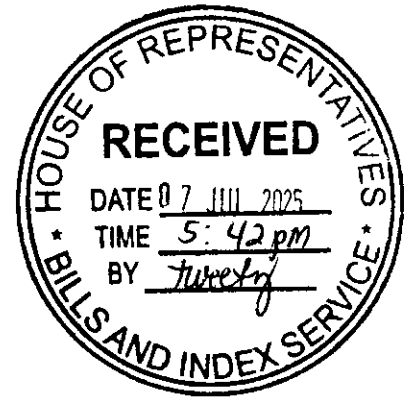


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HOUSE BILL NO. 1521

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Bulabog-Putian National Park a protected area with the category of “Natural Park” pursuant to R.A. No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992 as amended by R.A. No. 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018. This measure will provide for the management of the protected area through the establishment of a management board and management office, and the appropriation of funds which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Bulabog-Putian was reserved by the Philippine Government as a National Park through Proclamation No. 760 by the late President Carlos P. Garcia in 1961. The area spans parts of the Municipality of *Dingle* consisting of *Barangays Moroboro, Lincud, Caguyuman, and Tulatulaan*, and parts of the Municipality of *San Enrique* including *Barangays Compo, Palje, and Lip-ac* of the 4th District of Iloilo, totalling eight hundred sixty-five (865) and 39/100 hectares of territory more or less.

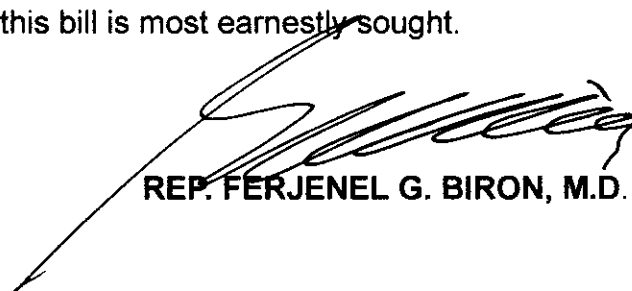
The Bulabog-Putian National Park supports the life of diverse of flora and fauna which are endangered and vulnerable to include white-throated jungle fly catcher, white-bowed – shama, Philippine dawn-bat and other threatened species of reptiles, arachnids. and insects. Floral species include tindalo, molave, narra, bolon-eta, kamagong, nato, century old dao and natural hybrid of Philippine Begonia (*Begonia xdinglensis*).

The Bulabog-Putian National Park is mostly limestone forest where many caves are found with archaeological, paleontological, historical and cultural values wherein thirteen of which are classified and some are utilized for ecotourism and research purposes. The Guizo and Maanghit caves are habitat of fruit and insect bats with estimated number of twenty thousand, tarantulas and snakes. The Maestranza Cave was used as garrison of the guerillas and hideout of revolutionary forces in Iloilo during the Spanish occupation.

Aside from the limestone forests and caves, Bulabog-Putian National Park also has springs and beautiful natural landscapes which tourists, both local and foreign, visit for leisure. The park is dubbed as a living museum where people can visit both for recreation and study. It is an ideal sanctuary for nature lovers, adventure seekers, trekkers, climbers, bird watchers, campers, spelunkers, excursionists, and researchers.

This bill was previously filed by the same Representation during the 19th Congress and was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Given the natural and historical value of the Bulabog-Putian National Park, it is imperative that its proper management as a protected area be established and funded. Hence, the early passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.



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

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 **SEC. 1. Title.**– This Act shall be known as the “ *Bulabog-Putian Natural*
2 *Park (BPNP) Act*”.

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – Cognizant of the profound impact of
4 human activities on all components of the natural environment, it is hereby
5 declared the policy of the State to secure for the Filipino people of present and
6 future generations, the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals through
7 the declaration of protected areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas
8 System (NIPAS) within the classification of national park as provided for in the
9 Constitution.

1 In recognition of the richness of the biological resources, both flora and
2 fauna, and caves with cultural and historical value, a parcel of land situated in the
3 municipalities of Dingle and San Enrique, in the Province of Iloilo, is hereby
4 declared a protected area with the category of Natural Park, and shall hereinafter
5 be referred to as the Bulabog-Putian Natural Park (BPNP). As such, the State shall
6 ensure the conservation, protection, management and rehabilitation of the area. It
7 is likewise recognized that effective administration of this area is possible only
8 through cooperation among the national government, local government units
9 (LGUs), concerned nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), private entities and
10 local communities. The use and enjoyment of this area must be consistent with the
11 principles of biological diversity and sustainable development.

12 Towards this end, the State shall ensure the full implementation of this Act,
13 the mobilization of resources for the institutional mechanisms herein established,
14 and the full scientific and technical support needed for the conservation of
15 biodiversity and the integrity of the ecosystems, culture and indigenous practices.

16 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms*** – For purposes of this Act, the following terms
17 are defined as follows:

18 (a) *"Buffer Zones"* refer to identified areas outside the boundaries of and
19 immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need special
20 development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area;

21 (b) *"Conservation"* refers to any act or acts of preservation and sustainable
22 utilization of wildlife, or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of habitats;

23 (c) *"Integrated Protected Area Fund (IPAF)"* refers to the special account
24 established for the purpose of financing projects of the NIPAS and the BPNP;

25 (d) *"Management Board"* refers to the Management Board of BPNP ;

26 (e) *"Management Plan"* refers to the fundamental plan, strategy and/or scheme
27 which shall guide all activities relating to the BPNP in order to attain the
28 objectives of this Act;

29 (f) *"Multiple-Use Zone (MUZ)"* refers to the area where traditional and/or

1 sustainable use of natural resources including ecotourism, extraction activities
2 and other income generating or livelihood activities, may be allowed to the
3 extent prescribed in the management plan;

4 (g) "*National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)*" refers to the
5 classification and administration of all designated protected areas to maintain
6 essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve genetic
7 diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources found therein, and to maintain
8 their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible;

9 (h) "*National Park*" refers to a relatively large area not materially altered by human
10 activity where extractive resource uses are not allowed and is maintained to
11 protect outstanding natural and scenic areas of national or international
12 significance for scientific, educational and recreational use;

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15 protect outstanding natural and scenic areas of national or international
16 significance for scientific, educational and recreational use;

17 (j) "*Protected Area*" refers to the identified portions of land and/or water set aside
18 by reasons of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to
19 enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human
20 exploitation;

21 (k) "*Protected Area Retained Income Account (PARIA)*" refers to the trust fund
22 maintained by BPNP and administered by the PAMB created pursuant to this
23 Act representing seventy-five percent (75%) of revenues generated from the
24 protected area to support its operation and management;

25 (l) "*Special Account in the General Fund*" refers to the trust fund deposited in the
26 national treasury representing the twenty-five percent (25%) of the revenues
27 generated from the operation of BPNP and earmarked to support the NIPAS;
28 and

29 (m) "*Strict Protection Zone (SPZ)*" refers to the natural area with high biodiversity

1 value which shall be closed to all human activity except for scientific studies
2 and/or ceremonial or religious use by the indigenous cultural
3 communities/indigenous peoples; may include habitats of threatened species,
4 or degraded areas that have been designated for restoration and subsequent
5 protection, even if these areas are still in various stages of regeneration.

6 **SEC. 4. Classification as a National Park.** - The Bulabog –Putian Natural
7 Park situated in the Municipalities of Dingle and San Enrique, in the Province of
8 Iloilo, shall fall under the classification of national park as provided for in Article XII,
9 Section 3 of the Constitution.

10 **SEC. 5. Scope and Coverage.**– The boundaries of Bulabog –Putian
11 Natural Park are more particularly described as follows:

12 Beginning at a point marked “1” on the map, which is N 51° 45'.00E with
13 321.49 meters from BBM #64,CAD 246, Dingle Cadastre with coordinates
14 23690.850 N and 18268.090 E located at Barangay Moroboro, Municipality of
15 Dingle, Province of Iloilo.

16	thence	S63-42-00E	161.96	meters to corner 2;
17	thence	N61-02-00E	227.82	meters to corner 3;
18	thence	N34-44-00W	177.58	meters to corner 4;
19	thence	N50-05-00E	143.77	meters to corner 5;
20	thence	N17-38-00E	136.14	meters to corner 6;
21	thence	N16-49-00W	615.20	meters to corner 7;
22	thence	N06-27-00E	38.77	meters to corner 8;
23	thence	N61-41-00E	84.10	meters to corner 9;
24	thence	N01-35-00W	42.91	meters to corner 10;
25	thence	N35-57-00E	129.48	meters to corner 11;

1	thence	N83-28-00E	102.89	meters to corner 12;
2	thence	N75-02-00E	122.13	meters to corner 13;
3	thence	N45-23-00W	85.31	meters to corner 14;
4	thence	N14-08-00E	9.76	meters to corner 15;
5	thence	N26-44-00E	211.45	meters to corner 16;
6	thence	N45-10-00E	323.75	meters to corner 17;
7	thence	N34-01-00E	169.98	meters to corner 18;
8	thence	N32-50-00E	110.05	meters to corner 19;
9	thence	S62-58-00W	51.93	meters to corner 20;
10	thence	N08-06-00W	109.55	meters to corner 21;
11	thence	N67-46-00E	362.82	meters to corner 22;
12	thence	N69-27-00E	181.94	meters to corner 23;
13	thence	N70-53-00E	237.08	meters to corner 24;
14	thence	N59-15-00E	399.25	meters to corner 25;
15	thence	N18-00-00E	78.52	meters to corner 26;
16	thence	N82-50-00E	183.39	meters to corner 27;
17	thence	N86-46-00E	78.00	meters to corner 28;
18	thence	N79-15-00E	182.20	meters to corner 29;
19	thence	N69-33-00E	97.76	meters to corner 30;
20	thence	N78-03-00E	107.79	meters to corner 31;
21	thence	N56-36-00E	111.14	meters to corner 32;

1	thence	N65-40-00E	20.80	meters to corner 33;
2	thence	S63-41-00E	251.83	meters to corner 34;
3	thence	S07-40-00E	119.22	meters to corner 35;
4	thence	S72-47-00E	44.84	meters to corner 36;
5	thence	S17-06-00E	53.51	meters to corner 37;
6	thence	S28-37-00E	56.60	meters to corner 38;
7	thence	N78-12-00W	57.78	meters to corner 39;
8	thence	S06-39-00E	124.64	meters to corner 40;
9	thence	S61-25-00W	46.67	meters to corner 41;
10	thence	S64-53-00W	256.21	meters to corner 42;
11	thence	S01-49-00E	177.87	meters to corner 43;
12	thence	N73-42-00E	217.32	meters to corner 44;
13	thence	N70-39-00E	150.66	meters to corner 45;
14	thence	S86-54-00E	21.16	meters to corner 46;
15	thence	S34-44-00E	178.66	meters to corner 47;
16	thence	N87-36-00E	96.00	meters to corner 48;
17	thence	S05-39-00E	87.80	meters to corner 49;
18	thence	S89-27-00E	231.54	meters to corner 50;
19	thence	S21-54-00E	37.82	meters to corner 51;
20	thence	S56-09-00E	59.01	meters to corner 52;
21	thence	S65-26-00W	89.41	meters to corner 53;

1	thence	N80-16-00W	81.27	meters to corner 54;
2	thence	S01-18-00W	70.48	meters to corner 55;
3	thence	S55-43-00W	112.72	meters to corner 56;
4	thence	S26-03-00E	48.71	meters to corner 57;
5	thence	S87-42-00E	127.68	meters to corner 58;
6	thence	S28-12-00W	176.34	meters to corner 59;
7	thence	S37-32-00W	109.53	meters to corner 60;
8	thence	S24-27-00W	157.51	meters to corner 61;
9	thence	S52-45-00W	107.37	meters to corner 62;
10	thence	S67-37-00E	125.32	meters to corner 63;
11	thence	S31-34-00W	84.52	meters to corner 64;
12	thence	S76-13-00W	21.81	meters to corner 65;
13	thence	S20-35-00W	125.09	meters to corner 66;
14	thence	S64-17-00W	155.01	meters to corner 67;
15	thence	S32-16-00W	46.36	meters to corner 68;
16	thence	S51-36-00W	243.44	meters to corner 69;
17	thence	N44-47-00W	135.15	meters to corner 70;
18	thence	S03-08-00W	300.76	meters to corner 71;
19	thence	S33-52-00W	53.70	meters to corner 72;
20	thence	N56-00-00W	23.02	meters to corner 73;
21	thence	S29-40-00W	51.50	meters to corner 74;

