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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2440

Submitted by the Committee on Natural Resources and Committee on Appropriations on

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Re: **House Bill No. 6657**

Recommending its approval, in substitution of **House Bill No. 560**

Sponsors: Representatives Francisco T. Matugas, Joseph Emilio A. Abaya and Juan Edgardo M. Angara

Mr. Speaker:

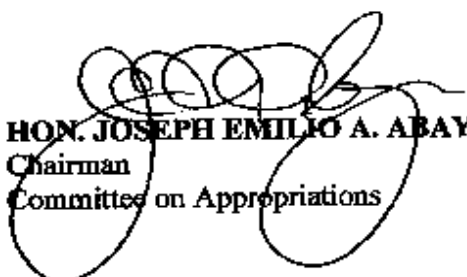
The Committees on Natural Resources and Appropriations to which was referred **House Bill No. 560**, introduced by Representative **Juan Edgardo M. Angara**, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AURORA INTEGRATED PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

have considered the same and recommend that herein attached **House Bill No. 6657**, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AURORA INTEGRATED PROTECTED LANDSCAPE LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

be approved, in substitution of **House Bill No. 560**, with Representatives Angara, Matugas, Abaya, Pichay, Mellana, Panotes, Jalosjos (C.), Unabia, Rodriguez (M.), Rodriguez (R.), Madrona, Durano, Rodriguez (I.), Marañon, Avance-Fuentes, Ocampos, Roman, Acharon, Jr., Arnaiz, Ferrer (J.), Ong, Ilagan, San Luis, Mendoza (J.), Padilla, Gullas, Paras, Vergara, Batocabe and Plaza as authors thereof.


HON. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,


HON. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
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Introduced by Representatives Juan Edgardo M. Angara, Francisco T. Matugas, Joseph Emilio A. Abaya, Philip A. Pichay, Evelyn P. Mellana, Elmer E. Panotes, Cesar G. Jalosjos, Peter M. Unabia, Jr., Maximo B. Rodriguez, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Ramon H. Durano, VI, Isidro S. Rodriguez, Jr., Alfredo D. Marañon, III, Daisy Avance-Fuentes, Loreto Ocampos, Herminia B. Roman, Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., George P. Arnaiz, Jeffrey P. Ferrer, Emil R. Ong, Luzviminda C. Ilagan, Edgar S. San Luis, Joselito Andrew R. Mendoza, Carlos M. Padilla, Eduardo R. Gullas, Jesus Emmanuel Paras, Bernardo M. Vergara, Rodol M. Batocabe and Ma. Valentina G. Plaza

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AURORA INTEGRATED PROTECTED LANDSCAPE LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "*Aurora Integrated Protected*
2 *Landscape (AIPL) Act of 2012.*"

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - Considering the diversity of the unique biological
4 resources of the Province of Aurora and its aesthetic, socio-cultural, economic and ecological
5 importance to the Island of Luzon, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure its
6 protection and conservation, including the local communities therein and their culture and
7 way of life insofar as they are in harmony with nature. The protection and conservation of
8 Aurora's unique biodiversity shall be pursued through sustainable and participatory
9 development, advancing and protecting the interests of its legitimate inhabitants, and
10 respecting customary laws in accordance with Republic Act (RA) 7586 or the National
11 Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, RA 8371 or the Indigenous
12 People's Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997, and international conventions to which the Philippines is
13 a signatory.

SEC. 3. Scope and Coverage. - Pursuant to and in accordance with the NIPAS Act, the following are hereby declared and established as a protected area and part of the NIPAS under the category of Protected Landscape as defined herein and shall therefore be referred to as the Aurora Integrated Protected Landscape (AIPL):

Beginning at a point marked "1" which is S 66°18' 8" W, 10,993.652 meters from BLLM 1, CAD 956-D, San Luis Cadastre, Aurora with geographic coordinates of 15°43'10.93"North and 121°23'39.16"East

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE (meters)
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6-7	N 39 ° 59 ' 12 " E	174.75
7-8	N 6 ° 39 ' 16 " E	260.90
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13-14	S 87 ° 18 ' 58 " E	276.72
14-15	S 13 ° 17 ' 5 " W	319.52
15-16	S 31 ° 36 ' 27 " E	263.71
16-17	S 83 ° 53 ' 4 " E	121.62
17-18	S 87 ° 40 ' 19 " E	265.84
18-19	S 83 ° 7 ' 5 " E	252.32
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21-22	N 85 ° 11 ' 31 " E	231.88
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24-25	N 84 ° 10 ' 25 " E	212.73
25-26	N 88 ° 21 ' 48 " E	378.07

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24	220-221	S 70 ° 39 ' 49 " E	107.14
25	221-222	S 70 ° 39 ' 49 " E	115.82
26	222-1	S 70 ° 39 ' 49 " E	92.08

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28 The Aurora Integrated Protected Landscape shall cover a total land area of Six
29 Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and Eight Hundred Eighty-Two (6516.882) hectares.

30 The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall appropriately
31 mark on the ground the technical descriptions provided in this Act with clearly visible
32 markers and shall prepare appropriate maps therefor. Any modification of the coverage of
33 this Act due to such factors as changing ecological situations, new scientific or
34 archaeological findings, or discovery of traditional boundaries not previously taken into

1 account shall be made through an Act of Congress, after consultation with the affected
2 public and concerned government agencies.

3 **SEC. 4. Land Classification.**- All lands of the public domain comprising the Aurora
4 Integrated Protected Landscape (AIPL) shall fall under the classification of National Park as
5 provided for in the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

6 **SEC. 5. Definition of Terms.** - For purposes of this Act, the following terms are
7 defined as follows:

8 (a) **Biodiversity** shall refer to variety and variability among all living organisms
9 and the ecological complexities in which they occur.

10 (b) **Biological Resources** shall refer to genetic resources, organisms or parts
11 thereof, population, or any other biotic component of ecosystems with actual or potential use
12 or value for humanity.

13 (c) **Buffer Zones** shall refer to the identified areas outside the boundaries of and
14 immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need special development control in
15 order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area.

16 (d) **By-products or derivatives** shall refer to parts taken or substances extracted
17 from wildlife, in raw or in processed form. These include stuffed animals and herbarium
18 specimens.

19 (e) **Collection or Collecting** shall refer to the act of gathering or harvesting
20 wildlife, its by-products or derivatives.

21 (f) **Conservation** shall refer to the preservation and sustainable utilization of
22 wildlife, and/or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of the habitat.

23 (g) **Consultation** shall refer to the meeting or dialogue with concerned or affected
24 individual and groups within and outside the AIPL, designated to identify and resolve issues
25 and problems affecting them in relation to the protection, conservation and sustainable
26 development of the protected area.

27 (h) **Endemic species** shall refer to species or subspecies of flora and fauna, which
28 are naturally occurring and found only within specific areas in the country.

29 (i) **Exotic species** shall refer to species or subspecies of flora and fauna, which do
30 not naturally occur within the protected area at present or in historical time.

31 (j) **Exploration** shall refer to searching or prospecting for mineral resources, as
32 defined by law, by geological, geo-chemical or geophysical surveys, remote sensing, rest
33 pitting, trenching, drilling, shaft sinking, tunneling or any other means for the purpose of

1 determining the existence, extent, quantity and quality thereof and the feasibility of mining
2 them for profit.

3 (k) **Exploitation** shall refer to any mode of use, extraction, development,
4 utilization or disposition of resources, for whatever purpose, whether commercial or
5 otherwise.

6 (l) **Habitat** shall refer to a place or type of environment where species or
7 subspecies naturally occur or have naturally established its population.

8 (m) **National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)** shall refer to the
9 classification and administration of all designated protected areas to maintain essential
10 ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to ensure
11 sustainable use of resources found therein, and to maintain their natural conditions to the
12 greatest extent possible.

13 (n) **NIPAS Act** shall refer to the National Integrated Protected Areas System
14 (NIPAS) Act of 1992 or RA 7586, and its implementing rules and regulations.

15 (o) **National Park** shall refer to the land of the public domain classified as such in
16 the 1987 Constitution which includes all areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas
17 System (NIPAS) pursuant to R.A. 7586 primarily designated for the conservation of native
18 plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural diversity.

19 (p) **Non-Government Organization (NGO)** shall refer to an agency, institution, a
20 foundation or a group of persons whose purpose is to assist people's
21 organizations/associations in various ways including, but not limited to, organizing,
22 education, training, research and or secure accessing.

23 (q) **People's Organization (PO)** shall refer to a group of organized migrant
24 communities and/or interested indigenous peoples which may be an association, cooperative,
25 federation, or other legal entity, established to undertake collective action to address
26 community concerns and needs, and mutually share the benefits of the endeavor.

27 (r) **Protected Area (PA)** shall refer to the identified portions of land and/or water
28 set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance
29 biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation.

30 (s) **Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)** shall refer to a multi-sectoral
31 policy-making body for protected areas created in accordance with RA No. 7586 or the
32 NIPAS Act of 1992.

33 (t) **Protected Area Superintendent (PASu)** shall refer to the chief operating
34 DENR officer of the AIPL.

(u) **Protected Landscape/Seascape** shall refer to an area of national significance, which is characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and land while providing opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation and tourism within the normal lifestyle and economic activity of the area.

(v) **Quarrying** shall refer to the process of extracting, removing and disposing quarry resources found on or underneath the surface of private or public land.

(w) **Special-use zones** shall refer to areas containing existing installations of national and local significance, such as telecommunication facilities, irrigation canals, water supply infrastructure or electric power lines.

(x) **Sustainable** shall refer to the use of components of biological diversity in a way and rate that does not lead to the long-term decline of biological diversity, thereby maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations.

(y) **Strict protection zone** shall refer to a natural area with high biodiversity value which shall be closed to all human activity except for scientific studies and/or ceremonial or religious use by the indigenous cultural communities/indigenous peoples; may include habitats of threatened species, or degraded areas that have been designated for restoration and subsequent protection, even if these areas are still in various stages of regeneration.

(z) **Tenured migrants** shall refer to forest occupants who have actually and continuously occupied a portion of the protected area for at least five (5) years, and are solely dependent therein for subsistence, as of the passage of this Act. A protected area occupant is understood to be solely dependent therein for subsistence when everything indispensable for survival for the household, including food, clothing, shelter and health, comes only from the utilization of resources from the protected area.

(aa) **Wildlife** shall refer to wild forms and varieties of flora and fauna, in all developmental stages, including those which are in captivity or are being bred or propagated.

(bb) **Zones** shall refer to the divisions within the PA consisting of levels of protection and permitted use of natural resources such as strict protection zone, sustainable-use zone, restoration zone, multiple-use zone and special-use zone, as provided under existing rules and regulations of the NIPAS.

SEC. 6. Management Plan. - There shall be a Management Plan promulgated for the AIPL that shall serve as the basic long-term framework plan in the management of the protected area and guide in the preparation of its annual operations plan and budget.

Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the Management Plan shall have been put into effect following the general management planning strategy provided for under

the NIPAS Act and according to the procedure herein set forth. It shall contain, among others, the following:

- (a) The category of the protected area;
- (b) Period of applicability of the plan;
- (c) Key management issues;
- (d) Goals and objectives of management in support of Section 2 hereof;
- (e) Site management strategy;
- (f) Major management activities such as, but not limited to, enforcement of laws, habitat and wildlife management, sustainable - use management, infrastructure development and maintenance, and fire and pest control;
- (g) Zoning; and
- (h) Visitor management programs.

The Management Plan shall be prepared by the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) in coordination with the appropriate offices of the department, local communities and the NGOs. It shall be reviewed and approved by the PAMB and certified by the Secretary of the Department. Such certification shall be mandatory to ensure that the plan conforms with all laws and the applicable rules and regulations issued by the Department: *Provided* However, That the Secretary may revise and modify the protection and conservation plan, after consultation with the PAMB, prior to certification to ensure conformity with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

A year before the expiration of the period of the applicability of the plan in effect, the PASu shall cause publication of notices for comments and suggestions on the successor plan in a newspaper of general circulation in the concerned municipalities. Notices shall also be posted in the respective provincial and municipal halls of the concerned provinces and municipalities as well as in the barangay halls bounding or immediately adjacent to the protected landscape. The proposed plan shall be made available to the public during the period for comment and a final plan shall likewise be made available for public perusal at the office of the PASu upon the approval of the PAMB: *Provided*, That the plans shall be plainly written in a language understandable in the area.

Section 7. The Protected Area Management Board (PAMB). - There is hereby created a PAMB which shall have jurisdiction, power and authority over the AIPL for all matters that may affect biodiversity conservation, protection and sustainable development. It shall be composed of:

- (a) The Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR Region III as chairperson;

- (b) The Provincial Planning and Development Officer (PPDO) of the Province of Aurora or Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) subject to the designation of the Provincial Governor;
- (c) One (1) representative for each Municipal Government covered by the PA to be appointed by a majority vote of the respective Sangguniang Bayan;
- (d) One (1) representative from each of the barangay within the AIPL to be appointed by the Sangguniang Barangay;
- (e) One (1) representative from each of the tribal community within the AIPL, if any;
- (f) The president of the Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) from each municipality/city covering the AIPL;
- (g) One (1) representative from the Aurora Special Economic Zone Authority;
- (h) One (1) representative from academic institutions directly involved in the protection and management of the AIPL;
- (i) At least three (3) representatives from local NGOs based in or near the AIPL which has been existing for five (5) years with track records related to the protection and management of the AIPL;
- (j) One (1) representative from People's Organizations (PO's) from each municipality with territory within the AIPL chosen from among themselves: *Provided*, That the POs are accredited with the DENR and the LGU and with tangible projects at the time of their membership in the PAMB; and
- (k) One (1) representative from other national government departments if necessary, that may be involved in the management of the AIPL.

