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Introduced by **SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR**

AN ACT
DECLARING BULABOG-PUTIAN NATIONAL PARK LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF DINGLE AND SAN ENRIQUE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, A PROTECTED AREA WITH THE CATEGORY OF "NATURAL PARK" TO BE NAMED AS "BULABOG-PUTIAN NATIONAL PARK" UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS), PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is a declared policy 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."¹ In line with safeguarding a healthful ecology, the Constitution likewise provides that Congress shall determine the national parks, which shall be conserved and may not be increased nor diminished, except by law.²

Pursuant to the said constitutional provisions, the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) was established by virtue of Republic Act (RA) No. 7586, as amended by RA No. 11038, otherwise known as the "Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018". Cognizant of the exacting impact of diverse human activities on all components of the natural environment, the NIPAS Act declared it the policy of the

¹ Article II, Section 16, 1987 Philippine Constitution

² Article XII, Sec. 3, 1987 Philippine Constitution

State "to secure for the Filipino people of present and future generations the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals through the establishment of a comprehensive system of integrated protected areas within the classification of national park as provided for in the Constitution." The system shall encompass ecologically rich, unique and biologically important areas that are habitats of threatened species of plants and animals, biogeographic zones and related ecosystems, whether terrestrial, wetland or marine, all of which shall be designated as 'protected areas'.³

To date, as of March 2023, there are already 114 protected areas in the Philippines that have been so declared through legislation. And yet, based on the records and various suitability assessments by the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), there are still numerous sites in the country that have to be given 'protected area' status, by legislative action, in order to ensure its conservation.

One of these sites refer to the Bulabog-Putian, which is herein being sought to be declared as 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. 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, totaling 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

³ Section 2, RA No. 7586, as amended by RA 11038

eta, kamagong, nato, century old dao and natural hybrid of Philippine Begonia (*Begonia* ^x *dinglensis*).

The Bulabog-Putian National Park features limestone forest, where many caves are found with archaeological, paleontological, historical and cultural values. Two of these caves, the Guizo and Maanghit caves, are considered habitat of fruit and insect bats, tarantulas and snakes. One of the caves, the Maestranza Cave, is historical as it was known to have been 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.

With the filing of the house bill declaring Bulabog-Putian as a protected area with the category of Natural Park by Representative Ferjanel G. Biron, M.D. of the 4th District of Iloilo in the House of Representatives, I see the wisdom of filing a counterpart in the Senate and push for the passage of this bill.

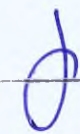
In view of all the foregoing, I seek the immediate passage of this bill.


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

9 In recognition of the richness of the biological resources, both flora and
10 fauna, and caves with cultural and historical value, a parcel of land situated in the

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

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

14 *Sec. 3. Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms are
15 defined as follows:

- 16 a) *Buffer zones* refer to identified areas outside the boundaries of and
17 immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need special
18 development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the
19 protected area;
- 20 b) *Conservation* refers to any act or acts of preservation and sustainable
21 utilization of wildlife or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of
22 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
25 BPNP;
- 26 d) *Management Board* refers to the Management Board of BPNP;

- 1 e) *Management Plan* refers to the fundamental plan, strategy and/or
2 scheme which shall guide all activities relating to the BPNP in order to
3 attain the objectives of this Act;
- 4 f) *Multiple-Use Zone (MUZ)* refers to the area where traditional and/or
5 sustainable use of natural resources including ecotourism, extraction
6 activities and other income generating or livelihood activities, may be
7 allowed to the extent prescribed in the management plan;
- 8 g) *National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)* refers to the
9 classification and administration of all designated protected areas to
10 maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to
11 preserve genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources
12 found therein, and to maintain their natural conditions to the greatest
13 extent possible;
- 14 h) *National park* refers to the lands of the public domain classified as such
15 in the Constitution which include all areas under the NIPAS pursuant to
16 this Act, primarily designated for the conservation of native plants and
17 animals, their associated habitats and cultural diversity;
- 18 i) *Natural Park* refers to a relatively large area not materially altered by
19 human activity where extractive resource uses are not allowed and
20 maintained to protect outstanding natural and scenic areas of national
21 or international significance for scientific, educational and recreational
22 use;
- 23 j) *Protected Area* refers to the identified portions of land and/or water set
24 aside by reasons of their unique physical and biological significance,
25 managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against
26 destructive human exploitation;
- 27 k) *Protected Area Retained Income Account (PARIA)* refers to the trust
28 fund maintained by BPNP and administered by the PAMB created
29 pursuant to this Act representing seventy-five percent (75%) of

