

**PROCLAMATION
NO. 291**

**DECLARING CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND OF THE
PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN THE COASTAL AREAS
OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LAVEZARES, ROSARIO,
SAN JOSE, BIRI AND NEIGHBORING ISLANDS SUCH AS
BANI, SAN JUAN, GILBERT, CABUNGON GRANDE AND
BIRI ISLANDS AND ITS SURROUNDINGS REEFS,
PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, ISLAND OF
VISAYAS AS PROTECTED AREA PURSUANT TO R.A.
7586 (NIPAS ACT OF 1992) AND SHALL BE KNOWN AS
BIRI LAROSA PROTECTED LANDSCAPE/SEASCAPE**

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, and pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, **I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**, President of the Philippines, do hereby set aside and declare the coastal areas of the municipalities of Lavezares, Rosario, San Jose, Biri and the neighboring islands such as Bani, San Juan, Gilbert, Cabungon Grande and Biri Islands and its surrounding reefs, Province of Northern Samar, Island of Visayas as protected area under the category of protected Landscape/Seascape, subject to private rights if any, as described in DENR NIPAS Map No. R8-11.

Beginning from point 1 which is 12°32'12"N latitude, 124°19'42"E longitude
to point 2;

thence 12°33'30" N latitude,	124°17'45"E longitude	to point 3;
thence 12°35'00" N latitude,	124°17'30"E longitude	to point 4;
thence 12°37'05" N latitude,	124°20'35"E longitude	to point 5;
thence 12°42'14" N latitude,	124°20'37"E longitude	to point 6;
thence 12°42'00" N latitude,	124°24'34"E longitude	to point 7;
thence 19°33'14" N latitude,	124°32'18"E longitude	to point 8;
thence 12°31'35" N latitude,	124°30'25"E longitude	to point 1.

Containing an approximate area of Thirty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Two (33,492) Hectares, subject to actual ground survey.

These areas shall be under the administrative jurisdiction of the DENR and shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the NIPAS Act of 1992.

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 23rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand.