

**Proclamation
No. 156
March 25, 1993**

**SUBJECT : Proclaiming Lingayen Gulf as an
Environmentally Critical Area**

WHEREAS, it is the national policy to promote the well being of the Filipino people through sustainable development of coastal and marine resources;

WHEREAS, the coastal areas are important to the economy of the Philippines, and there is an intense pressure on these areas brought about by environmental pollution and continued depletion and degradation of its resources;

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council of Region I in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority, the Philippine Council for Aquatic and Marine Resources Research and Development, and several line agencies and local government units have formulated the Lingayen Gulf Coastal Area Management Plan to ensure a sustainable use development of the Gulf's resources before they reach the stage of irreversible damage;

WHEREAS, in order to effectively implement such plan, there is a need to declare the Lingayen Gulf as an area to be devoted to sustain production of fish and other marine products, preserve genetic diversity, protect natural features, and enhance outdoor recreation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby proclaim the Lingayen Gulf as an environmentally critical area and, therefore, under a Special Management Area that will be subject to management regulations in accordance with the Lingayen Gulf Coastal Area Management Plan. As a dynamic framework for sustainable development, the Plan should be continuously refined by the Regional Development Council of Region I in coordination with line implementation agencies of government. The area is particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land and seaward situated in the municipalities of San Fernando, Caba, Aringay, Agoo, Sto. Tomas, Rosario, San Fabian, Mangaldan, Binmaley, Lingayen, Labrador, Sual, Anda, Bolinao and Alaminos and the City of Dagupan, Province of La Union and Pangasinan.. Beginning at a point marked "1" on the sketch plan.

(technical description omitted)

beginning contained as approximate Land area of 59,227.75 hectares and Water area of 279,630.66 hectares. Subject to future surveys.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 25th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-three.

FIDEL V. RAMOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

EDELMIRO A. AMANTE, SR.
Executive Secretary