Each member of the PAMB shall serve for a term of five (5) years and shall be considered to represent one's sector and deemed to carry the vote of such sector in all matters. In the case of members who are government officials, their appointment shall be coterminous with their term of office.

The members of the PAMB shall be appointed by the Secretary of the DENR in conformity with the provisions of the NIPAS Act. As a transitory provision, the initial members of the PAMB shall be nominated from the current members of the interim PAMB of the AIPL: *Provided*, That the PAMB shall include women as members.

The representatives from the local government units (LGUs) and national agencies in the PAMB shall include among their duties the duty to inform their respective constituents, office or sector of PAMB, of the approved or other relevant policies, rules, regulations, programs and projects, and to ensure that the provisions of this Act, the NIPAS Act and its

1 implementing rules and regulations are observed, complied with, and used as reference and
2 framework in their respective plans, policies, programs and projects. Failure to comply with
3 the foregoing shall subject such representative to disciplinary action as the PAMB may
4 provide.

5 The members of the PAMB shall not receive any salary but shall be entitled to
6 reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either in their attendance in
7 meetings of the PAMB or in connection with other official business authorized by a
8 resolution of the PAMB, subject to existing rules and regulations.

9 **Section 8. Powers and Functions of the PAMB.** - The PAMB of the AIPL, which shall
10 decide by consensus or majority vote of the members present constituting a quorum of
11 majority of all the members, shall have the following powers and functions in addition to
12 those provided under Republic Act No. 7586 or the NIPAS Act of 1992 and its implementing
13 rules and regulations:

- 14 (a) Issue rules and regulations to prohibit acts that may be prejudicial to the AIPL and
15 to the declaration of policy set forth under the NIPAS;
- 16 (b) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through appropriate and
17 effective means;
- 18 (c) Adopt rules and procedures in the conduct of business, including the creation of
19 committees to which its powers may be delegated;
- 20 (d) Approve the management plan and oversee the office of the PASu;
- 21 (e) Establish criteria and set fees for the issuance of permits for activities regulated by
22 this Act or the management plan;
- 23 (f) Recommend the deputization of appropriate individuals for the enforcement of the
24 laws, rules and regulations governing the conduct or management of the AIPL;
- 25 (g) Approve fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines and raise funds
26 for the AIPL;
- 27 (h) Manage the allocation of the AIPL Fund, and other funds for the AIPL, ensure
28 their proper administration and render accounting; and
- 29 (i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government
30 authorities.

31 The DENR through the RED, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within the scope of its
32 powers and functions. In case of a conflict between administrative orders of national
33 application issued by the DENR pursuant to the NIPAS Act and the resolutions issued by the

1 PAMB, the PAMB shall notify the DENR Secretary who shall decide whether to apply the
2 rule or withdraw its application in the AIPL.

3 **Section 9. The Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office.** - There is hereby
4 established a PASu Office within the DENR Regional Office to be in charge of the
5 management, protection and administration of the AIPL. The PASu shall be supported by the
6 existing personnel of the DENR. The head of office shall be the chief operating officer of the
7 AIPL and shall be directly accountable to the Regional Executive Director of the DENR
8 Region III and the PAMB.

9 The PASu shall have full responsibility for the protection of land, water, wildlife and
10 other natural physical and biological resources within the AIPL. As such, the PASu shall
11 have the following duties and responsibilities in addition to those provided under the NIPAS
12 Act and its implementing rules and regulations:

13 (a) Establish, operate and maintain a database management system as decision support
14 tool;

15 (b) Prepare the management plans as herein defined;

16 (c) Provide a secretariat for the PAMB and supply the PAMB with all the necessary
17 information to make appropriate decisions for the implementation of this Act;

18 (d) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the AIPL, institute and file legal
19 action independently or in collaboration with other government agencies or
20 organizations and assist in the prosecution of offenses committed in violation of this
21 Act;

22 (e) Monitor all activities within the AIPL to ensure its conformity with the
23 management plan;

24 (f) Recommend the issuance of permits based on terms, conditions and criteria
25 established by the PAMB;

26 (g) Ensure the integration of the AIPL management policies, regulations, programs
27 and projects at all the concerned national and local government unit levels; and

28 (h) Perform such other functions as the PAMB may delegate.

29 The PASu shall be supported by a sufficient number of personnel who shall be
30 performing day to day management, protection and administration of the AIPL. Upon the
31 recommendation of the PAMB, the DENR Regional Executive Director shall deputize local
32 community leaders and environment and natural resources officers.

1 **SEC. 10. Aurora Integrated Protected Landscape (AIPL) Fund.** - There is hereby
2 established a revolving fund to be known as the AIPL Fund for purposes of financing projects
3 in the AIPL.

4 Income shall be derived from fees from visitors/tourists, fees from permitted sale and
5 export of flora and fauna and other resources from the AIPL, proceeds from the registration
6 and lease of multiple-use areas, including tourism concessions, fees, proceeds, and
7 contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting the AIPL, and such other fees
8 and income derived from the operation of the AIPL: *Provided*, That the seventy - five percent
9 (75%) shall be set aside and retained by the PAMB which shall appropriate the same
10 exclusively for the management and operation of the AIPL: *Provided Further*, That the
11 remaining twenty-five percent (25%) shall be remitted to the central Integrated Protected
12 Areas Fund (IPAF).

13 The AIPL Fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from various
14 sources, domestic or foreign, for purposes related to their functions: *Provided*, That
15 disbursements therefrom shall be made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration
16 and management of the system, and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in
17 accordance with existing accounting and budgeting rules and regulations: *Provided*
18 *Further*, That the Fund shall not be used to cover personal services expenditures.

19 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated herein
20 which they have traditionally collected, such as business permits and rentals of LGU
21 facilities: *Provided*, That the LGUs shall not impose property tax and issue new tax
22 declaration for areas covered by the AIPL. Furthermore, LGUs may charge add-ons to fees
23 imposed by the PAMB: *Provided*, That such add-ons shall be based on the contribution of the
24 LGUs in the maintenance and protection of the AIPL.

25 **SEC. 11. Ancestral Lands and Domains.** - The prior and existing rights of Indigenous
26 Cultural Communities or Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) over their ancestral lands and
27 domains of the protected areas shall be recognized. Traditional property regimes exercised by
28 ICCs/IPs in accordance with their customary laws shall govern the relationship of all
29 individuals within their communities with respect to all their lands and other resources found
30 within their ancestral lands and domains.

31 The provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of the ICCs/IPs in
32 accordance with the preservation and conservation objectives of the AIPL. Nothing herein
33 shall be construed to impair, diminish or derogate any prior existing right currently enjoyed
34 by the ICCs/IPs under existing laws.

1 **SEC. 12. *Tenured Migrants and Other Occupants.*** - Tenured migrants shall be
2 eligible to become steward of a portion of land within allowable zones. The PAMB shall
3 identify, verify and review all tenure instruments, land claims and issuances of permits for
4 resource use within the PA and recommend the issuance of the appropriate tenure instrument
5 consistent with the zoning provided in the management plan and its successor plans.

6 Should areas occupied by tenured migrants be designated as zones in which no
7 occupation or other activities are allowed pursuant to the attainment of sustainable
8 development, provision for the transfer of said tenured migrants to multiple-use zones or
9 buffer zones shall be accomplished through just and humane means.

10 In the event of termination of a tenure instrument for cause or by voluntary surrender
11 of rights, the PASu shall take immediate steps to rehabilitate the area in order to return it to
12 its natural state prior to the cultivation or other act by the tenured migrant.

13 Within three (3) months from the passage of this Act, the PASu shall submit to the
14 PAMB the complete list of tenured migrants which list shall be final upon approval of the
15 PAMB.

16 **SEC. 13. *Utilization of Resources.*** - Any exploitation of or utilization of non-
17 renewable resources within the protected area shall not be allowed. Energy projects within
18 the protected area shall be allowed only through an Act of Congress, except energy from
19 wind, sun and water resources of not more than one (1) megawatt capacity for mini-hydro
20 power plant: *Provided*, That these renewable energy projects are established outside the strict
21 protection zone, adopt reduced impact technologies and undergo the Environmental Impact
22 Assessment (EIA) as provided by law: *Provided Further*, That the PAMB endorsement has
23 been obtained.

24 **SEC. 14. *Prohibited Acts and Penalties.*** - The following shall be the prohibitions and
25 penalties applicable to the AIPL, in addition to the prohibited acts as provided in the NIPAS
26 Act and its pertinent rules and regulations:

27 (a) The penalties in Articles 309 and 310 of the Revised Penal Code, depending on the
28 value of the resources involved in connection with the prohibited act, shall be
29 imposed upon any person who:

30 (1) Takes, destroys, collects, disturbs or possesses any wild terrestrial or
31 aquatic plants or animals, flora and fauna, sand, rocks or by-products
32 derived therefrom, within particularly identified regulated or prohibited
33 zones in the protected areas including private lands without the necessary

- 1 permit, authorization or exemption: *Provided*, That hunting of animals
2 shall be absolutely prohibited except for scientific research;
- 3 (2) Cuts, gathers, removes or collects timber or any forest products, within
4 particularly identified regulated or prohibited areas or zones in the
5 protected areas including private lands without the necessary permit,
6 authorization or exemption;
- 7 (3) Possesses or transports, within or outside the protected area any timber,
8 forest products, wild terrestrial plants, animals, flora and fauna, or by
9 products derived therefrom which is ascertained to have been taken from
10 the protected areas;
- 11 (4) Undertakes mineral exploration or extraction within the protected area;
- 12 (5) Engages in quarrying of sand, gravel, guano, limestone or any material
13 within the protected areas;
- 14 (6) Hunts, collects, removes or destroys any endangered or protected species,
15 except when collection or removal is for scientific research and exempted
16 from the prohibition by the Management Board;
- 17 (7) Conducts bio-prospecting within protected areas without prior
18 Management Board approval in accordance with existing guidelines; or
- 19 (8) Establishes or introduces exotic species within the protected area which
20 are detrimental to endemic species or without prior PAMB approval.
- 21 (b) A fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) but not more than Five
22 Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 500,000) and/or imprisonment for one (1) year but
23 not more than six (6) years shall be imposed upon any person who:
- 24 (1) Violates any rules and regulations in the management plan or by the
25 PAMB or agreements reached before the PAMB in the exercise of
26 adjudicative functions;
- 27 (2) Erects any structure on land or on water for any purpose outside the
28 management plan: *Provided*, That large-scale private infrastructure and
29 other projects such as medium to high density residential subdivisions,
30 medium to large commercial and industrial establishments, golf courses,
31 heavily mechanized commercial and non-traditional farming, and other
32 activities that cause increased in-migration, pollution and resources
33 degradation are absolutely prohibited;

- (3) Possesses a chainsaw, backsaw and other mechanized equipment within the protected areas without a permit;
- (4) Throws, dumps or causes to be dumped into the protected areas any non-biodegradable material or waste whether liquid, solid or gas;
- (5) Uses, dumps, places or causes to be placed into the protected areas toxic chemicals, including pesticides and other hazardous substances, unless the same is expressly allowed in the protection and conservation plan;
- (6) Prospects, hunts or otherwise locates hidden treasures within the protected area;
- (7) Informally occupies or dwells in any land within the protected area without clearance from the PAMB;
- (8) Possesses or uses blasting caps or explosives anywhere within the protected area;
- (9) Destroys, excavates, vandalizes or, in any manner, damages any natural formation on land, religious, spiritual, historical sites, artifacts and other objects of natural or scenic value;
- (10) Alters, removes or destroys boundary marks or signs;
- (11) Engages in *kaingin* or in any manner, causing forest fires inside the protected area; or
- (12) Purchases or sells mortgages or leases lands or other portions of the protected area which are by any tenorial instrument.

Valuation of the damage for this Act shall take into account biodiversity and conservation consideration as well as aesthetic and scenic value. Valuation assessed by the DENR or the concerned government agency shall be presumed correct unless otherwise proven by preponderant evidence.

Any person who shall induce another or conspire to commit any of the illegal acts prohibited in this Act or suffer their workers to commit any of the same shall be liable in the same manner as the one actually performing the act.

All conveyances, vessels, equipment, paraphernalia, implements, gear, tools and similar devices shall be subject to immediate and administrative confiscation, independent of the judicial proceedings by the PASu Office upon apprehension, subject however, to due process and substantial evidence requirements. When legal action is however filed in the regular courts, the said conveyances, vessels, equipment, paraphernalia, implements, gear, tools and similar devices, independent of the administrative proceedings, shall not be released

1 until after judgment has been rendered. Proceeds of the sale of all objects administratively or
2 judicially confiscated pursuant hereto shall accrue to the AIPL Fund. Procedure for the sale
3 thereof shall be promulgated by the Management Board. However, in no case shall any
4 confiscated or rescued protected animal species be sold or in any manner disposed of and
5 shall, instead be immediately turned over to the PASu Office for release in its natural habitat,
6 subject to existing regulations.

7 The penalties specified in this section will be in addition to the penalties contained in
8 RA 9072 (National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act), RA 9147
9 (Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act) and other related laws.

10 Conviction for any offense under this Act of a public officer or officer of the law shall
11 carry the accessory penalty of perpetual disqualification from public office.

12 **SEC. 15. *Special Prosecutor and Retained Counsel.*** - Within thirty (30) days from the
13 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall appoint a special prosecutor to
14 whom all cases of violation of laws, rules and regulations in the PA shall be assigned. Such
15 special prosecutor shall coordinate with the AIPL Management Board and through PASu in
16 the performance of the duties and assist in the training of wardens and rangers in arrest and
17 criminal procedures. The AIPL Management Board may retain the services of counsel to
18 prosecute and/or assist in the prosecution of cases arising from any legal action brought
19 against the PASu and staff, or any person assisting in the protection, conservation and
20 sustainable development of the PA, for acts related to their powers, functions and
21 responsibilities as provided in this Act or as delegated or tasked by the AIPL Management
22 Board.

23 **SEC. 16. *Appropriations.*** - The DENR Secretary shall include in its program the
24 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be charged to the annual General
25 Appropriations Act.

26 **SEC. 17. *Reporting Responsibility.*** - The PASu, through the PAMB, shall submit an
27 annual accomplishment report to the Secretary of the DENR on the activities undertaken in
28 the AIPL.

29 **SEC. 18. *Construction and Suppletory Application of Existing Laws.*** - The provisions
30 of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of achieving biodiversity conservation,
31 watershed and environmental protection and sustainable development. The provisions of the
32 Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas System
33 (NIPAS) Act of 1992 and existing forestry laws, and their corresponding rules and

1 regulations not inconsistent hereto shall have suppletory effect in the implementation of this
2 Act.

3 **SEC. 19. *Transitory Provision.*** - In order to ensure the sustainability and integrity of
4 the watersheds and water resources, the recovery and restoration of biological diversity and to
5 develop sustainable livelihood opportunities for tenured migrants, the DENR shall henceforth
6 cease to issue concessions, licenses, permits clearance compliance documents or any other
7 instrument that allows exploitation and utilization of resources within AIPL until the
8 management plan shall have been put into effect.

9 All existing land use and resource use permits within the AIPL shall be reviewed and
10 shall not be renewed upon their expiration unless consistent with the Management Plan and
11 approved by the PAMB.

12 **SEC. 20. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, proclamations, rules and regulations
13 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

14 **SEC. 21. *Separability Clause.*** - Any portion or provision of this Act that may be
15 declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or
16 provisions hereof as long as such remaining portion or provision can still subsist and be given
17 effect in their entirety.

18 **SEC. 22. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date
19 of publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

20 Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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H. B. No. 560

Introduced by HONORABLE JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is prominent for its rich and unique diversity of natural resources both in marine and terrestrial ecosystems. Next to Indonesia, the country is the second largest archipelago consisting of 7,107 islands and islets with a total land area of 300,000 sq. kms. The coastline of the country is exceptionally long covering approximately 18,000 kms. The combination of its complex geological origins, fragmented layout, varying exposures to shifting winds and typhoons and peculiar rainfall distribution gave rise to the existence of a complex mix of ecosystems and habitat types which support a diversity of life forms. About half of the country's animal and plant diversity are native to the archipelago and found nowhere else in the world. In terms of cultural diversity, the Philippines is home to an estimated 127 ethnic groups and subgroups.

The remaining biological diversity and the ecosystems that support them are under tremendous threats. Extractive industries such as logging and mining have destroyed most of our forests while high human population density and growth rate further put enormous pressure on the land. In turn, our rainforests have been converted into agriculture and plantations to augment the lack of land to support the growing population. In addition, cyanide and dynamite fishing along with rapid development in coastal areas, destroyed coral reefs and mangroves.

To assist in the conservation of our natural biological resources, the establishment and effective management of protected areas is one of the strategies for this purpose. The representative samples of these biodiversity are conserved under the integrated protected areas system, the policy framework for which is well provided for under Republic Act 7586.

To achieve the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable development in some parts of Luzon and in particular in the Province of Aurora, this Bill seeks to proclaim finally under the National Integrated Protected Areas System pursuant to RA 7586, the following areas:

A. Aurora Memorial Protected Landscape. - The area is known to harbor important flora consisting predominantly of dipterocarp species such as red lauan (*Shorea negrosensis*), white lauan (*Shorea contorta*), languile (*Shorea polysperma*), mayapis (*Shorea squamada*), bagtikan (*Parashorea malaanomani*), malabayabas (*Tristaniaopsis decorticata*) and narra (*Pterocarpus indicus*). Some of the wild fauna (birds) found in the proposed protected area which are considered threatened include the Philippine Eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*), Philippine Hawk Eagle (*Spizaetus philippensis*), and Spotted Imperial-pigeon (*Ducula carola*), while the mammals include the Philippine long tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*) and Philippine deer (*Cervus philippinensis*), among others.

B. Dinadiawan River Protected Landscape - The area is a home to important flora consisting primarily of dipterocarp species such as mayapis (*Shorea squamada*), white lauan (*Shorea contorta*), red lauan (*Shorea negrosensis*), bagtikan (*Parashorea malaanomani*) and languile (*Shorea polysperma*) while some of the wild fauna found in the proposed protected

area which are considered threatened include the Philippine deer (*Cervus philippinensis*), Philippine long tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*), Philippine warty pig (*Sus philippinensis*), Spotted Wood kingfisher (*Actenoides lindsayi*) and Pygmy swiftlet (*Collocalia troglodytes*) among others.

C. Talaytay River Protected Landscape - It harbors important flora consisting predominantly of dipterocarp species such as Apitong (*Dipterocarpus grandiflores*), mayapis (*Shorea squamata*), white lauan (*Shorea conferta*), red lauan (*Shorea negrosensis*), bagtikan (*Parashorea malaanonan*), manggasinoro (*Shorea philippinensis*), and tanguile (*Shorea polysperma*) while some of the wild fauna found in the proposed protected area which are considered threatened include the Philippine deer (*Cervus philippinensis*), Philippine long tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*) and abundant species of avifauna among others.

D. Amro River Protected Landscape - It harbors important flora consisting predominantly of dipterocarp species such as tanguile (*Shorea polysperma*), mayapis (*Shorea squamata*), white lauan (*Shorea conferta*), red lauan (*Shorea negrosensis*), bagtikan (*Parashorea malaanonan*) and makaasim (*Syzigium nilidum*) while some of the wild fauna found in the proposed protected area which are considered threatened include the monitor lizard (*Varanus salvator*), Philippine long tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*), Philippine deer (*Cervus philippinensis*), Philippine pygmy woodpecker (*Dendrocopos javensis*), Philippine kingfisher (*Ceyx melanurus*) and brahminy kite (*Haliastur indus*) among others.

E. Simbahan - Talagas Protected Landscape - The protected area is known to harbor important flora consisting predominantly of dipterocarp species such as mayapis (*Shorea squamata*), white lauan (*Shorea conferta*), red lauan (*Shorea negrosensis*), bagtikan (*Parashorea malaanonan*), almon (*Shorea almon*) and tanguile (*Shorea polysperma*) while some of the wild fauna found in the proposed protected area which are considered threatened include the Philippine deer (*Cervus philippinensis*), Philippine long tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*), and abundant species of avifauna among others.

The proposed protected areas are among the priority sites for biodiversity conservation in the country.

Indeed the passage of this Bill is a legislative initiative for the protection of the environment particularly for the conservation of representative samples of our rich natural heritage which is earnestly being sought.

JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA
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Lone District, Province of Aurora

Introduced by Honorable JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE AURORA INTEGRATED PROTECTED LANDSCAPE,
PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Title - This Act shall be known as the "*Aurora Integrated Protected Landscape Act of 2010.*"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy - Considering the diversity of the unique biological resources of the Province of Aurora and its aesthetic, sociocultural, economic and ecological importance to the Island of Luzon, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure its protection and conservation including the local communities therein and their culture and way of life insofar as they are in harmony with nature. The protection and conservation of Aurora's unique biodiversity shall be pursued through sustainable and participatory development, advancing and protecting the interests of its legitimate inhabitants, and respecting customary laws in accordance with RA 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, RA 8371 or the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997, and international conventions to which the Philippines is a signatory.

SEC. 3. Scope and Coverage. - Pursuant to and in accordance with the NIPAS Act, the following are hereby declared and established as a protected area and part of the NIPAS under the category of Protected Landscape as defined herein and shall therefore be referred to as the Aurora Integrated Protected Landscape (AIPL):

A. Aurora Memorial Protected Landscape (AMPL).

The boundaries of the AMPL are hereby described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked "1" on the map No. R-04 A-5, S 60° W, 17,400 meters from Poblacion of Baler;

Thence S 69°15'W 1,301.80 m to

corner 2;				
Thence	N 62°25'W	232.20 m	to	
corner 3;				
Thence	N 16°32'W	211.10 m	to	
corner 4;				
Thence	N 46°21'W	158.70 m	to	
corner 5;				
Thence	N 18°06'W	183.60 m	to	
corner 6;				
Thence	S 80°25'W	147.20 m	to	
corner 7;				
Thence	S 15°38'W	167.80 m	to	
corner 8;				
Thence	S 71°29'W	130.60 m	to	
corner 9;				
Thence	S 49°04'W	109.10 m	to	
corner 10;				
Thence	S 45°46'E	189.80 m	to	
corner 11;				
Thence	S 42°30'W	215.00 m	to	
corner 12;				
Thence	S 51°01'E	166.10 m	to	
corner 13;				
Thence	N 52°51'E	284.80 m	!! to	
corner 14;				
Thence	S 57°42'E	208.80 m	to	
corner 15;				
Thence	N 72°29'E	224.40 m	to	
corner 16;				
Thence	S 37°44'W	376.70 m	to	
corner 17;				
Thence	N 69°58'W	339.30 m	to	
corner 18;				
Thence	S 84°56'W	139.40 m	to	
corner 19;				
Thence	N 71°14'W	205.30 m	to	
corner 20;				
Thence	S 75°43'W	115.00 m	to	

corner 21;			
Thence	Due West	70.10 m	to
corner 22;			
Thence	S 62°07'W	69.50 m	to
corner 23;			
Thence	S 73°37'W	151.40 m	to
corner 24;			
Thence	N 66°08'W	114.60 m	to
corner 25;			
Thence	S 83°00'W	128.80 m	to
corner 26;			
Thence	S 57°35'W	139.90 m	to
corner 27;			
Thence	S 64°36'W	79.70 m	to
corner 28;			
Thence	N 68°40'W	134.40 m	to
corner 29;			
Thence	N 63°38'W	252.10 m	to
corner 30;			
Thence	N 87°17'W	260.60 m	to
corner 31;			
Thence	N 18°54'W	313.60 m	to
corner 32;			
Thence	N 29°51'W	421.40 m	to
corner 33;			
Thence	Due West	120.20 m	to
corner 34;			
Thence	N 41°11'W	349.60 m	to
corner 35;			
Thence	S 50°06'W	110.10 m	to
corner 36;			
Thence	S 71°29'W	102.60 m	to
corner 37;			
Thence	S 38°57'W	72.40 m	to
corner 38;			
Thence	S 55°56'W	173.10 m	to
corner 39;			
Thence	S 85°34'W	119.70 m	to

corner 40;			
Thence	S 67°45'W	163.40 m	to
corner 41;			
Thence	Due South	145.20 m	to
corner 42;			
Thence	Due South	189.40 m	to
corner 43;			
Thence	S 84°56'W	219.10 m	to
corner 44;			
Thence	Due North	272.80 m	to
corner 45;			
Thence	N 33°29'W	145.90 m	to
corner 46;			
Thence	N 05°53'W	162.90 m	to
corner 47;			
Thence	N 14°55'E	119.40 m	to
corner 48;			
Thence	N 63°88'W	126.00 m	to
corner 49;			
Thence	N 75°10'W	162.70 m	to
corner 50;			
Thence	N 31°38'W	147.20 m	to
corner 51;			
Thence	Due West	90.20 m	to
corner 52;			
Thence	N 47°26'W	112.80 m	to
corner 53;			
Thence	Due West	140.20 m	to
corner 54;			
Thence	N 50°42'W	399.40 m	to
corner 55;			
Thence	Due West	80.10 m	to
corner 56;			
Thence	N 39°12'W	168.40 m	to
corner 57;			
Thence	N 66°08'W	135.50 m	to
corner 58;			
Thence	N 73°52'W	112.20 m	to

corner 59;			
Thence	N 41°11'W	151.50 m	to
corner 60;			
Thence	N 72°33'W	92.00 m	to
corner 61;			
Thence	S 60°25'W	145.50 m	to
corner 62;			
Thence	N 75°10'W	142.40 m	to
corner 63;			
Thence	S 72°12'W	121.90 m	to
corner 64;			
Thence	S 81°04'W	127.90 m	to
corner 65;			
Thence	S 86°13'W	149.80 m	to
corner 66;			
Thence	S 33°57'W	112.20 m	to
corner 67;			
Thence	S 86°51'W	179.90 m	to
corner 68;			
Thence	S 70°00'W	101.60 m	to
corner 69;			
Thence	Due West	130.20 m	to
corner 70;			
Thence	S 84°56'W	159.30 m	to
corner 71;			
Thence	N 55°15'W	217.30 m	to
corner 72;			
Thence	N 62°25'W	200.50 m	to
corner 73;			
Thence	N 25°30'W	63.40 m	to
corner 74;			
Thence	S 86°13'W	379.40 m	to
corner 75;			
Thence	S 58°41'W	210.90 m	to
corner 76;			
Thence	N 19°43'W	130.20 m	to
corner 77;			
Thence	N 08°50'E	75.60 m	to

corner 78;			
Thence	N 34°24'W	241.80 m	to
corner 79;			
Thence	N 24°39'W	203.70 m	to
corner 80;			
Thence	N 08°08'W	175.80 m	to
corner 81;			
Thence	N 02°12'W	163.60 m	to
corner 82;			
Thence	N 07°22'E	176.00 m	to
corner 83;			
Thence	S 84°56'W	99.60 m	to
corner 84;			
Thence	S 57°47'W	83.70 m	to
corner 85;			
Thence	S 57°47'W	75.30 m	to
corner 86;			
Thence	S 27°16'W	81.10 m	to
corner 87;			
Thence	S 83°40'W	69.50 m	to
corner 88;			
Thence	S 70°00'W	156.90 m	to
corner 89;			
Thence	Due South	113.70 m	to
corner 90;			
Thence	S 73°37'W	85.10 m	to
corner 91;			
Thence	S 55°00'W	163.60 m	to
corner 92;			
Thence	S 88°45'W	110.10 m	to
corner 93;			
Thence	N 25°30'W	126.80 m	to
corner 94;			
Thence	N 57°35'W	86.00 m	to
corner 95;			
Thence	Due West	100.20 m	to
corner 96;			
Thence	N 46°21'W	90.70 m	to

corner 97;			
Thence	S 54°06'W	152.90 m	to
corner 98;			
Thence	S 80°25'W	127.50 m	to
corner 99;			
Thence	N 48°30'W	201.90 m	to
corner 100;			
Thence	N 80°30'W	332.60 m	to
corner 101;			
Thence	N 57°35'W	311.80 m	to
corner 102;			
Thence	S 78°26'W	175.00 m	to
corner 103;			
Thence	S 78°26'W	291.80 m	to
corner 104;			
Thence	S 75°43'W	316.30 m	to
corner 105;			
Thence	N 76°30'W	314.50 m	to
corner 106;			
Thence	N 03°40'W	313.20 m	to
corner 107;			
Thence	N 48°30'W	437.40 m	to
corner 108;			
Thence	S 17°08'W	136.30 m	to
corner 109;			
Thence	S 46°57'W	161.00 m	to
corner 110;			
Thence	S 18°38'W	149.90 m	to
corner 111;			
Thence	S 38°57'W	144.70 m	to
corner 112;			
Thence	S 79°05'W	400.00 m	to
corner 113;			
Thence	S 70°45'W	222.70 m	to
corner 114;			
Thence	S 66°57'W	198.50 m	to
corner 115;			
Thence	S 22°58'E	185.50 m	to

corner 116;			
Thence	S 22°58'E	145.70 m	to
corner 117;			
Thence	S 55°51'E	74.00 m	to
corner 118;			
Thence	S 45°52'W	136.90 m	to
corner 119;			
Thence	S 04°44'E	132.90 m	to
corner 120;			
Thence	S 06°19'E	88.70 m	to
corner 121;			
Thence	S 81°43'W	246.60 m	to
corner 122;			
Thence	S 41°20'W	147.10 m	to
corner 123;			
Thence	S 48°01'W	131.50 m	to
corner 124;			
Thence	S 65°19'E	168.90 m	to
corner 125;			
Thence	S 06°19'E	133.10 m	to
corner 126;			
Thence	Due South	126.30 m	to
corner 127;			
Thence	S 21°35'W	52.70 m	to
corner 128;			
Thence	N 84°34'W	170.70 m	to
corner 129;			
Thence	Due West	170.30 m	to
corner 130;			
Thence	S 25°53'W	335.30 m	to
corner 131;			
Thence	S 25°53'W	241.60 m	to
corner 132;			
Thence	S 04°45'W	227.80 m	to
corner 133;			
Thence	S 23°01'W	236.80 m	to
corner 134;			
Thence	S 65°24'W	178.30 m	to

corner 135;			
Thence	S 36°30'W	64.00 m	to
corner 136;			
Thence	S 55°56'W	164.90 m	to
corner 137;			
Thence	S 23°01'W	178.90	to
corner 138;			
Thence	N 51°49'W	198.60 m	to
corner 139;			
Thence	N 34°24'W	169.30 m	to
corner 140;			
Thence	N 12°36'E	147.00 m	to
corner 141;			"
Thence	N 24°39'W	267.20 m	to
corner 142;			
Thence	N 10°23'W	134.60 m	to
corner 143;			
Thence	N 37°15'W	119.00 m	to
corner 144;			
Thence	N 14°58'W	119.40 m	to
corner 145;			
Thence	S 85°34'W	59.80 m	to
corner 146;			
Thence	N 17°19'W	263.00 m	to
corner 147;			
Thence	N 87°17'W	210.50 m	to
corner 148;			
Thence	S 41°20'W	205.90 m	to
corner 149;			
Thence	N 83°12'W	261.30 m	to
corner 150;			
Thence	N 09°37'W	175.30 m	to
corner 151;			
Thence	S 77°46'W	290.80 m	to
corner 152;			
Thence	S 61°11'W	63.60 m	to
corner 153;			
Thence	Due North	95.50 m	to

corner 154;			
Thence	N 81°51'E	100.70 m	to
corner 155;			
Thence	Due West	140.20 m	to
corner 156;			
Thence	S 87°28'W	170.00 m	to
corner 157;			
Thence	N 02°12'W	231.80 m	to
corner 158;			
Thence	N 09°35'E	242.70 m	to
corner 159;			
Thence	N 24°35'E	127.20 m	to
corner 160;			
Thence	N 13°23'E	120.00 m	to
corner 161;			
Thence	N 36°12'E	119.50 m	to
corner 162;			
Thence	N 06°38'W	122.10 m	to
corner 163;			
Thence	N 43°07'E	103.60 m	to
corner 164;			
Thence	N 02°56'E	149.90 m	to
corner 165;			
Thence	N 27°60'E	125.00 m	to
corner 166;			
Thence	N 28°05'W	87.60 m	to
corner 167;			
Thence	S 12°36'E	107.00 m	to
corner 168;			
Thence	S 89°22'E	190.30 m	to
corner 169;			
Thence	S 81°43'E	187.40 m	to
corner 170;			
Thence	S 81°43'E	187.40 m	to
corner 171;			
Thence	S 81°43'E	49.30 m	to
corner 172;			
Thence	N 66°08'E	229.20 m	to

corner 173;			
Thence	N 49°36'E	245.40 m	to
corner 174;			
Thence	N 48°30'E	224.30 m	to
corner 175;			
Thence	N 67°45'E	108.90 m	to
corner 176;			
Thence	N 47°26'E	112.80 m	to
corner 177;			
Thence	N 75°10'E	223.80 m	to
corner 178;			
Thence	N 61°11'E	106.00 m	to
corner 179;			
Thence	N 56°25'E	173.00 m	to
corner 180;			
Thence	S 84°56'E	298.70 m	to
corner 181;			
Thence	S 62°07'E	199.70 m	to
corner 182;			
Thence	S 41°20'E	147.10 m	to
corner 183;			
Thence	S 64°36'E	79.70 m	to
corner 184;			
Thence	N 67°23'E	197.10 m	to
corner 185;			
Thence	N 55°15'E	369.40 m	to
corner 186;			
Thence	N 88°45'E	210.30m	to
corner 187			
Thence	S 89°22'E	220.40m	to
corner 188			
Thence	S 88°06'E	210.20 m	to
corner 189			
Thence	S 89°22'E	130.20 m	to
corner 190			
Thence	DUE WEST	190.30 m	to
corner 191			
Thence	N 10°23'W	134.60 m	to
corner 192			
Thence	S 81°44'E	70.20 m	to
corner 193			
Thence	N 11°51'E	80.40 m	to
corner 194			
Thence	N 45°18'W	57.00 m	to
corner 195			

Thence corner 196	N06°36'E	135.60 m	to
Thence corner 197	N63°33'E	31.50 m	to
Thence corner 198	N14°58'W	79.60 m	to
Thence corner 199	DUE EAST	44.90 m	to
Thence corner 200	DUE NORTH	81.80 m	to
Thence corner 201	N32°28'E	134.20 m	to
Thence corner 202	DUE NORTH	81.80 m	to
Thence corner 203	N25°25'E	88.70 m	to
Thence corner 204	DUE NORTH	122.70 m	to
Thence corner 205	N20°27'E	90.80 m	to
Thence corner 206	N08°06'E	229.90 m	to
Thence corner 207	S59°28'E	50.90 m	to
Thence corner 208	N15°41'E	158.70 m	to
Thence corner 209	N29°46'E	173.30 m	to
Thence corner 210	N18°03'E	163.80 m	to
Thence corner 211	N03°39'E	177.00 m	to
Thence corner 212	N51°44'E	154.10 m	to
Thence corner 213	S81°41'E	275.20 m	to
Thence corner 214	N77°47'E	373.30 m	to
Thence corner 215	S84°17'E	193.20 m	to
Thence corner 216	N05°09'W	231.10 m	to
Thence corner 217	N69°54'E	195.10 m	to
Thence corner 218	S66°06'E	116.30 m	to
Thence corner 219	S68°26'E	136.50 m	to
Thence corner 220	N18°50'E	326.60 m	to
Thence corner 221	N18°03'E	235.90 m	to
Thence corner 222	N08°50'E	229.50 m	to
Thence corner 223	S84°55'E	168.70 m	to
Thence corner 224	S61°12'E	171.90 m	to
Thence corner 225	S81°02'E	196.10 m	to
Thence corner 226	S63°42'E	175.50 m	to

Thence corner 227	S55°51'E	156.30 m	to
Thence corner 228	S25°48'E	107.30 m	to
Thence corner 229	S52°58'E	88.40 m	to
Thence corner 230	S82°20'E	78.80 m	to
Thence corner 231	S88°45'E	139.70 m	to
Thence corner 232	N36°12'E	83.70 m	to
Thence corner 233	N33°23'E	230.60 m	
Thence corner 234	DUE EAST	159.70 m	to
Thence corner 235	N40°05'E	234.00 m	to
Thence corner 236	N50°36'E	221.50 m	to
Thence corner 237	N69°54'E	236.10 m	to
Thence corner 238	N73°49'E	223.70 m	to
Thence corner 239;	N85°54'E	329.80m	to
Thence corner 240;	N50°36'E	276.80m	to
Thence corner 241;	N71°11'E	286.50m	to
Thence corner 242;	N80°28'E	331.50m	to
Thence corner 243;	N11°51'E	254.50m	to
Thence corner 244;	N18°50'E	300.50m	to
Thence corner 245;	N69°54'E	92.40m	to
Thence corner 246;	N33°23'E	84.90m	to
Thence corner 247;	N34°24'W	108.80m	to
Thence corner 248;	N16°29'E	79.20m	to
Thence corner 249;	N45°13'E	261.70m	to
Thence corner 250;	N25°25'E	240.70m	to
Thence corner 251;	Due North	272.80m	to
Thence corner 252;	N11°53'W	214.40m	to
Thence corner 253;	N03°40'W	245.10m	to
Thence corner 254;	N26°16'E	327.90m	to
Thence corner 255;	N29°46'E	321.90m	to
Thence corner 256;	N41°05'E	314.10m	to
Thence corner 257;	S86°12'E	238.80m	to

Thence corner 258;	S59°28'E	178.00m	to
Thence corner 259;	N76°27'E	192.10m	to
Thence corner 260;	N41°05'E	290.90m	to
Thence corner 261;	S83°38'E	197.80m	to
Thence corner 262;	S76°21'E	220.60m	to
Thence corner 263;	N73°49'E	183.00m	to
Thence corner 264;	S81°02'E	166.70m	to
Thence corner 265;	N41°05'E	197.80m	to
Thence corner 266;	N67°19'E	300.00m	to
Thence corner 267;	N30°39'E	160.20m	to
Thence corner 268;	N75°07'E	162.20m	to
Thence corner 269;	N51°44'E	286.30m	to
Thence corner 270;	N63°33'E	251.40m	to
Thence corner 271;	S88°06'E	239.40m	to
Thence corner 272;	N85°54'E	274.90m	to
Thence corner 273;	N73°49'E	142.30m	to
Thence corner 274;	N43°07'E	207.10m	to
Thence corner 275;	N87°16'E	189.80m	to
Thence corner 276;	S86°12'E	278.60m	to
Thence corner 277;	N14°11'W	305.90m	to
Thence corner 278;	N38°07'E	177.40m	to
Thence corner 279;	N05°08'E	367.90m	to
Thence corner 280;	N05°08'E	285.50m	to
Thence corner 281;	N56°36'E	166.10m	to
Thence corner 282;	N14°58'W	265.40m	to
Thence corner 283;	N22°09'W	244.70m	to
Thence corner 284;	N12°39'W	227.30m	to
Thence corner 285;	N57°35'W	118.30m	to
Thence corner 286;	N36°18'W	107.70m	to
Thence corner 287;	N10°23'W	228.70m	to
Thence corner 288;	N67°23'W	72.60m	to

Thence corner 289;	N28°05'W	125.10m	to
Thence corner 290;	N03°39'E	95.30m	to
Thence corner 291;	N08°50'E	243.00m	to
Thence corner 292;	N13°23'E	213.40m	to
Thence corner 293;	N15°41'E	211.60m	to
Thence corner 294;	S48°58'E	101.20m	to
Thence corner 295;	S77°02'E	154.00m	to
Thence corner 296;	S52°01'E	207.30m	to
Thence corner 297;	S52°01'E	255.10m	to
Thence corner 298;	S29°55'E	89.00m	to
Thence corner 299;	DUE EAST	269.50m	to
Thence corner 300;	S07°54'W	196.90m	to
Thence corner 301;	S61°12'E	223.50m	to
Thence corner 302;	N87°16'E	109.90m	to
Thence corner 303;	N87°16'E	259.70m	to
Thence corner 304;	N87°16'E	269.70m	to
Thence corner 305;	N87°16'E	269.70m	to
Thence corner 306;	N12°36'E	160.40m	to
Thence corner 307;	N69°54'E	184.90m	to
Thence corner 308;	N06°36'E	284.80m	to
Thence corner 309;	N62°20'E	105.30m	to
Thence corner 310;	N31°38'W	110.50m	to
Thence corner 311;	N12°36'E	80.20m	to
Thence corner 312;	N57°30'E	107.30m	to
Thence corner 313;	N41°11'W	104.80m	to
Thence corner 314;	S83°38'E	108.80m	to
Thence corner 315;	S87°28'E	269.10m	to
Thence corner 316;	S81°41'E	167.10m	to
Thence corner 317;	S25°48'E	87.20m	to
Thence corner 318;	S48°58'E	54.40m	to
Thence corner 319;	N18°50'E	130.30m	to

