



HOUSE BILL No. 358

Introduced by Representative Ben P. Evardone
Lone District, Eastern Samar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Samar Island Natural Park (SINP) comprises the largest contiguous lowland tropical rainforest in the Philippines. With a total area of about 333,300 hectares, the SINP straddles the whole island of Samar and its three provinces.

The SINP encompasses the City of Borongan and the municipalities of Arteche, Dolores, Oras, Jipapad, Maslog, Can-Avid, Taft, Sulat, San Julian, Maydolong, Balangkayan, Llorente, Hernani, General McArthur, Quinapondan, Giporlos, Balangiga and Lawaan in the Province of Eastern Samar; Lope de Vega, Silvino Lubos, Catubig, Las Navas and Mondragon in the Province of Northern Samar; the Cities of Calbayog and Catbalogan and the Municipalities of San Jose de Buan, Paranas, Motiong, Jiabong, San Jorge, Gandara, Matuguinao, Calbiga, Hinabangan, Pinabacdao, Marabut, Basey in the Province of Samar.

The SINP is a biological treasure. The natural park has one of the biggest limestone formations in the country, with caves in the limestone karst, many still unexplored. The area is drained by 25 major river systems of which very little are known of the existing biological resources.

The park serves as a sanctuary to several rare and endangered flora. It harbours around 2,400 species of flowering plants, including some 406 Philippine-endemic species, 40 species of which are only found in the island as well as 12 trees listed in the World List of Threatened Trees. The rare plant, *Rafflesia Manillana*, recorded only in Samar and four other localities in the country, is categorized as endangered.

The SINP has 197 bird species, 50 of which are endemic to the Philippines. It is also home to the Philippine Eagle, the Philippine Hawk Eagle and the Philippine Cockatoo.

There are 39 species of mammals in SINP representing 23% of the total count of land mammals in the country. The SINP is also the habitat of several endangered animals such as fruit bats, including the largest bat in the world known as the Giant Golden-Crowned Flying Fox (*Acedoron Jubatus*), the small Philippine nectar bat (*Eonycteris Robusta*), the Philippine pygmy roundleaf bat (*Hipposideros Pygmaeus*); mammals such as the Philippine warty pig, more commonly known as the baboy damo (*Sus Philippensis*), the Philippine Brown Deer (*Cervus Mariannus*), a large forest rat (*Bullimus Bagabus*), a hairy-tailed rat (*Dinagat Bushy-Tailed Cloud Rat*), and several classes of squirrel (*Batomys Rusatus*, *Exillisciurus Concinnus* and *Sundasciurus Samarensis*). There are also around 25 species of reptiles and 12 species amphibians recorded so far in the SINP.

Due to its biodiversity and ecological significance, the SINP was declared a protected area on 13 August 2003 by Presidential Proclamation No. 442. Devastating floods in 1989, as a result of massive logging operations, sparked the moves to protect and conserve the biological and physical richness of the natural park.

In line with the State policy of securing for the present and future generations of Filipinos the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals as enshrined in Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, which provides that *"the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature,"* it is incumbent upon Congress to enact a law to provide for the management, protection, sustainable development and rehabilitation of the Samar Island Natural Park, established within the framework of the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act, or Republic Act No. 7586, while considering the welfare and recognizing the rights of all the communities living therein especially the indigenous peoples.

This bill had been filed in the previous Congresses. In the recently concluded 15th Congress, this bill hurdled the halls of the plenary in the Lower House and was allowed to pass Third Reading and transmitted to the Senate.

For this reason, urgent passage of this bill is sought before the treasures of Samar are lost to the Philippines and the world.



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AN ACT
DECLARING THE SAMAR ISLAND NATURAL PARK (SINP), SITUATED IN THE
PROVINCES OF SAMAR, NORTHERN SAMAR AND EASTERN SAMAR, AS A
PROTECTED AREA AND ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS AS BUFFER ZONE,
PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Samar Island Natural Park
(SINP) Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – Considering the importance of the unique
biological resources of Samar Island as well as its aesthetic and ecological features, it is
necessary for the State to undertake steps for its protection and preservation. It is
hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure the conservation, protection and
preservation of Samar Island as a protected area, while promoting the culture and way
of life of the communities therein in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. In
so doing, the State shall ensure the protection of biodiversity and the promotion of
sustainable and participatory development, and shall also advance and protect the
interests of legitimate inhabitants and honor their customary laws.

SEC. 3. Category. – Given the physical and natural features and socio cultural
and economic importance that contribute to its valuable role as life support system for
the people living within and around Samar Island, the protected area established
pursuant to this Act is hereby categorized as a “natural park” in accordance with
Sections 3(b) and 4(h) of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the “National
Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992”.

SEC. 4. Scope. – The Samar Island Natural Park (SINP) and its buffer zone shall
cover parcels of land located in the Municipalities of Lope de Vega, Silvino Lubos,
Catubig, Las Navas and Mondragon in the Province of Northern Samar; the Cities of

Calbayog and Catbalogan and the Municipalities of San Jose de Buan, Paranas, Motiong, Jiabong, San Jorge, Gandara, Matuguinao, Calbiga, Hinabangan, Pinabacdao, Marabut, Basey in the Province of Samar; the City of Borongan and the Municipalities of Arteche, Dolores, Oras, Jipapad, Maslog, Can-Avid, Taft, Sulat, San Julian, Maydolong, Balangkayan, Llorente, Hernani, General McArthur, Quinapondan, Giporlos, Balangiga and Lawaan in the Province of Eastern Samar.

The SINP contains an aggregate area of Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred (333,300) hectares, more or less. Its boundary begins at a point marked "1" on the map, which is located at PRS Station "MAC-11" located at Barangay Alang-alang, Municipality of General McArthur, Province of Eastern Samar at 11°16'15.461" North Latitude, 125°29'25.137" East Longitude with bearing and distance to the succeeding points as follows:

Corner 1 is located at Barangay Roxas, Municipality of General McArthur, Province of Eastern Samar at 11°16'30.56" North Latitude and 125°28'26.04" East Longitude:

Corner	Bearing			Distance (Meters)	Location	
	N/S	Deg	Min			E/W
1	N	75	35	W	1,851.43	A point on the ground
2	S	67	10	W	1,907.49	A point on the ground
3	N	54	4	W	1,462.66	A point on the ground
4	N	44	32	E	2,504.02	A point on the ground
5	N	35	27	W	2,411.00	A point on the ground
6	S	66	1	W	2,123.07	A point on the ground
7	N	3	52	E	3,079.76	A point on the ground
8	S	39	37	W	2,515.95	A point on the ground
9	S	13	9	W	5,965.12	A point on the ground
10	S	62	26	E	993.06	A point on the ground
11	S	80	37	W	2,090.14	A point on the ground
12	N	49	55	W	1,905.29	A point on the ground
13	S	27	42	W	2,604.22	A point on the ground
14	S	20	18	E	2,193.76	A point on the ground
15	N	42	46	E	2,765.71	A point on the ground
16	S	8	23	E	2,732.33	A point on the ground
17	N	55	7	E	5,652.32	A point on the ground
18	S	3	50	W	2,217.34	A point on the ground
19	N	46	31	E	2,504.61	A point on the ground
20	S	70	38	E	1,447.82	A point on the ground
21	S	0	33	W	2,713.20	A point on the ground
22	S	65	56	W	2,722.20	A point on the ground
23	S	61	7	W	1,211.73	A point on the ground
24	S	38	33	W	826.02	A point on the ground
25	S	13	7	E	2,018.32	A point on the ground
26	S	43	14	W	2,786.75	A point on the ground
27	N	15	31	W	4,558.07	A point on the ground
28	N	75	26	W	1,944.17	A point on the ground
29	N	46	42	W	5,592.34	A point on the ground
30	N	66	21	W	2,749.96	A point on the ground
31	S	77	15	W	1,679.00	A point on the ground
32	S	26	13	W	1,439.08	A point on the ground
33	S	67	36	E	1,608.43	A point on the ground

1	34	S	69	15	W	1,913.20	A point on the ground
2	35	N	20	35	W	951.43	A point on the ground
3	36	S	72	76	W	1,940.36	A point on the ground
4	37	S	34	26	W	1,714.59	A point on the ground
5	38	S	85	47	W	3,377.39	A point on the ground
6	39	N	23	58	W	3,663.54	A point on the ground
7	40	N	25	59	E	3,316.84	A point on the ground
8	41	N	15	6	E	1,973.42	A point on the ground
9	42	S	89	7	E	1,880.68	A point on the ground
10	43	N	32	14	W	3,303.19	A point on the ground
11	44	N	55	25	E	1,951.09	A point on the ground
12	45	N	15	37	E	3,254.89	A point on the ground
13	46	N	39	52	W	2,320.14	A point on the ground
14	47	S	81	11	W	1,411.26	A point on the ground
15	48	S	23	44	E	2,113.62	A point on the ground
16	49	S	43	56	W	1,921.39	A point on the ground
17	50	N	63	39	W	1,658.78	A point on the ground
18	51	S	50	10	W	2,880.75	A point on the ground
19	52	N	74	15	W	1,355.11	A point on the ground
20	53	N	36	14	E	1,486.31	A point on the ground
21	54	N	39	48	W	2,038.48	A point on the ground
22	55	N	14	48	E	3,432.71	A point on the ground
23	56	N	80	27	W	1,291.44	A point on the ground
24	57	S	8	41	W	1,398.78	A point on the ground
25	58	S	55	46	W	3,006.21	A point on the ground
26	59	N	17	54	W	1,581.71	A point on the ground
27	60	N	6	17	E	3,585.69	A point on the ground
28	61	S	86	43	E	2,125.76	A point on the ground
29	62	N	22	1	W	2,915.67	A point on the ground
30	63	N	42	7	W	2,939.54	A point on the ground
31	64	N	6	55	W	5,818.02	A point on the ground
32	65	N	0	22	W	5,100.29	A point on the ground
33	66	N	15	42	E	2,457.89	A point on the ground
34	67	N	30	6	W	3,265.99	A point on the ground
35	68	N	29	45	E	5,734.38	A point on the ground
36	69	N	19	54	E	1,960.22	A point on the ground
37	70	N	84	14	W	4,262.39	A point on the ground
38	71	S	58	31	W	2,237.12	A point on the ground
39	72	N	66	32	W	1,618.42	A point on the ground
40	73	S	69	44	W	1,065.42	A point on the ground
41	74	N	71	20	W	1,438.88	A point on the ground
42	75	N	81	55	W	1,743.94	A point on the ground
43	76	N	54	42	W	2,338.58	A point on the ground
44	77	N	10	21	W	843.27	A point on the ground
45	78	N	58	54	E	1,308.72	A point on the ground
46	79	S	83	28	E	8,627.65	A point on the ground
47	80	N	4	40	E	3,329.41	At the edge of a rocky cliff
48	81	N	14	58	E	2,576.32	A point on the ground
49	82	N	49	10	W	3,522.92	A point on the ground
50	83	N	12	54	W	2,174.65	A point on the ground
51	84	N	47	37	E	7,251.37	A point on the ground
52	85	N	15	4	E	2,673.15	A point on the ground
53	86	N	21	13	W	2,932.55	A point on the ground
54	87	N	89	21	W	2,572.98	A point on the ground
55	88	N	42	35	W	6,174.33	A point on the ground
56	89	S	53	11	W	718.10	A point on the ground

