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1<sup>st</sup> District, Ilocos Norte

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article II Section 16 of the Constitution 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. In pursuit of this constitutional mandate, Republic Act 7586, known as the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, subsequently amended by RA 11038, titled the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS) Act of 2018, was enacted. The law empowers the government to designate certain areas as protected areas, regulate human activities within these areas, and implement conservation and management programs in recognition of the substantial impact of human activities on various environmental facets.

Factors such as population growth, resource utilization, and industrial development highlight the imperative to protect and preserve natural ecosystems, particularly in regions with unique biophysical characteristics crucial to the well-being and progress of human, plant, and animal life. The goal is to ensure the preservation of unique ecosystems, species, and landscapes for the benefit of current and future generations.

This bill seeks to include the Tanap Watershed Forest Reserve (TWFR) in the province of Ilocos Norte, under the NIPAS.

Established through Presidential Proclamation No. 803, s. 1971, the 1,683-hectare TWFR encompasses tropical moist deciduous rainforests, tropical lowland evergreen rainforests, forests over limestone, and several patches of mafic vegetations along with various cave systems, karst formations, and numerous creeks and rapids. These ecosystems within

TWFR have been identified as harboring a high diversity of flora and fauna, including threatened species. Notably, it is the habitat of *Thunbergia Ilocana*, an endemic plant species currently known to be exclusively thriving in the area. Furthermore, the watershed plays a crucial role in meeting the daily needs of the community, providing a substantial water supply for irrigation and domestic use.

These underscore the ecological significance of the TWFR, highlighting the imperative to designate the landscape under NIPAS. This bill will establish a policy framework for the institutionalized conservation and protection of TWFR, ensuring that its ecological significance is maintained through proficient and effective management in accordance with RA 7586, as amended by RA 11038.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING AND DESIGNATING TANAP WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE, SITUATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM (NIPAS), TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE BURGOS PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**ARTICLE I**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. *Short Title.***—This Act shall be known as the “Burgos Protected Landscape (BuPL) Act.”

**SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.***—Recognizing the profound impact of human activities on various components of the natural environment, especially the consequences arising from population growth, resource exploitation, and industrial advancement, and acknowledging the critical importance of safeguarding and preserving the natural, biological, and physical diversities of the environment, particularly in areas characterized by unique features essential for sustaining human life and development, as well as the well-being of plant and animal life, it is hereby declared as the policy of the State to ensure, for the benefit of the Filipino people, both present and future generations, the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals through the establishment of protected areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS).

In recognition of the richness of the biological resources, encompassing both flora and fauna, native and distinct to the area, as well as their ecological importance, a parcel of land in the municipality of Burgos in the Province of Ilocos Norte, covering Tanap Watershed Forest Reserve (TWFR), is hereby declared a protected area with the designation of a protected landscape, and henceforth shall be referred to as the Burgos Protected Landscape (BuPL). As

such, the State assumes the responsibility for ensuring the conservation, protection, and management of the said area. Furthermore, it is acknowledged that effective administration of this area is achievable only through collaborative efforts involving the national government, local government units (LGUs), concerned non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private entities, and local communities. The utilization and enjoyment of this area must be in conformity with the principles of biological diversity and sustainable development.

Towards this end, the State shall ensure the comprehensive implementation of this Act, the mobilization of resources to support the institutional mechanisms herein established, and the provision of complete scientific and technical support necessary for the conservation of biodiversity and the preservation of the integrity of ecosystems, culture, and indigenous practices.

**SEC. 3. Definition of Terms.** —As used in this Act:

- (a) *Biological diversity or biodiversity* refers to the variability among living organisms from all sources including, *inter alia*, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems;
- (b) *Buffer zones* refers to identified areas outside the boundaries of and immediately adjacent to protected areas that need special development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area;
- (c) *Conservation* refers to any act or acts of preservation and sustainable utilization of wildlife or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of habitats;
- (d) *Indigenous Cultural Community (ICC)/Indigenous People (IP)* refers to a group of people sharing common bonds of language, customs traditions, and other distinctive cultural traits, and who have, since time immemorial occupied, possessed and utilized a territory;
- (e) *National park* refers to land of the public domain classified as such in the Constitution which includes all areas under the NIPAS, primarily designated for the conservation of native plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural diversity;
- (f) *Protected area* refers to identified portions of land and/or water set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation;
- (g) *Protected landscape* refers to areas of national significance which are characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and land and water while providing

opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation, tourism, and other economic activities;

- (h) *Tenured migrants* refer to protected area occupants who have been actually, continuously and presently occupying a portion of the protected area for five (5) years before the proclamation or law establishing the same as a protected area, and are solely dependent therein for subsistence.

