



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9544

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALANO, MADRONA AND SUANSING (M.A.)

AN ACT
DECLARING MALAMAWI ISLAND IN THE CITY OF ISABELA, PROVINCE OF
BASILAN, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Malamawi Island in the City of Isabela, Province of Basilan,
2 is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be
3 prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules
4 and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the City Government
6 of Isabela, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources, and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism
8 development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of
9 such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided,*
10 That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the
11 natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further,* That the implementation
12 of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the City
13 Government of Isabela.

1 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the City Government of Isabela in the
2 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in
3 tourism capacity building. It shall also include Malamawi Island in its national and
4 regional promotion programs.

5 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the
6 annual budget of the City Government of Isabela. The DOT may augment such
7 allocation with internally generated funds.

8 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the City
9 Government of Isabela shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of
10 the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

11 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid,
12 the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

13 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
14 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
15 amended accordingly.

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

Approved,