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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY

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House Bill No. **10348**



Introduced by Representative Frederick W. Siao

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare Sitio Timoga in Barangay Buru-un in the City of Iligan, Province of Lanao del Norte, an ecotourism zone to be known as the Timoga Ecotourism Zone.

Sitio Timoga is one of the thirty-five (35) sitios of Barangay Buru-un in the City of Iligan. It has immense potential for tourism for its enjoyable panoramic views and cold spring resorts, collectively known as the Timoga Springs. These main attractions are located along the coastal highway of Barangay Buru-un. The pristine, crystal and cold waters running along the spring pools are flowing from Lake Lanao in Marawi City. Currently, there are five cold spring resorts in Sitio Timoga, the Timoga Spring Pool, De La Mar Swimming Pool, Mimar's Springway Resort, Marvilla's Pool and El Lauriento Pool.

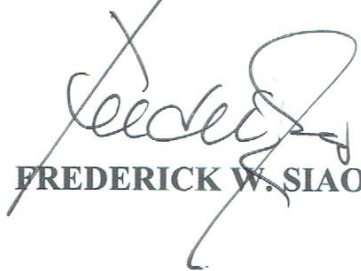
Sitio Timoga is the home to the Macapagal-Macaraeg ancestral house, a popular historical landmark in Barangay Buru-un, Iligan City where former Philippine Presidents Diosdado Macapagal and Gloria Macapagal Arroyo resided. On August 14, 2002, it was declared by the National Historical Institute as a heritage house. The house, including a two-hectare coco land, was donated to Iligan City.

This proposed measure is in conjunction with House Bill No. 9593 that seeks to allocate a budget for the construction of Macapagal-Macaraeg International Convention Center in Sitio Timoga, Barangay Buru-un, Iligan City

that will serve as a venue for conventions, conferences, assemblies, and other major events.

Declaring Sitio Timoga as an ecotourism site will provide numerous employment opportunities to the residents of the area and its neighboring barangays, and generate other community business opportunities. It will also ensure the sustainable use, development, management, protection, and conservation of Sitio Timoga

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



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AN ACT

**DECLARING SITIO TIMOGA IN BARANGAY BURU-UN IN THE CITY
OF ILIGAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, AN ECOTOURISM
ZONE TO BE KNOWN AS THE TIMOGA ECOTOURISM ZONE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Sitio Timoga in Barangay Buru-un in the City of Iligan,
Province of Lanao del Norte is declared an ecotourism zone to be known as the
Timoga Ecotourism Zone. Its development shall be prioritized by the Department
of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development
of ecotourism zones.

SEC. 2. The technical descriptions of the Timoga Ecotourism Zone,
declared as a tourist destination, are as follows:

- a. Macapagal-Macaraeg Ancestral House – Lot 6-c-5-A which is a portion
of lot 6-c, Psd-12-010341.

1 Beginning at a point denominated as corner # 1 being N 69 degrees 26' m E.
 2 1077.85m from B.L.B.M. No.1 Barrio of Buru-un, Iligan City,
 3 Thence N 80 degrees 00' E. 122.47 to point 2
 4 Thence S 13 degrees 17' E. 29.56m to point 3
 5 Thence S 81degrees 30' W. 19.34m to point 4
 6 Thence S 38 degrees 04' W. 25.62m to point 5
 7 Thence S 83 degrees 35' W. 66.58m to point 6
 8 Thence N 84 degrees 28' W. 16.64m to point 7
 9 Thence N 31 degrees 21' W. 22.60m to point 8
 10 Thence N 6 degrees 51' E. 17.19 to point 6
 11 Point of beginning, containing an area of five thousand (5,000) square
 12 meters;
 13 b. Proposed Macapagal-Macaraeg International Convention Center – Lot 6-
 14 c-10 which is a portion of 1st 6-c, Psd 12- 010341.
 15 Beginning at a point marked 1 on plan which is N76 degrees 22'E 1,704.67
 16 m from B.L.B.M. No.1 Barangay of Buru-un, Iligan City,
 17 Thence S 87 degrees 64.86 m to point 2
 18 Thence S 14 degrees 191.56 m to point 3
 19 Thence S 57 degrees 01' W. 54.88 m to point 4
 20 Thence N 26 degrees 40' W. 137.45 m to point 5

