[PROCLAMATION NO. 442, August 13, 2003]

DECLARING THE SAMAR ISLAND FOREST RESERVE ESTABLISHED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 744 BY PRESIDENT FIDEL V. RAMOS IN FEBRUARY 1996, SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BASEY, CALBIGA, CATBALOGAN, GANDARA, HINABANGAN, JIABONG, MARABUT, MATUGUINAO, MOTIONG, PARANAS, SAN JORGE, SAN JOSE DE BUAN, PINABACDAO, AND CITY OF CALBAYOG, IN THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR; ARTECHE, BALANGIGA, BALANGKAYAN, BORONGAN, CAN-AVID, DOLORES, GEN. MACARTHUR, GIPORLOS, HERNANI, JIPAPAD, LAWAAN, LLORENTE, MASLOG, MAYDOLONG, ORAS, QUINAPONDAN, SAN JULIAN, SULAT, AND TAFT, IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR; CATUBIG, LAS NAVAS, LOPE DE VEGA, MONDRAGON, AND SILVINO LUBOS IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, ISLAND OF SAMAR AS A PROTECTED AREA AND ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS AS BUFFER ZONE PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586 (NIPAS ACT OF 1992), AND SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE SAMAR ISLAND NATURAL PARK (SINP).

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to secure for the Filipino people of present and future generations the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals through the establishment of a comprehensive system of integrated protected areas within the classification of national park as provided for in the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the three provinces in Samar Island have suffered sustained extensive damages to life and property caused by devastating flashfloods and landslides;

WHEREAS, in 1989, due to public outcry, the Government suspended all logging operations within Samar Island;

WHEREAS, in 1996, after identifying that the rapacious exploitation and massive extraction of natural resources within the forests of Samar Island were the primary causes of the catastrophic calamities which resulted in unwarranted loss of human lives and misery to thousands of Samarenos due to soil erosion and floodings; then President Fidel V. Ramos issued Presidential Proclamation 744, declaring the remaining forests in the three provinces of Samar Island as the Samar Island Forest Reserve (SIFR);

WHEREAS, being agriculturally-dependent, the life and survival of the Samarenos are intertwined with the fertility of their soil and the richness of their natural resources;

WHEREAS, the upliftment of the lives of Samarenos and their delivery from poverty can only be achieved through a more equitable use of and access to Samar Island's natural resources within the principle of sustainable development;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the conservation and long-term protection of forest biological diversity while at the same time providing for the sustainable use and flow of forest products, biological resources and services to meet local community and national needs, there is an urgent necessity to establish the SIFR as a NIPAS protected area.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and pursuant to the powers vested upon me by law, **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, do hereby set aside and declare the Samar Island Forest Reserve situated in the Municipalities of Basey, Calbiga, Catbalogan, Gandara, Hinabangan, Jiabong, Marabut, Matuguinao, Motiong, Paranas, San Jorge, San Jose de Buan, Pinabacdao, and the City of Calbayog, in the Province of Samar; the Municipalities of Arteche, Balangiga, Balangkayan, Borongan, Can-Avid, Dolores, Gen. Mac Arthur, Giporlos, Hernani, Jipapad, Lawaan, Llorente, Maslog, Maydolong, Oras, Quinapondan, San Julian, Sulat and Taft, in the Province of Eastern Samar; and the Municipalities of Catubig, Las Navas, Lope de Vega, Mondragon and Silvino Lubos in the Province of Northern Samar, alL within the Island of Samar as a Protected Area under the category of Natural Park and shall be known as the ***SAMAR ISLAND NATURAL PARK (SINP)*** The SAMAR ISLAND NATURAL PARK protected area and its buffer zone shall cover areas within the following metes and bounds:

The Samar Island Natural Park begins at a point marked "1" on the map, which is located at 11°49'44" North Latitude and 125016’07" East longitude with bearing and distance to the second and succeeding points as follows:

Tie point is at corner 1 located at 11 °49'44" North Latitude and125°16'07" East Longitude, Center of Canhagimit Bridge

