



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

MESSAGE

I join our people in the observance of **Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MANA Mo)**, as spearheaded by the **National Coast Watch Council**.

Promoting increased awareness and appreciation of our country's maritime and archipelagic concerns is integral not only to national security but also to our country's development.

I therefore thank the Council for organizing this event to encourage stronger participation in the task of protecting our seas and shores, especially amidst the challenges brought by climate change.

As you hold the **Fish Conservation Week, International Coastal Clean Up Day, and National Maritime Day**, I trust that these initiatives will lead to sustainable and actionable solutions to various maritime and archipelagic issues confronting us today.

May we have a dynamic and successful observance.

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