

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1599

ESTABLISHING AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, an exclusive economic zone extending to a distance of two hundred nautical miles from the baselines from which the territorial sea is measured is vital to the economic survival and development of the Republic of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, such a zone is now a recognized principle of international law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree and order.

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a zone to be known as the exclusive economic zone of the Philippines. The exclusive economic zone shall extend to a distance of two hundred nautical miles beyond and from the baselines from which the territorial sea is measured: Provided, That, where the outer limits of the zone as thus determined overlap the exclusive economic zone of an adjacent or neighboring state the common boundaries shall be determined by agreement with the state concerned or in accordance with pertinent generally recognized principles of international law on delimitation.

SECTION 2. Without prejudice to the rights of the Republic of the Philippines over its territorial sea and continental shelf, it shall have and exercise in the exclusive economic zone established herein the following:

- a. Sovereign rights for the purpose of exploration and exploitation, conservation and management of the natural resources, whether living or non-living, both renewable and non-renewable, of the sea-bed, including the subsoil and the superjacent waters, and with regard to other activities for the economic exploitation and exploration of the resources of the zone such as the production of energy from the water, currents and winds;

- b. Exclusive rights and jurisdiction with respect to the establishment and utilization of artificial islands, off-shore terminals, installations and structures, the preservation on the marine environment, including the prevention and control of pollution, and scientific research;
- c. Such other rights as are recognized by international law of state practice.

SECTION 3. Except in accordance with the terms of any agreement entered into with the Republic of the Philippines or of any license granted by it or under authority by the Republic of the Philippines, no person shall in relation to the exclusive economic zone:

- a. explore or exploit any resources;
- b. carry out any search, excavation or drilling operations;
- c. conduct any research;
- d. construct, maintain or operate any artificial island, off-shore terminal, installation or other structure or device; or
- e. perform any act or engage in any activity which is contrary to, or in derogation of the sovereign rights and jurisdiction herein provided.

Nothing herein shall be deemed a prohibition on a citizen of the Philippines, whether natural or juridical against the performance of any of the foregoing acts, if allowed under existing laws.

SECTION 4. Other states shall enjoy in the exclusive economic zone freedoms with respect to navigation and overflight, the laying of submarine cables and pipelines, and other internationally lawful uses of the sea relating to navigation and communications.

SECTION 5. (a) The President may authorize the appropriate government office/agency to make and promulgate such rules and regulations which may be deemed proper and necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Decree.

(b) Any person who shall violate any provision of this decree or of any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder and approved by the President shall be subject to a fine which shall not be less than two thousand pesos (₱2,000.00) nor be more than one hundred thousand (₱100,000.00) pesos or imprisonment ranging from six (6) months to ten (10) years, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. Vessels and other equipment or articles used in connection therewith shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture.

SECTION 6. This Decree shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication in the Official Gazette.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of June in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.)
Presidential Executive Assistant

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA ON
PHILIPPINE MARITIME ZONES
(in square nautical miles)

1. Land area only of the Philippines	87,200
2. Total area of RP within baselines (Land and water)	257,400
3. Area of archipelagic waters: (2) - (1)	170,200
4. Additional water area assuming 12 mile breadth of territorial sea: (Territorial waters only)	33,450
5. Total area with 12 mile territorial sea measured from baselines: (4) + (2)	290,850
6. Total area within International Treaty Limits: (Land + Internal waters + Territorial sea based on treaty limits)	520,700
7. Total area within exclusive economic zone limit measured 200 miles from baselines	652,600
8. Increase in area from territorial sea (12 mile limit) limits to EEZ: (7) - (5)	361,950
9. Increase in Area Territorial sea base on International Treaty Limit: (7) - (6)	132,100

1 sq. Nautical Mile = 3.42 sq. km.

1 sq. Nautical Mile = 1.326 sq. statute mile

Source: Mr. M. Manansala
Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey
Ministry of National Defense
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MALACAÑANG
RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE No. 1596

DECLARING CERTAIN AREA PART OF THE PHILIPPINE TERRITORY AND
PROVIDING FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, by reason of their proximity, the cluster of islands and islets in the South China Sea situated within the following:

KALAYAAN ISLAND GROUP

From a point (on the Philippine Treaty Limits) at latitude $7^{\circ}40'$ North and longitude $116^{\circ}00'$ East of Greenwich, thence due West along the parallel of $7^{\circ}40'$ N to its intersection with the meridian of longitude $112^{\circ}10'$ E, thence, due north along the meridian of $112^{\circ}10'$ E to its intersection with the parallel of $9^{\circ}00'$ N, thence northeast ward to the intersection of the parallel of $12^{\circ}00'$ N with the meridian of longitude $114^{\circ}30'$ E, thence, due East along the parallel of $12^{\circ}00'$ N to its intersection with meridian of $118^{\circ}00'$ E, thence, due South along the meridian of longitude $118^{\circ}00'$ E to its intersection with the parallel of $10^{\circ}00'$ N, thence, South-westwards to the point at beginning at $7^{\circ}40'$ N, latitude and $116^{\circ}00'$ E longitude.

are vital to the security and economic survival of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, much of the above area is part of the continental margin of the Philippine archipelago;

WHEREAS, these areas do not legally belong to any state or nation but, by reason of history, indispensable need, and effective occupation and control established in accordance with international law, such areas must now be deemed to belong and subject to the sovereignty of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, while other states have laid claims to some of these areas, their claims have lapsed by abandonment and can not prevail over that of the Philippines on legal, historical, and equitable grounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby decree as follows:

SECTION 1. The area within the following boundaries:

KALAYAAN ISLAND GROUP

From a point (on the Philippine Treaty Limits) at latitude $7^{\circ}40'$ North and longitude $116^{\circ}00'$ East of

Greenwich, thence due West along the parallel of $7^{\circ}40'$ N to its intersection with the meridian of longitude $112^{\circ}10'$ E, thence due north along the meridian of $112^{\circ}10'$ E to its intersection with the parallel of $9^{\circ}00'$ N, thence northeastward to the intersection of the parallel of $12^{\circ}00'$ N with the meridian of longitude $114^{\circ}30'$ E, thence, due East along the parallel of $12^{\circ}00'$ N to its intersection with the meridian of $118^{\circ}00'$ E, thence, due south along the meridian of longitude $118^{\circ}00'$ E to its intersection with the parallel of $10^{\circ}00'$ N, thence Southwestwards to the point of beginning at $7^{\circ}40'$ N, latitude and $116^{\circ}00'$ E longitude;

including the sea-bed, sub-soil, continental margin and air space shall belong and be subject to the sovereignty of the Philippines. Such area is hereby constituted as a distinct and separate municipality of the Province of Palawan and shall be known as "Kalayaan."

SEC. 2. Pending the election of its regular officials and during the period of emergency declared in Proclamation No. 1081, and unless earlier provided by law, the administration and government of the area shall be vested in the Secretary of National Defense or in such officers of the Civil government or the Armed Forces of the Philippines as the President may designate.

SEC. 3. This Decree shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(SGD) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant