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AN ACT
DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF
PRESIDENT MANUEL A. ROXAS, KATIPUNAN, AND SIAYAN, IN THE
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE A PROTECTED AREA, WITH
THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL
INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM, TO BE REFERRED TO AS
THE MT. GUTOM PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS
MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Mt. Gutom Protected
Landscape Act”.

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

In recognition of the richness of the biological resources, both flora and fauna,
that are native and distinct to Mt. Gutom, as well as their aesthetic and ecological

importance, a parcel of land in the Municipalities of President Manuel A. Roxas, Katipunan, and Siayan, in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby declared a protected area with the category of protected landscape and shall hereinafter be referred to as the Mt. Gutom Protected Landscape (MGPL). As such, the State shall ensure the conservation, protection, management, and rehabilitation of the area. It is likewise recognized that effective administration of this area is possible only through cooperation among the National Government, local government units (LGUs), concerned non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private entities, and local communities. The use and enjoyment of this area must be consistent with the principles of biological diversity and sustainable development.

To this end, the State shall ensure the full implementation of this Act, the mobilization of resources for the institutional mechanisms herein established, and the full scientific and technical support needed for the conservation of biodiversity and the integrity of the ecosystems, and cultural and indigenous practices.

SEC. 3. Classification as a National Park. – The MGPL is composed of a parcel of land of the public domain located in the Municipalities of President Manuel A. Roxas, Katipunan, and Siayan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, the metes and bounds of which are described in Section 4 of this Act. All lands of the public domain within the coverage and scope of the MGPL shall fall under the classification of national park as provided for in Article XII, Section 3 of the Constitution.

SEC. 4. Scope and Coverage. – The boundaries of the MGPL are more particularly described as the area beginning at a point marked "1" on the Map, being S 50°56'00" W, 1,318.59 meters from PRS'92 Control Monument "ZGN-5852" with geographic coordinates of 08° 22' 44.13038" Latitude and 123° 10' 10.02215" Longitude located in Barangay Panampalay, Municipality of Pres. Manuel A. Roxas, Province of Zamboanga del Norte,

thence	S 70°33'31" E	178.53	meters to corner	2;
thence	S 62°04'10" E	223.78	meters to corner	3;
thence	S 23°22'46" W	300.17	meters to corner	4;
thence	S 10°12'17" W	162.48	meters to corner	5;
thence	S 68°13'51" W	454.73	meters to corner	6;
thence	S 60°19'42" E	947.59	meters to corner	7;
thence	N 17°56'34" W	90.01	meters to corner	8;
thence	N 04°28'57" W	40.61	meters to corner	9;

1	thence	N 20°20'44" E	51.55	meters to corner	10;
2	thence	N 04°15'16" W	38.29	meters to corner	11;
3	thence	N 01°54'27" W	47.66	meters to corner	12;
4	thence	N 29°38'47" W	59.37	meters to corner	13;
5	thence	N 03°10'41" W	57.24	meters to corner	14;
6	thence	N 41°13'51" E	98.69	meters to corner	15;
7	thence	S 68°09'20" E	72.50	meters to corner	16;
8	thence	S 53°30'42" E	70.37	meters to corner	17;
9	thence	S 65°59'28" E	68.96	meters to corner	18;
10	thence	N 57°32'54" E	170.56	meters to corner	19;
11	thence	S 85°04'30" E	762.32	meters to corner	20;
12	thence	N 21°58'16" E	684.61	meters to corner	21;
13	thence	N 31°07'45" E	476.16	meters to corner	22;
14	thence	N 55°20'36" E	521.27	meters to corner	23;
15	thence	S 86°54'12" E	175.84	meters to corner	24;
16	thence	N 54°12'59" E	638.93	meters to corner	25;
17	thence	N 35°09'26" W	372.30	meters to corner	26;
18	thence	N 52°28'08" E	602.90	meters to corner	27;
19	thence	S 13°26'25" W	383.08	meters to corner	28;
20	thence	S 15°37'56" W	258.98	meters to corner	29;
21	thence	S 09°52'56" E	395.94	meters to corner	30;
22	thence	S 58°36'19" W	624.75	meters to corner	31;
23	thence	S 27°33'49" W	149.81	meters to corner	32;
24	thence	S 37°10'14" E	239.09	meters to corner	33;
25	thence	S 02°46'38" E	163.72	meters to corner	34;
26	thence	N 80°38'43" E	303.68	meters to corner	35;
27	thence	N 65°22'49" E	373.77	meters to corner	36;
28	thence	S 70°27'42" E	217.66	meters to corner	37;
29	thence	S 60°34'51" E	142.76	meters to corner	38;
30	thence	S 14°48'49" E	424.24	meters to corner	39;
31	thence	S 83°39'48" E	1548.30	meters to corner	40;
32	thence	N 16°52'48" E	1306.47	meters to corner	41;
33	thence	S 44°03'06" E	773.09	meters to corner	42;
34	thence	S 16°16'15" E	866.82	meters to corner	43;