1	90	N	12	38	W	1,385.35	A point on the ground
2	91	N	27	10	W	1,657.53	A point on the ground
3	92	N	66	28	E	1,155.06	A point on the ground
4	93	S	30	54	E	2,004.76	A point on the ground
5	94	N	1	56	E	1,783.07	A point on the ground
6	95	N	39	17	E	2,818.90	A point on the ground
7	96	N	29	9	W	2,673.10	A point on the ground
8	97	S	85	58	W	879.58	A point on the ground
9	98	N	22	38	W	865.40	A point on the ground
10	99	N	87	9	E	1,241.99	A point on the ground
11	100	S	49	57	E	1,383.94	A point on the ground
12	101	S	30	36	E	1,962.82	A point on the ground
13	102	S	86	24	E	970.21	A point on the ground
14	103	N	34	59	E	1,687.93	A point on the ground
15	104	N	18	12	W	1,358.19	A point on the ground
16	105	S	67	17	W	1,115.01	A point on the ground
17	106	N	20	36	E	2,232.48	A point on the ground
18	107	S	52	41	W	3,346.73	A point on the ground
19	108	N	7	41	E	2,480.43	A point on the ground
20	109	S	72	51	W	1,772.89	A point on the ground
21	110	N	54	43	W	4,040.59	A point on the ground
22	111	S	52	13	W	3,712.24	A point on the ground
23	112	N	32	10	E	3,521.41	A point on the ground
24	113	N	27	43	W	1,561.65	A point on the ground
25	114	N	48	46	E	2,051.21	A point on the ground
26	115	N	18	36	E	2,463.98	A point on the ground
27	116	N	89	26	W	3,024.71	A point on the ground
28	117	N	6	37	W	1,577.46	A point on the ground
29	118	N	71	55	W	890.83	A point on the ground
30	119	Due North				2,335.12	A point on the ground
31	120	N	39	42	E	1,278.03	A point on the ground
32	121	N	3	15	E	1,600.29	A point on the ground
33	122	N	79	23	W	1,999.78	A point on the ground
34	123	S	68	14	W	1,823.29	A point on the ground
35	124	N	7	30	E	3,740.99	A point on the ground
36	125	S	87	8	W	1,846.67	A point on the ground
37	126	S	20	30	W	1,640.16	A point on the ground
38	127	S	4	59	W	4,873.02	A point on the ground
39	128	S	37	34	W	2,480.60	A point on the ground
40	129	S	7	52	E	1,767.97	A point on the ground
41	130	N	64	20	E	3,120.81	A point on the ground
42	131	S	44	59	W	2,909.94	A point on the ground
43	132	N	82	38	E	1,677.39	A point on the ground
44	133	S	25	37	E	1,328.96	A point on the ground
45	134	S	77	33	W	2,849.84	A point on the ground
46	135	S	8	55	E	2,923.58	A point on the ground
47	136	S	36	53	W	2,419.79	A point on the ground
48	137	S	13	31	W	1,295.55	A point on the ground
49	138	S	54	13	E	2,312.21	A point on the ground
50	139	S	81	15	E	1,010.18	A point on the ground
51	140	N	60	56	E	3,288.43	A point on the ground
52	141	S	40	40	W	2,228.15	A point on the ground
53	142	S	19	15	W	3,579.83	A point on the ground
54	143	S	54	31	W	1,746.63	A point on the ground
55	144	S	26	42	E	1,616.41	A point on the ground
56	145	S	53	55	W	1,460.49	A point on the ground

1	146	S	10	57	W	1,752.49	A point on the ground
2	147	N	58	1	W	3,888.32	A point on the ground
3	148	N	37	23	E	3,788.86	A point on the ground
4	149	N	82	40	W	2,410.13	A point on the ground
5	150	N	13	57	E	4,146.96	A point on the ground
6	151	N	22	36	W	5,192.36	A point on the ground
7	152	N	22	45	W	2,032.55	A point on the ground
8	153	N	7	38	E	3,192.90	A point on the ground
9	154	Due North				3,226.14	A point on the ground
10	155	N	34	1	W	5,079.24	A point on the ground
11	156	N	59	28	E	2,598.47	A point on the ground
12	157	N	37	6	W	3,005.75	A point on the ground
13	158	N	37	2	E	4,117.53	A point on the ground
14	159	N	24	48	W	3,385.14	A point on the ground
15	160	N	42	1	W	2,482.40	A point on the ground
16	161	N	64	48	W	2,671.90	A point on the ground
17	162	S	32	16	W	4,249.98	A point on the ground
18	163	S	16	10	W	3,806.35	A point on the ground
19	164	S	51	8	W	2,641.82	A point on the ground
20	165	N	69	20	W	1,744.41	A point on the ground
21	166	N	84	55	W	698.05	A point on the ground
22	167	S	11	40	E	1,192.36	A point on the ground
23	168	N	63	42	W	2,292.31	A point on the ground
24	169	S	59	46	W	1,645.41	A point on the ground
25	170	N	11	56	W	1,601.90	A point on the ground
26	171	N	39	28	W	2,708.27	A point on the ground
27	172	N	26	49	E	1,342.18	A point on the ground
28	173	S	49	2	E	2,720.55	A point on the ground
29	174	N	79	55	E	2,272.43	A point on the ground
30	175	N	4	44	E	1,849.73	A point on the ground
31	176	N	24	34	W	2,467.22	A point on the ground
32	177	N	83	44	W	4,256.63	A point on the ground
33	178	N	83	50	W	4,620.49	A point on the ground
34	179	N	10	5	W	1,373.39	A point on the ground
35	180	N	76	10	E	2,303.90	A point on the ground
36	181	N	46	51	W	1,034.55	A point on the ground
37	182	N	27	16	E	1,520.17	A point on the ground
38	183	S	81	54	W	2,381.37	A point on the ground
39	184	S	33	1	W	4,833.61	A point on the ground
40	185	N	54	35	W	1,593.38	A point on the ground
41	186	S	63	42	E	1,112.00	A point on the ground
42	187	N	10	46	W	3,535.13	A point on the ground
43	188	N	73	49	E	5,823.20	A point on the ground
44	189	N	26	57	E	2,204.87	A point on the ground
45	190	N	9	11	E	4,574.52	A point on the ground
46	191	N	71	12	E	4,660.87	A point on the ground
47	192	S	57	14	E	682.23	A point on the ground
48	193	S	20	46	W	1,281.14	A point on the ground
49	194	S	55	49	E	876.06	A point on the ground
50	195	S	51	53	W	2,536.19	A point on the ground
51	196	S	28	29	E	2,657.75	A point on the ground
52	197	S	88	45	E	2,931.76	A point on the ground
53	198	S	23	53	E	2,756.47	A point on the ground
54	199	N	28	2	E	1,287.53	A point on the ground
55	200	N	11	58	W	2,324.55	A point on the ground
56	201	N	41	33	E	410.32	A point on the ground

1	202	S	50	38	E	2,617.59	A point on the ground
2	203	S	86	5	E	1,362.93	A point on the ground
3	204	N	12	4	E	3,769.87	A point on the ground
4	205	N	64	18	E	1,911.59	A point on the ground
5	206	S	20	16	W	1,047.95	A point on the ground
6	207	S	48	6	E	3,084.04	A point on the ground
7	208	N	26	12	E	2,944.56	A point on the ground
8	209	N	79	0	E	2,893.43	A point on the ground
9	210	S	13	57	E	2,881.11	A point on the ground
10	211	S	45	41	W	2,154.43	A point on the ground
11	212	S	82	58	W	3,501.59	A point on the ground
12	213	S	6	42	W	2,598.59	A point on the ground
13	214	S	44	30	E	4,396.03	A point on the ground
14	215	N	80	8	E	2,147.55	A point on the ground
15	216	N	73	49	E	3,304.59	A point on the ground
16	217	N	40	26	W	2,422.46	A point on the ground
17	218	N	23	28	E	1,138.78	A point on the ground
18	219	S	75	44	E	2,993.38	A point on the ground
19	220	S	39	26	E	2,426.61	A point on the ground
20	221	S	23	21	E	1,372.20	A point on the ground
21	222	N	67	52	E	815.67	A point on the ground
22	223	N	9	6	E	2,862.88	A point on the ground
23	224	N	83	3	W	2,283.33	A point on the ground
24	225	N	82	52	E	5,695.12	A point on the ground
25	226	S	25	33	E	1,191.82	A point on the ground
26	227	S	7	9	W	1,455.45	A point on the ground
27	228	S	14	4	E	1,742.08	A point on the ground
28	229	N	74	4	E	2,577.12	A point on the ground
29	230	N	45	13	E	1,745.26	A point on the ground
30	231	N	58	50	W	1,483.63	A point on the ground
31	232	N	1	48	E	3,811.90	A point on the ground
32	233	N	56	34	E	1,339.32	A point on the ground
33	234	S	49	5	E	5,439.93	A point on the ground
34	235	N	33	26	E	2,246.77	A point on the ground
35	236	N	60	44	E	3,774.53	A point on the ground
36	237	S	38	5	E	3,628.43	A point on the ground
37	238	S	54	18	W	1,264.71	A point on the ground
38	239	S	17	18	E	611.30	A point on the ground
39	240	S	75	33	E	1,841.63	A point on the ground
40	241	N	42	34	E	2,588.68	A point on the ground
41	242	S	79	41	E	1,536.06	A point on the ground
42	243	S	31	14	E	1,867.62	A point on the ground
43	244	N	87	2	W	1,755.25	A point on the ground
44	245	S	24	55	E	2,946.37	A point on the ground
45	246	S	18	6	W	1,455.09	A point on the ground
46	247	S	37	38	E	3,915.70	A point on the ground
47	248	S	19	57	W	2,386.86	A point on the ground
48	249	S	3	53	E	2,709.93	A point on the ground
49	250	Due West				4,141.99	A point on the ground
50	251	S	27	16	E	3,040.59	A point on the ground
51	252	N	79	3	E	4,064.38	A point on the ground
52	253	S	23	24	E	1,907.53	A point on the ground
53	254	S	21	57	W	1,855.88	A point on the ground
54	255	S	5	37	E	5,618.47	A point on the ground
55	256	S	26	22	E	8,054.52	Boundary of A and D & Timberland
56	257	S	55	55	W	6,205.35	A point on the ground

1	258	S	6	54	E	5,075.14	A point on the ground
2	259	S	34	14	E	2,154.28	A point on the ground
3	260	S	88	36	E	2,421.76	A point on the ground
4	261	N	69	19	E	6,369.48	A point on the ground
5	262	S	43	54	W	4,184.08	A point on the ground
6	263	S	8	35	E	3,883.46	A point on the ground
7	264	S	42	7	E	3,931.23	A point on the ground
8	265	N	21	58	E	5,403.22	A point on the ground
9	266	S	52	18	E	3,561.16	A point on the ground
10	267	S	34	41	W	4,300.74	A point on the ground
11	268	S	3	36	W	2,832.55	A point on the ground
12	269	S	82	42	E	2,869.54	A point on the ground
13	270	S	21	39	W	6,052.66	A point on the ground
14	271	S	52	57	E	2,392.60	A point on the ground
15	272	S	55	49	E	2,564.88	A point on the ground
16	273	S	0	51	E	2,243.14	A point on the ground
17	274	N	80	7	W	3,197.78	A point on the ground
18	275	S	3	32	W	2,401.33	A point on the ground
19	276	S	37	31	W	2,830.39	A point on the ground
20	277	S	31	7	E	2,761.12	A point on the ground
21	278	S	65	0	W	3,206.87	A point on the ground
22	279	S	13	47	W	2,658.12	A point on the ground
23	280	Due South				2,949.57	A point on the ground
24	281	S	63	35	E	1,929.40	A point on the ground
25	282	S	34	13	E	2,375.71	A point on the ground
26	283	S	26	45	E	1,822.37	A point on the ground
27	284	N	85	6	E	3,284.28	A point on the ground
28	285	N	1	41	E	983.66	A point on the ground
29	286	N	88	41	E	1,424.48	A point on the ground
30	287	S	3	0	E	1,784.36	A point on the ground
31	288	S	73	57	W	1,229.18	A point on the ground
32	289	S	57	11	W	1,477.09	A point on the ground
33	290	S	11	32	W	752.80	A point on the ground
34	291	S	30	42	E	1,785.10	A point on the ground
35	292	S	37	7	W	501.38	A point on the ground
36	293	N	75	19	W	5,547.15	A point on the ground
37	294	N	1	29	E	2,234.71	A point on the ground
38	295	Due North				251.08	A point on the ground
39	296	S	63	45	W	2,228.58	A point on the ground
40	297	N	41	43	W	2,097.22	A point on the ground
41	298	N	26	11	E	1,301.76	A point on the ground
42	299	N	41	45	W	1,275.53	A point on the ground
43	300	S	12	27	W	2,517.74	A point on the ground
44	301	S	26	0	E	2,494.12	A point on the ground
45	302	S	40	2	E	1,603.75	A point on the ground
46	303	S	53	52	W	2,661.82	A point on the ground
47	304	N	61	3	W	2,217.76	A point on the ground
48	305	S	64	50	W	774.64	A point on the ground
49	306	N	17	5	W	931.81	A point on the ground
50	307	S	29	35	W	919.12	A point on the ground
51	308	S	45	50	E	4,272.23	A point on the ground
52	309	N	3	58	E	862.42	A point on the ground
53	310	N	53	26	W	566.48	A point on the ground
54	311	N	36	45	E	1,112.86	A point on the ground
55	312	S	23	23	E	4,516.85	A point on the ground
56	313	N	40	2	E	3,293.77	A point on the ground

1	314	S	29	6	E	2,811.03	A point on the ground
2	315	S	3	27	W	1,970.10	A point on the ground
3	316	S	46	53	E	2,244.89	A point on the ground
4	317	N	19	26	E	1,271.19	A point on the ground
5	318	N	82	28	E	947.72	A point on the ground
6	319	S	11	24	W	1,065.97	A point on the ground
7	320	S	85	15	E	365.06	A point on the ground
8	321	N	12	53	E	1,891.69	A point on the ground
9	322	N	54	44	E	853.07	A point on the ground
10	323	S	47	15	E	1,446.46	A point on the ground
11	324	S	8	20	E	2,111.14	A point on the ground
12	325	S	76	21	W	1,309.78	A point on the ground
13	326	S	36	46	W	2,073.08	A point on the ground
14	327	S	43	4	E	755.96	A point on the ground
15	328	N	72	34	E	4,224.33	A point on the ground
16	329	S	22	50	W	3,269.17	A point on the ground
17	330	N	55	19	E	2,651.74	A point on the ground
18	331	S	17	45	W	1,484.70	A point on the ground
19	332	N	73	56	W	662.85	A point on the ground
20	333	S	7	45	E	682.03	A point on the ground
21	334	S	76	31	E	2,619.95	A point on the ground
22	335	S	12	13	W	2,987.49	A point on the ground
23	336	S	18	32	E	2,396.67	A point on the ground
24	337	S	64	46	W	1,373.57	A point on the ground
25	338	S	81	24	E	1,625.96	A point on the ground
26	339	S	32	4	E	3,549.89	A point on the ground

27 The **buffer zone** of the SINP contains an aggregate area of One Hundred Twenty-
28 Five Thousand Four Hundred (125,400) hectares, more or less, described as follows:
29 Tie point is at corner 1 located at 11°49'44" North Latitude and 125°16'07" East
30 Longitude, Center of Canhagimit Bridge:

31	Corner	Bearing			Distance (Meters)		Location
32		N/S	Deg	Min	E/W		
33	1	S	87	37	E	2,125.03	A point on the ground
34	2	S	22	36	W	2,830.65	A point on the ground
35	3	S	41	24	W	1,968.79	A point on the ground
36	4	S	55	11	E	1,664.45	A point on the ground
37	5	S	9	26	E	2,428.74	A point on the ground
38	6	S	2	18	W	2,183.33	A point on the ground
39	7	S	84	17	W	2,194.91	A point on the ground
40	8	S	69	13	W	1,913.35	A point on the ground
41	9	S	17	26	W	3,930.68	A point on the ground
42	10	S	13	57	E	1,012.69	A point on the ground
43	11	S	79	6	W	1,637.29	A point on the ground
44	12	S	68	16	W	1,665.06	A point on the ground
45	13	N	37	55	W	2,917.99	A point on the ground
46	14	N	13	57	W	2,025.38	A point on the ground
47	15	N	75	17	W	1,443.48	A point on the ground
48	16	N	27	15	W	863.45	A point on the ground
49	17	N	21	11	E	1,087.90	A point on the ground
50	18	N	69	5	W	4,289.04	A point on the ground
51	19	S	43	21	W	2,030.34	A point on the ground
52	20	S	77	27	W	1,988.70	A point on the ground

1	21	N	76	7	W	1,656.76	A point on the ground
2	22	S	36	52	W	1,767.74	A point on the ground
3	23	S	75	0	W	2,857.64	A point on the ground
4	24	N	70	15	W	3,901.49	A point on the ground
5	25	N	8	38	W	3,045.10	A point on the ground
6	26	N	39	20	W	1,389.32	A point on the ground
7	27	N	19	44	E	6,007.33	A point on the ground
8	28	S	21	10	E	4,447.91	A point on the ground
9	29	N	14	2	W	7,632.34	A point on the ground
10	30	S	75	55	W	2,532.10	A point on the ground
11	31	S	80	57	W	2,548.60	A point on the ground
12	32	N	2	55	E	3,537.92	A point on the ground
13	33	N	66	3	W	3,551.37	A point on the ground
14	34	N	87	57	W	849.57	A point on the ground
15	35	N	25	19	E	1,699.83	A point on the ground
16	36	N	21	26	W	2,409.03	A point on the ground
17	37	N	21	38	E	2,710.74	A point on the ground
18	38	N	37	51	W	2,372.73	A point on the ground
19	39	N	9	28	W	2,958.79	A point on the ground
20	40	N	10	51	W	4,035.18	A point on the ground
21	41	N	1	21	W	5,224.49	A point on the ground
22	42	N	17	29	E	2,416.34	A point on the ground
23	43	N	36	0	W	2,011.97	A point on the ground
24	44	N	13	5	W	1,645.49	A point on the ground
25	45	N	30	20	E	6,053.36	A point on the ground
26	46	N	60	23	W	3,415.82	At the edge of a rocky cliff
27	47	S	42	56	W	755.65	At the edge of a rocky cliff
28	48	S	61	20	W	897.39	At the edge of a rocky cliff
29	49	S	67	27	W	721.50	At the edge of a rocky cliff
30	50	N	79	34	W	677.65	At the edge of a rocky cliff
31	51	N	67	34	W	884.94	At the edge of a rocky cliff
32	52	S	79	21	W	832.16	At the edge of a rocky cliff
33	53	N	85	52	W	425.19	At the edge of a rocky cliff
34	54	N	70	40	W	834.71	At the edge of a rocky cliff
35	55	N	67	21	W	558.05	On the north bank of Palaspas Creek
36	56	S	75	49	W	999.74	At the edge of a rocky cliff
37	57	Due North				214.68	At the edge of a rocky cliff
38	58	S	68	41	W	422.68	On the north bank of Macanog Creek
39	59	N	40	48	W	324.62	On the north bank of Macabacod Creek
40	60	N	80	25	W	552.97	At the edge of a rocky cliff
41	61	N	63	7	W	815.12	At the edge of a rocky cliff
42	62	N	36	29	W	458.52	At the edge of a rocky cliff
43	63	N	22	20	W	398.58	On the north edge of a logging trail
44	64	N	42	38	W	626.28	Near edge of rock cliff
45	65	N	78	32	W	463.58	Near edge of rock cliff
46	66	N	47	20	W	453.22	On the north side of a logging trail
47	67	N	33	19	E	551.49	At the edge of a rocky forest
48	68	N	33	18	E	220.59	On the east side of a logging trail/ edge of a rocky forest
49							
50	69	N	4	20	E	801.13	Near edge of cliff and rocky land
51	70	N	80	24	E	1,290.11	Corner 9 A and D, Block 1, Samar LC Project 36, Wright LC 1182
52							
53	71	N	87	20	E	6,639.95	A point on the ground
54	72	N	16	19	E	3,553.84	A point on the ground
55	73	N	34	11	W	4,529.96	A point on the ground
56	74	N	31	39	W	288.68	A point on the ground

1	75	N	13	49	E	1,898.60	A point on the ground
2	76	N	35	7	E	3,945.09	A point on the ground
3	77	N	58	38	E	2,658.37	A point on the ground
4	78	N	29	56	E	1,879.47	A point on the ground
5	79	N	13	28	W	2,084.87	A point on the ground
6	80	S	81	19	W	1,837.11	A point on the ground
7	81	N	47	13	W	3,300.65	A point on the ground
8	82	N	31	34	W	2,487.62	A point on the ground
9	83	S	80	23	W	2,210.10	A point on the ground
10	84	N	20	58	W	2,961.17	A point on the ground
11	85	N	3	7	E	2,769.37	A point on the ground
12	86	N	22	35	E	4,725.59	A point on the ground
13	87	N	12	35	W	1,668.40	A point on the ground
14	88	N	36	2	W	2,469.27	A point on the ground
15	89	N	50	40	W	2,424.51	A point on the ground
16	90	S	21	29	W	495.33	A point on the ground
17	91	S	59	21	W	4,219.86	A point on the ground
18	92	S	35	33	W	1,925.80	A point on the ground
19	93	S	11	17	W	2,318.50	A point on the ground
20	94	S	33	18	W	3,308.06	A point on the ground
21	95	S	11	8	E	2,348.65	A point on the ground
22	96	S	50	55	W	1,949.48	A point on the ground
23	97	N	59	33	W	5,336.04	A point on the ground
24	98	N	3	53	E	3,141.09	A point on the ground
25	99	Due North				2,826.69	A point on the ground
26	100	N	18	31	E	3,337.14	A point on the ground
27	101	N	25	51	W	2,219.41	A point on the ground
28	102	N	39	49	W	3,400.69	A point on the ground
29	103	N	21	38	W	2,049.57	A point on the ground
30	104	N	2	40	W	2,583.75	A point on the ground
31	105	N	21	34	W	3,535.47	A point on the ground
32	106	N	11	53	W	3,516.93	A point on the ground
33	107	N	31	40	E	3,861.69	A point on the ground
34	108	N	26	32	W	2,164.03	A point on the ground
35	109	N	34	6	E	2,967.62	A point on the ground
36	110	N	41	9	W	1,836.82	A point on the ground
37	111	Due North				1,997.15	A point on the ground
38	112	N	52	31	W	2,475.25	A point on the ground
39	113	S	23	11	W	2,305.86	A point on the ground
40	114	S	28	24	W	2,863.28	A point on the ground
41	115	Due South				2,089.33	A point on the ground
42	116	S	55	0	W	3,212.05	A point on the ground
43	117	S	74	5	W	2,012.53	A point on the ground
44	118	N	82	23	W	2,562.14	A point on the ground
45	119	S	78	18	W	2,717.59	A point on the ground
46	120	N	39	24	W	2,188.64	A point on the ground
47	121	N	29	18	W	4,194.66	A point on the ground
48	122	N	42	22	E	1,661.79	A point on the ground
49	123	N	68	53	W	4,275.67	A point on the ground
50	124	S	88	33	W	2,328.33	A point on the ground
51	125	S	82	15	W	2,257.86	A point on the ground
52	126	N	26	51	W	2,136.51	A point on the ground
53	127	N	29	25	W	1,412.04	A point on the ground
54	128	N	10	23	W	1,499.72	A point on the ground
55	129	N	53	43	E	3,265.03	A point on the ground
56	130	N	74	54	E	5,636.07	A point on the ground

1	131	N	1	6	W	2,981.04	A point on the ground
2	132	N	3	37	E	4,371.57	A point on the ground
3	133	N	70	56	E	1,406.95	A point on the ground
4	134	N	66	4	E	2,116.27	A point on the ground
5	135	N	69	28	E	2,097.57	A point on the ground
6	136	S	89	57	E	1,963.64	A point on the ground
7	137	S	36	9	E	1,637.37	A point on the ground
8	138	S	20	53	E	2,368.49	A point on the ground
9	139	S	42	36	W	1,417.09	A point on the ground
10	140	S	57	3	E	791.76	A point on the ground
11	141	N	80	36	E	1,684.67	A point on the ground
12	142	S	65	39	E	2,387.36	A point on the ground
13	143	N	34	32	E	3,840.33	A point on the ground
14	144	S	68	53	E	2,817.31	A point on the ground
15	145	N	63	29	E	3,850.11	A point on the ground
16	146	S	88	43	E	2,780.14	A point on the ground
17	147	S	39	19	E	715.02	A point on the ground
18	148	S	10	4	W	1,903.50	A point on the ground
19	149	S	19	49	E	1,959.73	A point on the ground
20	150	S	44	32	W	1,292.82	A point on the ground
21	151	S	47	10	W	2,349.36	A point on the ground
22	152	S	85	20	W	1,879.85	A point on the ground
23	153	S	13	26	W	1,042.37	A point on the ground
24	154	S	38	11	E	2,932.29	A point on the ground
25	155	N	73	59	E	2,892.91	A point on the ground
26	156	N	26	38	W	1,684.49	A point on the ground
27	157	N	64	22	E	1,206.80	A point on the ground
28	158	S	81	9	E	3,394.80	A point on the ground
29	159	N	58	41	E	3,961.41	A point on the ground
30	160	S	63	3	E	1,830.56	A point on the ground
31	161	S	78	31	E	1,541.86	A point on the ground
32	162	N	72	37	E	2,058.09	A point on the ground
33	163	N	44	31	E	1,508.33	A point on the ground
34	164	N	37	50	W	2,217.24	A point on the ground
35	165	N	69	16	E	2,778.28	A point on the ground
36	166	S	55	0	E	2,730.36	A point on the ground
37	167	S	79	47	E	1,381.77	A point on the ground
38	168	S	11	9	E	2,348.58	A point on the ground
39	169	N	55	39	E	2,451.68	A point on the ground
40	170	N	45	57	E	4,201.22	A point on the ground
41	171	S	41	0	E	3,825.11	A point on the ground
42	172	N	64	30	E	1,572.87	A point on the ground
43	173	S	79	48	E	2,763.59	A point on the ground
44	174	S	39	51	E	3,918.91	A point on the ground
45	175	S	47	41	W	1,919.08	A point on the ground
46	176	S	18	6	W	3,201.19	A point on the ground
47	177	S	71	43	E	10,253.70	A point on the ground
48	178	S	79	10	W	6,246.53	A point on the ground
49	179	S	18	57	W	1,949.79	A point on the ground
50	180	S	8	16	E	2,328.30	A point on the ground
51	181	S	46	46	E	1,702.90	A point on the ground
52	182	S	9	22	W	2,585.13	A point on the ground
53	183	S	9	32	E	1,837.86	A point on the ground
54	184	S	5	54	E	5,652.06	A point on the ground
55	185	S	33	25	E	5,885.80	A point on the ground
56	186	S	2	37	W	1,291.88	A point on the ground

1	187	S	13	1	E	3,373.50	A point on the ground
2	188	S	61	40	W	583.95	A point on the ground
3	189	S	77	3	W	5,369.60	A point on the ground
4	190	S	7	36	E	3,688.21	A point on the ground
5	191	S	39	55	E	1,841.29	A point on the ground
6	192	N	70	15	E	7,937.80	A point on the ground
7	193	S	46	41	E	1,207.57	A point on the ground
8	194	S	22	1	E	2,186.29	A point on the ground
9	195	S	53	47	W	4,271.98	A point on the ground
10	196	S	4	31	W	2,650.85	Corner 145, Project 31,
11							Block G, LC-2827
12	197	S	65	57	E	1,127.56	A point on the ground
13	198	N	46	39	E	5,154.54	A point on the ground
14	199	S	41	17	E	4,410.57	A point on the ground
15	200	S	15	38	W	1,340.60	A point on the ground
16	201	S	38	41	W	2,127.59	A point on the ground
17	202	S	29	23	W	2,893.43	A point on the ground
18	203	S	82	2	E	3,515.89	A point on the ground
19	204	S	20	15	E	1,931.27	A point on the ground
20	205	S	49	28	W	2,983.77	A point on the ground
21	206	S	6	15	W	2,194.90	A point on the ground
22	207	S	70	26	E	1,736.16	A point on the ground
23	208	S	19	7	E	1,300.07	A point on the ground
24	209	S	86	46	E	1,061.60	A point on the ground
25	210	S	32	44	E	2,189.36	A point on the ground
26	211	S	14	12	W	3,804.67	A point on the ground
27	212	S	74	17	W	1,824.10	A point on the ground
28	213	N	72	58	W	1,774.63	A point on the ground
29	214	S	16	31	W	2,757.19	A point on the ground
30	215	S	18	59	E	4,579.42	A point on the ground
31	216	S	71	6	W	3,616.79	A point on the ground
32	217	S	5	53	E	2,995.66	A point on the ground
33	218	S	59	52	E	1,839.11	A point on the ground
34	219	S	24	20	E	2,729.55	A point on the ground
35	220	N	60	24	E	2,681.18	A point on the ground
36	221	S	81	45	E	2,756.03	A point on the ground
37	222	S	10	4	E	4,024.31	A point on the ground
38	223	S	74	6	W	2,141.75	A point on the ground
39	224	S	5	10	W	3,980.14	A point on the ground
40	225	S	88	35	W	4,699.26	A point on the ground
41	226	S	72	57	W	4,280.94	A point on the ground
42	227	S	55	33	E	4,120.01	A point on the ground
43	228	S	41	2	E	3,051.51	A point on the ground
44	229	S	85	43	E	4,438.28	A point on the ground
45	230	S	40	25	E	4,917.44	A point on the ground
46	231	S	25	33	W	1,260.99	A point on the ground
47	232	S	29	58	E	5,173.35	A point on the ground
48	233	S	70	2	E	7,973.07	A point on the ground
49	234	N	88	29	E	3,761.21	A point on the ground
50	235	S	4	57	W	2,745.27	A point on the ground
51	236	S	16	25	E	1,728.65	A point on the ground
52	237	S	64	35	W	503.19	A point on the ground
53	238	N	45	29	W	3,280.70	A point on the ground
54	239	N	64	39	W	5,004.09	A point on the ground
55	240	S	63	52	W	4,690.86	A point on the ground
56	241	S	29	49	E	4,953.46	A point on the ground

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2	243	N	32	4	W	3,549.89	A point on the ground
3	244	N	81	24	W	1,625.96	A point on the ground
4	245	N	64	46	E	1,373.57	A point on the ground
5	246	N	18	32	W	2,396.67	A point on the ground
6	247	N	12	13	E	2,987.49	A point on the ground
7	248	N	76	31	W	2,619.95	A point on the ground
8	249	N	7	45	W	682.03	A point on the ground
9	250	S	73	56	E	662.85	A point on the ground
10	251	N	17	45	E	1,484.70	A point on the ground
11	252	S	55	19	W	2,651.74	A point on the ground
12	253	N	22	50	E	3,269.17	A point on the ground
13	254	S	72	34	W	4,224.33	A point on the ground
14	255	N	43	4	W	755.96	A point on the ground
15	256	N	36	46	E	2,073.08	A point on the ground
16	257	N	76	21	E	1,309.78	A point on the ground
17	258	N	8	20	W	2,111.14	A point on the ground
18	259	N	47	15	W	1,446.46	A point on the ground
19	260	S	54	44	W	853.07	A point on the ground
20	261	S	12	53	W	1,891.69	A point on the ground
21	262	N	85	15	W	365.06	A point on the ground
22	263	N	11	24	E	1,065.97	A point on the ground
23	264	S	82	28	W	947.72	A point on the ground
24	265	S	19	26	W	1,271.19	A point on the ground
25	266	N	46	53	W	2,244.89	A point on the ground
26	267	N	3	27	E	1,970.10	A point on the ground
27	268	N	29	6	W	2,811.03	A point on the ground
28	269	S	40	2	W	3,293.77	A point on the ground
29	270	N	23	23	W	4,516.85	A point on the ground
30	271	S	36	45	W	1,112.86	A point on the ground
31	272	S	53	26	E	566.48	A point on the ground
32	273	S	3	58	W	862.42	A point on the ground
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34	275	N	29	35	E	919.12	A point on the ground
35	276	S	17	5	E	931.81	A point on the ground
36	277	N	64	5	E	774.64	A point on the ground
37	278	S	61	3	E	2,217.76	A point on the ground
38	279	N	53	52	E	2,661.82	A point on the ground
39	280	N	40	2	W	1,603.75	A point on the ground
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44	285	S	41	43	E	2,097.22	A point on the ground
45	286	N	63	45	E	2,228.58	A point on the ground
46	287	S	0	4	E	215.08	A point on the ground
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48	289	S	75	19	E	5,547.15	A point on the ground
49	290	N	37	7	E	501.38	A point on the ground
50	291	N	30	42	W	1,785.10	A point on the ground
51	292	N	11	32	E	52.80	A point on the ground
52	293	N	57	11	E	1,477.09	A point on the ground
53	294	N	73	57	E	1,229.18	A point on the ground
54	295	N	3	0	W	1,784.36	A point on the ground
55	296	S	88	41	W	1,424.48	A point on the ground
56	297	S	1	41	W	983.66	A point on the ground

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3	300	N	34	13	W	2,375.71	A point on the ground
4	301	N	63	35	W	1,929.40	A point on the ground
5	302	Due South				2,949.57	A point on the ground
6	303	N	13	47	E	2,658.12	A point on the ground
7	304	N	65	0	E	3,206.87	A point on the ground
8	305	N	31	7	W	2,761.12	A point on the ground
9	306	N	37	31	E	2,830.39	A point on the ground
10	307	N	3	32	E	2,401.33	A point on the ground
11	308	S	80	7	E	3,197.78	A point on the ground
12	309	N	0	51	W	2,243.14	A point on the ground
13	310	N	55	49	W	2,564.88	A point on the ground
14	311	N	52	57	W	2,392.60	A point on the ground
15	312	N	21	39	E	6,052.66	A point on the ground
16	313	N	82	42	W	2,869.54	A point on the ground
17	314	N	3	36	E	2,832.55	A point on the ground
18	315	N	34	41	E	4,300.74	A point on the ground
19	316	N	52	18	W	3,561.16	A point on the ground
20	317	S	21	58	W	5,403.22	A point on the ground
21	318	N	42	7	W	3,931.23	A point on the ground
22	319	N	8	35	W	3,883.46	A point on the ground
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26	323	N	34	14	W	2,154.28	A point on the ground
27	324	N	6	54	W	5,075.14	A point on the ground
28	325	N	55	55	E	6,205.35	A point on the ground
29	326	N	26	22	W	8,054.52	A point on the ground
30	327	N	5	37	W	5,618.47	A point on the ground
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32	329	N	23	24	W	1,907.53	A point on the ground
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35	332	N	89	57	E	4,141.99	A point on the ground
36	333	N	3	53	W	2,709.93	A point on the ground
37	334	N	19	57	E	2,386.86	A point on the ground
38	335	N	37	38	W	3,915.70	A point on the ground
39	336	N	18	6	E	1,455.09	A point on the ground
40	337	N	24	55	W	2,946.37	A point on the ground
41	338	S	87	2	E	1,755.25	A point on the ground
42	339	N	31	14	W	1,867.62	A point on the ground
43	340	N	79	41	W	1,536.06	A point on the ground
44	341	S	42	34	W	2,588.68	A point on the ground
45	342	N	75	33	W	1,841.63	A point on the ground
46	343	N	17	18	W	611.30	A point on the ground
47	344	N	54	18	E	1,264.71	A point on the ground
48	345	N	38	5	W	3,628.43	A point on the ground
49	346	S	60	44	W	3,774.53	A point on the ground
50	347	S	33	26	W	2,246.77	A point on the ground
51	348	N	49	5	W	5,439.93	A point on the ground
52	349	S	56	34	W	1,339.32	A point on the ground
53	350	S	1	48	W	3,811.90	A point on the ground
54	351	S	58	50	E	1,483.63	A point on the ground
55	352	S	45	13	W	1,745.26	A point on the ground
56	353	S	74	4	W	2,577.12	A point on the ground

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2	355	N	7	9	E	1,455.45	A point on the ground
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4	357	S	82	52	W	5,695.12	A point on the ground
5	358	S	83	3	E	2,283.33	A point on the ground
6	359	S	9	6	W	2,862.88	A point on the ground
7	360	S	67	52	W	815.67	A point on the ground
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9	362	N	39	26	W	2,426.61	A point on the ground
10	363	N	75	44	W	2,993.38	A point on the ground
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12	365	S	40	26	E	2,422.46	A point on the ground
13	366	S	73	49	W	3,304.59	A point on the ground
14	367	S	80	8	W	2,147.55	A point on the ground
15	368	N	44	30	W	4,396.03	A point on the ground
16	369	N	6	42	E	2,598.59	A point on the ground
17	370	N	82	58	E	3,501.59	A point on the ground
18	371	N	45	41	E	2,154.43	A point on the ground
19	372	N	13	57	W	2,881.11	A point on the ground
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21	374	S	26	12	W	2,944.56	A point on the ground
22	375	N	48	6	W	3,084.04	A point on the ground
23	376	N	20	16	E	1,047.95	A point on the ground
24	377	S	64	18	W	1,911.59	A point on the ground
25	378	S	12	4	W	3,769.87	A point on the ground
26	379	N	86	5	W	1,362.93	A point on the ground
27	380	N	50	38	W	2,617.59	A point on the ground
28	381	S	41	33	W	410.32	A point on the ground
29	382	S	11	58	E	2,324.55	A point on the ground
30	383	S	28	2	W	1,287.53	A point on the ground
31	384	N	23	53	W	2,756.47	A point on the ground
32	385	N	88	45	W	2,931.76	A point on the ground
33	386	N	28	29	W	2,657.75	A point on the ground
34	387	N	51	53	E	2,536.19	A point on the ground
35	388	N	55	49	W	876.06	A point on the ground
36	389	N	20	46	E	1,281.14	A point on the ground
37	390	N	57	14	W	682.23	A point on the ground
38	391	S	71	12	W	4,660.87	A point on the ground
39	392	S	9	11	W	4,574.57	A point on the ground
40	393	S	26	57	W	2,204.87	A point on the ground
41	394	S	73	49	W	5,823.20	A point on the ground
42	395	S	10	46	E	3,535.13	A point on the ground
43	396	N	63	42	W	1,112.00	A point on the ground
44	397	S	54	35	E	1,593.38	A point on the ground
45	398	N	33	1	E	4,833.61	A point on the ground
46	399	N	81	54	E	2,381.37	A point on the ground
47	400	S	27	16	W	1,520.17	A point on the ground
48	401	S	46	51	E	1,034.55	A point on the ground
49	402	S	76	10	W	2,303.90	A point on the ground
50	403	S	10	5	E	1,373.39	A point on the ground
51	404	S	83	50	E	4,620.49	A point on the ground
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53	406	S	24	34	E	2,467.22	A point on the ground
54	407	S	4	44	W	1,849.73	A point on the ground
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3	412	S	11	56	E	1,601.90	A point on the ground
4	413	N	59	46	E	1,645.41	A point on the ground
5	414	S	63	42	E	2,292.31	A point on the ground
6	415	N	11	40	W	1,192.36	A point on the ground
7	416	S	84	55	E	698.05	A point on the ground
8	417	S	69	20	E	1,744.41	A point on the ground
9	418	N	51	8	E	2,641.82	A point on the ground
10	419	N	16	10	E	3,806.35	A point on the ground
11	420	N	32	16	E	4,249.98	A point on the ground
12	421	S	64	38	E	2,671.90	A point on the ground
13	422	S	42	1	E	2,482.40	A point on the ground
14	423	S	24	48	E	3,385.14	A point on the ground
15	424	S	37	2	W	4,117.53	A point on the ground
16	425	S	37	6	E	3,005.75	A point on the ground
17	426	S	59	28	W	2,598.47	A point on the ground
18	427	S	34	1	E	5,079.24	A point on the ground
19	428	Due South				3,226.14	A point on the ground
20	429	S	7	38	W	3,192.90	A point on the ground
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22	431	S	22	36	E	5,192.36	A point on the ground
23	432	S	13	57	W	4,146.96	A point on the ground
24	433	S	82	40	E	2,410.13	A point on the ground
25	434	S	37	23	W	3,788.86	A point on the ground
26	435	S	58	1	E	3,888.32	A point on the ground
27	436	N	10	57	E	1,752.49	A point on the ground
28	437	N	53	55	E	1,460.49	A point on the ground
29	438	N	26	42	W	1,616.41	A point on the ground
30	439	N	54	31	E	1,746.63	A point on the ground
31	440	N	19	15	E	3,579.83	A point on the ground
32	441	N	40	40	E	2,228.15	A point on the ground
33	442	S	60	56	W	3,288.43	A point on the ground
34	443	N	81	15	W	1,010.18	A point on the ground
35	444	N	54	13	W	2,312.21	A point on the ground
36	445	N	13	31	E	1,295.55	A point on the ground
37	446	N	36	53	E	2,419.79	A point on the ground
38	447	N	8	55	W	2,923.58	A point on the ground
39	448	N	77	33	E	2,849.84	A point on the ground
40	449	N	25	37	W	1,328.96	A point on the ground
41	450	S	82	38	W	1,677.39	A point on the ground
42	451	N	44	59	E	2,909.94	A point on the ground
43	452	S	64	20	W	3,120.81	A point on the ground
44	453	N	7	52	W	1,767.97	A point on the ground
45	454	N	37	34	E	2,480.60	A point on the ground
46	455	N	4	59	E	4,873.02	A point on the ground
47	456	N	20	30	E	1,640.16	A point on the ground
48	457	N	87	8	E	1,846.67	A point on the ground
49	458	S	7	30	W	3,470.99	A point on the ground
50	459	N	68	14	E	1,823.29	A point on the ground
51	460	S	79	23	E	1,999.78	A point on the ground
52	461	S	3	15	W	1,600.29	A point on the ground
53	462	S	39	42	W	1,278.03	A point on the ground
54	463	Due South				2,335.12	A point on the ground
55	464	S	71	55	E	890.83	A point on the ground
56	465	S	6	37	E	1,577.46	A point on the ground

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2	467	S	18	36	W	2,463.98	A point on the ground
3	468	S	48	46	W	2,051.21	A point on the ground
4	469	S	27	43	E	1,561.65	A point on the ground
5	470	S	32	10	W	3,521.41	A point on the ground
6	471	N	52	13	E	3,712.24	A point on the ground
7	472	S	54	43	E	4,040.59	A point on the ground
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9	474	S	7	41	W	2,480.43	A point on the ground
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12	477	N	67	17	E	1,115.01	A point on the ground
13	478	S	18	12	E	1,358.19	A point on the ground
14	479	S	34	59	W	1,687.93	A point on the ground
15	480	N	86	24	W	970.21	A point on the ground
16	481	N	30	36	W	1,962.82	A point on the ground
17	482	N	49	57	W	1,383.94	A point on the ground
18	483	S	87	9	W	1,241.99	A point on the ground
19	484	S	22	38	E	865.40	A point on the ground
20	485	N	85	58	E	879.58	A point on the ground
21	486	S	29	9	E	2,673.10	A point on the ground
22	487	S	39	17	W	2,818.90	A point on the ground
23	488	S	1	56	W	1,783.07	A point on the ground
24	489	N	30	54	W	2,004.76	A point on the ground
25	490	S	66	28	W	1,155.06	A point on the ground
26	491	S	27	10	E	1,657.53	A point on the ground
27	492	S	12	38	E	1,385.35	A point on the ground
28	493	N	53	11	E	718.10	A point on the ground
29	494	S	42	35	E	6,174.33	A point on the ground
30	495	S	89	21	E	2,572.98	A point on the ground
31	496	S	21	13	E	2,932.55	A point on the ground
32	497	S	15	4	W	2,673.15	A point on the ground
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34	499	S	12	54	E	2,174.65	A point on the ground
35	500	S	49	10	E	3,522.92	A point on the ground
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37	502	S	4	40	W	3,329.41	A point on the ground
38	503	N	83	28	W	8,627.65	A point on the ground
39	504	S	58	54	W	1,308.72	A point on the ground
40	505	S	10	21	E	843.27	A point on the ground
41	506	S	54	42	E	2,338.58	A point on the ground
42	507	S	81	55	E	1,743.94	A point on the ground
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53	518	S	6	55	E	5,818.02	A point on the ground
54	519	S	42	7	E	2,939.54	A point on the ground
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56	521	N	86	43	W	2,125.76	A point on the ground

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2	523	S	17	54	E	1,581.71	A point on the ground
3	524	N	55	46	E	3,006.21	A point on the ground
4	525	N	8	41	E	1,398.78	A point on the ground
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7	528	S	39	48	E	2,038.48	A point on the ground
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13	534	N	23	44	W	2,113.62	A point on the ground
14	535	N	81	11	E	1,411.26	A point on the ground
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21	542	S	25	59	W	3,316.84	A point on the ground
22	543	S	23	58	E	3,663.54	A point on the ground
23	544	N	85	47	E	3,377.39	A point on the ground
24	545	N	34	26	E	1,714.59	A point on the ground
25	546	N	72	26	E	1,940.36	A point on the ground
26	547	S	20	35	E	951.43	A point on the ground
27	548	N	69	15	E	1,913.20	A point on the ground
28	549	N	67	36	W	1,608.43	A point on the ground
29	550	N	26	13	E	1,439.08	A point on the ground
30	551	N	77	15	E	1,679.00	A point on the ground
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32	553	S	46	42	E	5,592.34	A point on the ground
33	554	S	75	26	E	1,944.17	A point on the ground
34	555	S	15	31	E	4,558.07	A point on the ground
35	556	N	43	14	E	2,786.75	A point on the ground
36	557	N	13	7	W	2,018.32	A point on the ground
37	558	N	38	33	E	826.02	A point on the ground
38	559	N	61	7	E	1,211.73	A point on the ground
39	560	N	65	56	E	2,722.50	A point on the ground
40	561	N	0	33	E	2,713.20	A point on the ground
41	562	N	70	38	W	1,447.82	A point on the ground
42	563	S	46	31	W	2,504.61	A point on the ground
43	564	N	3	50	E	2,217.34	A point on the ground
44	565	S	55	7	W	5,652.32	A point on the ground
45	566	N	8	23	W	2,732.33	A point on the ground
46	567	S	42	46	W	2,765.71	A point on the ground
47	568	N	20	18	W	2,193.76	A point on the ground
48	569	N	27	42	E	2,604.22	A point on the ground
49	570	S	49	55	E	1,905.29	A point on the ground
50	571	N	80	37	E	2,090.14	A point on the ground
51	572	N	62	26	W	993.06	A point on the ground
52	573	N	13	9	E	5,965.12	A point on the ground
53	574	N	39	37	E	2,515.95	A point on the ground
54	575	S	3	52	W	3,079.76	A point on the ground
55	576	N	66	1	E	2,123.07	A point on the ground
56	577	S	35	27	E	2,411.00	A point on the ground

1	578	S	44	32	W	2,504.02	A point on the ground
2	579	S	54	4	E	1,462.66	A point on the ground
3	580	N	67	10	E	1,907.49	A point on the ground
4	581	N	2	35	W	2,091.25	A point on the ground

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

SEC. 5. Definition of Terms. – For purposes of this Act, the following terms are hereby defined:

(a) **Biodiversity** refers to the variety and variability among living things, and the interconnectedness of all life forms in a particular environment;

(b) **Biological Resources** refer to generic resources, organisms or parts thereof, population, or any other biotic component of the ecosystems with actual or potential use or value for humanity;

(c) **Buffer Zone** refers to the identified area outside the boundaries of an immediately adjacent to designated protected areas pursuant to Section 8 of the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act that need special development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area;

(d) **By-Product and Derivatives** refer to any part taken or substance extracted from wildlife, in raw or in processed form, including studied animals and herbarium specimen;

(e) **Collection or Collecting** refers to the act of gathering or harvesting wildlife, whether actual use is for food or for the by-products or derivatives that may be created from any part of it;

(f) **Legitimate Stakeholders** refer to persons or institutions that are or might be affected in the establishment of the area and may contribute to the management and development of the protected area. They may include among others, local government units, national agencies and institutions, non-government organizations or people's organizations operating in the protected area, or local communities living in or adjacent to the protected area;

(g) **National Integrated Protected Areas System** refers to the classification and administration of all designated protected areas for the purpose of maintaining essential ecological processes and life-support systems, preserving genetic diversity, ensuring sustainable use of resources found thereon, and maintaining their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible;

(h) **NIPAS Act** refers to the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992 or Republic Act No. 7586, and its implementing Rules and Regulations;

(i) **Natural Park** refers to a relatively large area not materially or substantially altered by human activity, which is maintained to protect outstanding natural scenic areas of national or international significance for scientific, education and recreational uses;

(j) **Non-Government Organization (NGO)** refer to any civic, developmental or philanthropic organization which is multi-sectoral in character;

(k) **Non-Renewable Resources** shall refer to those resources found within the protected area, the natural replacement rate of which is either not known or takes more than twenty-five (25) years;

(l) **People's Organization (PO)** refers to any grouping of marginalized, poor or disempowered people formed by themselves to advance the interest of their sector;

1 (m) **Protected Area** refers to identified portions of land and water set aside by
2 reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance
3 biological diversity, and protected against destructive human exploitation;

4 (n) **Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)** refers to a multi-sectoral policy-
5 making body for protected areas created in accordance with Republic Act No. 7586 or
6 the NIPAS Act of 1992;

7 (o) **Protected Species** refer to individual species of plants and animals that are or
8 shall be declared as protected under Philippine laws, rules and regulations issued by
9 the DENR, species listed as protected against trade, hunting and harvest pursuant to
10 international conventions to which the Philippines is or will become signatory including,
11 but not limited to, the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species
12 (CITES). In addition to these, they include species which may be restricted for use
13 under regulations issued by the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) or the
14 DENR, and those particularly mentioned in the management plan of the protected area;

15 (p) **Public Consultation** refers to a meeting or dialogue with the concerned or
16 affected individuals within and outside the protected area designed to identify and
17 resolve issues and problems affecting them;

18 (q) **Tenured Migrant Communities** refer to communities within the SINP which
19 have actually and continuously occupied such area for five (5) years before the
20 designation of the same as protected areas in accordance with the NIPAS Act;

21 (r) **Secretary** refers to the Secretary of the DENR.

22 23 CHAPTER II 24 PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT 25

26 **SEC. 6. Management Plan.** – Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act
27 and in accordance with the General Management Planning Strategy as provided for in
28 the NIPAS Act, the Office of the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) in coordination
29 with the local communities, local government units (LGUs), appropriate offices of the
30 DENR, nongovernment organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations (POs),
31 existing operators in the park and experts with socio-economic, anthropological and
32 ecological experience in the area shall prepare a management plan.

33 The management plan shall contain, among others, the following:

34 (a) Period of applicability of the plan, preferably at least five (5) years;

35 (b) Key management issues;

36 (c) Goals and objectives of management in support of Section 2 hereof;

37 (d) Site management strategy and interventions;

38 (e) Major management activities such as, but not limited to, enforcement of laws,
39 biodiversity conservation, habitat and wildlife management, sustainable use
40 management, infrastructure development and maintenance, fire and pest
41 control;

42 (f) Establishment and delineation of zones and the regulated and/or prohibited
43 activities therein, such as, but not limited to, multi-purpose use zones, buffer
44 zones, recreational zones, strict protection zones and other special zones
45 which can provide effective management of the protected area and promote
46 sustainable development of all legitimate stakeholders. To minimize relocation

of people, primary consideration shall be accorded to the traditional zones used which have been proven sustainable and in consonance with the biodiversity and protection of the natural characteristics of the protected area;

(g) Sustainable and nondestructive livelihood activities that may be allowed for tenured migrants; and

(h) Visitor management programs; and

(i) Monitoring and evaluation.

The management plan shall be consistent with the nature of the protected area under the category of a natural park. It shall be reviewed and approved by the PAMB and certified to by the Secretary that it conforms to all laws and regulations issued by the DENR. The management plan shall not be revised nor modified except by prior consultation with the PAMB and in accordance with the procedure herein set forth. If any part or section of the management plan is inconsistent with existing laws, the Secretary shall certify to the other provisions of the plan that are consistent with the laws. Unless the Secretary accepts or adopts such inconsistent provisions, the PAMB shall be properly notified of the provisions that need modification or revision.

In no case shall the management plan be approved without the conduct of the proper public consultation by the PAMB.

Two (2) years before the expiration of the initial management plan, there shall be a subsequent plan to be prepared by the Office of the PASu in the same manner as the procedure and principles herein set forth and in accordance with the General Management Planning Strategy as provided for in the NIPAS Act. In the same period, the Office of the PASu shall cause the publication of notices for comments and suggestions on the proposed successor plan in a newspaper of local circulation and the actual posting of such notices in conspicuous places within the LGUs with political jurisdiction over areas within the SINP. The proposed new management plan shall be made available for public perusal in all agencies, offices and organizations duly represented in the PAMB. It shall also be made available to the public during the period for comment. The final plan shall be made available for public perusal as well.

