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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 190

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources and Finance on
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Re : Senate Bill No. 2535

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4305.

Sponsors : Senators Cayetano and Drilon.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Environment and Natural Resources and Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 4305, introduced by Representatives Dumpit and Banaag, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING THE AGOO-DAMORTIS SEASCAPE AND LANDSCAPE IN THE
PROVINCE OF LA UNION AS A PROTECTED AREA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

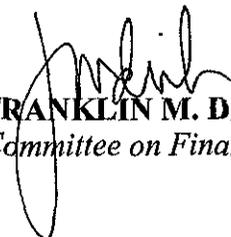
have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No., 2535, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING THE AGOO-DAMORTIS SEASCAPE AND LANDSCAPE IN THE
PROVINCE OF LA UNION AS A PROTECTED AREA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 4305, with Senator Cayetano and the members of the Committees as authors.

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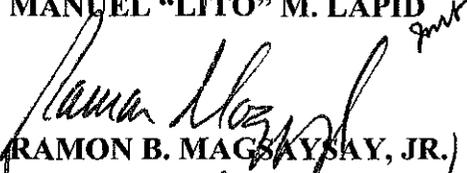

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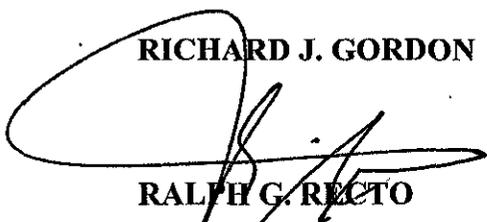
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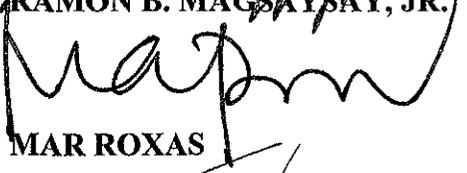

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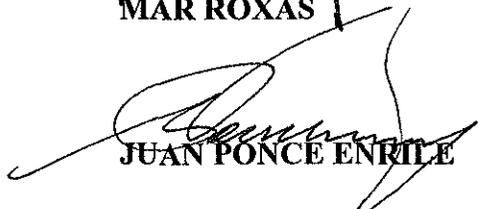
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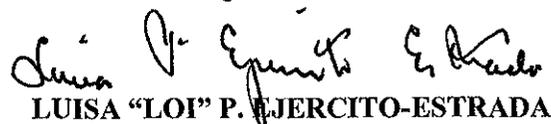
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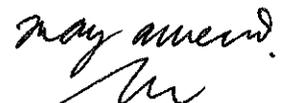

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S. No. 2535
(In substitution of H. No. 4305)

Prepared jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources and Finance, with Senator Cayetano and the members of the Committees as authors

AN ACT
DECLARING THE AGOO-DAMORTIS SEASCAPE AND LANDSCAPE IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION AS A PROTECTED AREA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Agoo-Damortis Protected
2 Seascape and Landscape Act of 2006.”

3 SEC. 2. *Land Classification.* – All lands of the public domain comprising the
4 Agoo-Damortis Protected Area shall fall under the classification of National Park as
5 provided for in the Philippine Constitution. *However*, Public Lands already classified as
6 agricultural and alienable or disposable prior to the passage of this Act shall remain as
7 such and may be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of Commonwealth Act No.
8 141 or the Public Land Act, as amended.

9 SEC. 3. *Declaration of Protected Area; Scope and Boundaries.* – The Agoo-
10 Damortis Seascape and Landscape, in the Province of La Union is hereby declared a
11 protected area as categorized pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as
12 the National Integrated Protected Areas Act of 1992 or the NIPAS Act.

