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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED BLACK SAND MINING
ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, black sand mining is a rampant practice in various areas in the country resulting in the destruction of ecological habitats and disturbances in the natural habits of various marine species to the detriment of local economic activities, such as fishing and tourism;

WHEREAS, continued black sand mining may contribute to the depletion of fisheries, the infusion of salt water and chemicals into freshwater tables, and worsened flooding in coastal and riverside communities;

WHEREAS, several environmental groups and concerned citizens have appealed to the Office of the President and to Congress asking for the regulation or outright prohibition of black sand extraction and mining in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to assess the extent of black sand extraction activities in coastal areas in the country and to determine the effects thereof on the livelihood and welfare of the local community, the ecological balance within affected areas, and the tourism potential of coastal areas;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine the necessity or degree of governmental intervention that may be required to protect the environment, economy, tourism potential, and overall welfare of affected communities;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported black sand mining activities in the country.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator