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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

A Descriptive Report

on on

Topographic sheet of Seco Island
Sulu Sea

1913

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Descriptive Report

to accompany Topographic Sheet of

Seco Island Sulu Sea, P. I.

Small sand island situated about midway between cuyos and Panay in Lat. 11 19, Long. 121 40. It is about 330 meters long in an E. S. E. and W. N. W. direction. It is about 100 meters wide. The island is 16 feet high, or was at the time of the survey, and shifts with any violent gale on a large coral shoal, approximately 1400 meters in diameter. This shoal is steep too.

The island consists of a loose coral sand, with a few bushes about 6 feet high, on the highest part. There is no other vegetable life and with the exception of some sea birds, no animal life. Since 1912 the island has shifted about 70 meters in a W.N.W'ly direction, probably due

to the typhoon of November 1912, which passed to the southward.

The station mark of 1912 is now below the high water mark, 27 meters from the highest part of the island. A rocky ledge marking the H. w. line in 1912 is now 70 meters from it. The shoal on which the island is situated consists of numerous coral heads and is circular in shape. The limits of it were determined by sextant angles from the ship.

A signal was errected, occupied as a magnetic station, and back azimuth from Batbatan Island. Obtained. Except as a menace to navigation

the island is of no interest.

There is no data on the Steamer "Fathomer" giving the exact of the 1912 triangulation station. That given is from the rough field computations of 1912.

Statistics.

Reef line 3 miles.

Shore line 7/10 miles.

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Surveyed by T. J. Maher Sept. 1913 Scale 1: 20,000

Shifting sand hills on reef.

Outline of reef here is probably more correct than in sketch of 1912.

T.J. Maher.

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Seco Lat 11, 19'0811.

Long 121'40'1320"

Approx Luzon Datum

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