In the event that no subsequent plan is adopted upon the expiration of the initial management plan, the latter shall remain in force subject to interim modifications that may be adopted by the PAMB.

The management plan shall also be made available in the language understood by the people living in the area, plainly written and obtainable at the Office of the PASu by the general public.

SEC. 7. The Protected Area Management Board. – There shall be a Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) which shall serve as the highest policy-making body

1 of the SINP for matters concerning the island. It shall be composed of the following:

- 2 (a) The Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR-Region VIII who shall sit as
- 3 the PAMB chairperson;
- 4 (b) The Provincial Governors and Congressional Representatives of Samar,
- 5 Eastern Samar and Northern Samar or their authorized permanent
- 6 representatives who shall sit as co-chairpersons;
- 7 (c) A representative for each province from among the Municipal Mayors within the
- 8 territory inside the protected area, chosen from among them in an election duly
- 9 called for the purpose;
- 10 (d) The Mayor of the city within the territory of the protected area;
- 11 (e) A representative for each province from among the Barangay Captains with
- 12 territory inside the protected area, chosen from among them in an election duly
- 13 called for the purpose;
- 14 (f) A representative from the national government agencies operating within the
- 15 protected area which can substantially contribute to protected area
- 16 management;
- 17 (g) Representatives from the POs and the NGOs involved with protected area
- 18 management, chosen from among themselves in an election duly called for the
- 19 purpose which shall constitute at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the PAMB;
- 20 and
- 21 (h) Other stakeholders who can potentially assist and contribute in the protection,
- 22 preservation and conservation of the SINP, to be appointed by the Secretary
- 23 upon the recommendation of the PAMB.

24 In the selection of representatives from the POs and the NGOs, the following

25 criteria shall be primarily considered:

- 26 (1) Active involvement in the ecological conservation, preservation, rehabilitation
- 27 and protection of the protected area;
- 28 (2) Great potential in community organizing and other development works;
- 29 (3) Favorable track record in community work; and
- 30 (4) Duly accredited by the LGU concerned and by the DENR.

31 Any decision, action or policy made by the PAMB involving a particular province

32 shall become effective upon ratification by the concerned provincial PAMB.

33 **SEC. 8. The Provincial Protected Area Management Board.** – A PAMB for each

34 province shall be created which shall exercise the powers and functions herein set forth

35 within its provincial jurisdiction. Each provincial PAMB shall be composed of the

36 following:

- 37 (a) The DENR Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) as

1 chairperson;

2 (b) The Provincial Governor and Congressional Representative/s whose district/s
3 are within the jurisdiction of the Provincial PAMB concerned or their authorized
4 permanent representative as co-chairpersons;

5 (c) The City/Municipal Mayors within the territory of the protected area;

6 (d) A Barangay Captain representing each city/municipality within the territory of
7 the protected area, chosen by the respective Presidents of the Association of
8 Barangay Captains.

9 (e) Representatives from national government agencies operating within the
10 protected area which can substantially contribute to protected area
11 management;

12 (f) Representatives from the POs and the NGOs involved with protected area
13 management, chosen from among themselves in an election duly called for the
14 purpose which shall constitute at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the
15 provincial PAMB; and

16 (g) Other stakeholders who can potentially assist and contribute in the protection,
17 preservation and conservation of the SINP, to be appointed by the island-wide
18 PAMB.

19 Any action, decision and policy made by the provincial PAMB shall be valid and
20 subsisting unless overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the SINP PAMB.

21 Any action, decision and policy made by the PAMB or any of the provincial PAMBs
22 shall be valid and subsisting unless overturned by the Secretary either for being
23 contrary to existing laws, rules and regulations or for being violative of the existing
24 applicable management plan.

25 **SEC. 9. Term of Office.** – Members of the SINP PAMB and the Provincial PAMBs
26 shall serve for a term of five (5) years without compensation, except for actual and
27 necessary travelling and subsistence expenses incurred in the performance of their
28 duties: *Provided*, That they remain members or employees of the sector or office they
29 represent. In case of a vacancy, a new member shall be appointed in the same manner
30 undertaken in the case of the original appointee: *Provided however*, That the newly
31 appointed member shall serve only the unfinished portion of the term: *Provided, further*,
32 That the term of the office of PAMB members who are elected officials shall be co-
33 terminus with their elective position: *Provided, finally*, that the incoming elective official
34 may decide to allow continuity of representation by the previous elective officials
35 through a Sangguniang Resolution which shall be communicated officially to the PAMB.

36 **SEC. 10. Powers and Functions.** – The PAMB of the SINP shall have the
37 following powers and functions:

- (a) Decide and approve matters relating to proposals, work and action plans, guidelines and policies and other activities for the management of the protected area in accordance with the management plan and related laws, rules and regulations;
- (b) Review, approve and adopt management plans and development programs and their respective implementing rules and regulations;
- (c) Recommend and facilitate the delineation and demarcation boundaries of the protected area and buffer zones;
- (d) Establish supplemental criteria and guidelines for park fees or activities regulated by this Act or the management plan subject to the approval of the DENR pursuant to Section 10(f) of the NIPAS Act;
- (e) Ensure the effective implementation of development activities within the protected area as prescribed in the management plan;
- (f) Adopt rules and procedures in the conduct of business, roles and responsibilities, and discipline of its board members, including the creation of standing committees;
- (g) Evaluate the performance and activities of the Office of the PASu;
- (h) Accept donations, approve proposals for funding and budget allocation and exercise accountability over all funds;
- (i) Request assistance from any government agency, office, board and private or public person to attain the objectives of this Act;
- (j) Monitor and evaluate the performance of protected area personnel, the NGOs and the communities in biodiversity conservation and socio-cultural and economic development, and report its assessment to the DENR; and
- (k) Participate in the selection and designation process of the DENR in the appointment of the PASu;

The DENR, through the RED, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of conflict between administrative orders issued by the DENR pursuant to the NIPAS Act and other laws and the resolutions issued by the PAMB, the Secretary shall decide whether to apply the rule or withdraw its application.

SEC. 11. Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office. – There is hereby established a Protected Area Superintendent's office in charge of the management, protection and administration of the protected area. The PASu shall be supported by the existing personnel of the DENR. The head of office shall be the chief operating officer of the SINP or the protected area and shall be accountable to the RED of the DENR-Region VIII and the PAMB. The PASu shall have the following powers and functions:

1 A. Administrative Functions

- 2 (1) Serve as chief administrative officer of the protected area for the purpose
3 of implementing the management plan as detailed in the annual work
4 program;
- 5 (2) Establish a productive partnership with the local community, including
6 groups, in the planning, protection and management of the protected area;
- 7 (3) Ensure the efficient performance and high morale of the staff;
- 8 (4) Ensure the proper utilization of annual budget allocations and the proper
9 disposition of fees and other funds generated within the protected area;
- 10 (5) Develop and implement a park information, education and visitor program;
- 11 (6) Develop and implement a natural history documentation program and to
12 oversee research that may be conducted within the area;
- 13 (7) Integrate the roles of the NGO and the DENR staff in the operation of the
14 area; and
- 15 (8) Document the processes involved in the establishment and management of
16 the protected area, with particular reference to the development of
17 relationships with cultural communities, tenured migrants, buffer zone
18 residents and others in establishing effective protection of the area.

19 B. Regulatory Functions

- 20 (1) Act as peace officer for the purpose of maintaining peace and order within
21 the protected area, in connection thereto, exercise police authority to arrest
22 any person who is committing, has committed or is about to commit an
23 offense which is prohibited in this Act in any part of the protected area;
- 24 (2) Enforce rules and regulations established to protect the area and preserve
25 the area from trespass, damage, injury and illegal occupancy;
- 26 (3) Require, when necessary, any person entering or passing through or any
27 part of the protected area under his jurisdiction, to give the following
28 information: name, address, the proposed duration of stay inside the
29 protected area and the portion which he intends to visit or has visited, and
30 such other information of similar nature as may be referred to him;
- 31 (4) Summarily remove or eject from the area persons who have violated any of
32 the regulations for the protected area;
- 33 (5) Require persons cutting and/or gathering forest products or hunting or
34 fishing within the protected area to produce, upon demand, authority or
35 permit to do so;
- 36 (6) Seize and confiscate timber or other forest products, game birds, animals
37 and fish, including instruments, tools and conveyances used inside the

1 protected area by unlicensed persons or if licensed, in violation of protected
2 area laws, rules and regulations, and to report them in accordance with the
3 present rules, regulations and guidelines issued by the Secretary
4 concerning confiscation, seizure and disposition of illegally cut, gathered,
5 transported forest products and other natural resources and confiscated
6 wildlife; and

- 7 (7) Perform such other powers and duties as may, from time to time, be
8 prescribed by higher authorities.

9 The Office of the PASu shall be supported by the existing personnel of the DENR-
10 PENRO who shall be performing day-to-day management, protection and administration
11 of the protected area.

12 All DENR employees detailed to the protected area at the time of the effectivity of
13 this Act shall be accorded preference to form part of the Office of the PASu.

14 CHAPTER III 15 TENURED MIGRANTS 16

17 **SEC. 12. *Tenured Migrants.*** – Tenured migrants shall be eligible to become
18 stewards of portions of lands within the allowed and designated zones. The PAMB shall
19 identify, verify and review all tenure instruments, land claims and permits for resource
20 use within the protected area and recommend the issuance of the appropriate tenure
21 instrument consistent with the land classification, proper and allowed use of resources
22 found therein, and zoning provided in the management and successor plans. Farmers
23 who have been cultivating land within the protected area are considered to be
24 occupying such lands and shall be entitled to a tenure instrument limited to cultivation
25 and residence: *Provided*, That the rights under such can only be transferred to direct
26 descendants.

27 Nothing herein shall be construed to mean any diminution of accrued rights earned
28 by tenured migrants. If the areas occupied by tenured migrants are designated as
29 zones in which no occupation or other activities are allowed, they shall be transferred to
30 multiple-use zones or buffer zones to be accomplished through just and humane means.

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

34 **SEC. 13. *Existing Rights.*** – All prior property and private rights within the
35 protected area already existing or vested prior to the effectivity of this Act shall be
36 protected and respected in accordance with existing laws. Consequently, all lands that
37 were already classified as alienable and disposable or agricultural lands prior to the
38 passage of this Act shall continue to be classified as such and shall be available for

1 disposition and titling subject to existing rules and regulations.

