

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 79th TPAMB Meeting
La Terrasse Café, Puerto Princesa City
29 August 2019

Present:

1. Ptr. Jehu P. Cayaon, Tambuli ta mga Kagayanen	Presiding Officer
2. Atty. Vicente V. Escala, Office of the Governor	Member
3. Mr. Larry Loreto, 1 st District	Member
4. Mr. John Sebastian B. Fabelló, 2 nd District	Member
5. Mr. Joseph C. Padul, LGU Cagayancillo	Member
6. SB. Jerry Buncag, ENR Committee Cagayancillo	Member
7. Ms. Marilyn Cruz, Committee on Appropriations	Member
8. BGen Lauro N Tianchon AFP, WESCOM	Member
9. Col Antonio G Mangoroban Jr PN, Phil Navy	Member
10. ENS Ma Margareth B Torreon PCG, Phil Coast Guard	Member
11. Dr. Roger Dolorosa, WPU	Member
12. Marivel P. Dygico, WW-Phils	Member
13. Mr. Romel L. Carbonell, SAGUDA	Member

TPAMB Resolution No. 19-017A

**'Banning the Use of Cameras and/or Videos by Divemasters while
Performing their Duties as Dive Leaders/Guides'**

WHEREAS, the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park Act of 2009, also known as the Republic Act (R.A.) 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;

WHEREAS, the Tubbataha Protected Area Management Board (TPAMB) was established pursuant to Section 10 of R.A. 10067 to be the sole policy making and permit-granting body for the Tubbataha;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 015 2017 define divemasters as 'scuba diving professionals employed by dive operator who conducts commercial tourism operations in TRNP';

WHEREAS, complaints have been received that some divemaster use cameras and/or videos to capture underwater images while performing their duties as dive leaders or guides;

WHEREAS, the primary obligation of the divemaster is to attend to his guests to ensure their safety and compliance to Park regulations;

WHEREAS, the use of cameras and/or videos could distract the divemaster from performing his fundamental duty to the detriment of his guests and the Park;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, that the TPAMB is banning the use of cameras and/or videos by divemasters while performing their duties as dive leaders/guides;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all dive operators shall be made aware of this ban which takes effect in 2020;

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 29th day of August 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:


PTR JEHUP. CAYAON
Presiding Officer