1 revenues generated from the protected area to support its operation
2 and management;

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

7 m) *Strict Protection Zone (SPZ)* refers to the natural area with high
8 biodiversity value which shall be closed to all human activity except for
9 scientific studies and/or ceremonial or religious use by the indigenous
10 cultural communities/indigenous peoples; may include habitats of
11 threatened species, or degraded areas that have been designated for
12 restoration and subsequent protection, even if these areas are still in
13 various stages of regeneration.

14 Sec. 4. *Classification as a National Park.* – The Bulabog–Putian Natural Park
15 situated in the Municipalities of Dingle and San Enrique, in the Province of Iloilo,
16 shall fall under the classification of national park as provided for in Article XII,
17 Section 3 of the Constitution.

18 Sec. 5. *Scope and Coverage.* – The boundaries of Bulabog–Putian Natural
19 Park are more particularly described as follows:

20 Beginning at a point marked "1" on the map, which is N 51° 45'.00E with
21 321.49 meters from BBM #54, CAD 246, Dingle Cadastre with coordinates
22 23690.850 N and 18268.090 E located at Barangay Moroboro, Municipality of Dingle,
23 Province of Iloilo.

24	thence	S63-42-00E	161.96	meters to corner 2;
25	thence	N61-02-00E	227.82	meters to corner 3;
26	thence	N34-44-00W	177.58	meters to corner 4;
27	thence	N50-05-00E	143.77	meters to corner 5;
28	thence	N17-38-00E	136.14	meters to corner 6;

1	thence	N16-49-00W	615.20	meters to corner 7;
2	thence	N06-27-00E	38.77	meters to corner 8;
3	thence	N61-41-00E	84.10	meters to corner 9;
4	thence	N01-35-00W	42.91	meters to corner 10;
5	thence	N35-57-00E	129.48	meters to corner 11;
6	thence	N83-28-00E	102.89	meters to corner 12;
7	thence	N75-02-00E	122.13	meters to corner 13;
8	thence	N45-23-00W	85.31	meters to corner 14;
9	thence	N14-08-00E	9.76	meters to corner 15;
10	thence	N26-44-00E	211.45	meters to corner 16;
11	thence	N45-10-00E	323.75	meters to corner 17;
12	thence	N34-01-00E	169.98	meters to corner 18;
13	thence	N32-50-00E	110.05	meters to corner 19;
14	thence	S62-58-00W	51.93	meters to corner 20;
15	thence	N08-06-00W	109.55	meters to corner 21;
16	thence	N67-46-00E	362.82	meters to corner 22;
17	thence	N69-27-00E	181.94	meters to corner 23;
18	thence	N70-53-00E	237.08	meters to corner 24;
19	thence	N59-15-00E	399.25	meters to corner 25;
20	thence	N18-00-00E	78.52	meters to corner 26;
21	thence	N82-50-00E	183.39	meters to corner 27;
22	thence	N86-46-00E	78.00	meters to corner 28;
23	thence	N79-15-00E	182.20	meters to corner 29;
24	thence	N69-33-00E	97.76	meters to corner 30;
25	thence	N78-03-00E	107.79	meters to corner 31;
26	thence	N56-36-00E	111.14	meters to corner 32;
27	thence	N65-40-00E	20.80	meters to corner 33;
28	thence	S63-41-00E	251.83	meters to corner 34;
29	thence	S07-40-00E	119.22	meters to corner 35;
30	thence	S72-47-00E	44.84	meters to corner 36;

