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Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE CELSO L. LOBREGAT**

**AN ACT DECLARING THE PASONANCA WATERSHED FOREST
RESERVE LOCATED IN ZAMBOANGA CITY AS A PROTECTED AREA
UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK AND PROVIDING FOR
ITS MANAGEMENT**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish the Pasonanca Watershed Forest Reserve in Zamboanga City as a Protected Area under the category of a natural park, to be known as the **Pasonanca Natural Park**.

Representative Erico Basilio A. Fabian first filed this Bill during the 13th, 14th and 15th Congress. It was also re-filed during the 16th Congress by then Representative Lilia Macrohon-Nuño as House Bill No. 2629 which was then substituted by House Bill No. 4506 and was pending action in the Senate upon the adjournment of the 16th Congress.

The Pasonanca Natural Park and its buffer zones are situated in Zamboanga City, with a total area of 17,414 hectares. It embraces the following areas: Pasonanca, Lumayang, Tolosa, Bungiao, Dulian, Baluno, Salaan, Cacao, Lunzuran, La Paz, Lapacan, and Lamisahan. At least 90% of the natural park is still intact with secondary and primary growth dipterocarp forest. There are cultivated lands, man-made plantations, grasslands and some built-up area.

It is an initial component of the National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS), being subject of a previous proclamation preceding NIPAS-Proclamation No. 199, dated December 17, 1987, known as the Pasonanca Watershed Forest Reserve. It was re-assessed as to its suitability as a protected area under NIPAS and later on covered under Presidential Proclamation No. 132 dated July 5, 1999.

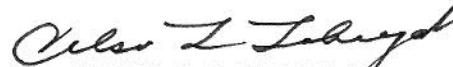
The dense forest is still high in floral and faunal species diversity. The fauna composition represents diverse species constituting the four (4) classes of vertebrate forms including the endangered species of Philippine raptors, notably the Philippine eagle (*Pithecopaga jefferyi*). The floral composition is diverse and widely distributed in different types of ecosystems.

The perennial springs/streams/creeks are traversing and ultimately drain the stretch of the Tumaga River. The park's watershed is the source of water for domestic use by the city's populace as well as for industrial, aquaculture and irrigation to farmlands. Being the only remaining virgin forest, which is near and accessible to the center of population, the park faces potential threats brought about by certain pressures, e.g., increase in population and development.

Approval of this Bill will provide the Pasonanca Natural Park, among other things, adequate protection and conservation measures, coordinated management schemes among stakeholders and interest groups, as well as the necessary funding mechanism for sustainability in its operations. Approval of this Bill is a penultimate step required under the NIPAS process for the actual ground survey and delineation of the boundaries of the protected area and the identified management zones.

Similar laws have already been enacted covering natural parks, including the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park (R.A 9125); Mt. Kanlaon Natural Park (R.A 9154); Mt. Kitanglad Range Protected Area (R.A 8978); Mt. Apo Protected Area (R.A 9237); and Mt. Malindang Range Natural Park (R.A 9304).

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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*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 “Pasonanca Natural Park Act”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – Considering the importance of the Pasonanca Watershed Forest Reserve’s unique biological resources and its aesthetic, sociocultural, economic and ecological importance, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to further secure its protection and conservation, including the people and the communities residing therein as well as their way of life. For this reason, the State shall protect and conserve its biodiversity; advance, respect and protect the customs and interests of its legitimate inhabitants; and foster partnerships among government, nongovernment organizations (NGOs) and people’s organizations (POs).

SEC. 3. Scope. – The Pasonanca Natural Park, including its buffer zone, covers a total area of about twelve thousand one hundred two and 8/100 hectares (12,102.08 has.).

PASONANCA CORE ZONE

Beginning at point marked "1" which is S. 10° 11' 34" W., 2,011.749 meters from PRS92 - 1A - ZGC, Zamboanga City with geographic coordinates of 06° 58' 34.22" North and 122° 04' 30.19" East

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE (meter)
1-2	N. 34° 36' 09" W.	783.61
2-3	N. 36° 52' 11" W.	235.00
3-4	N. 36° 37' 00" W.	271.60

4-5	N. 36° 04' 55" W.	1,774.37
5-6	N. 36° 01' 38" W.	1,074.52
6-7	N. 74° 16' 57" W.	1,000.40
7-8	N. 14° 41' 31" W.	339.09
8-9	N. 38° 19' 18" W.	1,911.51
9-10	N. 62° 25' 47" W.	439.90
10-11	N. 24° 31' 34" W.	298.23
11-12	N. 14° 59' 33" W.	181.75
12-13	N. 14° 43' 37" E.	303.73
13-14	N. 54° 38' 15" E.	229.56
14-15	N. 60° 34' 12" E.	243.18
15-16	N. 83° 07' 05" E.	252.00
16-17	N. 13° 55' 42" W.	222.21
17-18	N. 50° 05' 44" W.	288.47
18-19	N. 30° 43' 43" W.	252.41
19-20	N. 11° 44' 13" E.	226.89
20-21	N. 48° 58' 41" E.	255.00
21-22	N. 23° 55' 08" E.	288.32
22-23	N. 00° 56' 08" W.	237.71
23-24	N. 20° 38' 49" E.	699.75
24-25	N. 15° 14' 11" W.	234.71
25-26	N. 38° 59' 58" E.	215.92
26-27	N. 07° 07' 30" E.	222.58
27-28	N. 09° 04' 37" E.	221.47
28-29	N. 43° 36' 10" W.	125.09
29-30	N. 25° 37' 48" W.	248.31
30-31	N. 58° 47' 50" W.	283.93