Thence corner 320;	S40°03'E	58.30m	to
Thence corner 321;	N24°35'E	139.90m	to
Thence corner 322;	DUE EAST	299.50m	to
Thence corner 323;	N87°16'E	269.70m	to
Thence corner 324;	N71°11'E	214.90m	to
Thence corner 325;	N55°09'E	227.60m	to
Thence corner 326;	N56°19'E	258.80m	to
Thence corner 327;	N73°49'E	305.10m	to
Thence corner 328;	S85°33'E	139.10m	to
Thence corner 329;	S57°42'E	242.20m	to
Thence corner 330;	S86°50'E	149.40m	to
Thence corner 331;	S88°45'E	199.60m	to
Thence corner 332;	S55°51'E	106.90m	to
Thence corner 333;	S85°33'E	159.00m	to
Thence corner 334;	S55°06'E	119.70m	to
Thence corner 335;	S79°03'E	175.00m	to
Thence corner 336;	S86°12'E	199.00m	to
Thence corner 337;	N37°09'E	214.00m	to
Thence corner 338;	S73°34'E	282.90m	to
Thence corner 339;	S77°43'E	222.20m	to
Thence corner 340;	S89°22'E	259.50m	to
Thence corner 341;	S68°26'E	227.40m	to
Thence corner 342;	S74°17'E	227.60m	to
Thence corner 343;	N46°06'E	226.30m	to
Thence corner 344;	S82°20'E	384.20m	to
Thence corner 345;	N53°60'E	381.30m	to
Thence corner 346;	N80°28'E	281.40m	to
Thence corner 347;	S28°34'E	81.60m	to
Thence corner 348;	S74°17'E	104.20m	to
Thence corner 349;	S11°01'W	108.50m	to
Thence corner 350;	S78°23'E	77.50m	to

Thence corner 351;	S44°45'W	52.80m	to
Thence corner 352;	S45°46'E	37.90m	to
Thence corner 353;	S07°54'W	44.50m	to
Thence corner 354;	S75°40'E	57.30m	to
Thence corner 355;	S17°05'E	38.90m	to
Thence corner 356;	S47°55'E	92.60m	to
Thence corner 357;	S75°40'E	66.80m	to
Thence corner 358;	S04°44'E	88.50m	to
Thence corner 359;	S72°08'E	65.40m	to
Thence corner 360;	S63°42'E	61.40m	to
Thence corner 361;	S42°24'E	192.50m	to
Thence corner 362;	S58°35'E	437.50m	to
Thence corner 363;	S66°54'E	485.90m	to
Thence corner 1,	S57°42'E	709.90m	to

the point of beginning containing an area of NINETEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED and 24/100 (19,100.24) hectares subject to actual ground survey and demarcation.

B. Dinadiawan River Protected Landscape (DRPL).

The boundaries are hereby set at follows:

Beginning at a point marked "1" on the map which is at the mouth of Dinadiawan River,

three hundred seventy-one and 33/100 (3,371.33) hectares subject to actual ground survey and demarcation.

Thence Corner 2;	S70°00'W	851.40m	to
Thence Corner 3;	Due North	456.90m	to
Thence Corner 4;	N21°00'W	450.00m	to
Thence Corner 5;	N52°00'W	400.00m	to
Thence Corner 6;	N07°00'W	475.00m	to
Thence Corner 7;	N16°00'W	550.00m	to
Thence Corner 8;	N48°00'W	350.00m	to

Thence	N35°00'W	400.00m	to
Corner 9;			
Thence	N04°00'E	225.00m	to
Corner 10;			
Thence	N56°00'W	350.00m	to
Corner 11;			
Thence	S82°00'W	350.00m	to
Corner 12;			
Thence	N31°00'W	350.00m	to
Corner 13;			
Thence	N64°00'W	300.00m	to
Corner 14;			
Thence	S80°00'W	225.00m	to
Corner 15;			
Thence	N51°00'W	450.00m	to
Corner 16;			
Thence	S66°00'W	400.00m	to
Corner 17;			
Thence	N83°00'W	375.00m	to
Corner 18;			
Thence	S65°00'W	350.00m	to
Corner 19;			
Thence	N83°00'W	325.00m	to
Corner 20;			
Thence	N69°00'W	850.00m	to
Corner 21;			
Thence	N08°00'W	650.00m	to
Corner 22;			
Thence	S83°00'E	500.00m	to
Corner 23;			
Thence	N72°00'E	450.00m	to
Corner 24;			
Thence	S53°00'E	225.00m	to
Corner 25;			
Thence	N82°00'E	350.00m	to
Corner 26;			
Thence	S62°00'E	400.00m	to
Corner 27;			
Thence	N88°00'E	275.00m	to
Corner 28;			
Thence	N40°00'E	250.00m	to
Corner 29;			
Thence	N77°00'E	450.00m	to
Corner 30;			
Thence	N13°00'E	300.00m	to
Corner 31;			
Thence	N27°00'W	350.00m	to
Corner 32;			
Thence	N12°00'W	250.00m	to
Corner 33;			
Thence	N80°00'W	300.00m	to
Corner 34;			
Thence	N10°00'E	225.00m	to
Corner 35;			
Thence	N11°00'W	200.00m	to
Corner 36;			
Thence	N57°00'E	400.00m	to
Corner 37;			
Thence	N57°00'E	225.00m	to
Corner 38;			
Thence	N12°00'E	400.00m	to
Corner 39;			

Thence	DUE NORTH	225.00m	to
Corner 40;			
Thence	N44°00'E	425.00m	to
Corner 41;			
Thence	DUE NORTH	700.00m	to
Corner 42;			
Thence	N43°00'E	700.00m	to
Corner 43;			
Thence	N70°00'E	650.00m	to
Corner 44;			
Thence	S55°00'E	400.00m	to
Corner 45;			
Thence	S30°00'E	325.00m	to
Corner 46;			
Thence	S45°00'E	650.00m	to
Corner 47;			
Thence	S34°00'E	350.00m	to
Corner 48;			
Thence	S54°00'E	425.00m	to
Corner 49;			
Thence	S61°00'E	550.00m	to
Corner 50;			
Thence	S59°00'E	675.00m	to
Corner 51;			
Thence	S56°00'E	425.00m	to
Corner 52;			
Thence	N87°00'E	825.00m	to
Corner 53;			
Thence	N51°00'E	275.00m	to
Corner 54;			
Thence	S80°00'E	400.00m	to
Corner 55;			
Thence	S23°00'E	325.00m	to
Corner 56;			
Thence	N66°00'E	250.00m	to
Corner 57;			
Thence	S69°00'E	600.00m	to
Corner 58;			
Thence	S15°00'E	550.00m	to
Corner 59;			
Thence	S07°00'W	300.00m	to
Corner 60;			
Thence	S61°00'W	575.00m	to
Corner 61;			
Thence	S71°00'W	400.00m	to
Corner 62;			
Thence	S02°00'E	250.00m	to
Corner 63;			
Thence	S25°00'W	300.00m	to
Corner 64;			
Thence	S11°00'W	450.00m	to
Corner 65;			
Thence	S03°00'W	250.00m	to
Corner 66;			
Thence	S45°00'W	500.00m	to
Corner 67;			
Thence	S53°00'W	350.00m	to
Corner 68;			
Thence	S70°00'W	275.00m	to
Corner 69;			
Thence	S24°00'W	625.00m	to
Corner 70;			

Thence	S46°00'W	550.00m	to
Corner 71;			
Thence	S63°00'W	200.00m	to
Corner 72;			
Thence	S63°00'W	250.00m	to
Corner 73;			
Thence	S06°00'E	350.00m	to
Corner 74;			
Thence	S24°00'W	550.00m	to
Corner 75;			
Thence	S33°00'E	325.00m	to
Corner 76;			
Thence	S19°00'W	350.00m	to
Corner 77;			
Thence	S69°59'W	575.70m	to
Corner 01,			

the point of beginning containing an area of three thousand three hundred seventy-one and 33/100 (3, 371.33) hectares subject to actual ground survey and demarcation.

C. Talaytay River Protected Landscape (TRPL).

The boundaries of the TPL are hereby described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked "1" on the map located at the center of NIA Dam with geographical coordinates 16°07'30" and 161°05'30" north latitude and 121°50'35" and 121°58'10" east longitude;

Thence	N 39°12'W	1, 301.90 m	to
corner 2;			
Thence	N 69°08'W	1, 205.70 m	to
corner 3;			
Thence	N 60°11'W	728.10 m	to
corner 4;			
Thence	Due West	955.50 m	to
corner 5;			
Thence	N 43°53'E	673.60 m	to
corner 6;			
Thence	N 67°09'W	552.80 m	to
corner 7;			
Thence	N 67°09'W	1, 054.90 m	to
corner 8;			
Thence	N 34°11'W	1, 176.10 m	to
corner 9;			
Thence	N 32°11'W	650.70 m	to
corner 10;			

Thence corner 11;	N 07°58'W	1,298.20 m	to
Thence corner 12;	N 49°53'E	1,892.70 m	to
Thence corner 13;	N 84°59'E	1,690.80 m	to
Thence corner 14;	N 17°07'W	849.60 m	to
Thence corner 15;	N 29°11'W	1,275.50 m	to
Thence corner 16;	N 75°57'E	398.90 m	to
Thence corner 17;	S 61°50'E	1,320.10 m	to
Thence corner 18;	S 61°50'E	1,2545.40 m	to
Thence corner 19;	S 52°47'E	1,047.30 m	to
Thence corner 20;	S 02°00'W	801.90 m	to
Thence corner 21;	S 11°55'E	1,202.10 m	to
Thence corner 22;	S 05°49'W	1,001.90 m	to
Thence corner 23;	S 18°52'E	951.30 m	to
Thence corner 24;	S 24°50'E	750.80 m	to
Thence corner 25;	S 08°56'E	851.80 m	to
Thence corner 26;	S 11°02'W	1,152.60 m	to
Thence corner 1;	S 54°06'W	1,255.50 m	to

the point of beginning containing an area of three thousand five hundred twenty six and 29/100 (3,526.29) hectares subject to actual ground survey and demarcation.

D. Amro River Protected Landscape (ARPL).

The boundaries of the ARPL are hereby described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked "1" on the map with geographical coordinates 16°20'13.86" latitude and 122°05'59.49 longitude;

Thence	N 79°02'W	1,280.90 m	to
corner 2;			
Thence	S 82°32'W	938.10 m	to
corner 3;			
Thence	S 59°53'W	603.70 m	to
corner 4;			
Thence	S 88°09'W	548.30 m	to
corner 5;			
Thence	S 81°28'W	555.40 m	to
corner 6;			
Thence	S 55°49'W	605.40 m	to
corner 7;			
Thence	S 15°20'W	465.00 m	to
corner 8;			
Thence	S 02°52'W	573.10 m	to
corner 9;			
Thence	S 10°59'E	522.00 m	to
corner 10;			
Thence	S 54°48'W	605.80 m	to
corner 11;			
Thence	S 34°47'W	564.90 m	to
corner 12;			
Thence	S 43°42'W	760.80 m	to
corner 13;			
Thence	Due South	722.94 m	to
corner 14;			
Thence	S 18°13'W	774.00 m	to
corner 15;			
Thence	N 89°05'W	596.20 m	to
corner 16;			
Thence	N 85°01'W	597.30 m	to
corner 17;			

Thence corner 18;	S 27°55'W	719.20 m	to
Thence corner 19;	S 79°32'W	1,087.80 m	to
Thence corner 20;	N 84°01'W	597.20 m	to
Thence corner 21;	N 76°02'W	597.20 m	to
Thence corner 22;	N 52°04'W	694.20 m	to
Thence corner 23;	N 60°04'W	694.40 m	to
Thence corner 24;	N 03°08'E	936.70 m	to
Thence corner 25;	N 13°36'E	939.20 m	to
Thence corner 26;	N 03°21'E	742.20 m	to
Thence corner 27;	N 06°18'E	692.70 m	to
Thence corner 28;	N 05°02'E	693.00 m	to
Thence corner 29;	N 54°17'E	613.70 m	to
Thence corner 30;	N 51°19'E	1,013.30 m	to
Thence corner 31;	N 79°14'E	897.50 m	to
Thence corner 32;	S 88°00'E	725.90 m	to
Thence corner 33;	N 10°28'E	986.70 m	to
Thence corner 34;	N 46°21'E	884.70 m	to
Thence corner 35;	N 39°19'E	854.50 m	to
Thence corner 36;	N 50°19'E	711.90 m	to

Thence corner 37;	N 45°20'E	709.10 m	to
Thence corner 38;	N 63°06'E	1, 072.60 m	to
Thence corner 39;	N 13°36'E	548.80 m	to
Thence corner 40;	N 17°46'E	793.80 m	!! to
Thence corner 41;	N 20°53'E	746.00 m	to
Thence corner 42;	N 28°04'W	742.20 m	to
Thence corner 43;	N 44°20'E	758.40 m	to
Thence corner 44;	S 77°00'E	726.20 m	to
Thence corner 45;	S 42°58'E	828.30 m	to
Thence corner 46;	S 22°59'E	419.90 m	to
Thence corner 47;	S 07°00'E	522.10 m	to
Thence corner 48;	S 55°59'E	445.20 m	to
Thence corner 49;	S 44°58'E	419.70 m	to
Thence corner 50;	S 88°57'E	725.90 m	to
Thence corner 51;	S 68°59'E	521.70 m	to
Thence corner 52;	S 51°59'E	572.90 m	to
Thence corner 53;	S 09°34'W	572.40 m	!! to
Thence corner 54;	S 04°47'W	420.10 m	to
Thence corner 55;	S 03°50'W	521.90 m	to

Thence	S 27°55'W	618.10 m	to
corner 56;			
Thence	S 04°59'E	573.20 m	to
corner 57;			
Thence	S 17°59'E	471.00 m	to
corner 58;			
Thence	S 22°59'E	624.20 m	to
corner 59;			
Thence	S 31°50'W	919.00 m	to
corner 1;			

the point of beginning containing an area of six thousand four hundred seventy-one and 08/100 (6,471.08) hectares subject to actual ground survey and demarcation.

