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MESSAGE

NAVPHIL 082/17 – SULU SEA, TUBBATAHA REEFS – AREA TO BE AVOIDED

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (MEPC) OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO), IN ITS 71ST SESSION, APPROVED THE PHILIPPINE'S APPLICATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE TUBBATAHA REEFS NATURAL PARK AS A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREA (TRNP-PSSA).

AN AREA TO BE AVOIDED (ATBA) WAS ESTABLISHED AS THE ASSOCIATED PROTECTIVE MEASURE FOR THE TRNP-PSSA. THE ATBA COVERS THE WHOLE TRNP-PSSA, WHICH IS THE AREA DEFINED BY THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC POSITIONS:

	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
(1)	09° 17.75' N.,	119° 47.79' E.
(2)	09° 04.73' N.,	120° 12.76' E.
(3)	08° 49.63' N.,	120° 13.99' E.
(4)	08° 29.63' N.,	119° 53.16' E.
(5)	08° 36.15' N.,	119° 35.46' E.
(6)	09° 11.06' N.,	119° 36.67' E.

(WGS-84 DATUM)

THE ATBA AS ASSOCIATED PROTECTIVE MEASURE APPLIES TO ALL TYPES OF SHIPS OF 150 GROSS TONNAGE AND UPWARDS. THE ATBA WILL TAKE EFFECT ON 01 JANUARY 2018 AT 0000 HOURS (UTC).

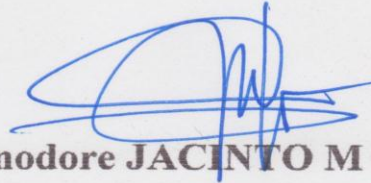
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ALL SHIPS/WATERCRAFTS TRANSITING IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED
AREA ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY
MEASURES.



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