**SEC. 4. Classification as a National Park.** —All lands of the public domain within the coverage and scope of BuPL shall fall under the classification of national park as provided for in Article XII, Section 3 of the Constitution.

**SEC. 5. Scope and Coverage.** —The boundaries of BuPL is more particularly described as the area beginning at a point marked “1” on the Map, being N 66°42’24” W, 120.166 meters from PRS92 Control Monument “ILN-3328” with geographic coordinates 18° 29’ 38.07736” Latitude, 120° 40’ 0.03168” Longitude located at Barangay Tanap, Burgos, Ilocos Norte,

thence	S 41-21-55 E	284.938	meters to corner	2;
thence	S 9-14-22 E	187.035	meters to corner	3;
thence	N 77-18-37 E	105.283	meters to corner	4;
thence	S 86-49-8 E	30.055	meters to corner	5;
thence	S 8-17-59 E	52.449	meters to corner	6;
thence	S 23-28-9 W	41.613	meters to corner	7;
thence	S 4-33-41 W	33.123	meters to corner	8;
thence	S 28-56-1 E	14.759	meters to corner	9;
thence	S 73-36-10 E	232.092	meters to corner	10;
thence	S 49-34-41 E	41.094	meters to corner	11;
thence	S 36-10-14 E	42.995	meters to corner	12;
thence	S 52-9-39 E	143.001	meters to corner	13;
thence	S 62-44-8 E	19.228	meters to corner	14;
thence	S 53-23-53 E	31.389	meters to corner	15;
thence	S 42-54-24 E	14.86	meters to corner	16;
thence	S 14-40-9 E	20.608	meters to corner	17;
thence	S 5-1-54 E	13.033	meters to corner	18;
thence	S 3-27-10 W	14.03	meters to corner	19;
thence	S 51-29-32 W	11.397	meters to corner	20;
thence	S 85-16-53 W	14.03	meters to corner	21;
thence	N 64-4-4 W	15.647	meters to corner	22;
thence	N 59-40-9 W	17.486	meters to corner	23;
thence	N 33-6-15 W	26.067	meters to corner	24;
thence	S 37-24-51 W	29.195	meters to corner	25;
thence	S 35-37-30 E	12.202	meters to corner	26;
thence	S 5-1-54 E	13.033	meters to corner	27;
thence	S 41-0-2 W	12.037	meters to corner	28;
thence	S 58-24-12 W	11.657	meters to corner	29;
thence	S 70-4-37 W	21.182	meters to corner	30;

thence	S 47-5-36 W	14.86	meters to corner	31;
thence	S 7-28-58 W	14.15	meters to corner	32;
thence	S 3-46-40 W	13.02	meters to corner	33;
thence	S 22-33-57 W	15.226	meters to corner	34;
thence	S 89-22-2 W	13.995	meters to corner	35;
thence	S 75-19-51 W	12.365	meters to corner	36;
thence	S 9-59-12 W	16.273	meters to corner	37;
thence	S 6-20-36 E	10.046	meters to corner	38;
thence	S 20-17-12 E	14.86	meters to corner	39;
thence	S 0-37-58 E	10.996	meters to corner	40;
thence	S 22-26-3 E	16.149	meters to corner	41;
thence	S 6-20-36 E	20.092	meters to corner	42;
thence	S 6-57-43 W	15.127	meters to corner	43;
thence	S 22-32-10 E	104.507	meters to corner	44;
thence	S 74-54-14 E	254.434	meters to corner	45;
thence	N 38-1-37 E	89.61	meters to corner	46;
thence	S 81-10-14 E	97.287	meters to corner	47;
thence	N 6-20-36 W	30.138	meters to corner	48;
thence	N 9-36-7 E	73.136	meters to corner	49;
thence	N 15-6-41 W	219.903	meters to corner	50;
thence	N 52-50-18 E	33.588	meters to corner	51;
thence	N 81-46-21 E	60.508	meters to corner	52;
thence	S 80-26-20 E	81.208	meters to corner	53;
thence	S 53-30-59 E	154.134	meters to corner	54;
thence	N 57-45-2 E	145.132	meters to corner	55;
thence	N 4-16-16 W	91.696	meters to corner	56;
thence	N 27-34-36 W	107.401	meters to corner	57;
thence	N 9-25-49 W	74.599	meters to corner	58;
thence	N 10-19-16 E	91.434	meters to corner	59;
thence	N 64-13-20 E	78.373	meters to corner	60;
thence	N 87-16-19 E	144.294	meters to corner	61;
thence	S 86-23-1 E	129.808	meters to corner	62;
thence	S 36-41-11 E	128.774	meters to corner	63;
thence	S 79-33-10 E	83.588	meters to corner	64;
thence	S 70-43-45 E	89.312	meters to corner	65;
thence	S 41-25-8 E	97.525	meters to corner	66;
thence	S 11-7-28 E	79.515	meters to corner	67;
thence	S 64-4-4 E	42.088	meters to corner	68;
thence	S 26-13-17 E	92.298	meters to corner	69;
thence	N 86-3-34 E	88.672	meters to corner	70;
thence	N 83-55-12 E	64.286	meters to corner	71;
thence	N 75-12-18 E	58.374	meters to corner	72;
thence	S 51-7-14 E	143.063	meters to corner	73;
thence	N 77-42-54 E	38.799	meters to corner	74;
thence	N 47-49-55 E	344.162	meters to corner	75;
thence	S 75-30-50 E	406.235	meters to corner	76;

thence	S 1-22-35 W	979.673	meters to corner	77;
thence	S 29-20-43 W	1285.892	meters to corner	78;
thence	S 88-58-17 W	1096.538	meters to corner	79;
thence	S 25-22-57 E	813.856	meters to corner	80;
thence	S 24-17-36 W	759.827	meters to corner	81;
thence	S 33-34-32 E	239.814	meters to corner	82;
thence	S 29-15-8 W	239.393	meters to corner	83;
thence	N 89-44-30 W	656.045	meters to corner	84;
thence	S 1-1-12 E	294.894	meters to corner	85;
thence	S 50-47-3 E	436.471	meters to corner	86;
thence	S 29-51-50 W	640.524	meters to corner	87;
thence	N 41-55-53 W	606.606	meters to corner	88;
thence	S 41-0-57 W	1495.589	meters to corner	89;
thence	N 33-28-2 W	1397.893	meters to corner	90;
thence	N 15-18-50 E	14.555	meters to corner	91;
thence	N 41-52-44 E	65.09	meters to corner	92;
thence	N 4-52-26 E	83.352	meters to corner	93;
thence	N 41-49-3 W	85.008	meters to corner	94;
thence	N 81-32-29 W	25.308	meters to corner	95;
thence	N 30-51-0 E	208.641	meters to corner	96;
thence	N 16-21-33 E	37.628	meters to corner	97;
thence	N 8-51-3 W	181.797	meters to corner	98;
thence	N 45-9-42 E	255.19	meters to corner	99;
thence	N 8-44-25 E	313.058	meters to corner	100;
thence	N 20-19-12 E	287.933	meters to corner	101;
thence	N 77-58-54 E	146.834	meters to corner	102;
thence	N 68-30-49 E	179.708	meters to corner	103;
thence	N 6-41-49 W	160.838	meters to corner	104;
thence	N 12-24-55 E	239.096	meters to corner	105;
thence	N 38-30-26 W	79.781	meters to corner	106;
thence	S 32-30-1 W	199.347	meters to corner	107;
thence	S 78-23-45 W	199.572	meters to corner	108;
thence	N 62-54-49 W	199.867	meters to corner	109;
thence	N 16-34-39 W	80.05	meters to corner	110;
thence	N 62-59-28 E	272.248	meters to corner	111;
thence	N 20-46-51 E	54.76	meters to corner	112;
thence	N 19-36-9 W	101.474	meters to corner	113;
thence	N 47-21-16 E	162.792	meters to corner	114;
thence	N 83-24-45 E	279.4	meters to corner	115;
thence	N 72-28-34 E	199.535	meters to corner	116;
thence	S 44-49-31 E	100.38	meters to corner	117;
thence	S 29-45-23 E	80.1	meters to corner	118;
thence	N 50-20-22 E	169.855	meters to corner	119;
thence	N 77-53-54 E	70.379	meters to corner	120;
thence	N 31-18-55 E	209.693	meters to corner	121;
thence	N 0-37-56 W	79.969	meters to corner	122;

thence	S 83-26-53 E	119.896	meters to corner	123;
thence	N 44-37-13 W	200.066	meters to corner	124;
thence	N 44-24-49 W	99.686	meters to corner	125;
thence	S 64-30-14 W	90.342	meters to corner	126;
thence	S 61-31-12 W	179.756	meters to corner	127;
thence	S 58-17-19 W	170.404	meters to corner	128;
thence	S 77-18-23 W	119.595	meters to corner	129;
thence	S 82-17-4 W	170.234	meters to corner	130;
thence	N 5-42-28 E	90.519	meters to corner	131;
thence	N 57-53-50 W	99.821	meters to corner	132;
thence	S 58-41-55 W	99.946	meters to corner	133;
thence	S 2-32-29 E	150.025	meters to corner	134;
thence	S 46-23-33 W	280.08	meters to corner	135;
thence	N 83-36-54 W	138.985	meters to corner	136;
thence	N 3-17-7 E	219.441	meters to corner	137;
thence	N 63-12-22 E	190.443	meters to corner	138;
thence	N 11-22-12 E	129.788	meters to corner	139;
thence	N 39-13-20 E	149.745	meters to corner	140;
thence	N 0-30-48 E	99.981	meters to corner	141;
thence	N 4-41-38 W	169.36	meters to corner	142;
thence	N 68-5-54 E	159.828	meters to corner	143;
thence	N 52-29-51 E	169.934	meters to corner	144;
thence	N 30-36-51 W	120.02	meters to corner	145;
thence	S 71-17-42 W	99.891	meters to corner	146;
thence	N 49-55-0 W	596.11	meters to corner	147;
thence	N 25-51-27 W	516.024	meters to corner	148;
thence	N 2-59-32 E	948.527	meters to corner	149;
thence	N 84-32-46 E	83.262	meters to corner	150;
thence	N 64-15-7 E	35.327	meters to corner	151;
thence	N 78-9-39 E	108.018	meters to corner	152;
thence	N 68-54-38 E	134.428	meters to corner	153;
thence	N 89-55-53 E	202.931	meters to corner	154;
thence	N 75-33-34 E	112.743	meters to corner	155;
thence	N 75-33-56 E	130.183	meters to corner	156;
thence	N 3-47-54 E	129.351	meters to corner	157;
thence	N 14-10-9 W	111.042	meters to corner	158;
thence	N 32-52-13 E	85.114	meters to corner	159;
thence	S 82-47-15 E	256.301	meters to corner	160;
thence	N 57-14-30 E	50.754	meters to corner	161;
thence	S 67-49-36 E	306.883	meters to corner	162;
thence	S 0-7-51 W	149.956	meters to corner	1,

the point of beginning containing an area of one thousand six hundred eighty-three (1,683) hectares, more or less. Bearings and distance of lines were derived using PRS92, Philippine Zone III coordinate system, subject to actual ground demarcation.

**SEC. 6. *Establishment of Buffer Zones.***—The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon the recommendation of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) created under Section 7 of this Act, may designate areas surrounding the BuPL as buffer zones for the purpose of providing an extra layer of protection where restrictions may be applied. *Provided, That*, in cases where the designated buffer zone would cover private lands, the owners thereof shall be required to design their development with due consideration to the protected area management plan.

## **ARTICLE II MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS**

**SEC. 7. *Protected Area Management Board (PAMB).***—Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, a Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) shall be created to oversee the management of the BuPL. The PAMB shall be composed of the following:

- (a) The DENR Regional Executive Director for Region 1, as Chairperson;
- (b) The Governor of the Province of Ilocos Norte, or his/her duly designated representative;
- (c) Senators of the Republic of the Philippines who are duly registered residents of Ilocos Norte, or their duly designated representatives, unless the Senators decline the membership in the PAMB;
- (d) The Representative of the Congressional District of Ilocos Norte where BuPL is located, or his/her duly designated representative, unless the District Representative declines the membership in the PAMB;
- (e) The Mayor of the municipality of Burgos, or his/her duly designated representative;
- (f) The Punong Barangay of each barangay with territorial jurisdiction over BuPL;
- (g) The Department of Agriculture (DA) Regional Executive Director for Region 1, or his/her designated official representative;
- (h) The Regional Director, or a designated official representative, of the following government agencies for Region 1, namely: the Department of National Defense - Office of Civil Defense (DND-OCD), the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST);
- (i) Three (3) representatives from either non-government organizations (NGO) or People's Organizations (PO), duly accredited both by the DENR and the provincial government. The NGO or PO represented should have been in existence for at least five (5) years and with track record in or related to protected area management;
- (j) At least one (1) but not more than three (3) representatives from all the ICCs/IPs present in the area and recognized by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP);
- (k) One (1) representative from an academic institution, preferably from a university or college in the Province of Ilocos Norte, with a record of accomplishment in or related to protected area management and biodiversity conservation; and

- (l) One (1) representative from the private sector, preferably a resident of Ilocos Norte, who is distinguished in a profession or field of interest relevant to BuPL management.

The terms of office of members of the PAMB, as well as the grounds for their removal shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No 7586, otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992”, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, otherwise known as the “Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018”.

