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Fervent advocate of environmental protection through the Oceanographic Institute created by his father in 1906, Prince Albert II of Monaco chose to visit the heart of Tubbataha Park in the Philippine Archipelago, one of the best-preserved coral reefs in the world. Registered as a UNESCO heritage site, this marine park, made up of two isolated coral atolls in the Sulu Sea, is a model for sustainable development and a true laboratory of the future. In addition to preserving species such as

green turtles on which scientists set up guidelines provided by the Oceanographic Institute to better understand their migrations, the island of Cagayancillo has developed the seaweed culture intended for the food, pharmaceutical or cosmetic industry . Tubbataha is also the largest protected area in Southeast Asia for seabirds. This expedition also has an educational role with children in order to sensitize them to the wealth and fragility of their little paradise.



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