Corner	Bearing				Distance	LOCATION
	N/S	Deg	Min	E/W	(Meters)	
1	S	2	35	E	2,091.25	A point on the ground
2	S	67	10	W	1,907.49	A point on the ground
3	N	54	4	W	1,462.66	A point on the ground
4	N	44	32	E	2,504.02	A point on the ground
5	N	35	27	W	2,411.00	A point on the ground
6	S	66	1	W	2,123.07	A point on the ground
7	N	3	52	E	3,079.76	A point on the ground
8	S	39	37	W	2,515.95	A point on the ground
9	s	13	9	W	5,965.12	A point on the ground
10	s	62	26	E	993.06	A point on the ground
11	s	80	37	W	2,090.14	A point on the ground
12	N	49	55	W	1,905.29	A point on the ground
13	s	27	42	W	2,604.22	A point on the ground
14	s	20	18	E	2,193.76	A point on the ground
15	N	42	46	E	2,765.71	A point on the ground
16	S	8	23	E	2,732.33	A point on the ground
17	N	55	7	E	5,652.32	A point on the ground

18	S	3	50	W	2,217.34	A point on the ground
19	N	46	31	E	2,504.61	A point on the ground
20	S	70	38	E	1,447.82	A point on the ground
21	S	0	33	W	2,713.20	A point on the ground
22	S	65	56	W	2,722.20	A point on the ground
23	S	61	7	W	1,211.73	A point on the ground
24	S	38	33	W	826.02	A point on the ground
25	S	13	7	E	2,018.32	A point on the ground
26	S	43	14	W	2,786.75	A point on the ground
27	N	15	31	W	4,558.07	A point on the ground
28	N	75	26	W	1,944.17	A point on the ground
29	N	46	42	W	5,592.34	A point on the ground
30	N	66	21	W	2,749.96	A point on the ground
31	S	77	15	W	1,679.00	A point on the ground
32	S	26	13	W	1,439.08	A point on the ground
33	S	67	36	E	1,608.43	A point on the ground
34	S	69	15	W	1913.20	A point on the ground
35	N	20	35	W	951.43	A point on the ground
36	S	72	76	W	1,940.36	A point on the ground
37	S	34	26	W	1,714.59	A point on the ground
38	S	85	47	W	3,377.39	A point on the ground
39	N	23	58	W	3,663.54	A point on the ground
40	N	25	59	E	3,316.84	A point on the ground
41	N	15	6	E	1,973.42	A point on the ground
42	S	89	7	E	1,880.68	A point on the ground
43	N	32	14	W	3,303.19	A point on the ground
44	N	55	25	E	1,951.09	A point on the ground
45	N	15	37	E	3,254.89	A point on the ground
46	N	39	52	W	2,320.14	A point on the ground
47	S	81	11	W	1,411.26	A point on the ground
48	S	23	44	E	2,113.62	A point on the ground
49	S	43	56	W	1,921.39	A point on the ground
50	N	63	39	W	1,658.78	A point on the ground
51	S	50	10	W	2,880.75	A point on the ground
52	N	74	15	W	1,355.11	A point on the ground
53	N	36	14	E	1,486.31	A point on the ground
54	N	39	48	W	2,038.48	A point on the ground
55	N	14	48	E	3,432.71	A point on the ground
56	N	80	27	W	1,291.44	A point on the ground
57	S	8	41	W	1,398.78	A point on the ground
58	S	55	46	W	3,006.21	A point on the ground
59	N	17	54	W	1,581.71	A point on the ground
60	N	6	17	E	3,585.69	A point on the ground
61	S	86	43	E	2,125.76	A point on the ground
62	N	22	1	W	2,915.67	A point on the ground