1	thence	S71-03-00E	67.55	meters to corner 75;
2	thence	S70-37-00E	3.39	meters to corner 76;
3	thence	S07-53-00	17.43	meters to corner 77;
4	thence	S01-48-00W	27.16	meters to corner 78;
5	thence	S20-16-00W	94.19	meters to corner 79;
6	thence	S88-34-00W	157.06	meters to corner 80;
7	thence	N78-14-00W	89.25	meters to corner 81;
8	thence	S45-55-00E	142.10	meters to corner 82;
9	thence	S25-52-00W	172.82	meters to corner 83;
10	thence	S80-08-00W	120.33	meters to corner 84;
11	thence	S43-27-00W	171.44	meters to corner 85;
12	thence	S53-30-00W	111.60	meters to corner 86;
13	thence	S31-26-00W	121.79	meters to corner 87;
14	thence	S04-56-00E	112.91	meters to corner 88;
15	thence	S38-46-00E	71.82	meters to corner 89;
16	thence	S34-43-00W	146.45	meters to corner 90;
17	thence	N49-54-00W	72.08	meters to corner 91;
18	thence	S32-09-00W	108.78	meters to corner 92;
19	thence	S73-09-00W	382.54	meters to corner 93;
20	thence	S44-15-00W	77.65	meters to corner 94;
21	thence	S59-26-00W	643.16	meters to corner 95;

1	thence	S66-19-00E	394.64	meters to corner 96;
2	thence	S07-36-00W	237.63	meters to corner 97;
3	thence	S45-34-00W	52.64	meters to corner 98;
4	thence	S50-36-00W	150.42	meters to corner 99;
5	thence	S18-04-00W	72.38	meters to corner 100;
6	thence	S28-11-00W	23.37	meters to corner 101;
7	thence	S68-21-00W	83.62	meters to corner 102;
8	thence	S69-57-00W	15.93	meters to corner 103;
9	thence	S71-53-00W	21.47	meters to corner 104
10	thence	S73-33-00W	92.33	meters to corner 105;
11	thence	S53-19-00E	29.51	meters to corner 106;
12	thence	S48-56-00E	48.22	meters to corner 107;
13	thence	S32-02-00W	134.71	meters to corner 108;
14	thence	N88-50-00W	2.44	meters to corner109;
15	thence	N00-40-00E	120.30	meters to corner 110;
16	thence	N79-28-00W	227.07	meters to corner 111;
17	thence	N37-20-00E	51.44	meters to corner 112;
18	thence	N58-47-00W	97.82	meters to corner 113;
19	thence	S73-19-00W	28.74	meters to corner 114;
20	thence	N39-04-00W	127.55	meters to corner 115;
21	thence	N30-34-00W	107.26	meters to corner 116;

1	thence	N35-30-00W	49.41	meters to corner 117;
2	thence	N30-35-00W	366.20	meters to corner 118;
3	thence	N49-32-00W	99.06	meters to corner 119;
4	thence	N44-30-00W	110.38	meters to corner 120;
5	thence	N41-15-00W	133.30	meters to corner 121;
6	thence	N51-19-00W	40.22	meters to corner 122;
7	thence	N29-25-00W	72.61	meters to corner 123;
8	thence	N37-39-00W	33.25	meters to corner 124;
9	thence	N46-23-00E	7.27	meters to corner 125;
10	thence	N44-22-00W	46.97	meters to corner 126;
11	thence	N01-42-00W	80.29	meters to corner 127;
12	thence	N14-34-00W	3.13	meters to corner 128;
13	thence	N27-23-00E	43.92	meters to corner 129;
14	thence	N46-36-00E	215.39	meters to corner 130;
15	thence	N24-22-00E	41.74	meters to corner 131;
16	thence	N33-20-00E	76.16	meters to corner 132;
17	thence	N29-07-00W	29.76	meters to corner 133;
18	thence	N63-48-00W	54.76	meters to corner 134;
19	thence	N81-10-00E	95.39	meters to corner 135;
20	thence	S84-03-00E	27.44	meters to corner 136;
21	thence	N22-36-00W	381.82	meters to corner 1;

and comprises eight hundred sixty-five and 39/100 hectares more or less.

SEC. 6. Establishment of Management Zones. – Based on Republic Act No. 7586 otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected Area System Act of 1992” (NIPAS Act) as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, otherwise known as the “Expanded National Integrated Protected Area System Act of 2018” (ENIPAS Act), only two zones shall be established in a Protected Area: the Strict Protection Zone (SPZ) and the Multiple-Use Zone (MUZ). The MUZ may be further divided into sub-zones in consonance with the management plan.

SEC. 7. Establishment of Buffer Zones.—The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon recommendation of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) created under Section 9 of this Act, may designate areas surrounding the BPNP as buffer zones for the purpose of providing an extra layer of protection where restrictions may be applied. The establishment of the buffer zone shall follow the same manner for the establishment of protected area as provided for in the NIPAS Act. Such buffer zone(s) may include public or private lands and/or municipal waters; *Provided,* That, in cases where the designated buffer zone covers private lands, the owners thereof shall be required to design their development with due consideration to the protected area management plan. Management prescriptions for the buffer zones shall be included as a component of the protected area management plan. Rights over private lands within established buffer zones shall be recognized and respected consistent with the management plan.

ARTICLE II

MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS

SEC. 8. Management Plan.—There shall be a Management Plan promulgated for the BPNP pursuant to Section 9 of the NIPAS Act as amended and its revised Implementing Rules and Regulations, which shall serve as the basic long-term framework plan in the management of the protected area and guide in the preparation of its annual operations plan and budget.

SEC. 9. Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) – Within ninety (90)

1 days from the effectivity of this Act, a Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)
2 shall be created to oversee the management of the BPNP. The PAMB shall be
3 composed of the following:

4 (a) The Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR, Region VI, as
5 Chairperson;

6 (b) The Governor of the Province of Iloilo or his/her duly authorized
7 representative;

8 (c) A Senator of the Republic of the Philippines who is a duly registered resident
9 of the Province of Iloilo, or his or her duly authorized representative, unless
10 the Senator declines membership in the PAMB;

11 (d) The District Representative of the Congressional District where the BPNP
12 is located, or his/her duly authorized representative, unless the District
13 Representative declines membership in the PAMB;

14 (e) The Mayors of the Municipalities of Dingle and San Enrique, Province of
15 Iloilo;

16 (f) Chairpersons of all the barangays with territorial jurisdiction over BPNP;

17 (g) Regional Directors of the following government agencies namely; the
18 Department of Agriculture (DA), The National Economic and Development
19 Authority (NEDA), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the
20 Philippine National Police (PNP), the Department of Defense (DND), and
21 the Department of Tourism (DOT);

22 (h) Three (3) representatives from either a Nongovernmental Organization
23 (NGO) or People's Organization (PO) based in the Province of Iloilo, duly
24 accredited both by DENR and the Provincial Government. The NGOs or
25 POs represented should have been in existence for at least five (5) years
26 and must have a record of accomplishments in the field of protected area
27 management;

28 (i) One (1) representative, if necessary, from an academic institution,

1 preferably from a university or college in the Province of Iloilo, with a record
2 of accomplishments in or related to protected area management; and

- 3 (j) One (1) representative, if necessary, from the private sector preferably a
4 resident of the Province of Iloilo, who is distinguished in a profession or field
5 of interest relevant to protected area management.