**SEC. 8. Powers and Functions of the PAMB.** —The BuPL PAMB shall have the following powers and functions:

- (a) Oversee the management of the BuPL;
- (b) Approve policies, plans and programs, proposals, agreements, and other related documents for the management of the BuPL;
- (c) Approve the management plan of BuPL and ensure its harmonization and integration with the Ancestral Domains Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP), land use plan and other development plans, public or private, and its implementation;
- (d) Adopt a manual of operations to include rules of procedures in the conduct of business, and the creation of committees and their respective terms of reference;
- (e) Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for the enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the management of BuPL;
- (f) Allocate financial resources for the implementation of the management plan, and manage BuPL Protected Area Retention Income Account (PARIA) and other funds in accordance with the accounting and budgeting rules and regulations;
- (g) Set fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines;
- (h) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through appropriate and effective means;
- (i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government authorities;
- (j) Monitor and assess the performance of the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) and other BuPL personnel and compliance of partners with the terms and conditions of any undertaking, contract or agreement;
- (k) Recommend from among a shortlist of qualified candidates, the designation or appointment of the PASu; and
- (l) Assess the effectiveness of the management of BuPL: *Provided*, That the members of the management board representing the LGUs and national agencies in the PAMB shall inform their respective constituents, offices or sectors, of PAMB approved or other relevant policies, rules, regulations, programs, and projects and shall ensure that the provisions of this Act and its implementing rules and regulations are complied with, and used as reference and framework in their respective plans, policies, programs, and projects. Failure to comply with the

foregoing shall be the basis for disciplinary action against such member according to administrative rules and regulations and such penalties as the PAMB may provide; *Provided, further,* That the DENR, through the Regional Executive Director, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of conflict between the resolutions issued by the PAMB and the existing administrative orders or national application, the latter shall prevail.

**SEC. 9. *The Protected Area Management Office (PAMO).***—There is hereby established a PAMO to be headed by a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) with a permanent plantilla position who shall supervise the day to day management, protection and administration of BuPL. A sufficient number of support staff with permanent plantilla positions shall likewise be appointed by the DENR 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 BuPL. 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 plan and ensure its implementation;
- (b) Ensure the integration of the protected area management plans, programs, projects, and policies with relevant national and LGUs' 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;
- (g) Monitor, evaluate, and report the implementation of management activities of BuPL;
- (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 BuPL;
- (i) Issue permits and clearances for activities that implement the management plan and other permitted activities in accordance with the terms, conditions, and criteria established by the PAMB: *Provided,* That all permits for extraction of natural resources, including collection of wildlife, and its by-products or derivatives 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 BuPL based on the management plan; and,
- (l) Perform such other functions as the PAMB and the DENR may assign.

The PAMO 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. 10. *The Burgos Protected Landscape Integrated Protected Area Fund.*** — There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the Burgos Protected Landscape Integrated Protected Area Fund (BuPL-IPAF) for purposes of financing projects of the BuPL and the NIPAS. All income generated from the operation of the system or management of wild flora and fauna in the BuPL shall accrue to BuPL-IPAF. The income shall be derived from fees from visitors/tourists, permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other allowable use of resources from the protected area, proceeds from Special Use in Protected Area (SAPA) in multiple-use zone for tourism concessions, communication and transmission facilities, power generation projects, large scale agriculture and aquaculture enterprise and other contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting from the protected area, and other fees and income derived from the operation of BuPL.

The PAMB shall retain seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenues raised through the above means, which shall be deposited in the Protected Area Retained Income Account (PARIA) in any authorized government depository bank within the locality: *Provided*, That disbursements out of such deposits shall be used solely for the protection, maintenance, administration, and management of BuPL and implementation of duly approved projects of the PAMB. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of revenues shall be deposited as a special account in the general fund in the National Treasury for purposes of financing the programs and projects of the NIPAS.

The fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from various sources, domestic or foreign for purposes related to their functions. *Provided*, That the fund shall be deposited as a special account in the national treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration and management of the BuPL, and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with existing accounting and budgeting rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, That no amount shall be disbursed for the operating expenses of the Department and other concerned agencies.

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 LGUs' facilities.

#### **ARTICLE IV TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**SEC. 11. *Appropriations.***—The Secretary of the DENR 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. 12. *Suppletory Application of the NIPAS Law.***—The provisions of Republic Act No. 7586, as amended by the Republic Act No. 11038, shall have suppletory application to this Act.

**SEC. 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.***—Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall, in consultation with the local government of the municipality of Burgos, the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte, and concerned national government agencies, issue the corresponding rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.***—If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SEC. 15. *Repealing Clause.***—All laws, decrees, letters of instruction, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 16. *Effectivity.***—This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*