

**[DENR MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 14, s. 93,
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**GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS FOR ENTRY AND CONDUCT OF
ACTIVITIES INSIDE THE TUBBATAHA REEF NATIONAL MARINE
PARK (TRNMP)**

Pursuant to Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7586 (NIPAS Act of 1992), DENR Administrative Order No. 05 Series of 1991, DENR Administrative Order No. 25 Series of 1992 and in order to provide guidelines and regulations for entry and conduct of activities inside the TRNMP, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated for the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Objectives — It shall be the purpose of this Circular to protect and conserve the resources of the TRNMP by regulating entry, duration of stay and activities of visitors inside the Park. This guideline set forth the requirements needed in the approval of visitors and seacraft entry, mode of fee collection and regulations regarding use, period of time of sojourn and conduct of activities inside the park.

SECTION 2. Scope — This guideline shall cover all individuals and seacraft wanting to enter the marine park for the purpose of visitation, enjoyment and research. Activities such as game fishing and other extractive activities are not permitted inside the park.

SECTION 3. Issuance Of The Visitor And Seacraft Entrance Permits —

3.1 Any person (i.e. tourist, dive boat operator/owner, dive master, tour guide) must first register at the Philippine Commission on Sports Scuba Diving (PCSSD) and secure an entrance permit before entering the Park. The maximum number of person, (crew and visitors) to be admitted at any one time is forty.

3.2 Application for entrance permit shall be filled either with the DENR-Region 4 Office, at L and S Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Manila or with the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) in Pto. Princesa, Palawan, or whichever is convenient to applicant/s. The applications shall be forwarded to the office of the Undersecretary for Environment and Research for his approval.

3.3 The following pertinent information and documents should be affixed and attached to the application forms. For visitors: Their name/s and nationality/ies with xerox copy of their diving license (Certification Cards) and itinerary of travel in the area for evaluation and consideration. In case of a group visitor permit, the applicant (i.e. tour operators) shall indicate the number and names of all visitors or companions that will be covered by the permit. For boats/seacraft: Name and number of crew, registration papers and certification from the PCSSD Philippine Coast Guard as to its seaworthiness and appropriateness for SCUBA diving