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Malacañang



NATIONAL MARITIME COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 03

ADOPTING THE UPDATED CHART OF BAJO DE MASINLOC

WHEREAS, Bajo de Masinloc (BDM) is an atoll that is a longstanding and integral part of Philippine territory;

WHEREAS, consistent with Paragraph 2 of Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9522 or the Philippine Baselines Law, Section 3(b) of Republic Act No. 12064 or the Philippine Maritime Zones Act provides that the appropriate baselines of all other territories over which the Philippines has sovereignty or jurisdiction is either normal or straight, drawn in accordance with Articles 5, 6, 7, 13, and 121 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);

WHEREAS, Article 6 of the UNCLOS permits the drawing of normal baselines from the low-water line of the reef of an atoll;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 2(b), 5 and 6 of the Philippine Maritime Zones Act and consistent with Articles 3, 33 and 121 of the UNCLOS and the 2016 Award in the South China Sea Arbitration, the maritime zones of BDM consist of a twelve (12) nautical mile territorial sea and twenty-four (24) nautical mile contiguous zone from its baselines;

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) has produced the enclosed NAMRIA Chart 1567 entitled Bajo de Masinloc and Approach, Scale 1:150,000 depicting the baselines of BDM as well as its maritime zones;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the members of the Council:

1. **ADOPT** the enclosed NAMRIA Chart 1567 depicting the baselines of Bajo de Masinloc (BDM) as well as its maritime zones;
2. **ENDORSE** the publication of the chart by NAMRIA and its submission by the Department of Foreign Affairs to the pertinent international organization; and,
3. **DECREE** the dissemination of the chart for reference by all concerned agencies.

SO APPROVED.

Signed on 24 March 2026 in Malacañang, Manila.

RALPH G. RECTO
Executive Secretary

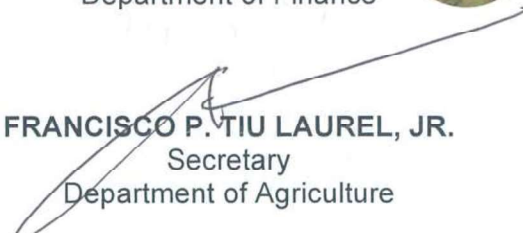



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