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PHILCONGEN L.A. CALLS ON FILIPINO-AMERICANS TO PROTECT CORAL REEFS

Los Angeles, 27 February 2018 – In celebration of the International Year of the Reef (IYOR) 2018, the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles called on Filipino-Americans to help protect coral reefs, which serve as habitat for millions of marine species.

Rising average global temperatures and increasing ocean acidification caused by climate change threaten coral reefs. The Philippine Consulate General provides four simple steps how everyday people can help protect coral reefs:

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE REEF (IYOR) 2018

How to Save our Reefs



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Coral reefs, which serve as habitat for millions of marine species, are increasingly being threatened by climate change, pollution and other man-made activities. But it is not too late to save them. Read on to learn how you can help:

<p>1. LOOK BUT DON'T TOUCH</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">When swimming, be careful not to touch or step on corals to avoid breaking them.</p> </div>	<p>2. CLEAN UP</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Pick up trash littering the beach and bodies of water. Plastic not only pollutes the sea but also kills marine life.</p> </div>
<p>3. TAKE CLIMATE ACTION</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Climate change stresses corals. By taking climate action such as using public transportation, conserving energy and recycling, we reduce harmful emissions that cause climate change.</p> </div>	<p>4. SPREAD THE WORD</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Share this image and let others know how they, too, can help save our coral reefs! Join the conversation at #iyor2018 and #iyor2018ph.</p> </div>

The Philippines, located in the coral triangle and one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, depends on coral reefs for food, livelihood and eco-tourism. According to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), the Philippines has around 26,000 square kilometers of coral reefs serving as home to over 915 fish species.

Filipino-Americans are invited to see first-hand the beauty of Philippine marine life during the 12th Ambassadors Tour, which will be held from 09 to 15 July 2018 in Manila, Cebu and Bohol. The tour allows Filipino-Americans to revisit their homeland and become Philippine Tourism and Conservation Ambassadors. For more information about the Ambassadors Tour, including detailed itineraries and registration forms, please visit <http://www.ambassadorstour2018.com>. – END.

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