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The Philippines is home to eleven species of freshwater and marine turtles, most of which were declared endangered by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Unfortunately, scientists warned that climate change is exposing our turtles to even greater existential threats through more frequent extreme weather events and rising sea levels.

Thus, on this **World Turtle Day**, the Climate Change Commission calls for the strict implementation of international and national laws and policies on environmental protection, marine conservation, and climate change.

We enjoin the Filipino people to deepen their understanding of the integral role of turtles and other wildlife in the provision of ecosystem services, that sustains life on this planet.

Together, let us conserve and protect our rich biodiversity and wildlife to ensure a sustainable and climate-resilient future for all.

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