1	thence	N 82°02'51" W	592.13	meters to corner	44;
2	thence	S 61°48'11" W	1195.31	meters to corner	45;
3	thence	S 06°47'59" E	581.09	meters to corner	46;
4	thence	S 36°08'46" E	748.53	meters to corner	47;
5	thence	S 49°22'08" E	575.69	meters to corner	48;
6	thence	S 81°22'08" E	393.42	meters to corner	49;
7	thence	S 12°22'42" W	851.86	meters to corner	50;
8	thence	N 53°19'19" W	155.05	meters to corner	51;
9	thence	N 74°12'07" W	273.41	meters to corner	52;
10	thence	S 56°01'14" W	568.73	meters to corner	53;
11	thence	S 20°49'06" W	516.34	meters to corner	54;
12	thence	S 20°35'26" W	335.88	meters to corner	55;
13	thence	S 24°20'42" W	1481.34	meters to corner	56;
14	thence	S 62°00'32" W	797.72	meters to corner	57;
15	thence	S 24°39'41" E	978.93	meters to corner	58;
16	thence	S 73°18'18" W	846.18	meters to corner	59;
17	thence	S 84°56'59" W	913.57	meters to corner	60;
18	thence	N 43°10'44" W	1275.40	meters to corner	61;
19	thence	N 53°24'38" W	663.54	meters to corner	62;
20	thence	S 08°23'45" E	374.48	meters to corner	63;
21	thence	N 68°50'40" W	256.36	meters to corner	64;
22	thence	S 45°43'08" W	199.08	meters to corner	65;
23	thence	N 57°55'05" W	237.64	meters to corner	66;
24	thence	S 28°04'41" W	462.96	meters to corner	67;
25	thence	N 86°45'10" W	687.20	meters to corner	68;
26	thence	N 21°59'57" W	56.52	meters to corner	69;
27	thence	N 63°02'30" W	103.93	meters to corner	70;
28	thence	N 18°56'00" E	115.84	meters to corner	71;
29	thence	N 49°55'32" W	43.58	meters to corner	72;
30	thence	N 88°18'49" W	126.04	meters to corner	73;
31	thence	N 39°21'28" W	121.87	meters to corner	74;
32	thence	N 09°27'38" W	67.62	meters to corner	75;
33	thence	N 59°53'49" W	211.10	meters to corner	76;
34	thence	N 32°03'45" W	96.38	meters to corner	77;

