

Palau demands RP ship \$88K in reef damages

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THE Palau government is asking \$88,000 for the damages of coral reef caused by a Philippine fishing vessel that had ran aground on the Helens Reef of Hatohobei State on Tuesday, last week.

However, the eight-man

crew only managed to dock Palau port after four days of struggling to be free from the reef.

A three-page complaint for damages filed by Palau against the ship owner and his staff, stated that the government wants to compel the defendants to pay the amount for damaging Palau's coral reef.

The defendants were identified as Candalerio B. Damalerio, president of DFC Tuna Venture Corporation, which owns the distressed L/B Juan Paolo 15, and Jerry C. Demalerio, DFC Operations Manager.

Of the said amount, \$45,000 will go to restora-