1	Thence	N 57 degrees	01' E.	111.07 m	to point 6
2	Thence	N 33 degrees	50' E.	7.60 m	to point 7
3	Thence	N 07 degrees	07' W.	39.15 m	to point 8
4	Thence	N 82 degrees	52' E	20 m	to point 1
5	To point of beginning containing an area of twenty thousand square meters				
6	(20,000 sq.m.); and				
7	c. Macapagal-Macaraeg Business Center and Amusement Park – A parcel				
8	of land Lot 6-C, of the subdivision plan Psd-12-010341, being a portion				
9	of Lot 6, Psu-72860, situated in the Barrio of Buru-un, City of Iligan,				
10	Thence	N 80 degrees	00' E	180.74 m	to point 2
11	Thence	N 80 degrees	00' E	160.00 m	to point 3
12	Thence	N 63 degrees	08' E	203.15 m	to point 4
13	Thence	N 45 degrees	52' E	10.99 m	to point 6
14	Thence	S 60 degrees	06' E	25.36 m	to point 8
15	Thence	S 7 degrees	07' E	164.65 m	to point 10
16	Thence	S 14 degrees	50' W	191.56 m	to point 12
17	Thence	S 58 degrees	23' W	15.64 m	to point 14
18	Thence	N 36 degrees	43' W	39.35 m	to point 16
19	Thence	N 34 degrees	11' W	68.87 m	to point 18
20	Thence	S 59 degrees	24' W	33.12 m	to point 20

1	Thence	S 81 degrees	30' W	64.77 m	to point 22
2	Thence	S 83 degrees	35' W	66.58 m	to point 24
3	Thence	N 66 degrees	43' W	26.36 m	to point 26
4	Thence	S 81 degrees	53' W	10.33 m	to point 28
5	Thence	N 65 degrees	55' E	26.16 m	to point 30
6	Thence	N 83 degrees	18' E	16.11 m	to point 32
7	Thence	N 47 degrees	24' E	123.36 m	to point 5
8	Thence	S 2 degrees	19' E	13.82 m	to point 7
9	Thence	S 20 degrees	30' W	31.05 m	to point 9
10	Thence	S 87 degrees	05' E	64.86 m	to point 11
11	Thence	S 57 degrees	01' W	205.70 m	to point 13
12	Thence	N 36 degrees	43' W	246.69 m	to point 15
13	Thence	N 74 degrees	15' W	39.24 m	to point 17
14	Thence	N 46 degrees	47' W	9.12 m	to point 19
15	Thence	S 85 degrees	49' W	22.46 m	to point 21
16	Thence	S 38 degrees	04' W	25.62 m	to point 23
17	Thence	N 84 degrees	28' W	27.69 m	to point 25
18	Thence	S 46 degrees	30' W	15.87 m	to point 27
19	Thence	N 30 degrees	52' W	20.42 m	to point 29
20	Thence	S 57 degrees	57' E	18.64 m	to point 31

1 Thence N 6 degrees 51' E 17.19 m to point 1

2 To the point of beginning containing an area of one hundred eleven thousand
3 four hundred forty-two square meters (111,442 sq.m.).

4 The Timoga Ecotourism Zone shall contain a land area of one hundred
5 thirty-six thousand four hundred forty-two square meters (136,442 sq.m.), more or
6 less.

7 SEC. 3. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in
8 coordination with the local government units of the City of Iligan and agencies of
9 the government, prepare a tourism development plan involving the construction,
10 installation and maintenance of appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall
11 enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That the development plan shall ensure the
12 preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area:
13 *Provided, further*, That the activities and developments to be carried out in the area
14 shall conform with the concept of ecotourism as provided in the national
15 ecotourism strategy jointly issued by the Department of Environment and Natural
16 Resources and the DOT.

17 SEC. 4. The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps to
18 implement the tourism development plan that suits the natural characteristics of
19 Sitio Timoga in Barangay Buru-un, Iligan City and incorporate the same in its
20 tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include

1 the Timoga Ecotourism Zone in all its national, regional and local promotion
2 programs.

3 SEC. 5. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be
4 charged against the annual General Appropriations Act and internally generated
5 funds of the DOT.

6 SEC. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary
7 of Tourism shall, in consultation with the local government unit of the City of
8 Iligan, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
9 implementation of this Act.

10 SEC. 7. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts
11 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed, amended or
12 revised accordingly.

13 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
14 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

15 Approved,