6 The term of office of the members of the PAMB, as well as the grounds
7 for their removal shall be in accordance with the provisions of the NIPAS Act as
8 amended.

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

- 11 (a) Oversee the management of the protected area;
- 12 (b) Approve policies, plans and programs, proposals, agreements, and
13 other related documents for the management of the protected area;
- 14 (c) Approve the management plan of the protected area and ensure its
15 harmonization and integration with the Ancestral Domain Sustainable
16 Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP), land use plan and other
17 development plan, public or private, and its implementation;
- 18 (d) Adopt a manual of operations to include rules of procedures in the
19 conduct of business, and the creation of committees and their
20 respective terms of reference;
- 21 (e) Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for
22 the enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the
23 management of the protected area;
- 24 (f) Allocate financial resources for the implementation of the management
25 plan and manage the Protected Area Retention Income Account
26 (PARIA) and other funds with government accounting, budgeting, and
27 auditing rules and regulations;
- 28 (g) Set fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines;

- 1 (h) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through
2 appropriate and effective means;
- 3 (i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other
4 government instrumentalities with respect to the management of BPNP;
- 5 (j) Monitor and assess the performance of the Protected Area
6 Superintendent (PASu) and other protected area personnel and
7 compliance of partners with the terms and conditions of any
8 undertaking, contract or agreement relative to any project or activity with
9 the BPNP;
- 10 (k) Recommend from among a shortlist of qualified candidates, the
11 designation, or appointment of the PASu; and
- 12 (l) Assess the effectiveness of the management of the protected area;
13 *Provided*, that the members of the PAMB representing the LGU's and
14 national agencies shall inform their respective constituents, offices or
15 sectors, of PAMB-approved or other relevant policies, rules, regulations,
16 programs, and projects and shall ensure that the provisions of this Act
17 and its implementing rules and regulations are complied with, and used
18 as reference and framework in their respective plans, policies,
19 programs and projects. Failure to comply with the foregoing shall be the
20 basis for disciplinary action against such member according to
21 administrative rules and regulations and such penalties as the PAMB
22 may provide; *Provided further*, That the DENR, through the Regional
23 Director, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within the scope of its powers
24 and functions. In case of conflict between the resolutions issued by the
25 PAMB and the existing administrative orders of national application, the
26 latter shall prevail.

27 The PAMB shall decide by majority vote of the members present
28 constituting a quorum of all the members; *Provided*, a quorum shall compose the
29 fifty percent (50%) plus one of all members.

30 **SEC. 11. *The Protected Area Management Office (PAMO).*** There is

hereby established a Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) to be headed by a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) who shall supervise the day to day management, protection, and administration of the BPNP. The PASu shall hold a permanent *plantilla* position and shall be appointed by the DENR Secretary. A sufficient number of support staff with permanent *plantilla* positions shall likewise be appointed by the DENR Secretary to assist the PASu in the management of the protected area.

The PASu shall be primarily accountable to the PAMB and the DENR for the management and operations of the BPNP. Pursuant thereto, the PASu shall have the following duties and responsibilities;

- (a) Prepare the management plan, in consultation with the stakeholders, including the annual work and financial plans and ensure its implementation;
- (b) Ensure the integration of the protected area management plans, programs, projects, and policies with relevant national and LGU plans and programs;
- (c) Provide secretariat services to the PAMB and its committees and ensure the availability of relevant, and timely information for decision-making;
- (d) Formulate and recommend to the PAMB proposed policies, rules, regulations, and programs;
- (e) Establish, operate and maintain a database management system which shall be an important basis for decision-making;
- (f) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the protected area, commence and institute administrative and legal actions in collaboration with other government agencies or organizations, and assist in the prosecution of offenses committed in violation of the provisions of this Act and the NIPAS Act as amended;
- (g) Monitor, evaluate and report the implementation of management

activities of the BPNP;

(h) Request for and receive any technical assistance, support or advice from any agency or instrumentality of the government as well as academic institutions, NGOs, and the private sector, as may be necessary for the effective management, protection and administration of the protected area;

