

Geography Of Simara Island

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Like the legendary jade floating on an opalescent sea, 120 nautical miles southeast of Manila is

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isles. It is an elongated island formed by nature like a hook covering an area of 23.40 square kilometers. Its island name was derived from the local word "

sima

" which means hook. By area, it is the fifth island in a group of seven that comprises the marble province of

Romblon

and of course one of the 7,107 islands of the

Philippines

, the

Eden of the East

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Simara lies on the northwestern coast of the province. It is hemmed in by bodies of water from all sides; on the north and east by the *Sibuyan Sea*, on the south by *Tablas Strait* and on the west by the sea that separates the municipality of

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. It is located at 12°20'46" north latitude and 36 kilometers from the Capital of the province. The

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name of its town which was formerly "

San Jose

" was later changed to

Corcuera

by the town's first Gobernadorcillo, after the name of the liberal Spanish Governor General of the Philippines,

Jurado de Corcuera

. Corcuera, as a municipality, occupies the whole island of Simara. The topographical feature of the island municipality is generally hilly. The highest upland is 755 feet above sea level.

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