E. Simbahan - Talagas Protected Landscape

The boundaries of the STPL are hereby described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked "1" on the map with geographical coordinates 16°8'00" latitude and 121°50'00" longitude;

Thence	N 33°03'W	884.5 m	to
corner 2;			
Thence	N 49°03'W	1,021.8 m	to
corner 3;			
Thence	N 29°02'W	816.6 m	to
corner 4;			
Thence	N 41°03'W	619.1 m	to
corner 5;			
Thence	N 66°02'W	463.7 m	to
corner 6;			
Thence	N 06°01'E	1,150.6 m	to
corner 7;			
Thence	N 77°02'E	322.1 m	to
corner 8;			
Thence	N 57°04'E	484.4 m	to

corner 9;			
Thence	N 61°58'E	305.3 m	to
corner 10;			
Thence	S 82°59'E	303.1 m	to
corner 11;			
Thence	N 85°01'E	353.2 m	to
corner 12;			
Thence	N 62°04'E	447.9 m	to
corner 13;			
Thence	N 10°02'E	227.5 m	to
corner 14;			
Thence	Due East	201.0 m	to
corner 15;			
Thence	N 67°03'E	450.0 m	to
corner 16;			
Thence	N 49°04'E	608.6 m	To
corner 17;			
Thence	N 27°04'E	710.9 m	to
corner 18;			
Thence	N 65°03'E	399.0 m	to
corner 19;			
Thence	N 29°04'E	240.6 m	to
corner 20;			
Thence	N 51°04'E	688.6 m	to
corner 21;			
Thence	S 42°57'E	1,483.0 m	to
corner 22;			
Thence	S 04°00'E	1,208.7 m	to

corner 23; Thence	S 57°57'E	590.6 m	to
corner 24; Thence	S 08°59'E	1,049.2 m	to
corner 25; Thence	S 57°56'W	654.2 m	to
corner 26; Thence	S 27°56'W	684.1 m	to
corner 27; Thence	S 08°59'W	693.3 m	to
corner 28; Thence	S 08°59'W	317.9 m	to
corner 29; Thence	S 72°57'W	249.9 m	to
corner 30; Thence	S 78°58'W	187.9 m	to
corner 31; Thence	S 78°58'W	299.9 m	to
corner 32; Thence	S 21°57'W	350.6 m	to
corner 33; Thence	N 48°03'W	301.6 m	to
corner 34; Thence	S 66°57'W	250.0 m	to
corner 35; Thence	S 50°56'W	557.3 m	to
corner 36; Thence	N 82°01'W	316.8 m	to

corner 37;

Thence S 58°56'W 352.1 m to

corner 38;

Thence N 36°55'W 425.5 m to

corner 1;

the point of beginning containing an area of two thousand two hundred sixty-six and 49/100 (2,266.49) hectares subject to actual ground survey and demarcation.

Once surveyed and verified on the ground, and incorporating necessary corrections including changes recommended by the APL Management Board which are supported by sound technical and scientific basis, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall mark on the ground the boundaries set forth in this Act which shall not be modified except by an act of Congress.

The technical descriptions provided in this Act will be subject to ground survey and verification to be conducted by the DENR within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act. Any modification of the coverage of this Act due to such factors as changing ecological situations, new scientific or archeological findings, or discovery of traditional boundaries not previously taken into account shall be made through an act of Congress, after consultation with the affected public and concerned government agencies.

SECTION 4. Land Classification. - All lands of the public domain comprising the Protected Areas shall fall under the classification of national park as provided for in the Philippine Constitution.

SEC. 5. Definition of Terms - For purposes of this Act:

- (a) **"Biodiversity"** shall refer to variety and variability among all living organisms and the ecological complexities in which they occur.
- (b) **"Biological resources"** shall include genetic resources, organisms or parts thereof, population, or any other biotic component of ecosystems with actual or potential use or value for humanity.
- (c) **"Buffer Zone"** shall refer to the identified area outside the boundaries of and immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need special development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area.
- (d) **"By-product or derivatives"** shall mean any part taken or substance extracted from wildlife, in raw or in processed form. This includes stuffed animals and herbarium specimens.

(e) **"Collection or collecting"** shall refer to the act of gathering or harvesting wildlife, its by-products or derivatives.

(f) **"Component area"** shall refer to the area previously ordered or proclaimed as the Amro River Watershed Forest Reserve (ARWPL), Talaytay Watershed Forest Reserve (TWFR), Aurora Memorial Protected Landscape (AMPL), Dinadiawan River Protected Landscape (DRPL), and Simbahan-Talagas Watershed Forest Reserve (STWFR).

(g) **"Conservation"** shall mean preservation and sustainable utilization of wildlife, and/or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of the habitat.

(h) **"Consultation"** shall refer to the meeting or dialogue with concerned or affected individual and groups within and outside the AIPL designated to identify and resolve issues and problems affecting them in relation to the protection, conservation and sustainable development of the AIPL.

(i) **"Endemic species"** shall refer to species or subspecies of flora and fauna which is naturally occurring and found only within specific areas in the country.

(j) **"Exotic species"** shall refer to species or subspecies of flora and fauna which do not naturally occur within the protected area at present or in historical time.

(k) **"Exploration"** shall refer to searching or prospecting for mineral resources, as defined by law, by geological, geo-chemical or geophysical surveys, remote sensing, rest pitting, trenching, drilling, shaft sinking, tunneling or any other means for the purpose of determining the existence, extent, quantity and quality thereof and the feasibility of mining them for profit.

(l) **"Exploitation"** shall refer to any mode of use, extraction, development, utilization or disposition of resources, for whatever purpose, whether commercial or otherwise.

(m) **"Habitat"** shall refer to a place or type of environment where species or subspecies naturally occurs or has naturally established its population.

(n) **"Introduction"** shall mean bringing species into the wild that is outside its natural habitat.

(o) **"Kaingin"** shall refer to the slash and burn of vegetation to clear land for agricultural purposes.

(p) **"National Integrated Protected Areas System"** is the classification and administration of all designated protected areas to maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources found therein, and to maintain their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible.

(q) **"NIPAS Act"** shall refer to the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) act of 1992 or RA 7586, and its implementing rules and regulations.

(r) **"National Park"** shall refer to the land of the public domain classified as such in the 1987 Constitution which include all areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) pursuant to R.A. 7586 primarily designated for the conservation of native plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural diversity.

(s) **"Non-government organization (NGO)"** shall refer to an agency, institution, a foundation or a group of persons whose purpose is to assist people's organizations/associations

in various ways including, but not limited to, organizing, education, training, research and or secure accessing.

(t) **"Non-renewable resources"** shall refer to those resources within the APL, the natural replenishment rate of which is not known.

(u) **"People's organization"** shall refer to a group of organized migrant communities and/or interested indigenous peoples which may be an association, cooperative, federation, or other legal entity, established to undertake collective action to address community concerns and needs, and mutually share the benefits of the endeavor.

(v) **"Protected Area (PA)"** shall refer to the identified portions of land and/or water set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation.

(w) **"Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)"** shall refer to a multisectoral policy-making body for protected areas created in accordance with RA No. 7586 or the NIPAS Act of 1992.

(x) **"Protected Landscape/Seascape"** refers to an area of national significance which are characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and land while providing opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation and tourism within the normal lifestyle and economic activity of these areas.

(y) **"Quarrying"** shall refer to the process of extracting, removing and disposing quarry resources found on or underneath the surface of private or public land.

(z) **"Special-use zones"** shall refer to areas containing existing installations of national and local significance, such as telecommunication facilities, irrigation canals, water supply infrastructure or electric power lines.

(aa) **"Sustainable"** shall refer to the use of components of biological diversity in a way and rate that does not lead to the long-term decline of biological diversity, thereby maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations.

(bb) **"Strict protection zone"** is a natural area with high biodiversity value which shall be closed to all human activity except for scientific studies and/or ceremonial or religious use by the indigenous cultural communities/indigenous peoples; may include habitats of threatened species, or degraded areas that have been designated for restoration and subsequent protection, even if these areas are still in various stages of regeneration.

(cc) **"Tenured migrant"** shall refer to occupants who have actually and continuously occupied a portion of the protected area and is solely dependent therein for subsistence. A protected area occupant is understood to be "solely dependent therein for subsistence" when everything indispensable for survival for the household, including food, clothing, shelter and health, comes only from the utilization of resources from the protected areas.

(dd) **"Watershed Forest Reserve"** shall refer to areas such as the Amro River Watershed Forest Reserve (ARWPL), Talaytay Watershed Forest Reserve (TWFR) and Simbahan-Talagas Watershed Forest Reserve (STWFR) proclaimed as such by the issuance of an executive order or a presidential proclamation for purposes of protecting, maintaining or improving the water yield and providing restraining mechanisms for inappropriate forest exploitations and disruptive land use.

(ee) "Wildlife" shall refer to wild forms and varieties of flora and fauna, in all developmental stages, including those which are in captivity or are being bred or propagated.

(ff) "Zones" shall refer to the divisions within the PA consisting of levels of protection and permitted use of natural resources such as strict protection zone, sustainable-use zone, restoration zone, multiple-use zone and special-use zone, as provided under existing rules and regulations of the NIPAS.

SEC. 6. Institutional Mechanisms. - The following administrative and policy-making mechanisms shall apply to AIPL:

A. Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) - A PAMB for each of the protected area within the AIPL shall be created which shall be the policy-making body. As far as practicable, the PAMB shall be composed of:

1. The Regional Executive Director of Region 3 as Chairperson;
2. The Provincial Planning and Development Officer;
3. One (1) representative for each Municipal Government covered by the PA to be appointed by a majority vote of the respective Sangguniang Bayan;
4. One (1) representative from each of the barangay with territory within the AIPL to be appointed by the Sangguniang Barangay;
5. One (1) representative from each of the tribal community within the AIPL, if any;
6. At least three (3) representatives from local non-government organizations (NGOs) based in or near the AIPL;
7. One (1) representative from People's Organizations (Po's) from each municipality with territory within the AIPL chosen from among themselves. Provided, the POs are accredited with the DENR and the LGU and with tangible projects at the time of their membership in the PAMB; and
8. One (1) representative, if necessary, from other national government departments that may be involved in the management of the AIPL.

The PAMB shall perform the powers and functions as provided for in the NIPAS Act. The Board shall decide by a majority vote. Every member of the PAMB shall be considered to represent his or her sector and shall be deemed to carry the vote of such sector unless challenged in writing five days after the decision being challenged is made known to the members of the sector thru the provisions of the written information.

The DENR, thru the Regional Executive Director, shall exercise the authority to oversee the PAMB to ensure that the Board is acting within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of contradiction between administrative orders issued by the DENR pursuant to the NIPAS Act for national application and the rules and

regulations issued by the PAMB, the Board shall notify the Secretary of the DENR who shall resolve such conflict.

Except for the government officials who shall serve as ex-officio, each PAMB member shall serve for a term of five (5) years: Provided, that he/she remains connected with the sector he/she is supposed to represent. Whenever a vacancy occurs during the term of a member who does not represent the government, a new member shall be chosen in the manner as the original selection process: Provided, that he/she shall serve only for the remaining term.

The PAMB may create an Executive Committee within the Board to whom it may delegate some of its powers and functions. Likewise, the PAMB may create other committees within the Board. The PAMB en banc shall hold regular meetings at least twice a year. The Executive Committee shall meet regularly to discuss the day-to-day operations of the AIPL and other matters delegated by the PAMB.

B. Office of the Protected Area Superintendent. - There shall be an Office of the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) within the DENR to be headed by the PASu who shall serve as the chief operating DENR

Officer of the entire AIPL. The PASu and his/her staff reside within the AIPL and establish an office, or if necessary, sub-office within the Protected Landscape in order to implement this Act.

The PASu shall have full responsibility for the protection of the AIPL and shall perform the duties and functions as provided for in RA 7586 and its IRR.

SEC. 7. Ancestral Lands and Domains. - The prior and existing rights Indigenous cultural communities or people (ICCs/IPs) to their ancestral lands and domains of the protected areas shall be recognized. Traditional property regimes exercised by ICCs/IPs in accordance with their customary laws shall govern the relationship of all individuals within their communities with respect to all their lands and other resources found within their ancestral lands and domains.

The provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of the ICCs/IPs in accordance with the preservation and conservation objectives of the AIPL. Nothing herein shall be construed to impair, diminish or derogate any prior existing right currently enjoyed by the ICCs/IPs under existing laws.

SEC. 8. Tenured Migrants and Other Occupants - Tenured migrants shall be eligible to become steward of a portion of land within allowable zones. The PAMB shall identify, verify and review all tenure instruments, land claims and issuances of permits for resource use within the

PA and recommend the issuance of the appropriate tenure instrument consistent with the zoning provided in the management plan and its successor plans.

