

FRIENDS OF TUBBATAHA, INC.
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Chairpersons, Tubbataha Protected Area Management Board
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Dear Governor Alvarez and RED Ferrer,

Greetings and best wishes for a kinder, more fruitful 2022!

We introduce to you our group, the recently established non-government organization, **Friends of Tubbataha, Inc.**, which is composed of scuba divers who are, literally, friends of the park. Our group of six incorporators have been visiting Tubbataha for an average of 15 years with some of us diving there since the 1980s.

We decided to formalize our commitment to the protection of Tubbataha by forming a non-profit organization dedicated to its welfare and that of the ocean in general. We have made individual contributions to Tubbataha in the past. Attached is a list for your reference.

We received the Certificate of Incorporation of Friends of Tubbataha from the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 12, 2021. The aims of our organization are:

1. To promote the long-term conservation of the Tubbataha Reefs by:
 - a. Mobilize financial and technical resources from local, international, and bilateral funding agencies to support management activities in Tubbataha;
 - b. Accept donations from various sources for use in the management of Tubbataha;
 - c. Acquire equipment for use of in research, enforcement, administration, and other conservation activities for Tubbataha;
 - d. Train and hire necessary personnel;
 - e. Provide travel and other fellowships for Park personnel in the performance of their functions;
 - f. To implement projects related to the conservation and protection of Tubbataha;

g. Enter into partnerships for the benefit of Tubbataha.

2. Contribute to the conservation and rational use of the country's marine resources.

Upon the request of the TMO, we are donating a single-sideband radio early this year. We plan to keep in touch with the Office to stay informed on the ways we can help.

We volunteer our support by contributing our meager resources - not to take anyone's place - but to share in the responsibility of protecting the park. Our involvement is founded on our conviction that Tubbataha needs to be protected at all costs and that the TPAMB and the Tubbataha Management Office are dependable, trustworthy, and efficient managers, therefore, deserving of support.

Thank for the honor of working with you to conserve the Tubbataha Reefs.

Very truly yours,



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President