

September 12, 2006

Dear Global Giving Donors,

We have great news! The Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park has been expanded from 33,200 hectares to 96,828 hectares through Presidential Proclamation 1126 signed on August 23, 2006. This puts a larger chunk of our ocean under protection. Although it increases the challenge for management, we all feel up to it because we believe conserving the marine environment is worth the sacrifice. We are now also officially known as the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (TRNP) from the Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park (TRNMP) we used to be known as.

We write to update all of you on the disbursements of the funds you sent to us in support of efforts to conserve the Tubbataha Reefs in Cagayancillo, Palawan, Philippines. In our first report to you for the period covering April 15 to June 23, 2006, we submitted a financial report, which indicated funds already expended and funds set aside for equipment, capital expenditures and trainings.

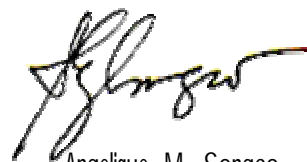
We have finally been able to complete the equipment requirements for law enforcement through your generous contributions. The 25hp outboard motor has been installed on our 17-footer dinghy, a handheld and marine band radio purchased, to include a 5-man tent for use during overnight patrols to distant sites within the Park.

We endeavored to photograph all these equipment but the inclement weather during our relieving trip to Tubbataha on August 21-22, 2006 deterred us from setting up the 5-man tent, of which we have no photo. We have already sent four (4) of our rangers to for an Outboard Motor (OBM) Troubleshooting and Maintenance

Course with the distributor of Yamaha engines based in Manila. The training will help us extend the service of the costly engines of our patrol and utility boats in the Park.

The unexpended portion of the US\$11,405.48 you sent us in April represents funds for training. Four more rangers, which make up the alternate team of enforcers in Tubbataha, will attend the November OBM maintenance course offered by Yamaha. In order to develop in-house expertise in information and education, our administrative assistant will attend a conference seminar on Marketing for Public Awareness and Advocacy on September 28, 2006. The mooring buoy installation training will also be conducted in November.

Attached to this letter is our financial report which also reflects the budget variance. We have also attached photographs to help you imagine our situation in Tubbataha and how your contributions have helped us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angelique M. Songco', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angelique M. Songco  
Park Manager, TRNP

	In US \$		Expenses 9/12/06	Budget Variance	% of Budget Spent
Total Fund received from Global Giving		\$11,405.48			
Expenses April 15-June 23, 2006					
Field Equipment Repair/Maintenance	\$1,780.18				
Enforcement Expenses	\$1,493.81				
Total Expenses (April 15-June 23, 2006)		\$3,273.99	\$3,273.99	0.00	100%
Other Expenses to be funded:					
Equipments/Capital Expenditures:					
25HP OBM	\$1,825.47		1,844.32		
Handheld Radio	\$245.83		271.42		
VHF Marine Band Radio Base	\$283.02		177.36		
Tent (5-man capacity)	\$141.51		137.92		
Repair of Ranger Station	\$1,886.79		1,886.79		
Total Equipment/Capital Expenditures		\$4,382.62	\$4,317.81	\$64.81	99%
Trainings:					
OBM repair/maintenance	\$1,603.77		721.97		
IEC Training	\$471.70		.00		
Mooring buoy	\$730.00		.00		
Total Trainings		\$2,805.47	\$721.97	\$2,083.50	26%
Fuel					
Fuel for 1 relieving trip to TRNMP		\$943.40	\$943.40	0.00	100%
Total Expenses (Spent & to be funded)		\$11,405.48	\$9,257.16	\$2,148.32	81%
Variance against Funds Received		.00			
Note: Computed at \$1:PhP53					

Photo taken during the rotation of rangers on August 22-24, 2006. The enthusiasm of the outgoing rangers, who have been in Tubbataha for 92 days, was not dampened by the rough seas. The patrol boat on the left disappeared from view several times as a result of the big waves. This relieving trip was partially funded through the grant from Global Giving.

