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To provide for the enhancement of visitor services, fish and wildlife research, and marine and coastal resource management on Guam related to the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FARR, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mrs. CAPPS, and Mr. HONDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Marianas Trench Ma-
5 rine National Monument Management Enhancement Act
6 of 2010” or “Bonitan Tåsi”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

1 (1) NATIONAL MONUMENT.—The term “Na-
2 tional Monument” means the Marianas Trench Ma-
3 rine National Monument established by Presidential
4 Proclamation 8335 of January 6, 2009.

5 (2) PROCLAMATION.—The term “Proclama-
6 tion” means Presidential Proclamation 8335 of Jan-
7 uary 6, 2009.

8 (3) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
9 means the Secretary of the Interior and the Sec-
10 retary of Commerce.

11 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.**

12 In implementing the Proclamation, the Secretaries
13 shall treat the government of Guam as a cooperating agen-
14 cy and substantially similarly as the government of the
15 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, includ-
16 ing in—

17 (1) developing and implementing any manage-
18 ment plans and management regulations affecting
19 the National Monument;

20 (2) designation of specific roles and responsibil-
21 ities and the means of consultation on management
22 decisions;

23 (3) identification of indigenous persons for
24 whom traditional access for culturally significant
25 subsistence, cultural, and religious uses, including

1 subsistence fishing, within the National Monument
2 is otherwise required;

3 (4) carrying out a program to assess and pro-
4 mote National Monument-related living and non-
5 living natural resource exploration and research,
6 tourism, and recreational and economic opportuni-
7 ties; and

8 (5) appointment of the members of the Mariana
9 Monument Advisory Council.

10 **SEC. 4. EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF NATIONAL**
11 **WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM RESOURCE MAN-**
12 **AGEMENT, VISITOR SERVICES, AND ENVIRON-**
13 **MENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON GUAM.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
15 may—

16 (1) expand and enhance existing visitor services
17 programs at the Guam National Wildlife Refuge;
18 and

19 (2) initiate a comprehensive program, in con-
20 sultation with the Government of Guam, to—

21 (A) survey, assess, manage, and promote
22 the living and non-living natural resources of
23 the National Monument;

24 (B) facilitate natural resource exploration
25 and research; and

1 (C) encourage tourism, recreation, and eco-
2 nomic opportunities to build public awareness
3 and appreciation of—

4 (i) the National Monument; and

5 (ii) the National Wildlife Refuge Sys-
6 tem.

7 (b) INCLUDED ACTIVITIES.—Activities under sub-
8 section (a) may include—

9 (1) enhanced resource management, research,
10 and visitor services programs to promote and inter-
11 pret for the general public the fish and wildlife re-
12 sources of Guam including activities to improve con-
13 servation of coral reef ecosystems (as that term is
14 defined in the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000
15 (16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.)); and

16 (2) subject to the availability of appropriations,
17 construction or leasing of a facility for a multipur-
18 pose center in Guam (apart from the Guam National
19 Wildlife Refuge), to—

20 (A) facilitate marine and coastal fish and
21 wildlife research, observation, and conservation
22 in the interests of the United States, the terri-
23 tory of Guam, and the Commonwealth of the
24 Northern Mariana Islands;

1 (B) facilitate environmental education for
2 students on Guam in partnership with the Uni-
3 versity of Guam, the Guam Community College,
4 and the Guam Department of Education; and

5 (C) document, preserve, and display for
6 public interpretation artifacts and informa-
7 tion—

8 (i) demonstrating the importance of
9 the marine environment and the living and
10 nonliving resources of the National Monu-
11 ment to the people of Guam and the indig-
12 enous Chamorro culture of the Mariana Is-
13 lands;

14 (ii) illuminating the historic voyage of
15 the submersible Trieste undertaken by the
16 United States Navy on January 23, 1960,
17 in which the deepest part of the Mariana
18 Trench, the Challenger Deep, was safely
19 reached; and

20 (iii) explaining the geology, geo-
21 chemistry, geomorphology, and ecology of
22 the Mariana Trench.

23 (c) INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.—The Secretary
24 of the Interior may collaborate with, and accept and use
25 funding provided by, the heads of other Federal agencies

1 in the construction and operation of the multipurpose cen-
2 ter under subsection (b).

3 (d) OTHER AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED.—This sec-
4 tion shall not be construed to affect the authority to con-
5 struct and operate a visitor facility within the Common-
6 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

7 (e) DONATIONS.—For the purposes of the planning,
8 construction or leasing, and operation of a multipurpose
9 center under this section, the Secretary of the Interior
10 may accept, retain, and expend donations of funds, and
11 use property or services donated from private persons and
12 entities or from public entities.

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