31-32	N. 00° 05' 12" E.	284.27
32-33	N. 08° 14' 42" E.	303.80
33-34	N. 10° 30' 40" W.	364.14
34-35	N. 21° 05' 06" W.	371.70
35-36	N. 29° 52' 10" W.	418.35
36-37	N. 30° 03' 35" W.	1,033.35
37-38	N. 62° 06' 51" E.	1,905.30
38-39	N. 03° 34' 34" E.	63.21
39-40	N. 64° 19' 45" E.	192.06
40-41	N. 54° 57' 02" E.	193.63
41-42	N. 39° 50' 59" E.	130.46
42-43	N. 32° 21' 02" E.	201.17
43-44	N. 15° 17' 26" E.	222.79
44-45	N. 74° 46' 27" E	161.97
45-46	N. 76° 30' 56" E.	278.68
46-47	N. 09° 57' 45" E.	2,251.35
47-48	N. 06° 28' 22" E.	2,557.00
48-49	N. 13° 24' 54" W.	2,076.45
49-50	S. 89° 52' 27" E.	3,129.75
50-51	N. 44° 12' 07" E.	1,929.32
51-52	S. 37° 27' 50" E.	341.75
52-53	S. 23° 05' 01" E.	612.32
53-54	S. 41° 36' 23" E.	275.27
54-55	S. 06° 29' 29" E.	911.66
55-56	S. 08° 20' 38" W.	212.43
56-57	S. 04° 00' 41" W.	240.35
57-58	S. 02° 47' 29" W.	390.00

58-59	S. 03° 50' 48" E.	362.02
59-60	S. 37° 36' 01" E.	307.73
60-61	S. 43° 57' 50" E.	243.56
61-62	S. 45° 50' 01" E.	211.84
62-63	S. 42° 58' 47" E.	249.84
63-64	S. 46° 52' 26" E.	215.45
64-65	S. 45° 15' 30" E.	292.84
65-66	S. 47° 51' 44" E.	238.09
66-67	S. 44° 44' 18" E.	192.88
67-68	S. 42° 17' 31" E.	65.25
68-69	S. 47° 56' 29" E.	223.12
69-70	S. 46° 06' 38" E.	272.64
70-71	S. 42° 56' 58" E.	184.63
71-72	S. 42° 13' 59" E.	237.19
72-73	S. 38° 34' 00" E.	239.75
73-74	S. 19° 51' 29" E.	317.17
74-75	S. 00° 25' 12" W.	254.72
75-76	S. 00° 40' 52" W.	235.73
76-77	S. 01° 02' 45" W.	307.08
77-78	S. 11° 09' 16" W.	356.07
78-79	S. 45° 44' 32" W.	321.18
79-80	S. 57° 22' 41" W.	372.11
80-81	S. 82° 49' 16" W.	259.04
81-82	S. 22° 20' 15" W.	360.04
82-83	S. 25° 09' 40" W.	188.03
83-84	S. 33° 34' 56" W.	217.24
84-85	S. 32° 50' 42" W.	322.84

85-86	S. 34° 22' 15" W.	263.24
86-87	S. 44° 30' 02" W.	318.39
87-88	S. 46° 17' 47" W.	337.19
88-89	S. 05° 47' 11" W.	257.83
89-90	S. 23° 53' 16" W.	267.67
90-91	S. 02° 41' 47" E.	625.55
91-92	S. 52° 25' 12" W.	2,111.22
92-93	S. 58° 17' 58" E.	806.43
93-94	S. 74° 02' 56" E.	822.59
94-95	S. 15° 53' 52" E.	1,247.38
95-96	S. 38° 46' 29" W.	742.70
96-97	S. 01° 43' 09" W.	1,389.21
97-98	S. 00° 00' 00" W.	868.00
98-99	S. 55° 36' 09" W.	292.07
99-100	S. 36° 41' 23" E.	63.60
100-101	S. 49° 39' 38" W.	1,209.62
101-102	S. 37° 44' 12" W.	145.42
102-103	S. 05° 10' 26" E.	255.04
103-104	S. 75° 15' 47" E.	436.35
104-105	S. 74° 03' 16" E.	123.76
105-106	S. 12° 03' 33" E.	224.96
106-107	S. 12° 20' 20" E.	327.57
107-108	S. 08° 13' 09" W.	181.87
108-109	N. 20° 37' 47" W.	181.65
109-110	N. 34° 29' 36" W.	197.77
110-111	N. 13° 06' 59" W.	211.52
111-112	N. 64° 14' 58" W.	377.49

112-113	S. 89° 30' 06" W.	345.01
113-114	S. 26° 09' 15" W.	374.33
114-115	S. 20° 16' 08" W.	256.91
115-116	S. 06° 28' 44" W.	319.04
116-117	S. 09° 30' 39" W.	387.32
117-118	S. 24° 11' 01" E.	236.78
118-119	S. 30° 14' 18" E.	460.68
119-120	S. 06° 06' 55" E.	140.80
120-121	S. 24° 09' 47" W.	1,131.10
121-1	S. 13° 43' 36" W.	1,976.45

PASONANCA BUFFER ZONE 1

Beginning at point marked "1" which is N. 62° 44' 42" W., 4,308.321 meters from PRS92-1A- ZGC, Zamboanga City with geographic coordinates of 06° 58' 34.22" North and 122° 04' 30.19" East.

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE (meter)
1-2	N. 52° 0' 52" W.	862.76
2-3	S. 77° 52' 1" W.	314.02
3-4	N. 51° 58' 6" W.	256.45
4-5	N. 87° 51' 22" W.	187.13
5-6	S. 35° 9' 32" W.	281.33
6-7	S. 51° 57' 11" E.	146.03
7-8	S. 39° 15' 44" E.	148.53
8-9	S. 12° 45' 27" W.	163.03
9-10	S. 75° 42' 42" W.	275.52
10-11	S. 56° 41' 52" W.	163.92
11-12	S. 47° 2' 43" E.	158.49

12-13	S. 49° 48' 42" W.	210.75
13-14	N. 79° 9' 55" W.	212.79
14-15	N. 72° 32' 42" W.	203.36
15-16	S. 55° 6' 18" W.	145.09
16-17	S. 29° 28' 34" W.	132.10
17-18	S. 47° 16' 5" E.	142.95
18-19	S. 23° 4' 25" E.	301.09
19-20	S. 40° 36' 5" W.	304.25
20-21	N. 84° 43' 49" W.	413.75
21-22	N. 9° 8' 41" W.	207.64
22-23	S. 40° 24' 34" W.	194.37
23-24	S. 63° 26' 6" W.	161.00
24-25	N. 49° 34' 26" W.	283.75
25-26	N. 32° 39' 22" E.	261.31
26-27	N. 58° 38' 34" E.	74.95
27-28	N. 56° 26' 14" W.	124.81
28-29	N. 82° 36' 50" W.	108.90
29-30	N. 20° 2' 43" E.	157.54
30-31	N. 22° 13' 47" W.	124.23
31-32	N. 4° 49' 50" E.	213.76
32-33	N. 56° 31' 51" E.	215.78
33-34	N. 5° 50' 6" W.	137.71
34-35	N. 48° 28' 35" W.	303.20
35-36	N. 6° 5' 29" E.	254.44
36-37	N. 39° 36' 14" E.	218.05
37-38	S. 76° 44' 34" E.	196.23
38-39	N. 79° 45' 55" E.	292.66

39-40	N. 35° 6' 43" E.	156.47
40-41	N. 45° 0' 0" E.	243.25
41-42	N. 5° 35' 57" W.	153.73
42-43	N. 53° 20' 20" W.	219.40
43-44	N. 64° 22' 18" E.	328.30
44-45	N. 8° 54' 37" E.	238.88
45-46	S. 47° 52' 19" W.	211.69
46-47	N. 47° 4' 45" W.	214.40
47-48	N. 15° 0' 32" E.	142.87
48-49	N. 53° 47' 26" W.	69.41
49-50	N. 22° 6' 33" E.	69.08
50-51	N. 46° 23' 19" E.	233.41
51-52	N. 18° 57' 29" W.	138.51
52-53	N. 35° 14' 51" W.	91.84
53-54	N. 14° 6' 35" E.	682.49
54-55	N. 56° 41' 37" W.	572.69
55-56	N. 85° 9' 42" E.	1,093.54
56-57	N. 1° 46' 13" W.	860.25
57-58	N. 46° 18' 22" E.	339.46
58-59	N. 77° 47' 59" E.	177.54
59-60	N. 36° 58' 22" E.	261.23
60-61	N. 80° 46' 20" E.	390.04
61-62	S. 20° 38' 48" W.	699.75
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29-30	N. 47° 56' 29" W.	148.12
30-31	N. 47° 56' 30" W.	75.00
31-32	N. 42° 17' 32" W.	65.25
32-33	N. 44° 44' 18" W.	192.88
33-34	N. 47° 51' 45" W.	238.09
34-35	N. 45° 15' 31" W.	292.84
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47-48	N. 37° 27' 50" W.	341.75
48-49	N. 42° 55' 51" E.	2,513.17
49-50	S. 69° 37' 25" E.	2,199.38
50-51	S. 13° 46' 40" E.	673.63
51-52	S. 50° 0' 37" W.	649.44
52-53	S. 18° 37' 26" E.	961.53
53-54	S. 38° 40' 45" W.	579.59
54-55	S. 41° 1' 17" W.	117.20
55-56	S. 7° 25' 53" W.	88.16
56-57	S. 69° 15' 14" W.	268.26
57-58	S. 28° 29' 44" W.	151.37
58-59	S. 14° 55' 53" E.	118.01
59-60	N. 86° 33' 59" W.	190.39
60-61	S. 39° 17' 22" W.	108.04
61-62	S. 39° 1' 10" E.	283.75
62-63	S. 13° 14' 26" W.	66.38
63-64	S. 62° 47' 2" W.	149.59
64-65	S. 2° 7' 16" W.	102.70

65-66	S. 60° 31' 27" E.	100.42
66-67	S. 67° 45' 4" W.	90.35
67-68	S. 6° 44' 47" E.	136.51
68-69	S. 84° 15' 3" E.	316.24
69-70	S. 45° 0' 0" E.	80.63
70-71	N. 64° 47' 56" E.	71.41
71-72	S. 14° 25' 15" E.	274.72
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76-77	S. 47° 38' 33" W.	174.88
77-78	S. 2° 51' 45" E.	152.23
78-79	S. 63° 48' 0" E	266.88
79-80	S. 21° 19' 4" E.	501.85
80-81	N. 72° 53' 50" E.	155.10
81-82	S. 30° 31' 47" E.	172.09
82-83	S. 30° 57' 50" W.	265.96
83-84	S. 85° 54' 52" W.	106.70
84-85	S. 9° 27' 44" E.	115.60
85-86	Due east	186.25
86-87	S. 62° 24' 10" W.	188.71
87-88	S. 18° 42' 42" W.	248.81
88-89	N. 75° 27' 56" E.	212.04
89-90	S. 76° 36' 27" E.	82.05
90-91	S. 42° 30' 38" W.	123.75
91-92	S. 57° 39' 9" E.	134.97

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94-95	S. 8° 7' 48" W.	80.63
95-96	S. 37° 31' 42" E.	330.70
96-97	S. 4° 11' 52" E.	415.42
97-98	S. 60° 38' 32" E.	139.55
98-99	S. 18° 0' 15" W.	159.87
99-100	S. 54° 27' 44" E.	163.48
100-101	N. 36° 23' 4" E.	89.71
101-102	N. 8° 7' 48" E.	80.63
102-103	N. 61° 36' 25" E	159.87
103-104	S. 59° 2' 10" E.	132.98
104-105	S. 58° 40' 17" W.	204.69
105-106	S. 45° 0' 0" E.	112.88
106-107	N. 65° 22' 35" E.	100.35
107-108	S. 33° 41' 24" E.	82.23
108-109	N. 78° 18' 38" E.	112.56
109-110	S. 40° 18' 51" W.	164.50
110-111	S. 67° 14' 56" E.	127.77
111-112	N. 53° 7' 48" E.	133.03
112-113	N. 6° 10' 13" E.	141. 45
113-114	Due east	57.01
114-115	S. 34° 12' 57" E.	114.91
115-116	S. 77° 19' 11" E.	155.84
116-117	S. 81° 52' 12" W.	241.89
117-118	S. 22° 37' 12" W.	98.82
118-119	S. 28° 8' 30" E.	185.35

119-120	S. 41° 43' 46" W.	188.44
120-121	S. 21° 22' 14" E.	187.75
121-122	N. 65° 46' 20" W.	166.72
122-123	N. 25° 42' 36" W.	113.90
123-124	N. 57° 7' 25" W.	371.11
124-125	S. 86° 3' 17" W.	110.49
125-126	S. 11° 55' 46" E.	275.82
126-127	S. 42° 36' 51" E.	129.12
127-128	S. 46° 50' 51" W.	166.72
128-129	S. 37° 8' 48" E.	157.36
129-130	S. 10° 29' 29" E.	104.37
130-131	S. 60° 27' 40" E.	131.06
131-132	N. 42° 30' 38" E.	123.75
132-133	S. 59° 37' 15" E.	127.77
133-134	S. 46° 2' 30" W.	295.69
134-135	Due south	117.83
135-136	S. 60° 31' 27" W.	100.42
136-137	S. 15° 56' 43" E.	166.03
137-138	S. 5° 51' 22" E.	149.01
138-139	S. 88° 48' 23" W.	182.48
139-140	S. 1° 42' 35" W.	254.78
140-141	S. 43° 12' 36" E.	172.09
141-142	N. 85° 36' 5" E.	148.67
142-143	S. 32° 58' 10" E.	167.63
143-144	S. 54° 55' 34" E.	218.28
144-145	S. 21° 44' 56" E.	193.43
145-146	S. 44° 14' 27" W.	2,696.11

146-147	S. 32° 52' 20" E.	1,085.56
147-148	S. 68° 15' 2" W.	410.20
148-149	S. 6° 49' 16" E.	570.25
149-150	S. 12° 39' 21" E.	923.22
150-151	S. 38° 30' 39" W.	300.32
151-152	S. 89° 27' 40" W.	319.01
152-153	S. 86° 8' 4" W.	148.34
153-154	S. 42° 9' 51" W.	457.35
154-155	S. 34° 14' 42" W.	257.67
155-156	N. 56° 14' 25" W.	228.54
156-157	N. 87° 2' 21" W.	174.23
157-158	S. 30° 53' 51" W.	148.00
158-159	S. 4° 55' 37" W.	349.29
159-160	S. 78° 41' 24" W.	168.27
160-161	S. 49° 22' 1" W.	195.02
161-162	S. 71° 42' 46" W.	245.39
162-163	S. 2° 53' 4" E.	258.33
163-164	S. 9° 27' 44" W.	231.15
164-165	S. 33° 21' 59" W.	147.28
165-166	S. 29° 32' 10" E.	233.31
166-167	S. 56° 28' 36" E.	195.55
167-168	S. 31° 2' 58" E.	114.39
168-169	S. 35° 15' 40" W.	102.19
169-170	S. 15° 28' 31" E.	251.10
170-171	S. 61° 4' 25" W.	130.25
171-172	S. 88° 14' 23" W.	423.20

