
DESIGNATING ALL JAPANESE SHIPS AND OTHER OBJECTS SUNK WITHIN THE TRUK LAGOON AS THE TRUK LAGOON DISTRICT MONUMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE THAT:

Section 1. Declaration of policy. It is hereby declared that it is a district policy to preserve forever historic landmarks, structures, and other sites and objects of district or territorial significance situated within the administration area of the Truk District for the inspiration and benefit of the people of Micronesia.

Section 2. Establishment of Truk Lagoon District Monument. All ships, other vessels and aircraft, and any and all parts thereof, which formerly belonged to or were a part of the armed forces of Japan and were sunk to or otherwise deposited on the bottom of the Truk Lagoon prior to December 31, 1945 shall be and hereby are set apart as district monuments, which shall be collectively called the "Truk Lagoon District Monument".

Section 3. Administration, Protection and Development. The administration, protection and development of the aforesaid district monuments shall be exercised under the direction of the District Administrator of the Truk District or his duly authorized representatives; provided, however, no funds of the Truk District Legislature shall be obligated therefor unless or until the Truk District Legislature has appropriated funds which are available for that purpose.

Section 4. Appropriations. There are authorized to be appropriated annually such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Section 5. Permits to Examine. All persons who dive to or by any other means seek and obtain access to the aforesaid ships, other vessels and aircraft, or any and all parts thereof, for the purpose of examination or the gathering of objects therefrom shall first obtain a permit therefor from the District Administrator of the Truk District Legislature or his duly authorized representatives. The District Administrator is authorized to issue such permits to those persons whom he deems qualified to conduct such examination or gathering, subject to such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

Section 6. Rules and Regulations. The District Administrator of the Truk District shall make and publish from time to time uniform rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Section 7. Penalties. Any person who, without the permission of the District Administrator of the Truk District, shall remove, appropriate, damage, or destroy the aforesaid ships, other vessels or aircraft, or any or all parts thereof, or who shall violate any rules and regulations issued pursuant to this Act shall, upon conviction, be fined a sum of not more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned for a period of not more than six months, or both.

Section 8. Effective Date: This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the District Administrator, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Signed by: /s/ Hermes Katsura
Hermes Katsura, Speaker
Truk District Legislature

Attested by: /s/ Keichiro Gerhart
Keichiro Gerhart, Secretary
Truk District Legislature

Date: 7/16/71

Approved by: /s/ Juan A. Sablan
Juan A. Sablan
District Administrator

Date: 8/14/71