1	thence	N 59°03'14" W	142.79	meters to corner	78;
2	thence	N 35°42'59" W	136.92	meters to corner	79;
3	thence	S 32°12'30" W	175.80	meters to corner	80;
4	thence	N 76°34'35" W	47.89	meters to corner	81;
5	thence	N 03°34'29" W	67.89	meters to corner	82;
6	thence	N 65°48'44" E	108.52	meters to corner	83;
7	thence	N 23°38'26" W	134.64	meters to corner	84;
8	thence	N 64°40'27" W	131.18	meters to corner	85;
9	thence	N 27°08'11" W	118.37	meters to corner	86;
10	thence	N 57°19'38" W	153.09	meters to corner	87;
11	thence	N 21°58'02" W	67.29	meters to corner	88;
12	thence	N 68°23'52" W	112.16	meters to corner	89;
13	thence	N 36°50'12" W	191.78	meters to corner	90;
14	thence	N 58°52'30" W	156.79	meters to corner	91;
15	thence	N 33°09'20" W	145.41	meters to corner	92;
16	thence	N 08°53'51" E	123.24	meters to corner	93;
17	thence	N 36°47'15" W	225.40	meters to corner	94;
18	thence	N 65°29'16" W	264.13	meters to corner	95;
19	thence	N 65°57'08" W	220.85	meters to corner	96;
20	thence	N 05°14'32" W	227.95	meters to corner	97;
21	thence	N 44°13'41" W	126.47	meters to corner	98;
22	thence	S 68°11'06" W	148.92	meters to corner	99;
23	thence	N 15°05'13" W	96.88	meters to corner	100;
24	thence	N 08°56'29" E	104.94	meters to corner	101;
25	thence	N 59°22'47" W	30.14	meters to corner	102;
26	thence	N 68°06'29" W	126.18	meters to corner	103;
27	thence	N 42°49'49" W	210.87	meters to corner	104;
28	thence	N 40°30'04" W	300.75	meters to corner	105;
29	thence	N 09°25'47" E	214.60	meters to corner	106;
30	thence	N 61°21'59" W	490.94	meters to corner	107;
31	thence	N 46°35'27" E	147.46	meters to corner	108;
32	thence	N 15°32'18" W	128.43	meters to corner	109;
33	thence	N 34°24'52" E	101.86	meters to corner	110;
34	thence	N 28°14'09" W	65.81	meters to corner	111;

1	thence	N 47°11'00" W	80.59	meters to corner	112;
2	thence	N 64°44'18" W	99.27	meters to corner	113;
3	thence	N 74°42'30" W	269.95	meters to corner	114;
4	thence	N 63°52'22" W	138.85	meters to corner	115;
5	thence	N 26°10'14" E	72.57	meters to corner	116;
6	thence	N 46°24'14" E	131.24	meters to corner	117;
7	thence	N 18°14'53" W	77.67	meters to corner	118;
8	thence	N 85°32'40" W	229.71	meters to corner	119;
9	thence	N 04°12'50" E	401.92	meters to corner	120;
10	thence	N 24°10'07" W	106.91	meters to corner	121;
11	thence	N 41°33'22" W	149.62	meters to corner	122;
12	thence	N 35°35'20" E	212.86	meters to corner	123;
13	thence	N 40°27'15" W	122.62	meters to corner	124;
14	thence	N 45°04'38" W	123.13	meters to corner	125;
15	thence	N 38°54'47" E	84.70	meters to corner	126;
16	thence	N 77°43'15" E	119.46	meters to corner	127;
17	thence	N 79°04'20" E	117.26	meters to corner	128;
18	thence	N 59°17'43" E	181.93	meters to corner	129;
19	thence	N 00°51'47" W	210.44	meters to corner	130;
20	thence	N 50°17'49" E	115.60	meters to corner	131;
21	thence	N 53°49'28" E	223.30	meters to corner	132;
22	thence	S 31°59'03" E	46.82	meters to corner	133;
23	thence	S 32°49'13" E	51.12	meters to corner	134;
24	thence	N 81°30'37" E	93.75	meters to corner	135;
25	thence	N 69°26'44" E	33.92	meters to corner	136;
26	thence	S 05°12'03" W	47.22	meters to corner	137;
27	thence	S 46°49'00" E	47.19	meters to corner	138;
28	thence	S 78°03'15" E	28.14	meters to corner	139;
29	thence	N 42°47'57" E	19.48	meters to corner	140;
30	thence	S 87°40'22" E	104.37	meters to corner	141;
31	thence	N 15°28'49" E	71.41	meters to corner	142;
32	thence	S 84°57'18" E	1762.26	meters to corner	143;
33	thence	N 27°07'33" E	531.58	meters to corner	144;
34	thence	N 53°39'58" W	1064.68	meters to corner	145;

