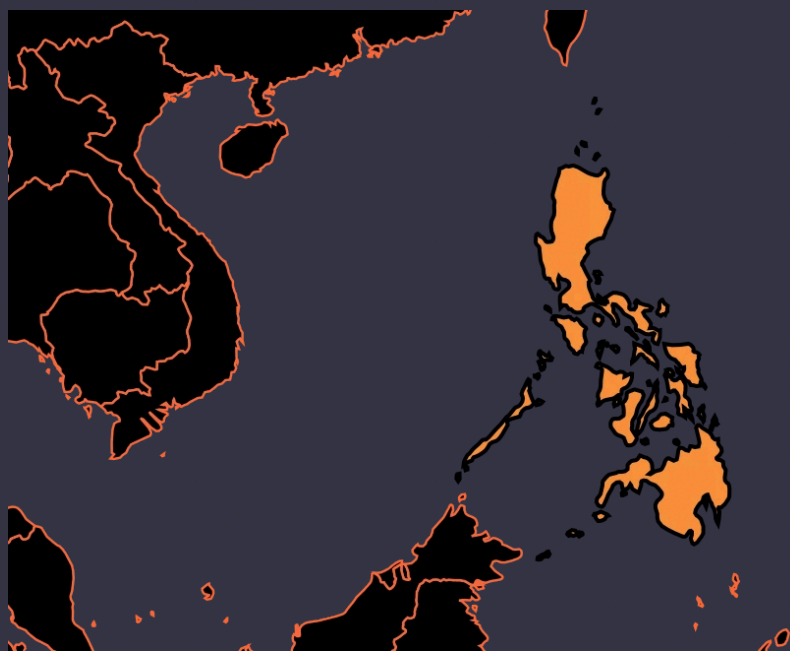
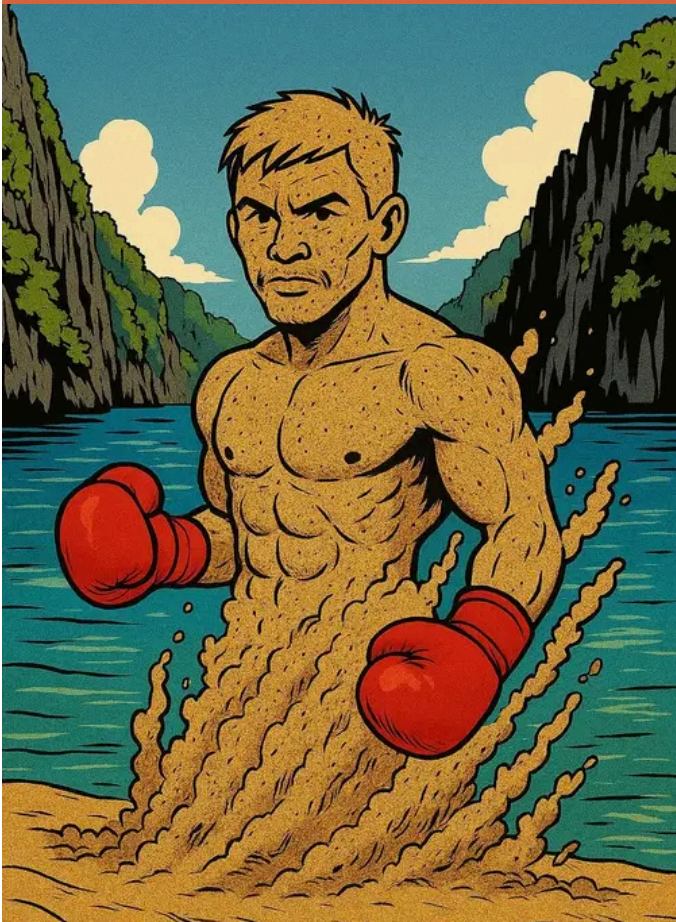


PHILIPPINES

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SAND-BOX

PHILIPPINES AS A SUPERHERO

SAND-BOX'S POWERS

POPULATION		117,7 M hab.	POP. GROWTH		12,44 %
AREA		298,2 K km ²	DENSITY		395 hab/km ²
WEALTH		4,0 K \$/hab	LITERACY		98,47 %
LARGEST CITY		Manila	URBAN POP.		49,9 %
LIFE EXPECT.		70,17 años	MEDIAN AGE		26,6 años
HIGHEST PEAK		Apo	LARGEST RIVER		Cagayan
RAINFALL		2,3 K mm/m ²			

LANGUAGES

Filipino, English

CURRENCY

Filipino peso

GOVERNMENT

Presidentialism

RELIGION

Christianity
Catholicism

DEMONYM

Filipino

● WHAT DEFINES PHILIPPINES

Jeepneys

CULTURE

"Jeepneys" are a unique form of public transport in the Philippines, the result of the creative adaptation of surplus US military jeeps from the Second World War.

Catholicism

CULTURE

Catholicism is the predominant religion in the Philippines, making it the only Asian country where this is the case. This faith is expressed during Holy Week through processions, flagellations and re-enactments of the Passion of Christ.

The bre months

CULTURE

Christmas in the Philippines is a celebration that begins in September and lasts until January (during the 'ber' months), filled with festivities and joy.

Bayanihan

CULTURE

"Bayanihan" is a Filipino spirit of community unity, where people help one another, especially when moving house.

Mega-fauna

NATURE

The Philippines is one of the countries described as megabiodiverse, noted for its high concentration of endemic species and marine ecosystems that are unique in the world.

Respect

CULTURE

In the Philippines, respect is expressed in language through words such as "po" and "opo", reflecting a culture that values courtesy and honour.

● PLACES TO EXPLORE

Manila

24.735.305 pop.

Manila is located on the island of Luzon. It is a major economic and cultural hub with a rich history. Highlights include Intramuros, the Spanish colonial walled city, and the Church of San Agustín, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its strategic location makes it a key hub for trade in Asia.

Davao City

2.077.050 pop.

Davao City is a metropolis in Mindanao, known for its strategic location between mountains and coastline. It offers a variety of landscapes, from the peaks of Mount Apo to the beaches of Samal. Its vibrant markets, nature reserves and the warmth of its people are particularly noteworthy.

Zamboanga City

1.014.070 pop.

Zamboanga City is a melting pot of cultures with a rich Hispanic heritage. Its landscape is diverse, featuring beautiful beaches and lush mountains. Notable attractions include Fort Pilar, a historic site, and the Grand Mosque, which reflects the city's religious and cultural diversity.

Cebú

1.081.840 pop.

Cebu, the jewel of the Philippines, is an island that captivates visitors with its diverse landscape, ranging from white-sand beaches to lush mountains. As the cradle of Spanish colonial history, the city of Cebu boasts attractions such as the Basilica del Santo Niño and Fort San Pedro, which bear witness to a fascinating past.

● GEOGRAPHY OF PHILIPPINES

Archipelagic country

The Philippines is an archipelago and ranks second in the world for the number of islands, surpassed only by Indonesia. Its territory comprises approximately 7,641 islands, of which around 2,000 are inhabited. This vast archipelago boasts rich biodiversity, stunning landscapes and a unique cultural mix, shaped by indigenous, Spanish, American and Asian influences.

Ring of Fire

The Pacific Ring of Fire, an area of high seismic and volcanic activity, affects the Philippines. Its location within this belt makes it prone to frequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. This geological reality influences daily life and disaster preparedness in the country.

Luzon and Mindanao

Luzon and Mindanao account for approximately two-thirds of the Philippines' total land area. These islands are home to major urban centres such as Manila and Davao, respectively. Together, they are home to a significant proportion of the Philippine population, accounting for over 70% of the national total.

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