2 Existing built-up barangays and populated areas within the municipalities of Silvino
3 Lubos in the Province of Northern Samar, Maslog and Jipapad in the Province of
4 Eastern Samar and San Jose de Buan and Matuginao in the Province of Samar, and
5 other existing built-up and populated barangays within the SINP shall be surveyed by
6 the DENR for reclassification into agricultural lands in accordance with existing laws,
7 rules and regulations. The development of these areas shall be in accordance with the
8 general management plan for the protected area.

9 Persons who have been cultivating land within the protected area five (5) years
10 prior to the effectivity of this Act are considered to be occupying such lands and shall be
11 entitled to a tenure instrument restricted to cultivation: *Provided*, That the rights under
12 such can only be transferred to direct descendants.

13 Tenured migrant instruments are transferable only to the nearest of kin. However, if
14 the land has been left idle for at least five (5) consecutive years, the PAMB shall have
15 the right to control and manage the area for the purpose of restoring it to its natural state
16 prior to the cultivation or similar acts by the tenured migrant.

17 **SEC. 14. *Cancellation of Tenured Migrant Instruments.*** – Tenured migrant
18 instruments may be cancelled for:

- 19 (a) Violation of the terms and conditions specified therein;
20 (b) Repeated refusal of the holder of the tenure instrument to comply with the
21 management plan for the SINP; or
22 (c) Voluntary surrender of such rights.

23 Upon cancellation of a tenured migrant instrument, the Office of the PASu shall
24 immediately undertake the necessary steps to rehabilitate the area in order to restore it
25 to its natural state prior to the cultivation or similar acts by the transient or tenured
26 migrant.

27 **CHAPTER IV**
28 **SAMAR ISLAND NATURAL PARK PROTECTED AREA FUND**
29

30 **SEC. 15. *Samar Island Natural Park Protected Area Fund.*** – There is hereby
31 established a trust fund to be known as the Samar Island Natural Park Protected Area
32 Fund for purposes of financing projects of the system. All income generated from the
33 operation of the system or management of wild flora and fauna in the protected area
34 shall accrue to the Fund. These income shall be derived from fees from permitted sale
35 and export of flora and fauna and other resources from the protected areas, proceeds
36 from lease of multiple-use areas, contributions from industries and facilities directly
37 benefiting from the protected area, and such other fees and income derived from the
38 operation of the protected area.

1 The Fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from various
2 sources, domestic or foreign: *Provided*, That the Fund shall be deposited as a special
3 account in the National Treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be made solely for
4 the protection, maintenance, administration and management of the system, and duly
5 approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with existing accounting and
6 budgeting rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, That the fund shall not be used to
7 cover personal services expenditures.

8 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated
9 herein which they have additionally collected, such as business permits, property taxes
10 and rentals of LGU facilities. Furthermore, LGUs may charge add-ons to fees imposed
11 by the PAMB: *Provided*, That such add-ons shall be determined based on the
12 contribution of the LGUs in the maintenance and protection of the protected area.

13 **CHAPTER V**
14 **EXISTING FACILITIES, UTILIZATION OF NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES,**
15 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND COLLABORATION AMONG**
16 **GOVERNMENT, NONGOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS**
17

18 **SEC. 16. *Existing Facilities Within the Protected Area.*** – Existing facilities
19 within the protected area shall be inventoried and assessed by the PAMB in accordance
20 with the objectives of this Act. All future commercial facilities within the boundaries of
21 the protected area with a total capitalization exceeding One Million Pesos
22 (P1,000,000.00), which may be periodically adjusted by the PAMB, shall submit to the
23 PAMB through the PASu the following information:

- 24 (a) Environmental Impact Assessment and/or Environmental Management Plan;
25 (b) Environmental Compliance Certificate, if any; and
26 (c) Development Plan, if any.

27 Failure to submit the required information shall constitute a violation of this Act.
28 Based on documents submitted, the PAMB, with the assistance of the DENR shall
29 assess such facility and its future plan and operation vis-à-vis the objectives of this Act.
30 The PAMB may prescribe conditions for the operation of the facility to ensure that it
31 does not contradict protected area management objectives. If any of such conditions
32 are violated, a fine of Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) for every day of violation shall
33 be imposed. If the fine reaches the total amount of Five hundred thousand pesos
34 (P500,000.00) regardless of duration, the PAMB, through the PASu and deputizing other
35 government entities, shall cause the cessation and demolition of the facility at the cost
36 of its owners.

37 Existing and future facilities allowed within the protected area may be charged a
38 reasonable fee by the PAMB, pursuant to Section 10(f) of the NIPAS Act, taking into
39 consideration the extent of its impact on the environment and biodiversity.

1 **SEC. 17. Utilization of Non-Renewable Resources.** – Any exploitation or
2 utilization of non-renewable energy resources within the protected area shall not be
3 allowed except through an act of Congress.

4 No mining activities shall be allowed inside the SINP, except for extraction of sand
5 and gravel limited to five (5) hectares per permit, as may be authorized by the
6 concerned Provincial or City Mining Regulatory Board and subject to prior clearance
7 from the concerned provincial PAMB: *Provided*, That in lots B, D and E of the Samar
8 Bauxite Mineral Reservation, as provided for in Proclamation No. 1615, dated 4
9 February 1977, more particularly located and described by the following coordinates:

Latitudes	Longitudes
11° 50' 45" to 12° 12' 30"	124° 55' 00" to 125° 00' 00"
11° 48' 00" to 11° 55' 00"	125° 00' 00" to 125° 06' 00"
11° 30' 00" to 11° 49' 00"	125° 06' 00" to 125° 13' 15"

14 Geological and mineral assessments may be allowed in accordance with the provisions
15 of existing laws, including corresponding expanded valuation of biological resources
16 therein, for the purpose of undertaking cost-benefit analysis and feasibility study to
17 determine the appropriate land use with optimum value and benefit to the local
18 communities of Samar Island and the rest of the country. Portions thereof where
19 development of minerals shall not prove to be the optimum land use shall automatically
20 become part of the SINP: *Provided, further*, That consultations shall be made with all
21 sectors concerned: *Provided, finally*, That the area of the subject lots shall be clearly
22 demarcated on the ground by visible concrete monuments.

23 **SEC. 18. Environmental Impact Assessment System.** – Existing laws, rules
24 and regulations relating to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) shall be applicable
25 to projects and activities intended in the protected area. The issuance of the
26 Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) or exemption therefrom shall be
27 coordinated with the PAMB.

28 **SEC. 19. Collaboration Among Government, Nongovernment Organizations**
29 **and People's Organizations.** – For the purpose of attaining the objectives of this Act,
30 all government agencies, NGOs and POs and their personnel shall continuously foster
31 and develop a strong and true collaboration.

32 All NGOs, POs and private entities implementing any park conservation, protection
33 and development program must be accredited by the LGUs concerned and the DENR.

34 **SEC. 20. Roles of the Local Government Units and National Agencies in the**
35 **Protected Area.** – The LGUs and relevant national agencies shall be represented in the
36 PAMB and shall have the following roles:

- 1 (a) Apprise their respective constituents, offices and other sectors on activities and
2 programs for the protected area;
- 3 (b) Ensure consistency in the implementation of all activities in the protected area;
- 4 (c) Retain their ordinance-making powers over the protected area and shall
5 consider the management plan and the rules and regulations adopted by the
6 PAMB in their legislative agenda relating to biodiversity, conservation,
7 protection and sustainable development;
- 8 (d) In the formulation of their development plan, the LGUs shall consider the
9 protected area management plan for the SINP to be prepared by the PAMB;
- 10 (e) Assist the PAMB in the implementation of the overall park programs including,
11 but not limited to, the imposition, collection and utilization of park fees,
12 enforcement of policies, rules and regulations and other similar park activities;
- 13 (f) Accredite POs, NGOs and other entities and groups involved in activities within
14 the protected area; and
- 15 (g) Provide the PAMB with relevant information and data for the effective
16 management of the protected area.

17 **SEC. 21. *Projects on Public Service Utilities.*** – All existing and future
18 development projects on public service utilities involving water services, communication
19 facilities, power and energy generation, public security, health and education services
20 and other facilities which will promote public welfare shall be implemented within areas
21 designated or approved by the PAMB and other appropriate government agencies.

22 **CHAPTER VI**
23 **PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES**
24

25 **SEC. 22. *Special Prosecutor.*** – Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this
26 Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall appoint a special prosecutor to whom all
27 cases of violation of laws, rules and regulations in the protected area shall be assigned.
28 The Special Prosecutor shall closely coordinate with the PAMB and the PASu and assist
29 in the training of wardens and rangers in arrest and criminal procedure. The PAMB
30 shall periodically submit an evaluation of the performance of the designated Special
31 Prosecutor to the Secretary of the DOJ.

32 **SEC. 23. *Administrative Confiscation and Fine.*** – Administrative proceedings
33 for violation of any prohibited act under Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7586 shall
34 proceed independently and without prejudice to judicial action. The PAMB, through the
35 PASu, is hereby empowered to impose an administrative fine ranging from Five
36 Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P150,000.00)
37 and/or the cancellation of permits or licenses issued. Decisions of the PASu may be
38 appealed to the PAMB within thirty (30) days from receipt of the decision by the

1 aggrieved party. The decision of the PAMB may be appealed to the Secretary within a
2 period of sixty (60) days from receipt of the decision.

3 All conveyances, vessels, equipment, paraphernalia, implements, gear, tools and
4 similar devices shall be subject to immediate administrative confiscation by the Office of
5 the PASu upon apprehension without prejudice to any criminal action. Once the proper
6 criminal action is filed in the regular courts, said conveyances, vessels, equipment,
7 paraphernalia, implements, gear, tools and similar devices shall be in *custodia legis* and
8 may only be released by the court to the owner upon disposition of the case.

9 Administrative fines collected and the proceeds of the sale of all objects
10 administratively or judicially confiscated or forfeited pursuant hereto shall accrue to the
11 SINP Protected Area Fund. The procedure for the sale thereof shall be promulgated by
12 the PAMB.

13 The LGUs responsible for the arrest of violators and confiscation of materials may
14 claim a share in the disposition thereof while the rest shall accrue to the PAMB. The
15 sharing scheme for this shall be agreed upon by the LGUs and the PAMB.

16 **SEC. 24. *Special Counsel.*** – The PAMB may retain the services of a competent
17 lawyer to prosecute or assist in the prosecution of cases to defend the members of the
18 PAMB, the PASu and staff or any person assisting in the protection, conservation and
19 sustainable development of the protected area against any legal action that may be
20 brought against them for acts performed pursuant to the discharge of their powers,
21 functions and responsibilities as provided in this Act or as delegated by the PAMB.

22 **CHAPTER VII** 23 **APPROPRIATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS** 24

25 **SEC. 25. *Appropriations.*** – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately include
26 in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
27 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

28 **SEC. 26. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part or section of this Act is declared
29 unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect other parts or sections hereof.

30 **SEC. 27. *Repealing Clause.*** – All other existing laws, rules and regulations
31 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

32 **SEC. 28. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
33 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of
34 general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

35 Approved,