1	thence	S17-06-00E	53.51	meters to corner 37;
2	thence	S28-37-00E	56.60	meters to corner 38;
3	thence	N78-12-00W	57.78	meters to corner 39;
4	thence	S06-39-00E	124.64	meters to corner 40;
5	thence	S61-25-00W	46.67	meters to corner 41;
6	thence	S64-53-00W	256.21	meters to corner 42;
7	thence	S01-49-00E	177.87	meters to corner 43;
8	thence	N73-42-00E	217.32	meters to corner 44;
9	thence	N70-39-00E	150.66	meters to corner 45;
10	thence	S86-54-00E	21.16	meters to corner 46;
11	thence	S34-44-00E	178.66	meters to corner 47;
12	thence	N87-36-00E	96.00	meters to corner 48;
13	thence	S05-39-00E	87.80	meters to corner 49;
14	thence	S89-27-00E	231.54	meters to corner 50;
15	thence	S21-54-00E	37.82	meters to corner 51;
16	thence	S56-09-00E	59.01	meters to corner 52;
17	thence	S65-26-00W	89.41	meters to corner 53;
18	thence	N80-16-00W	81.27	meters to corner 54;
19	thence	S01-18-00W	70.48	meters to corner 55;
20	thence	S55-43-00W	112.72	meters to corner 56;
21	thence	S26-03-00E	48.71	meters to corner 57;
22	thence	S87-42-00E	127.68	meters to corner 58;
23	thence	S28-12-00W	176.34	meters to corner 59;
24	thence	S37-32-00W	109.53	meters to corner 60;
25	thence	S24-27-00W	157.51	meters to corner 61;
26	thence	S52-45-00W	107.37	meters to corner 62;
27	thence	S67-37-00E	125.32	meters to corner 63;
28	thence	S31-34-00W	84.52	meters to corner 64;
29	thence	S76-13-00W	21.81	meters to corner 65;
30	thence	S20-35-00W	125.09	meters to corner 66;

1	thence	S64-17-00W	155.01	meters to corner 67;
2	thence	S32-16-00W	46.36	meters to corner 68;
3	thence	S51-36-00W	243.44	meters to corner 69;
4	thence	N44-47-00W	135.15	meters to corner 70;
5	thence	S03-08-00W	300.76	meters to corner 71;
6	thence	S33-52-00W	53.70	meters to corner 72;
7	thence	N56-00-00W	23.02	meters to corner 73;
8	thence	S29-40-00W	51.50	meters to corner 74;
9	thence	S71-03-00E	67.55	meters to corner 75;
10	thence	S70-37-00E	3.39	meters to corner 76;
11	thence	S07-53-00	17.43	meters to corner 77;
12	thence	S01-48-00W	27.16	meters to corner 78;
13	thence	S20-16-00W	94.19	meters to corner 79;
14	thence	S88-34-00W	157.06	meters to corner 80;
15	thence	N78-14-00W	89.25	meters to corner 81;
16	thence	S45-55-00E	142.10	meters to corner 82;
17	thence	S25-52-00W	172.82	meters to corner 83;
18	thence	S80-08-00W	120.33	meters to corner 84;
19	thence	S43-27-00W	171.44	meters to corner 85;
20	thence	S53-30-00W	111.60	meters to corner 86;
21	thence	S31-26-00W	121.79	meters to corner 87;
22	thence	S04-56-00E	112.91	meters to corner 88;
23	thence	S38-46-00E	71.82	meters to corner 89;
24	thence	S34-43-00W	146.45	meters to corner 90;
25	thence	N49-54-00W	72.08	meters to corner 91;
26	thence	S32-09-00W	108.78	meters to corner 92;
27	thence	S73-09-00W	382.54	meters to corner 93;
28	thence	S44-15-00W	77.65	meters to corner 94;
29	thence	S59-26-00W	643.16	meters to corner 95;
30	thence	S66-19-00E	394.64	meters to corner 96;

