

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Seventeenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6344**



Introduced by Congressman Leopoldo N. Bataoil

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Nayong Aguilar Ylang Ylang Plantation in the Municipality of Aguilar, Province of Pangasinan as an agri-tourism destination.

Pangasinenses have found a gold mine in the fragrant ylang-ylang as about 200,000 seedlings of the *Cananga odorata* – ilang-ilang in Filipino – have been transplanted and more are being propagated in the Province of Pangasinan.

Since the start of propagation of Ylang-Ylang last July 2015, 120 hectares of public land in Barangay Hacienda, Bugallon town; more than 100 hectares in sitio Mapita, Barangay Laoag, Municipality of Aguilar, and another 80 hectares in Barangay Bantocaling, Mangatarem have been planted of this tree by members of People's organizations assisted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources through its National Greening Program. Among the three municipalities, it is in Sitio Mapita, Municipality of Aguilar that 70,000 seedlings have been planted, the biggest plantation in the Province of Pangasinan.

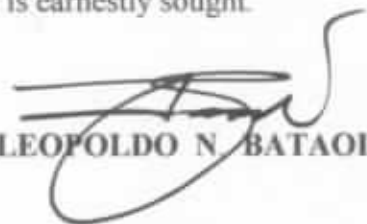
I told the residents, *"that with the Ylang Ylang plantation in the village, the residents would have additional source of livelihood. Production of Ylang Ylang oil is a community effort. No one will be dislocated or relocated and everybody will be encouraged to plant in their property and in places designated for the purpose."*

The rebirth of the Philippine Ylang Ylang will soon become a reality with the Ylang Ylang Plantation being initiated by the Peoples Organization of Pangasinan with the support of the DENR than its National Greeny Proper. Reports had is that Philippine used to be the major supplier of the Ylang Ylang essential oil to France and other perfume producing countries.

However, we lost that opportunity when Ylang-Ylang was eventually grown in other places like Cosmoro Island and Madagascar.

The declaration of the Nayong Aguilar Ylang Ylang Plantation as an agri-tourism destination will give additional income to the residents of the community. Moreover, many Filipino people will be cognizant of the beauty and the fragrance of Ylang Ylang flower.

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


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE NAYONG AGUILAR YLANG YLANG PLANTATION IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGUILAR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS AN
AGRITOURISM DESTINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Nayong Aguilar Ylang Ylang plantation in the Municipality of Aguilar, Province of Pangasinan is hereby declared as an agri-tourism destination. As such, priority development of the Nayong Aguilar Ylang Ylang Plantation shall be made by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist zone.

SEC. 2. The DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture (DA) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall, within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, prepare the development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities which shall enhance tourism in the area: Provided, that said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and historical significance thereof.

SEC. 3. The Secretaries of Department of Tourism (DOT), DENR, and DA shall take immediate steps to implement the said development plan and incorporate the same in the overall tourism development program of the Department for the ensuing calendar year.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Tourism and the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. The amount needed for the immediate implementation of this Act is hereby appropriated from the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter such sum as maybe needed for the continued implementation, operation and maintenance of Nayong Aguilar Ylang Ylang Plantation shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,