172-173	N. 71° 57' 1" W.	329.20
173-174	N. 21° 35' 9" W.	345.21
174-175	N. 53° 27' 46" W.	206.60
175-176	N. 54° 38' 59" W.	248.89
176-1	N. 54° 17' 36" W.	275.86

SEC. 4. Land Classification. – Subject to private rights if there be any, all lands of the public domain declared within the coverage and scope of the Pasonanca Natural Park shall fall under the land classification of national park: *Provided, however,* That the present land classification of any area within its buffer zone, as defined and delimited herein, shall be retained and is hereby respected.

SEC. 5. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Act:

- a) *Biodiversity* or *biological diversity* refers to the variability among living organisms, including genetic and structural differences, including the variability within and between species, and within and between ecosystems;
- b) *Buffer zone* refers to identified areas outside the boundaries of and immediately adjacent to designated protected areas pursuant to Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992 that need special development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area;
- c) *Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)* refers to the procedures undertaken pursuant to the Environmental Impact Statement System established under Presidential Decree No. 1586 or supervening legislation;
- d) *Management plan* refers to the fundamental plan, strategy and/or scheme which shall guide all activities relating to the Pasonanca Natural Park in order to attain the objectives of this Act as stated in Section 2 hereof;
- e) *Multiple-use zone* refers to area identified in a plan or map where settlement, traditional and/or sustainable land use, including agriculture, agro-forestry, extraction activities and other income-generating or livelihood activities, may be allowed to the extent prescribed in the management plan. Within multiple-use zones, land tenure may be granted to actual residents, whether members of indigenous communities or migrants residing or occupying any land within the protected area and acknowledged as members of the local community;
- f) *National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)* refers to 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;
- g) *National park* refers to one (1) of the four (4) classifications of lands of the

public domain, the others being agricultural, forest or timber and mineral lands, pursuant to the Philippine Constitution;

- h) *Natural park* refers to a relatively large area not materially altered by human activity where extractive resource uses are not allowed, and maintained to protect outstanding natural and scenic areas of national or international significance for scientific, educational and recreational use;
- i) *Protected area* refers to identified portions of land and water set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation;
- j) *Recreation zone* refers to an area of high recreational, tourism, educational or environmental awareness value where ecotourism, recreational, conservation, education or public awareness activities may be allowed;
- k) *Restoration zone* refers to an area of degraded habitat or where the long-term goal is to restore natural habitat with its associated biodiversity and to rezone the area to a more strict protection level, and excludes the use or introduction of exotic species in the restoration process; and
- l) *Strict protection zone* refers to an area with a high biodiversity value, which shall be closed to all human activity except for scientific studies and/or ceremonial or religious use by indigenous communities.

CHAPTER II

PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

SEC. 6. Management Mechanism. – The management and administration of the Pasonanca Natural Park shall be consultative and participatory. The sole policy-making authority is vested in the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), which shall be chaired by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Executive Director (RED) for Region IX. From time to time, the PAMB may also create committees to which it may delegate some of its powers and functions.

SEC. 7. The Protected Area Management Board (PAMB). – The PAMB shall be composed of the following:

- a) The DENR RED for Region IX, who shall sit as PAMB Chairperson;
- b) The Mayor of Zamboanga City or a duly designated representative, as vice chairperson;
- c) The Chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Zamboanga City, as member;
- d) The General Manager of the Zamboanga City Water District (ZCWD) or a

duly designated representative, as member;

- e) The planning and development officer of Zamboanga City, as member;
- f) The barangay chairpersons in Zamboanga City whose areas of jurisdiction are within the protected area, as members;
- g) Three (3) representatives from Zamboanga City-based NGOs and community organizations, including POs, church or civic organizations, with interests within the protected area;
- h) Three (3) representatives from national government agencies with offices in Zamboanga City involved in protected area management or whose mandate affects the protection and conservation of the park, to be appointed by the DENR Secretary, upon the recommendation of their respective heads of office; and
- i) Three (3) representatives from local stakeholders who can assist and contribute in the protection and conservation of the park, to be appointed by the DENR Secretary.

In selecting the representatives from the POs and the NGOs, the following criteria shall be primarily considered:

- 1) Active involvement in the ecological conservation, preservation, rehabilitation and protection of the park;
- 2) Good potential in community organizing and other development works;
- 3) Favorable track record in community work; and
- 4) Duly accredited by the local government of Zamboanga City and the DENR.