1	thence	S07-36-00W,	237.63	meters to corner 97;
2	thence	S45-34-00W	52.64	meters to corner 98;
3	thence	S50-36-00W	150.42	meters to corner 99;
4	thence	S18-04-00W	72.38	meters to corner 100;
5	thence	S28-11-00W	23.37	meters to corner 101;
6	thence	S68-21-00W	83.62	meters to corner 102;
7	thence	S69-57-00W	15.93	meters to corner 103;
8	thence	S71-53-00W	21.47	meters to corner 104
9	thence	S73-33-00W	92.33	meters to corner 105;
10	thence	S53-19-00E	29.51	meters to corner 106;
11	thence	S48-56-00E	48.22	meters to corner 107;
12	thence	S32-02-00W	134.71	meters to corner 108;
13	thence	N88-50-00W	2.44	meters to corner 109;
14	thence	N00-40-00E	120.30	meters to corner 110;
15	thence	N79-28-00W	227.07	meters to corner 111;
16	thence	N37-20-00E	51.44	meters to corner 112;
17	thence	N58-47-00W	97.82	meters to corner 113;
18	thence	S73-19-00W	28.74	meters to corner 114;
19	thence	N39-04-00W	127.55	meters to corner 115;
20	thence	N30-34-00W	107.26	meters to corner 116;
21	thence	N35-30-00W	49.41	meters to corner 117;
22	thence	N30-35-00W	366.20	meters to corner 118;
23	thence	N49-32-00W	99.06	meters to corner 119;
24	thence	N44-30-00W	110.38	meters to corner 120;
25	thence	N41-15-00W	133.30	meters to corner 121;
26	thence	N51-19-00W	40.22	meters to corner 122;
27	thence	N29-25-00W	72.61	meters to corner 123;
28	thence	N37-39-00W	33.25	meters to corner 124;
29	thence	N46-23-00E	7.27	meters to corner 125;
30	thence	N44-22-00W	46.97	meters to corner 126;

1	thence	N01-42-00W	80.29	meters to corner 127;
2	thence	N14-34-00W	3.13	meters to corner 128;
3	thence	N27-23-00E	43.92	meters to corner 129;
4	thence	N46-36-00E	215.39	meters to corner 130;
5	thence	N24-22-00E	41.74	meters to corner 131;
6	thence	N33-20-00E	76.16	meters to corner 132;
7	thence	N29-07-00W	29.76	meters to corner 133;
8	thence	N63-48-00W	54.76	meters to corner 134;
9	thence	N81-10-00E	95.39	meters to corner 135;
10	thence	S84-03-00E	27.44	meters to corner 136;
11	thence	N22-36-00W	381.82	meters to corner 1;

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

13 *Sec. 6. Establishment of Management Zones.* – Based on Republic Act No.
14 7586 otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected Area System Act of
15 1992” (NIPAS Act) as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, otherwise known as the
16 “Expanded National Integrated Protected Area System Act of 2018” (ENIPAS Act),
17 only two zones shall be established in a Protected Area: the Strict Protection Zone
18 (SPZ) and the Multiple-Use Zone (MUZ). The MUZ may be further divided into sub-
19 zones in consonance with the management plan.

20 *Sec. 7. Establishment of Buffer Zones.* – The Secretary of the Department of
21 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon recommendation of the Protected
22 Area Management Board (PAMB) created under Section 9 of this Act, may designate
23 areas surrounding the BPNP as buffer zones for the purpose of providing an extra
24 layer of protection where restrictions may be applied. The establishment of the
25 buffer zone shall follow the same manner for the establishment of protected area as
26 provided for in the NIPAS Act. Such buffer zone(s) may include public or private
27 lands and/or municipal waters; *Provided, That*, in cases where the designated buffer
28 zone covers private lands, the owners thereof shall be required to design their
29 development with due consideration to the protected area management plan.

1 Management prescriptions for the buffer zones shall be included as a component of
2 the protected area management plan. Rights over private lands within established
3 buffer zones shall be recognized and respected consistent with the management
4 plan.