Should areas occupied by tenured migrants be designated as zones in which no occupation or other activities are allowed pursuant to the attainment of sustainable development, provision for the transfer of said tenured migrants to multiple-use zones or buffer zones shall be accomplished through just and humane means.

In the event of termination of a tenure instrument for cause or by voluntary surrender of rights, the PASu shall take immediate steps to rehabilitate the area in order to return it to its natural state prior to the cultivation or other act by the tenured migrant.

Other PA occupants who would not qualify as tenured migrants shall be resettled outside the PA as determined by the PAMB. The PAMB shall determine, plan and implement a definite schedule for resettling them outside the PA following the procedures set forth by existing law.

SEC. 9. Utilization of Resources - Any exploitation of or utilization of nonrenewable resources within the protected areas shall not be allowed. Energy projects within the protected areas shall be allowed only through an act of Congress except energy from wind, sun and water resources of not more than one (1) megawatt capacity for mini-hydro power plant: Provided that these renewable energy projects are established outside the strict protection zone, adopt reduced impact technologies and undergo the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) System as provided by law: Provided, further, that the PAMB endorsement has been obtained.

SEC. 10. Prohibited Acts and Penalties - The following are prohibitions and penalties, in addition to the prohibited acts as provided in the NIPAS Act and its pertinent rules and regulations:

(a) The penalties in Articles 309 and 310 of the Revised Penal Code, depending on the value of the resources involved in connection with the prohibited act, shall be imposed upon any person who:

(1) Takes, destroys, collects, disturbs or possesses any wild terrestrial or aquatic plants or animals, flora and fauna, sand, rocks or by-products derived therefrom, within particularly identified regulated or prohibited zones in the protected areas including private lands without the necessary permit, authorization or exemption: *Provided*, That hunting of animals shall be absolutely prohibited except for scientific research;

(2) Cuts, gathers, removes or collects timber or any forest products, within particularly identified regulated or prohibited areas or zones in the protected

areas including private lands without the necessary permit, authorization or exemption;

- (3) Possesses or transports, within or outside the protected area any timber, forest products, wild terrestrial plants, animals, flora and fauna, or by products derived therefrom which is ascertained to have been taken from the protected areas;
 - (4) Undertakes mineral exploration or extraction within the protected area;
 - (5) Engages in quarrying of sand, gravel, guano, limestone or any material within the protected areas;
 - (6) Hunts, collects, removes or destroys any endangered or protected species, except when collection or removal is for scientific research and exempted from the prohibition by the Management Board;
 - (7) Conducts bio-prospecting within protected areas without prior Management Board approval in accordance with existing guidelines; or
 - (8) Establishes or introduces exotic species within the protected areas which are detrimental to endemic species or without prior PAMB approval.
- (b) A fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 500,000) and/or imprisonment for one year but not more than six years shall be imposed upon any person who:
- (1) Violates any rules and regulations in the management plan or by the PAMB or agreements reached before the PAMB in the exercise of adjudicative functions.
 - (2) Erects any structure on land or on water for any purpose outside the management plan: Provided, that large-scale private infrastructure and other projects such as medium to high density residential subdivisions, medium to large commercial and industrial establishments, golf courses, heavily mechanized commercial and non-traditional farming, and other activities that cause increased in-migration, pollution and resources degradation are absolutely prohibited;
 - (3) Possesses a chainsaw, backsaw and other mechanized equipment within the protected areas without a permit;

(4) Throws, dumps or causes to be dumped into the protected areas any non-biodegradable material or waste whether liquid, solid or gas;

(5) Use, dumps, places or causes to be placed into the protected areas toxic chemicals, including pesticides and other hazardous substances, unless the same is expressly allowed in the protection and conservation plan;

(6) Prospects, hunts or otherwise locates hidden treasures within the protected areas;

(7) Informally occupies or dwells in any land within the protected areas without clearance from the PAMB;

(8) Possesses or uses blasting caps or explosives anywhere within the protected areas;

(9) Destroys, excavates, vandalizes or, in any manner, damages any natural formation on land, religious, spiritual, historical sites, artifacts and other objects of natural or scenic value;

(10) Alters, removes or destroys boundary marks or signs;

(11) Engages in *lcaingin* or in any manner, causing forest fires inside the protected areas; or

(12) Purchases or sells mortgages or leases lands or other portions of the protected areas which are by any tenorial instrument.

Valuation of the damage for this Act shall take into account biodiversity and conservation consideration as well as aesthetic and scenic value. Valuation assessed by the DENR or the concerned government agency shall be presumed correct unless otherwise proven by preponderant evidence.

Any person who shall induce another or conspire to commit any of the illegal acts prohibited in this Act or suffer their workers to commit any of the same shall be liable in the same manner as the one actually performing the act.

All conveyances, vessels, equipment, paraphernalia, implements, gear, tools and similar devices shall be subject to immediate and administrative confiscation, independent of the judicial proceedings by the PASu Office upon apprehension, subject however to due process and substantial evidence requirements. When legal action is however filed in the regular courts, the said conveyances, vessels, equipment, paraphernalia, implements, gear, tools and similar

devices, independent of the administrative proceedings, shall not be released until after judgment have been rendered. Proceeds of the sale of all objects administratively or judicially confiscated pursuant hereto shall accrue to the Integrated Protected Area Fund. Procedure for the sale thereof shall be promulgated by the Management Board. However, in no case shall any confiscated or rescued protected animal species be sold or in any manner dispose of but shall be immediately turned over to the PASu Office for release in its natural habitat, subject to the existing regulations.

The penalties specified in this Section will be in addition to the penalties contained in RA 9072 (National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act), RA 9147 (Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act) and other related laws.

Conviction for any offense under this Act of a public officer or officer of the law shall carry the accessory penalty of perpetual disqualification from public office.

SEC. 11. Special Prosecutor and Retained Counsel - Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall appoint a special prosecutor to whom all cases of violation of laws, rules and regulations in the PA shall be assigned. Such special prosecutor shall coordinate with the AIPL Management Board and thru PASu in the performance of his/her duties and assist in the training of wardens and rangers in arrest and criminal procedures. The AIPL Management Board may retain the services of the counsel to prosecute and/or assist in the prosecution of cases under the direct control and supervision of the AIPL Management Board, the PASu and the staff, or any person assisting in the protection, conservation and sustainable development of the PA, against any legal action related to their powers, functions and responsibilities as provided in this Act or as delegated or tasked by the AIPL Management Board.

SEC. 12. Integrated Protected Area Fund. - There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the Integrated Protected Area Fund (IPAF) for purposes of financing the projects of the protected landscapes. All incomes generated from the operation of the protected area shall accrue to the fund.

Those income shall be derived from permitted sale and export of resources from the protected area and buffer zones other than the protected species as may be set by the DENR and the PAMB, proceeds from lease of multiple-use areas, contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting from the protected area and such other fees and incomes derived from the operation of the protected.

The Fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from various sources, domestic or foreign for purposes related to their functions: Provided, that the Fund shall be deposited as a special account in National Treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be solely for the protection, maintenance, administration and management of the AIPL and duly

approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with the existing accounting and budgeting rules and regulations: Provided, further, that no amount shall be disbursed for the operation expenses of the DENR and other concerned agencies.

SEC. 13. Appropriations. - The DENR Secretary shall include in its program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be charged to the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 14. Reporting Responsibility - The PASu, through the PAMB, shall submit an annual accomplishment report to the Secretary of the DENR on the activities undertaken in the AIPL.

SEC. 15. Construction and Suppletory Application of Existing Laws - The provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of achieving biodiversity conservation, watershed and environmental protection and sustainable development. The provisions of the Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992 and existing forestry laws, and their corresponding rules and regulations not inconsistent hereto shall have suppletory effect in the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 16. Transitory Provision - In order to ensure the sustainability and integrity of the watersheds and water resources, the recovery and restoration of biological diversity and to develop sustainable livelihood opportunities for tenured migrants, the DENR shall henceforth cease to issue concessions, licenses, permits clearance compliance documents or any other instrument that allows exploitation and utilization of resources within AIPL until the management plan shall have been put into effect.

SEC. 17. Repealing Clause. - All laws, proclamations, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly:

SEC. 18. Separability Clause. - Any portion or provision of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portion or provision can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 19. Effectivity clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,



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FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

MINUTES OF THE 8TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES HELD ON MAY 25, 2011 (WEDNESDAY), 1:30 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOMS 3 & 4, SPEAKER RAMON V. MITRA, JR. BUILDING, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Francisco T. Matugas - Presiding Officer
Hon. Philip A. Pichay
Hon. Evelyn P. Mellana
Hon. Elmer E. Panotes
Hon. Cesar G. Jalosjos
Hon. Peter M. Unabia, Jr.
Hon. Maximo B. Rodriguez
Hon. Rufus Rodriguez
Hon. Eleanandro Jesus F. Madrona
Hon. Ramon H. Durano VI
Hon. Isidro S. Rodriguez, Jr.
Hon. Alfredo D. Maranon III
Hon. Daisy-Avance-Fuentes
Hon. Loreto Ocampos
Hon. Herminia B. Roman
Hon. Pedro B. Acharon, Jr.
Hon. George P. Amaiz
Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer
Hon. Emil R. Ong
Hon. Luzviminda C. Ilagan
Hon. Edgar S. San Luis
Hon. Joselito Andrew R. Mendoza
Hon. Carlos M. Padilla
Hon. Eduardo R. Gullas
Hon. Jesus Emmanuel Paras
Hon. Bernardo M. Vergara
Hon. Rodel M. Batocabe
Hon. Ma. Valentina G. Plaza
Hon. Juan Edgardo M. Angara

Hon. Ma. Theresa Bonoan-David

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. with the Honorable Francisco T. Matugas presiding. On a motion made and duly seconded, there being no objection, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion made duly seconded, there being no objection, the reading of minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with and the same was approved.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/RESOURCE PERSONS

The Committee Secretary acknowledged the guests and resource persons in attendance.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Chairman Matugas said that the committee would discuss measures which establish protected area, land classification and mining ban. With the presence of experts coming from a different sectors, he believed that the committee will be able to satisfy the merits of the proposed measures.

V. DELIBERATION ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

1. **House Bill No. 4105**, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AN AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR TOWN SITE PURPOSE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR BENEDICTO, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," by Hon. Julio A. Ledesma IV
2. **House Bill No. 2448**, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING THE FORMER CHIONGBIAN GRAZING LANDS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUTALAC, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES," by Hon. Cesar G. Jalosjos, Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos, Romeo M. Jalosjos, Jr., Ranulfo P. Canonigo and Jonathan C. Yambao
3. **House Bill No. 897**, entitled: "AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE CAMOTES ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PROCLAMATION NO. 2152 DATED DECEMBER 29, 1981, ENTITLED 'DECLARING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND CERTAIN PARCELS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND/OR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS MANGROVE SWAMP FOREST RESERVES'," by Hon. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI

Since the above-stated bills had been approved by the committee in the 14th Congress, Rep. Pichay moved for the omnibus approval of HBs 4105, 2448 and 897, seconded by Rep. Unabia, there being no objection, the same were approved.

4. **House Bill No. 850**, entitled: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BATAAN NATURAL PARK, SUBIC WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE AND ROOSEVELT PROTECTED LANDSCAPE SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF DINALUPITAN, HERMOSA, ORANI, SAMAL, ABUCAY, BAGAC AND MORONG IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SUBIC, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES AND THE CITY OF OLONGAPO, AS ONE PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," by Hon. Herminia B. Roman

Rep. Roman said that HB 850 would establish Bataan Natural Park, Subic Watershed and Forest Reserve as one protected area under the National Integrated Areas System or the NIPAS Act. She said that Philippine ecosystem is among the hottest biodiversity hotspots in the world because it has several species per square meter of territory. It is identified as one of the leading "megadiversity" countries by scientists and international institutions. However, the rate of habitat destruction is also among the highest in the world. Her bill if enacted into law would be a noteworthy compliance with our country's international commitments to environmental protection and conservation, she added.

Ms. Teresita Blastique of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) expressed her agency's full support to the passage of the bill into law. However, she suggested the inclusion of the technical description of the area in the bill.

Ms. Amethya Dela Llana-Koval of SBMA Ecology Center also expressed support to the proclamation of one protected area composed of the Subic Watershed Forest Reserve, Roosevelt Protected Landscape and Bataan Natural Park to be named as Subic-Bataan-Roosevelt Natural Park. However, she recommended that the three areas be proclaimed separately and each has its own Protected Area Management Board (PAMB). He said that she already submitted their position paper on the bill to the committee.

Rep. Roman noted the latter's recommendation.

Mr. Jesus Gerardo of the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) committed to submit a technical description of HB 850 in one month's time.

Moved by Rep. Panotes, duly seconded by Rep. Mendoza, there being no objection, the body approved HB 850, subject to amendment and style.

5. **House Bill No. 3519**, entitled: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING PAMITINAN CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, AS A PROTECTED LANDSCAPE PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," by Hon. Isidro S. Rodriguez, Jr.

Rep. Isidro Rodriguez used the explanatory note as his introductory statement of the bill. He said that his bill would preserve and develop the subject area for eco-tourism, and protect the biologically important area as habitat for rare endangered flora and fauna.

RED Zuniga of DENR-Region 4B expressed full support to the passage of the bill into law.

Mr. Jesus Gerardo of the National Mapping and Resources Information Authority (NAMRIA) and Ms. Teresita Blastique of the Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) expressed their support to the passage of the bill.

Ms. Lucila Alvarez Jaime, member of Pamitinan Board interposed no objection to the bill.

Rep. Panotes moved to approve the bill, seconded by Rep. Ilagan, there being no objection, the committee approved HB 3519.