(i) Issue permits and clearances for activities that implement the management plan and other permitted activities in accordance with terms, conditions, and criteria established by the PAMB: *Provided, That* all permits for extraction of natural resources, including collection of wildlife for research purposes, shall continue to be issued by relevant authorities, subject to prior clearance from the PAMB, through the PASu, in accordance with the specific acts to be covered;

(j) Collect and receive pertinent fees, charges, donations, and other income for the protected area: *Provided, That* such fees, charges, donations, and other income collected and received shall be reported regularly to the PAMB and the DENR in accordance with existing guidelines;

(k) Prepare and recommend to the PAMB approval of the annual work and financial plans of the protected area based on the management plan; and

(l) Perform such other functions as the PAMB and the DENR may assign.

The PAMB may be augmented by the deputized local environment and natural resources officers upon the recommendation of the PAMB and approval of the DENR.

ARTICLE III

PROCEEDS AND FEES

SEC. 12. *The Bulabog–Putian Natural Park Integrated Protected Area*

1 **Fund.** – There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as Bulabog-Putian
2 Natural Park Integrated Protected Area Fund (BPNP-IPAF) for purposes of
3 financing projects of the BPNP and the NIPAS. All income generated from the
4 operation and management of the BPNP shall accrue to the BPNP-IPAF. The
5 income shall be derived from fees and charges from the use of resources and
6 facilities of the protected areas; fines collected from violators of the NIPAS Act as
7 amended, contributions from industries and facilities directly benefitting from the
8 BPNP; and such other fees and income derived from the operation of the BPNP.

9 The PAMB shall retain seventy-five (75%) of all revenues raised through the
10 above means, which shall be deposited in the Protected Area Retained Income
11 Account (PARIA) in any authorized government depository bank within the locality;
12 Provided, that disbursements out of such deposits shall be used solely for the
13 protection, maintenance, administration, and management of the protected area
14 and implementation of duly approved projects of the PAMB. The remaining twenty-
15 five percent (25%) of revenues shall be deposited as a Special Account in the
16 General Fund (SAGF) in the National Treasury for purposes of financing the
17 programs and projects of the NIPAS.

18 The fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from various
19 sources, domestic or foreign: *Provided*, that the fund shall be deposited in full as
20 a special account in the National Treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be
21 made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration, and management of
22 the NIPAS and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with
23 existing accounting, budgeting and auditing rules and regulations; *Provided*
24 *further*, that the fund shall not be used to cover personal services expenditures.

25 The LGUs shall continue to impose taxes and collect all other fees not
26 enumerated herein which they have traditionally collected, such as fees for
27 business permit applications, property taxes and rentals of LGUs' facilities.

28 **SEC. 13. Local Government Units.**– The local government units (LGUs)
29 within the Bulabog–Putian Natural Park shall participate in its management
30 through representation in the PAMB as provided under Section 9 hereof. Said
31 LGUs may allocate appropriate portions of their share from the annual internal

1 revenue allotment and other income for use of the Bulabog–Putian Natural Park:
2 *Provided*, that all funds directly coming from the LGUs shall be exempt from the
3 twenty–five percent (25%) remittance requirement for the Integrated Protected
4 Area Fund Special Account in General Fund (IPAF SAGF).

5 **SEC. 14. *Appropriations.*** – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately
6 include in the DENR’s program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which
7 shall be included by the Department of Budget and Management in the annual
8 General Appropriations Act.

9 **SEC. 15. *Suppletory Application of the NIPAS Law.*** – The provisions of
10 Republic Act No. 7586, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, shall have
11 suppletory application to this Act.

12 **SEC. 16. *Implementing Rules and regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days
13 from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall, in consultation with
14 the local government of the Municipalities of Dingle and San Enrique, the
15 Provincial Government of Iloilo, and concerned national government agencies,
16 issue the corresponding rules and regulations for the effective implementation of
17 this Act.

18 **SEC.17. *Separability Clause.*** – If any section or provision of this Act is held
19 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections or provisions not affected
20 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

21 **SEC. 18. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent
22 with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

23 **SEC. 19. *Effectivity***– This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
25 circulation.

26 Approved,