5 **ARTICLE II**
6 **MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS**

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

12 *Sec. 9. Protected Area Management Board (PAMB).* — Within ninety (90) days
13 from the effectivity of this Act, a Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) shall be
14 created to oversee the management of the BPNP. The PAMB shall be composed of
15 the following:

- 16 a) The Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR, Region VI, as
17 Chairperson;
- 18 b) The Governor of the Province of Iloilo or his/her duly authorized
19 representative;
- 20 c) A Senator of the Republic of the Philippines who is a duly registered
21 resident of the Province of Iloilo, or his or her duly authorized
22 representative, unless the Senator declines membership in the PAMB;
- 23 d) The District Representative of the Congressional District where the
24 BPNP is located, or his/her duly authorized representative, unless the
25 District Representative declines membership in the PAMB;
- 26 e) The Mayors of the Municipalities of Dingle and San Enrique, Province of
27 Iloilo;

- 1 f) Chairpersons of all the barangays with territorial jurisdiction over
2 BPNP;
- 3 g) Regional Directors of the following government agencies namely; the
4 Department of Agriculture (DA), The National Economic and
5 Development Authority (NEDA), the Department of Science and
6 Technology (DOST), the Philippine National Police (PNP), the
7 Department of Defense (DND), and the Department of Tourism (DOT);
- 8 h) Three (3) representatives from either a Nongovernmental
9 Organization (NGO) or People's Organization (PO) based in the
10 Province of Iloilo, duly accredited both by DENR and the Provincial
11 Government. The NGOs or POs represented should have been in
12 existence for at least five (5) years and must have a record of
13 accomplishments in the field of protected area management;
- 14 i) One (1) representative, if necessary, from an academic institution,
15 preferably from a university or college in the Province of Iloilo, with a
16 record of accomplishments in or related to protected area
17 management; and
- 18 j) One (1) representative, if necessary, from the private sector preferably
19 a resident of the Province of Iloilo, who is distinguished in a profession
20 or field of interest relevant to protected area management.

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

24 Sec. 10. *Powers and Functions of the PAMB.* – The PAMB shall have the
25 following powers and functions:..

- 26 a) Oversee the management of the protected area;
- 27 b) Approve policies, plans and programs, proposals, agreements, and
28 other related documents for the management of the protected area;

- 1 c) Approve the management plan of the protected area and ensure its
2 harmonization and integration with the Ancestral Domain Sustainable
3 Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP), land use plan and other
4 development plan, public or private, and its implementation;
- 5 d) Adopt a manual of operations to include rules of procedures in the
6 conduct of business, and the creation of committees and their
7 respective terms of reference;
- 8 e) Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for
9 the enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the
10 management of the protected area;
- 11 f) Allocate financial resources for the implementation of the management
12 plan and manage the Protected Area Retention Income Account
13 (PARIA) and other funds with government accounting, budgeting, and
14 auditing rules and regulations;
- 15 g) Set fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines;
- 16 h) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through
17 appropriate and effective means;
- 18 i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other
19 government instrumentalities with respect to the management of
20 BPNP;
- 21 j) Monitor and assess the performance of the Protected Area
22 Superintendent (PASu) and other protected area personnel and
23 compliance of partners with the terms and conditions of any
24 undertaking, contract or agreement relative to any project or activity
25 with the BPNP;
- 26 k) Recommend from among a shortlist of qualified candidates, the
27 designation, or appointment of the PASu; and
- 28 l) Assess the effectiveness of the management of the protected area;

1 *Provided*, that the members of the PAMB representing the LGU's and
2 national agencies shall inform their respective constituents, offices or
3 sectors, of PAMB-approved or other relevant policies, rules,
4 regulations, programs, and projects and shall ensure that the
5 provisions of this Act and its implementing rules and regulations are
6 complied with, and used as reference and framework in their
7 respective plans, policies, programs and projects. Failure to comply
8 with the foregoing shall be the basis for disciplinary action against such
9 member according to administrative rules and regulations and such
10 penalties as the PAMB may provide; *Provided further*, That the DENR,
11 through the Regional Director, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within
12 the scope of its powers and functions. In case of conflict between the
13 resolutions issued by the PAMB and the existing administrative orders
14 of national application, the latter shall prevail.

15 The PAMB shall decide by majority vote of the members present constituting
16 a quorum of all the members; *Provided*, a quorum shall compose the fifty percent
17 (50%) plus one of all members:

18 Sec. 11. *The Protected Area Management Office (PAMO)*. – There is hereby
19 established a Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) to be headed by a
20 Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) who shall supervise the day-to-day
21 management, protection, and administration of the BPNP. The PASu shall hold a
22 permanent *plantilla* position and shall be appointed by the DENR Secretary. A
23 sufficient number of support staff with permanent *plantilla* positions shall likewise be
24 appointed by the DENR Secretary to assist the PASu in the management of the
25 protected area.

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

- 29 a) Prepare the management plan, in consultation with the stakeholders,

1 including the annual work and financial plans and ensure its
2 implementation;

3 b) Ensure the integration of the protected area management plans,
4 programs, projects, and policies with relevant national and LGU plans
5 and programs;

6 c) Provide secretariat services to the PAMB and its committees and
7 ensure the availability of relevant, and timely information for decision-
8 making;

9 d) Formulate and recommend to the PAMB proposed policies, rules,
10 regulations, and programs;

11 e) Establish, operate and maintain a database management system which
12 shall be an important basis for decision-making;

13 f) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the protected area,
14 commence and institute administrative and legal actions in
15 collaboration with other government agencies or organizations, and
16 assist in the prosecution of offenses committed in violation of the
17 provisions of this Act and the NIPAS Act as amended;

18 g) Monitor, evaluate and report the implementation of management
19 activities of the BPNP;

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

25 i) Issue permits and clearances for activities that implement the
26 management plan and other permitted activities in accordance with
27 terms, conditions, and criteria established by the PAMB: Provided, That
28 all permits for extraction of natural resources, including collection of
29 wildlife for research purposes, shall continue to be issued by relevant

1 authorities, subject to prior clearance from the PAMB, through the
2 PASu, in accordance with the specific acts to be covered;

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

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

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

12 **ARTICLE III**
13 **PROCEEDS AND FEES**

14 *Sec. 12. The Bulabog-Putian Natural Park Integrated Protected Area Fund. –*
15 There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as Bulabog-Putian Natural Park
16 Integrated Protected Area Fund (BPNP-IPAF) for purposes of financing projects of
17 the BPNP and the NIPAS. All income generated from the operation and management
18 of the BPNP shall accrue to the BPNP-IPAF. The income shall be derived from fees
19 and charges from the use of resources and facilities of the protected areas; fines
20 collected from violators of the NIPAS Act as amended, contributions from industries
21 and facilities directly benefitting from the BPNP; and such other fees and income
22 derived from the operation of the BPNP.

23 The PAMB shall retain seventy-five (75%) of all revenues raised through the
24 above means, which shall be deposited in the Protected Area Retained Income
25 Account (PARIA) in any authorized government depository bank within the locality;
26 *Provided*, that disbursements out of such deposits shall be used solely for the
27 protection, maintenance, administration, and management of the protected area and
28 implementation of duly approved projects of the PAMB. The remaining twenty-five
29 percent (25%) of revenues shall be deposited as a Special Account in the General

1 Fund (SAGF) in the National Treasury for purposes of financing the programs and
2 projects of the NIPAS.

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

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

13 *Sec. 13. Local Government Units.* – The local government units (LGUs) within
14 the Bulabog–Putian Natural Park shall participate in its management through
15 representation in the PAMB as provided under Section 9 hereof. Said LGUs may
16 allocate appropriate portions of their share from the annual internal revenue
17 allotment and other income for use of the Bulabog–Putian Natural Park: *Provided*,
18 that all funds directly coming from the LGUs shall be exempt from the twenty–five
19 percent (25%) remittance requirement for the Integrated Protected Area Fund
20 Special Account in General Fund (IPAF SAGF).

21 *Sec. 14. Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately
22 include in the DENR's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which
23 shall be included by the Department of Budget and Management in the annual
24 General Appropriations Act.

25 *Sec. 15. Suppletory Application of the NIPAS Law.* – The provisions of
26 Republic Act No. 7586, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, shall have
27 suppletory application to this Act.

1 Sec. 16. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from
2 the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall, in consultation with the
3 local government of the Municipalities of Dingle and San Enrique, the Provincial
4 Government of Iloilo, and concerned national government agencies, issue the
5 corresponding rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

9 Sec. 18. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with
10 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,