1	thence	N 29°08'14" W	616.19	meters to corner	146;
2	thence	N 32°32'05" E	218.44	meters to corner	147;
3	thence	S 69°06'47" E	165.85	meters to corner	148;
4	thence	S 25°36'33" E	105.64	meters to corner	149;
5	thence	S 60°15'12" E	48.01	meters to corner	150;
6	thence	N 60°56'49" E	88.56	meters to corner	151;
7	thence	N 13°41'30" E	106.24	meters to corner	152;
8	thence	S 78°15'55" E	87.86	meters to corner	153;
9	thence	S 36°17'01" E	64.85	meters to corner	154;
10	thence	N 87°47'57" E	86.08	meters to corner	155;
11	thence	S 09°33'30" E	63.75	meters to corner	156;
12	thence	S 86°45'31" E	105.38	meters to corner	157;
13	thence	N 88°44'08" E	119.80	meters to corner	158;
14	thence	N 70°32'30" E	105.27	meters to corner	159;
15	thence	S 80°32'10" E	36.23	meters to corner	160;
16	thence	S 54°37'25" E	81.15	meters to corner	161;
17	thence	N 81°56'33" E	75.52	meters to corner	162;
18	thence	S 60°26'53" E	96.60	meters to corner	163;
19	thence	S 72°53'56" E	863.14	meters to corner	164;
20	thence	N 65°38'25" E	307.24	meters to corner	1,

21 from the point of beginning, containing an area of five thousand five hundred sixty-
22 three (5,563) hectares, more or less. Bearings and distances of lines were derived
23 using the PRS 92 Philippines Zone IV coordinate system, subject to ground delineation
24 and demarcation.

25 **SEC. 5. Establishment of Buffer Zones.** – The Secretary of the Department
26 of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon the recommendation of the
27 Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) created under Section 6 of this Act, may
28 designate areas surrounding the MGPL as buffer zones for the purpose of providing
29 an extra layer of protection where restrictions may be applied: *Provided*, That in cases
30 where the designated buffer zone would cover private lands, the owners thereof shall
31 be required to design their development with due consideration to the protected area
32 management plan.

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- 1 (k) One (1) representative from the private sector, preferably a resident of the
2 Province of Zamboanga del Norte, who is distinguished in a profession or
3 field relevant to the management of a protected area.

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

9 **SEC. 7. Powers and Functions of the PAMB.** – The PAMB shall have the
10 following powers and functions:

- 11 (a) Oversee the management of the MGPL;
12 (b) Approve policies, plans and programs, proposals, agreements, and other
13 related documents for the management of the MGPL;
14 (c) Approve the management plan of the MGPL and ensure its harmonization with
15 and integration into the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and
16 Protection Plan, land use plan and other development plans, public or private,
17 and their implementation;
18 (d) Adopt a manual of operations to include rules of procedure in the conduct of
19 business, and the creation of committees and their respective terms of
20 reference;
21 (e) Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for the
22 enforcement of the laws, rules, and regulations governing the management of
23 the MGPL;
24 (f) Allocate financial resources for the implementation of the management plan
25 and manage the Protected Area Retained Income Account (PA-RIA) and other
26 funds in accordance with government accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules
27 and regulations;
28 (g) Set fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines;
29 (h) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through appropriate
30 and effective means;
31 (i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government
32 authorities with respect to the management of the MGPL;
33 (j) Monitor and assess the performance of the Protected Area Superintendent
34 (PASu) and other protected area personnel and compliance of partners with the

1 terms and conditions of any undertaking, contract, or agreement relative to any
2 project or activity within the MGPL;

3 (k) Recommend the designation or appointment of the PASu from among a
4 shortlist of qualified candidates; and

5 (l) Assess the effectiveness of the management of the MGPL: *Provided*, That the
6 members of the PAMB representing the LGUs and national agencies shall
7 inform their respective constituents, offices, or sectors, of PAMB-approved or
8 other relevant policies, rules, regulations, programs, and projects and shall
9 ensure that the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations issued to
10 implement it are complied with and used as reference and framework in their
11 respective plans, policies, programs, and projects. Failure to comply with the
12 foregoing shall be the basis for disciplinary action against such member
13 according to administrative rules and regulations and such penalties as the
14 PAMB may provide: *Provided, further*, That the DENR, through the Regional
15 Executive Director, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within the scope of its
16 powers and functions. In case of conflict between the resolutions issued by the
17 PAMB and the existing administrative orders of national application, the latter
18 shall prevail.