63	N	42	7	W	2,939.54	A point on the ground
64	N	6	55	W	5,818.02	A point on the ground
65	N	0	22	W	5,100.29	A point on the ground
66	N	15	42	E	2,457.89	A point on the ground
67	N	30	6	W	3,265.99	A point on the ground
68	N	29	45	E	5,734.38	A point on the ground
69	N	19	54	W	1,960.22	A point on the ground
70	N	84	14	W	4,262.39	A point on the ground
71	S	58	31	W	2,237.12	A point on the ground
72	N	66	32	W	1,618.42	A point on the ground
73	S	69	44	W	1,065.42	A point on the ground
74	N	71	20	W	1,438.88	A point on the ground
75	N	81	55	W	1,743.94	A point on the ground
76	N	54	42	W	2,338.58	A point on the ground
77	N	10	21	W	843.27	A point on the ground
78	N	58	54	E	1,308.72	A point on the ground
79	S	83	28	E	8,627.65	A point on the ground
80	N	4	40	E	3,329.41	At the edge of a rocky cliff
81	N	14	58	E	2,576.32	A point on the ground
82	N	49	10	W	3,522.92	A point on the ground
83	N	12	54	W	2,174.65	A point on the ground
84	N	47	37	E	7,251.37	A point on the ground
85	N	15	4	E	2,673.15	A point on the ground
86	M	21	13	W	2,932.55	A point on the ground
87	N	89	21	W	2,572.98	A point on the ground
88	N	42	35	W	6,174.33	A point on the ground
89	S	53	11	W	718.10 A	A point on the ground
90	N	12	38	W	1,385.35	A point on the ground
91	N	27	10	W	1,657.53	A point on the ground
92	N	66	28	E	1,155.06	A point on the ground
93	S	30	54	E	2,004.76	A point on the ground
94	N	1	56	E	1,783.07	A point on the ground
95	N	39	17	E	2,818.90	A point on the ground
96	N	29	9	W	2,673.10	A point on the ground
97	S	85	58	W	879.58	A point on the ground
98	N	22	38	W	865.40	A point on the ground
99	N	87	9	E	1,241.99	A point on the ground
100	S	49	57	E	1,383.94	A point on the ground
101	S	30	36	E	1,962.82	A point on the ground
102	S	86	24	E	970.21	A point on the ground
103	N	34	59	E	1,687.93	A point on the ground
104	N	18	12	W	1,358.19	A point on the ground
105	S	67	17	W	1,115.01	A point on the ground

106	N	20	36	E	2,232.48	A point on the ground
107	S	52	41	W	3,346.73	A point on the ground
108	N	7	41	E	2,480.43	A point on the ground
109	S	72	51	W	1,772.89	A point on the ground
110	N	54	43	W	4,040.59	A point on the ground
111	S	52	13	W	3,712.24	A point on the ground
112	N	32	10	E	3,521.41	A point on the ground
113	N	27	43	W	1,561.65	A point on the ground
114	N	48	46	E	2,051.21	A point on the ground
115	N	18	36	E	2,463.98	A point on the ground
116	N	89	26	W	3,024.71	A point on the ground
117	N	6	37	W	1,577.46	A point on the ground
118	N	71	55	W	890.83	A point on the ground
119		Due North			2,335.12	A point on the ground
120	N	39	42	E	1,278.03	A point on the ground
121	N	3	15	E	1,600.29	A point on the ground
122	N	79	23	W	1,999.78	A point on the ground
123	S	68	14	W	1,823.29	A point on the ground
124	N	7	30	E	3,740.99	A point on the ground
125	S	87	8	W	1,846.67	A point on the ground
S12	65	20	30	W	1,640.16	A point on the ground
127	S	4	59	W	4,873.02	A point on the ground
128	S	37	34	W	2,480.60	A point on the ground
129	S	7	52	E	1,767.97	A point on the ground
130	N	64	20	E	3,120.81	A point on the ground
131	S	44	59	W	2,909.94	A point on the ground
132	N	82	38	E	1,677.39	A point on the ground
133	S	25	37	E	1,328.96	A point on the ground
134	S	77	33	W	2,849.84	A point on the ground
135	S	8	55	E	2,923.58	A point on the ground
136	S	36	53	W	2,419.79	A point on the ground
137	s	13	31	W	1,295.55	A point on the ground
138	s	54	13	E	2,312.21	A point on the ground
139	s	81	15	E	1,010.18	A point on the ground
140	N	60	56	E	3,288.43	A point on the ground
141	S	40	40	W	2,228.15	A point on the ground
142	S	19	15	W	3,579.83	A point on the ground
143	S	54	31	W	1,746.63	A point on the ground
144	S	26	42	E	1,616.41	A point on the ground
145	S	53	55	W	1,460.49	A point on the ground
146	s	10	57	W	1,752.49	A point on the ground
147	N	58	1	W	3,888.32	A point on the ground
148	N	37	23	E	3,788.86	A point on the ground