SEC. 8. Term of Office of PAMB Members. – Except for government officials who shall serve *ex officio* and whose term of office as PAMB members are coterminous with their employment in the agency being represented, the members of the PAMB shall be appointed by the DENR Secretary and shall serve for a term of five (5) years: *Provided*, That said PAMB members remain connected with the organization being represented. Whenever a vacancy occurs during the term of a PAMB member who is not a government agency representative, a new member shall be chosen in the same manner as the original selection process: *Provided, further*, That the substitute shall only serve for the remaining term.

The members of the PAMB shall not receive any compensation but shall be entitled to reasonable *per diem* in accordance with existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 9. Duties and Functions of the PAMB. – As the highest policy-making body for the protected area, the PAMB shall exercise the following powers and functions:

(a) Approve or decide on all matters related to or based on the approved management plan, proposals, work and action plans, resource protection, delineation and demarcation of protected area boundaries, buffer zones, ancestral domains, recognition of rights and privileges, and guidelines and policies for the management and conservation of the protected area;

(b) Review and adopt the management plan and development program and their implementing rules and regulations, and ensure strict compliance therewith;

(c) Control and regulate the construction and maintenance of roads, trails, waterworks, sewerage, fire protection and sanitation systems and other utilities within the park;

(d) Control and supervise the Office of the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) and monitor and evaluate the performance of the protected area personnel, NGOs and communities involved in conservation and development work;

(e) Issue all necessary permits within the park, including its buffer zones, and collect reasonable fees therefor in accordance with the management plan and consistent with the conservation and protection of the park. The PAMB may delegate this authority to the PASu under proper guidelines;

(f) Deputize, through the PASu, individuals for the enforcement of all laws, rules and regulations governing conduct within the park and its buffer zones, and prescribe the qualifications therefor;

(g) Accept donations and grants and approve proposals for funding and budget allocation, and exercise accountability over all funds that may accrue;

(h) Coordinate with the appropriate agencies of the government, local or national, on all matters related to the protection and conservation of the protected area and its buffer zones, and request their assistance for the same purpose;

(i) Retain a legal counsel, either on permanent, temporary or part-time basis, to defend cases against the PAMB, the PASu Office and staff, and deputized individuals whenever they are sued in connection with the performance of their duties under this Act, and to assist the PAMB on all legal matters; and

(j) Adopt rules and procedures for the conduct of business, including the creation of committees to which certain powers of the PAMB may be delegated.

The DENR, through the RED for Region IX, 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 Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the "National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992", the rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto and other relevant laws on environmental protection and natural resources management and the resolutions and issuances of the PAMB, the DENR Secretary shall decide as to which rule, regulation or resolution shall prevail.

SEC. 10. Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office. – There is hereby established a PASu Office in charge of the management, protection and

administration of the protected area. The PASu Office shall be supported by the existing personnel of the DENR. The head of office shall be the chief operating officer of the Pasonanca Natural Park and shall be accountable to the DENR RED for Region IX and the PAMB. The PASu shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) Prepare the management plan and its successor plans as herein provided;
- b) Serve as secretariat to the PAMB with the duty to provide the PAMB with all information necessary to make appropriate decisions for the implementation of this Act;
- c) Supervise the necessary personnel to support operations as the budget may allow;
- d) Establish a productive partnership with local communities, including groups supporting the achievement of the goals and objectives of this Act;
- e) Develop and implement park information, education and visitor programs;
- f) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations and PAMB resolutions relevant to the protected area and its buffer zones, and assist in the prosecution of offenses;
- g) Monitor all activities within the protected area and its buffer zones in conformity with the management plan; and
- h) Perform such other functions as the PAMB may assign.

SEC. 11. Management Plan. – Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the PASu shall prepare a management plan in accordance with the General Management Planning Strategy (GMPS) and in coordination with the appropriate offices of the DENR, local communities, the City Government of Zamboanga, NGOs, other government agencies and available experts with socio-environmental, economic and ecological experience in the area. The plan shall contain, among others, the following:

- a. The period of its applicability, at least for ten (10) years, subject to review anytime as may be determined necessary by the Board;
- b. The analysis of key management issues and problems considered as threats to conservation, management and maintenance, including impacts on the important features of the area;
- c. Broad and long-term vision in the form of goals, a “vision statement”, guiding policies for management, set of objectives and specific statements on what management can achieve within the timeframe of the plan;
- d. Site management strategies;
- e. Zoning plan, illustrating the boundaries, classification and management of specific zones and other activities allowed or prohibited for each zone;

- f. Management programs to include the enforcement of laws, habitat and wildlife management, ecotourism, sustainable use of resources, infrastructure development and maintenance, fire prevention and pest control;
- g. Mechanisms for the protection of tenured migrants in the exercise of their rights;
- h. Sustainable and nondestructive livelihood activities; and
- i. Regulations in the furtherance of the preservation and conservation objectives, such as the scheme in the issuance of permits and rules on the restrictions of resource-use.

The management plan shall be reviewed and adopted by the PAMB and certified to by the DENR Secretary that it conforms to all laws, rules and regulations issued by the DENR. In no case shall the management plan be revised or modified without the prior approval of the PAMB and in accordance with the procedures herein set forth.

