. TMO requested the assistance of dive operators in the design and installation of mooring buoys for bigger boat.
6. TMO requested dive operators, and not their alternates, to fill in the carrying capacity form.