19 **SEC. 8. The Protected Area Management Office.** – There is hereby
20 established a Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) to be headed by a PASu
21 who shall supervise the day to day management, protection, and administration of the
22 MGPL. The PASu shall hold a permanent plantilla position and shall be appointed by
23 the DENR Secretary. A sufficient number of support staff with permanent plantilla
24 positions shall likewise be appointed by the DENR Secretary to assist the PASu in the
25 management of the MGPL.

26 The PASu shall be primarily accountable to the PAMB and the DENR for the
27 management and operations of the MGPL. Pursuant thereto, the PASu shall have the
28 following duties and responsibilities:

29 (a) Prepare the management plan, in consultation with the stakeholders, including
30 the annual work and financial plan, and ensure its implementation;

31 (b) Ensure the integration of the MGPL management plans, programs, projects, and
32 policies with relevant national and LGU plans and programs;

33 (c) Provide secretariat services to the PAMB and its committees and ensure the
34 availability of relevant and timely information for decision-making;

- 1 (d) Formulate and recommend to the PAMB proposed policies, rules, regulations,
2 and programs;
- 3 (e) Establish, operate, and maintain a database management system which shall
4 be an important basis for decision-making;
- 5 (f) Enforce the laws, rules, and regulations relevant to the MGPL, commence and
6 institute administrative and legal actions in collaboration with other government
7 agencies or organizations, and assist in the prosecution of offenses committed
8 in violation of the provisions of this Act;
- 9 (g) Monitor, evaluate, and report the implementation of management activities of
10 the MGPL;
- 11 (h) Request for and receive any technical assistance, support, or advice from any
12 agency or instrumentality of the government as well as academic institutions,
13 NGOs, and the private sector, as may be necessary for the effective
14 management, protection, and administration of the MGPL;
- 15 (i) Issue permits and clearances for activities that implement the management plan
16 and other permitted activities in accordance with terms, conditions, and criteria
17 established by the PAMB: *Provided*, That all permits for extraction of natural
18 resources for research purposes, including the collection of wildlife and its by-
19 products or derivatives, shall specify the acts to be authorized, and shall
20 continue to be issued by relevant authorities, subject to prior clearance from the
21 PAMB, through the PASu;
- 22 (j) Collect and receive pertinent fees, charges, donations, and other income for the
23 MGPL: *Provided*, That such fees, charges, donations, and other income
24 collected and received shall be reported regularly to the PAMB and the DENR
25 in accordance with existing guidelines;
- 26 (k) Prepare and recommend to the PAMB, the approval of the annual work and
27 financial plans of the MGPL based on the management plan; and
- 28 (l) Perform such other functions as the PAMB and the DENR may assign.

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

31 **ARTICLE III**

32 **PROCEEDS AND FEES**

33 **SEC. 9. *The Mt. Gutom Protected Landscape-Integrated Protected Area***
34 ***Fund.*** – There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the Mt. Gutom

1 Protected Landscape Integrated Protected Area Fund (MGPL-IPAF) for purposes of
2 financing projects and sustaining the operation of the MGPL and the NIPAS. All
3 income generated from the operation and management of the MGPL shall accrue to
4 the MGPL-IPAF. The income shall be derived from fees and charges from the use of
5 resources and facilities of the MGPL, contributions from industries and facilities directly
6 benefiting from the MGPL, and such other fees and income derived from the operation
7 of the MGPL.

8 The PAMB shall retain seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenues raised
9 through the above means, which shall be deposited in the PA-RIA in any authorized
10 government depository bank within the locality: *Provided*, That disbursements out of
11 such deposits shall be used solely for the protection, maintenance, administration, and
12 management of the MGPL and implementation of duly approved projects of the
13 PAMB. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of revenues shall be deposited as a
14 special account in the General Fund of the National Treasury for purposes of financing
15 the programs and projects of the NIPAS.

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

23 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated
24 herein which they have traditionally collected, such as for business permits, property
25 tax, and rentals of LGUs' facilities.

26 ARTICLE IV

27 PENAL PROVISIONS

28 **SEC. 10. *Prohibited Acts and Penalties.*** – The prohibited acts and their
29 corresponding penalties under Sections 20 and 21 of Republic Act No. 7586, as
30 amended by Republic Act No. 11038, shall form part of this Act.