One (1) year before the expiration of the management plan, the Office of the PASu shall prepare a successor management plan which shall be done in the same manner as the procedure and principles herein set forth and in accordance with the GMPS. In the same period, the PASu shall cause the publication of notices for comments and suggestions on the successor plan in a newspaper of local circulation and the posting of such notices in the city and barangay halls of the barangay units comprising the protected area and in three (3) other conspicuous places frequented by the public within the protected area. At least two (2) public hearings shall be conducted on the successor plan.

The management plan shall be written in English and Chabacano, plainly written and available for public perusal at the Office of the PASu.

SEC. 12. Management Zoning. – Management zones shall be established in the protected area to provide protection for critical or representative habitats. Within each management zone, similar management emphasis shall be applied, comparable levels of use shall be permitted and different uses shall be segregated. Each management zone shall be demarcated on the ground and indicated on the maps after undertaking such steps as land and resource-use mapping and dialogue with the communities, the City Government of Zamboanga and other stakeholders. Within each zone, management prescriptions shall be reasonably uniform but may differ in type or intensity from those in other zones in order to accommodate multiple objectives.

CHAPTER III

TENURED MIGRANTS

SEC. 13. Tenured Migrants. – Any person who has been actually and continuously occupying an area within the Pasonanca Natural Park for a period of five (5) years prior to the issuance of Proclamation No. 199, dated December 17, 1987,

proclaiming the Pasonanca Watershed Forest Reservation, and is solely dependent on the protected area for subsistence shall be considered a tenured migrant.

A tenured migrant shall be eligible to become a steward of a reasonable portion of land within the multiple-use or buffer zones of the Pasonanca Natural Park from which the tenured migrant may derive subsistence: *Provided, however,* That current occupants who do not qualify as tenured migrants shall be resettled outside the protected area.

The PAMB shall review all tenure instruments, land claims or permits issued for resource-use within the protected area, if any, and recommend the issuance of appropriate tenure instrument consistent with the management or subsequent plans. Those who have been cultivating land within the protected area shall be considered to be occupying such lands and shall be entitled to a tenure instrument limited to cultivation and residence: *Provided,* That the rights accruing under such tenure instrument can only be transferred to direct descendants.

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

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

SEC. 14. Existing Rights. – All prior property and private rights within the protected area and its buffer zones and ancestral domains already existing and/or vested prior to the effectivity of this Act shall be protected and respected in accordance with existing laws.

CHAPTER IV

PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES

SEC. 15. Special Prosecutor. – 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 Pasonanca Natural Park shall be assigned. Such special prosecutor shall coordinate with the PAMB and the PASu in the performance of one's duties and assist in the training of park personnel in arrest and criminal procedures. The PAMB shall periodically submit an evaluation of the performance of the special prosecutor of the DOJ.

SEC. 16. Prohibited Acts. – The following acts are prohibited within the Pasonanca Natural Park:

- a. Hunting, destroying, disturbing or mere possession of any plant or animal and any product derived therefrom without a permit from the PAMB;
- b. Dumping of any waste product or any form of activity detrimental to

the protected area, or to the plants and animals or inhabitants therein;

- c. Use of any vehicle or equipment within the protected area without a permit from the PAMB;
- d. Mutilating, defacing or destroying objects of natural beauty or objects of interest to cultural communities;
- e. Damaging or leaving roads and trails in a damaged condition;
- f. Squatting, undertaking mineral exploration or otherwise occupying any portion of land;
- g. Constructing or maintaining any kind of structure, fence or enclosure, or conducting any business enterprise without a permit duly issued by the PAMB; and
- h. Altering, removing, destroying or defacing boundary marks or signs.

SEC.17. Penalties. – Any person found guilty of any offense enumerated above shall be fined an amount of not less than five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) nor more than five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00), exclusive of the value of the thing damaged, and/or imprisonment of not less than one (1) year nor more than six (6) years, as determined by the court: *Provided*, That if the area requires rehabilitation or restoration, as determined by the court, the offender shall also be required to restore or compensate for the restoration of the damage: *Provided, further*, That the court shall order the eviction of the offender from the land and the forfeiture in favor of the government of all mineral, timber or any species collected or removed including all equipment, devices and firearms used in connection therewith, and any construction or improvement made thereon by the offender. If the offender is an association or corporation, the president or manager shall be directly responsible for the acts of the employees and laborers: *Provided, finally*, That, for such offenses, the DENR may conduct separate administrative proceedings against the offender and impose the corresponding fines and penalties in accordance with law.

CHAPTER V

PROTECTED AREA FUND

SEC.18. The Pasonanca Natural Park Fund. – There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the Pasonanca Natural Park Fund (PNPF) for purposes of financing projects of the system. All income generated from the operation of the system or the management of its wild flora and fauna in the protected area shall accrue to the PNPF. These income shall be derived from visitors/tourists fee, fees from permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other resources from the protected area, proceeds from the registration and lease of multiple-use areas, including tourism concessions, 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 may be augmented by grants, donations, endowments from various sources, domestic or foreign, and such endowments shall be exempted from income

or gift taxes, and all other taxes, charges or fees imposed by the government or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof: *Provided*, That the PAMB shall retain seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenues raised, to be deposited in any government bank within the locality; and that disbursements shall be made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration and management of the area and implementation of duly approved projects endorsed by it in accordance with existing accounting, budgeting and auditing rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, That the fund shall not be used to cover personal services expenditures.