6. **House Bill No. 3832**, entitled: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING MT. MATUTUM LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF POLOMOLOK, TAMPAKAN AND TUPI, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALUNGON, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," by Hon. Daisy Avance-Fuentes, Pedro B. Acharon and Emmanuel D. Pacquiao

Rep. Daisy Avance-Fuentes apprised the committee about the importance of Mt. Matutum not only in Mindanao but to the whole country as well. It is a habitat and sanctuary of many endemic species and a catchment area for several drainages in the nearby areas. It has been declared as a protected area by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 552 but as required by law, Congress still has to enact a law to declare the area under NIPAS.

Forester Ali Hadjinasser, representing DENR-Region 12 interposed no objection to the bill.

Ms. Teresita Blastique also expressed support to the bill but she suggested the verification of the technical description of the land being said in the bill.

Mr. Jesus Gerardo likewise expressed support to the bill and agreed to the suggestion that the technical description of the area mentioned in the bill be verified.

Rep. Avance-Fuentes agreed to the said suggestion and requested the committee that any amendment raised in the bill, Rep. Acharon and Rep. Pacquiao shall be notified.

Rep. Acharon moved to approve the bill subject to the submission of the technical description, seconded by Rep. Roman, hearing no objection, the committee approved HB 3832 subject to amendment and style.

7. **House Bill No. 4399**, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING THE AGUSAN MARSH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY AS A PROTECTED AREA AND AS A SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL TOURISM ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," by Hon. Evelyn P. Mellana

Rep. Mellana sponsored HB 4399 using its explanatory note. She apprised the body that his district has submitted a board resolution endorsing her bill.

RED Sibbaluca of the DENR-CARAGA expressed full support to the passage of the bill into law.

Ms. Blastique and Mr. Gerardo Ekawise expressed support to the bill.

Rep. Pichay moved for the approval of the bill, there being no objection, the body approved the same with all members and ex-officio members present as co-authors.

8. **House Bill No. 2192**, entitled: "AN ACT RECLASSIFYING THE TOWN PROPER AND ADJACENT LANDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SILVINO LUBOS, NORTHERN SAMAR FROM TIMBERLAND TO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE," by Hon. Emil L. Ong

Rep. Emil Ong said that his bill is a re-filed bill from the previous 14th Congress. It underwent exhaustive discussion and passed in 2nd reading. Should this bill be approved into law, the bona-fide occupants could already apply for title of the lands they tiled for a long period of time and therefore the revenue collection of the locality would be enhanced.

Mr. Ramon Unay, representing DENR-Region VIII said that they have no objection to the bill provided that the final survey of the said area be conducted.

On a motion made by Rep. Panotes, seconded by Rep. Ilagan, there being no objection, the committee approved HB 2192.

9. **House Bill No. 2677**, entitled: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE ORIGINAL AREA OF BIAK NA BATO NATIONAL PARK (BNBNP), A HISTORICAL LANDMARK OF THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL FOR ITS PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," by Hon. Joselito R. Mendoza

Rep. Mendoza said that they had endeavored to stop mining operation in Biak-Na-Bato for so long. Non Government Organizations (NGOs), environmentalists and local governments had protested to stop the irrational mining exploration therein and now that they won the fight they want to preserve and prevent the recurrence of the said destruction of the area. He stressed the necessity to reinstate the original area of Biak Na Bato National Park as provided for under Presidential Proclamation No. 223. The area of Biak Na Bato was reduced due to the encroachment of mining activities, he recalled.

Rep. Panotes manifested his intention to be a co-author of HB 2677.

Ms. Blastique expressed her agency's support to the bill.

On a motion made by Rep. Pichay, seconded by Rep. Panotes, there being no objection, the body approved HB 2677 with all members and non-members present as co-authors.

10. **House Bill No. 3909**, entitled: "AN ACT RECLASSIFYING SOME PORTIONS OF THE BUFFER ZONE OF MT. MALINDANG IN MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN FOR THE PURPOSE

OF DISTRIBUTING THE SAME TO BONA FIDE FARMERS THEREOF," by Hon. Loreto Leo S. Ocampos

Rep. Ocampos said that if his bill would be passed into law, it would address the inability of the farmer-occupants to own the land they tilled for a long period of time and would therefore enhance revenue collection of the affected locality. He stressed that some coordinates are projecting Indian ocean which is really impossible and ridiculous.

OTC RED Corazon B. Gallinato of the DENR Region X expressed her opposition to the passage of the bill into law. She said that converting the buffer zone of Mt. Malindang Protected Area is not a solution to the problem of the said farmer-occupants in the area. It just make the area prone to timber poaching and entry of illegal occupants. The farmers can be granted a tenurial instrument renewable every 25 years, instead. She further said she already submitted the DENR-Region X position paper on the bill.

Mr. Gerardo disclosed that they have finished delineating the whole Misamis Occidental but his office has no technical description on Mt. Malindang alone.

Rep. Ocampos said that the technical description of his bill is different from the DENR which is the output of the Regional Assessment and Delineation Teams (RADT) of DENR-Region X which conducted delineation of permanent forestland boundaries and land use assessment of the province of Misamis Occidental in 2006.

Rep. Ocampos stated that he will sit down with DENR as they go along the crafting of his bill.

Rep. Paras said that the DENR must provide the final evaluation as far as the metes and bounds of the proposed area is concerned.

Mr. Gerardo commented that when it comes to a technical description on the area for conversion, their recommendation most often adopted.

Rep. Matugas shared his observation that sometimes the actual ground survey output can be incorrectly translated. However, it must still be the responsibility of the DENR to provide the correct one.

: Hearing several issues raised on the bill, Rep. Ocampos requested for the
: deferment of the deliberation of HB 3909, seconded by Rep. Pichay, the committee
: deferred the consideration of HB 3909.

11. **House Bill 4390**, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN WITHIN THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS AGRICULTURAL LANDS OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES," by Rep. Evelyn P. Mellana

Rep. Mellana said that her bill declares parcels of land of the public domain within the second district of Agusan Del Sur as agricultural and other productive purposes.

RED Sibbaluca of the DENR-CARAGA interposed no objection to the passage of the bill into law.

Mr. Gerardo expressed full support to the passage of the bill. However, he informed the body that his office has yet to receive the technical description of the area mentioned in the bill.

Rep. Panotes moved for the approval of the bill, seconded by Rep. Roman, there being no objection, the body approved HB 4390, subject to amendments and style.

12. **House Bill No. 4415**, entitled: **AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON A MINING FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF,** by Rep. Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona

Rep. Madrona sponsored HB 4415 using the explanatory note as his introductory statement.

He said that it would be dangerous if mining activities continue in the province of Romblon. Mining destroys the rich biodiversity and harm the health of the people in the area. He said that the people of Romblon have already signified their support to his fight against mining in the province.

RED Zuniga said that Romblon is very rich in minerals and making the province mining free is still a study considering that there are still approved mining applications in the area.

Mr. Roland A. De Jesus of the Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGB)- Region IVB attested the latter's statement that there are still mining permits being issued by the DENR in the province.

Rep. Madrona confirmed that there are mining permits granted but the holders cannot operate because of the people's strong opposition to mining.

Rep. Matugas commented on the issuance of the said mining permits in the province. He said that there should be an endorsement from the LGU and cultural communities of the area.

Dir. De Jesus said that there were Certificate of Pre and Prior Consent from the cultural communities and endorsement from the local government units submitted in the application of mining permits in the province of Romblon.

Rep. Padilla expressed his full support to the bill.

Rep. Ilagan moved for the approval of the bill, seconded by Rep. Pichay, there being no objection, the body approved HB 4415 with all members and non-members present as co-authors.

13. **House Bill No. 560**, entitled: **"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AURORA INTEGRATED PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,"** by Hon. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara

Rep. Angara said that HB 560 would proclaim Aurora Memorial Protected Landscape, Dinakupihan River Protected Landscape, Talaytay River Protected Landscape, Amro River Protected Landscape and Simbahan-Talagas protected Landscape, under NIPAS. These areas are among the priority sites for biodiversity conservation in the country. He appealed to the body to approve the proposed measure to prevent further deterioration brought about by the extractive activity of mining, logging and high human population density in the area.

Ms. Blasique relayed her agency's support to the bill. She said the areas to be declared protected belong to the key biodiversity area.

Mr. Gerardo likewise expressed his strong support to the passage of the bill. He said that they have already a technical description on the subject areas.

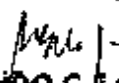
Rep. Padilla moved for the approval of the bill, seconded by Rep. Panotes, there being no objection, the body approved HB 560 with all members and no-members present as co-authors.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING MINUTES.

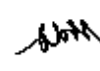
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January 18, 2012

HON. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS

Chairperson

**Committee on Natural Resources
House of Representatives**



Dear Chairperson Matugas:

This pertains to various measures providing for the establishment of protected areas in the different provinces/municipalities which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Please be informed that the Committee recommends the approval of the following House Bills with amendments:

1 House Bill No. 560, titled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AURORA INTEGRATED PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- a) On Section 6-A, page 32, delete the last paragraph pertaining to the creation of an Executive Committee.
- b) On Section 6-B, page 32, delete the first two paragraphs and in lieu thereof substitute the following:

B. OFFICE OF THE PROTECTED AREA SUPERINTENDENT. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A PROTECTED AREA SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE IN CHARGE OF THE MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PA. THE PASu SHALL BE SUPPORTED BY THE EXISTING PERSONNEL OF THE DENR. THE HEAD OF OFFICE SHALL BE THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE AURORA INTEGRATED PROTECTED LANDSCAPE OR PA AND SHALL BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DENR REGION III AND THE PAMB.

- c) On Section 12, page 37, last paragraph, between the words "disbursed" and "for" insert the phrase FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND

2. House Bill No. 1396, titled "AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PARTS OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO WATERSHED AS A PROTECTED AREA/LANDSCAPE AND NATURAL MONUMENT UNDER R.A. 7586, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- a) On Section 9, page 5, item (c.), delete the entire item.
- b) On Section 14, page 8, delete the first sentence of the first paragraph and in lieu thereof substitute the following:

SEC. 14. THE CAGAYAN DE ORO PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND NATURAL MONUMENT FUND. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A TRUST FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND NATURAL MONUMENT FUND FOR PURPOSES OF FINANCING PROJECTS OF THE SYSTEM.

- c) On Section 15, same page, delete the entire provision and in lieu thereof substitute the following:

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION. - THE SECRETARY OF THE DENR SHALL IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

3. House Bill No. 3255, titled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN GUIMARAS STRAIT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- a) On Section 8, page 3, delete the entire provision and in lieu thereof substitute the following.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION. THE SECRETARY OF THE DENR SHALL IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

THE APPROPRIATIONS MAY BE AUGMENTED BY GRANTS, DONATIONS, ENDOWMENT FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN.

4. House Bill No. 3439, titled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BULUSAN VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK IN BULUSAN, SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- a) On Section 11, page 11, delete the entire 2nd paragraph and in lieu thereof substitute the following:

THE PASa SHALL BE SUPPORTED BY THE EXISTING PERSONNEL OF THE DENR.

- b) On Section 18, page 14, delete the entire provision and in lieu thereof substitute the following:

SEC. 18. THE BULUSAN VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK PROTECTED AREAS FUND. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A TRUST FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE BULUSAN VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK PROTECTED AREAS FUND FOR PURPOSES OF FINANCING PROJECTS OF THE SYSTEM. ALL INCOME GENERATED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM OR MANAGEMENT OF WILD FLORA AND FAUNA IN THE PA SHALL ACCRUE TO THE FUND. THESE INCOME SHALL BE DERIVED FROM FEES FROM PERMITTED SALE AND EXPORT OF FLORA AND FAUNA AND OTHER RESOURCES FROM THE PROTECTED AREA, PROCEEDS FROM LEASE OF MULTIPLE-USE AREAS, CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDUSTRIES AND FACILITIES DIRECTLY BENEFITING FROM THE PROTECTED AREA; AND SUCH OTHER FEES AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PROTECTED AREA.

THE FUND MAYBE AUGMENTED BY GRANTS, DONATIONS, ENDOWMENT FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN; PROVIDED, THAT THE FUND SHALL BE DEPOSITED AS A SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND DISBURSEMENTS THEREFROM SHALL BE MADE SOLELY FOR THE PROTECTION, MAINTENANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SYSTEM, AND DULY APPROVED PROJECTS ENDORSED BY THE PAMB IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETING RULES AND REGULATIONS. PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE FUND SHALL NOT BE USED TO COVER PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURES.

- c) On Section 19, page 15, delete the entire provision and in lieu thereof substitute the following:

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION. - THE SECRETARY OF THE DENR SHALL IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

5. ~~House Bill No. 4399~~ titled "AN ACT DECLARING THE AGUSAN MARSH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY AS A PROTECTED AREA AND AS A SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL TOURISM ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

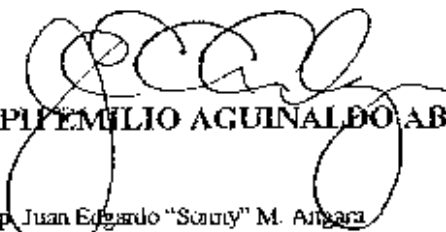
- a) On Section 13, page 9, delete the entire provision and in lieu thereof substitute the following:

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATIONS – THE SECRETARIES OF THE DENR AND THE DOT SHALL IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

- b) On Section 14, page 9, lines 20-21, between the word "Account" and the period (.) delete the phrase starting with the word "under" up to the word "Bank" and in lieu thereof substitute the phrase IN THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Thank you and warmest regards.

Very truly yours,



JOSEPEMILIO AGUINALDO ABAYA

cc:

Rep. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara
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