

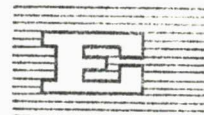
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GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES OF CERTAIN BODIES
OF WATER WITHIN PHILIPPINE TERRITORIAL WATERS
Submitted by the Government of the Philippines

The Philippine Committee on Geographical Names has unanimously approved the inclusion in the official maps, charts and publications of the Philippine Government of the following geographical names for the corresponding bodies of water within Philippine territorial waters as defined and described hereunder:

1. LUZON SEA - To include all water areas west of Luzon Strait, west of Luzon Island, west of Mindoro, Calamianes and Palawan, and included within the western treaty limits of the Philippines, but excluding Palawan Passage.
2. BOHOL SEA - To include all water areas between Bohol and Mindanao Island, theretofore called Mindanao Sea.
3. MINDANAO SEA - To include all water areas east of Samales Group and Basilan Islands, south of Moro Gulf and Cotabato province and north of the southern treaty limits of the Philippines.

The foregoing decision of the Philippine Committee on Geographical Names was made after due consideration of the aspects of international law regarding the territorial sea and of the fact that the ocean waters along the affected shores of the Philippines should of necessity be given place names of national character, the bodies of water named being in close proximity to the corresponding islands from which their names are derived.

It is to be noted that the adoption and use of these geographical names in Philippine maps, charts and publications do not in any way prejudice the interests of other States. Likewise it is considered that the adoption and use by other States of these same geographical names will not in any manner adversely affect their interests.