The remaining twenty-five (25%) of the revenues shall be deposited as a special account in the National Treasury as share in the Integrated Protected Area Fund (IPAF) created pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586.

The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business permits, property tax and rentals of local government units' facilities. Furthermore, LGUs may charge add-ons to fees imposed by the PAMB: *Provided*, that such add-ons shall be determined based on the contribution of the LGUs in the maintenance and protection of the Pasonanca Natural Park.

CHAPTER VI

EXISTING FACILITIES, UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENTAL

IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

SEC. 19. Existing Facilities Within the Protected Area. – Existing facilities, if any, within the Pasonanca Natural Park shall be inventoried and assessed by the PAMB in accordance with the objectives of this Act. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, unless extended by the PAMB, all commercial facilities existing within the boundaries of the protected area with a total capitalization of not less than one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) shall submit to the PAMB, through the PASu, a sworn statement containing the following information:

- a. Environmental impact assessment and/or environmental management plan;
- b. Environmental compliance certificate; and
- c. Development plan.

Based on these submissions, the PAMB, with the assistance of the DENR, shall determine whether the existence of such facilities and their future plans and operations are detrimental to the Pasonanca Natural Park. Failure to submit the required information shall constitute a violation of this Act punishable, after proper administrative proceedings, by expulsion from the area.

The PAMB may prescribe conditions for the operation of the facilities to ensure that these do not conflict with the management objectives. If any of such conditions are violated, a fine shall be imposed as prescribed by the PAMB. The PAMB, through the PASu or other deputized government entities, is hereby

authorized to cause the immediate cessation and demolition of any facility within the Pasonanca Natural Park whose continued operation is deemed detrimental to the area. The cost of the demolition shall be borne by the owners or operators of these facilities.

The removal of existing facilities which provide basic services and amenities to the public shall require the concurrence of the City Government of Zamboanga, consistent with the responsibility of the local government to secure the welfare of its constituents.

Existing facilities within the Pasonanca Natural Park may be charged reasonable fees by the PAMB, subject to the DENR approval, pursuant to Section 10(f) of the NIPAS Act of 1992, based on the extent of their impact on the environment and its biodiversity. All income derived from such fees shall accrue to the PNPF.

SEC. 20. Utilization of Nonrenewable Resources. – Any exploration for or exploitation or utilization of nonrenewable resources within the Pasonanca Natural Park shall not be allowed.

SEC. 21. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). – Existing laws, rules and regulations relating to EIA shall apply to all projects and activities intended in the Pasonanca Natural Park. The issuance of the environmental compliance certificate or its exemptions shall be undertaken in coordination with the PAMB.

SEC. 22. Partnerships. – For the purpose of attaining the objectives of this Act, other government agencies or offices, NGOs and POs and their personnel shall continuously foster and develop a strong and true partnership.

All NGOs, POs and private entities implementing any park conservation, protection and development program must be accredited by the City Government of Zamboanga and the DENR.

SEC. 23. Roles of the Local Government Unit and National Agencies. – The City Government of Zamboanga and relevant national agencies represented in the PAMB shall have the following roles:

- a. Apprise their respective constituents, office or sector on activities and programs for the protected area;
- b. Ensure consistency in the implementation of all activities in the protected area;
- c. In the exercise of its ordinance-making power over any area within the protected area, the City Council of Zamboanga shall consider the management plan and the rules and regulations adopted by the PAMB in the legislative agenda relating to biodiversity, conservation, protection and sustainable development;
- d. In the formulation of its development plan, the City Government of Zamboanga shall consult the PAMB for the Pasonanca Natural Park;

- e. Assist the PAMB in the implementation of the overall park programs including, but not limited to, the imposition, collection and utilization of park fees, enforcement of policies, rules and regulations and other similar activities;
- f. Accredite NGOs, POs and other entities and groups involved in the activities within the protected area;
- g. Provide the PAMB with relevant information and data for the effective management of the protected area; and
- h. The City Government of Zamboanga may provide financial assistance for the protection and enhancement of the protected area.

SEC. 24. Public Service Utilities and Projects. – All existing and future development projects of public service utilities involving water services, communication facilities, power and energy generation, public security, health and education services and others which will promote public welfare shall be implemented within areas designated and approved by the PAMB.

CHAPTER VII

TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 25. Appropriations. – The DENR Secretary 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.

SEC.26. Construction. – The provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of tenured migrants, with due consideration to the prior property rights of the stakeholders to sustainable development, and the conservation and protection of biodiversity. Existing forestry laws and their corresponding rules and regulations not inconsistent herewith shall have suppletory effect in the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 27. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections hereof.

SEC .28. Repealing Clause. – All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 29. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation readily available in and around the scope specified herein. It shall likewise be posted in a conspicuous place at the City Hall of Zamboanga and in the barangay halls concerned where the protected area is located and in other places frequented by the public.

Approved,