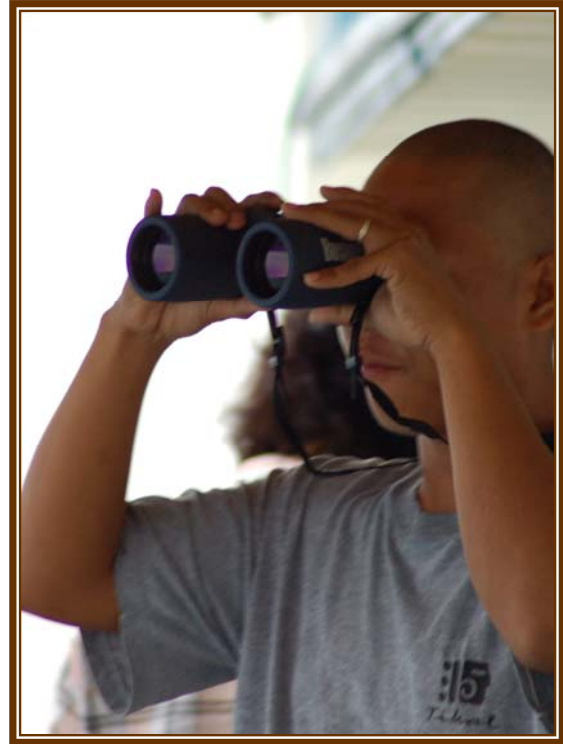




Incoming rangers organize their supplies (upper left) for the coming three months of their tour of duty in the Park.

Incoming ranger, Victor, gets a haircut in preparation for the long isolation (upper right).

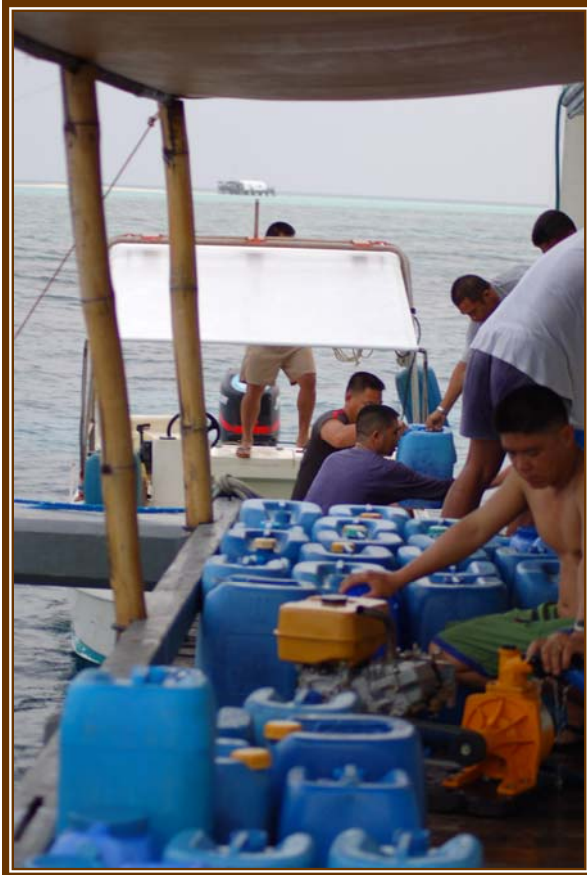
The dinghy with the new 25hp outboard motor, which was purchased through Global Giving funds (left).



Marine park rangers test the handheld radio and binoculars acquired for their use through Global Giving funds (above). The photo below was taken during a seabird monitoring activity in North Islet in May 2006. Next year, the tent on the right will be replaced by the 5-man tent from Global Giving.







Left: Marine park rangers and the crew of the WWF research vessel, M/B Minerva, fill 200 20-liter containers with fresh water for the rangers. In the background is the ranger station.

Below: Ship-to-shore movement of supplies was very challenging due to rough seas. Fuel supplies had to be lowered into the sea and pulled to the station on the patrol boat.