13 The boundaries of the Agoo-Damortis Protected Seascape and Landscape are
14 as follows:

15 Beginning at corner “1” on the plan which is identical to MBM 20, Agoo-
16 Cadastre, N36°46’W, 5,125.64 m. from BLLM #1, Cad 314-D, Agoo Cadastre,

17 Thence S 34°08’E 323.0 m. to point 2

18 Thence S 07°28’E 110.1 m. to point 3

19 Thence N 43°31’E 37.5 m. to point 4

20 Thence S 42°48’ E 71.7 m. to point 5

21 Thence S 52°59’W 9.1 m. to point 6

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|----|--------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Thence | S 27°22'E | 82.8 m. | to point 7 |
| 2 | Thence | S 29°46'E | 146.1 m. | to point 8 |
| 3 | Thence | S 29°47'E | 45.0 m. | to point 9 |
| 4 | Thence | N 80°57'E | 17.6 m. | to point 10 |
| 5 | Thence | S 32°35'E | 183.0 m. | to point 11 |
| 6 | Thence | N 59°47'E | 69.6 m. | to point 12 |
| 7 | Thence | S 09°05'E | 79.2 m. | to point 13 |
| 8 | Thence | N 89°42'W | 15.0 m. | to point 14 |
| 9 | Thence | S 05°00'E | 50.7 m. | to point 15 |
| 10 | Thence | S 06°31'E | 16.6 m. | to point 16 |
| 11 | Thence | N 86°49'E | 16.2 m. | to point 17 |
| 12 | Thence | S 06°49'E | 155.0 m. | to point 18 |
| 13 | Thence | N 75°41'E | 10.4 m. | to point 19 |
| 14 | Thence | S 20°32'E | 17.5 m. | to point 20 |
| 15 | Thence | S 07°00'E | 120.0 m. | to point 21 |
| 16 | Thence | S 04°07'E | 260.1 m. | to point 22 |
| 17 | Thence | S 05°38'W | 319.4 m. | to point 23 |
| 18 | Thence | S 03°45'E | 389.9 m. | to point 24 |
| 19 | Thence | S 07°41'W | 411.7 m. | to point 25 |
| 20 | Thence | S 07°44'W | 330.6 m. | to point 26 |
| 21 | Thence | S 09°52'W | 412.2 m. | to point 27 |
| 22 | Thence | S 07°41'W | 411.7 m. | to point 28 |
| 23 | Thence | S 30°57'W | 311.1 m. | to point 29 |
| 24 | Thence | S 00°58'E | 319.0 m. | to point 30 |
| 25 | Thence | S 03°23'W | 288.1 m. | to point 31 |
| 26 | Thence | S 03°30'W | 411.2 m. | to point 32 |
| 27 | Thence | S 04°50'W | 62.0 m. | to point 33 |
| 28 | Thence | S 04°36'E | 277.9 m. | to point 34 |
| 29 | Thence | S 08°28'E | 246.7 m. | to point 35 |
| 30 | Thence | S 09°07'E | 134.7 m. | to point 36 |
| 31 | Thence | S 04°37'E | 298.9 m. | to point 37 |
| 32 | Thence | S 01°57'E | 247.0 m. | to point 38 |
| 33 | Thence | S 00°58'E | 52.0 m. | to point 39 |
| 34 | Thence | S 01°56'E | 93.0 m. | to point 40 |
| 35 | Thence | S 01°57'E | 267.0 m. | to point 41 |
| 36 | Thence | S 13°56'E | 450.3 m. | to point 42 |
| 37 | Thence | S 33°01'E | 80.5 m. | to point 43 |
| 38 | Thence | S 40°01'E | 131.4 m. | to point 44 |

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|----|--------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Thence | S 21°40'E | 163.9 m. | to point 45 |
| 2 | Thence | S 23°05'E | 91.9 m. | to point 46 |
| 3 | Thence | S 20°08'E | 103.0 m. | to point 47 |
| 4 | Thence | S 24°16'E | 264.0 m. | to point 48 |
| 5 | Thence | S 26°27'E | 384.8 m. | to point 49 |
| 6 | Thence | S 25°23'E | 313.5 m. | to point 50 |
| 7 | Thence | S 32°49'E | 539.3 m. | to point 51 |
| 8 | Thence | S 31°47'E | 211.8 m. | to point 52 |
| 9 | Thence | S 24°18'E | 413.4 m. | to point 53 |
| 10 | Thence | S 18°25'E | 355.2 m. | to point 54 |
| 11 | Thence | S 14°18'E | 404.4 m. | to point 55 |
| 12 | Thence | S 12°10'E | 377.7 m. | to point 56 |
| 13 | Thence | S 36°39'E | 305.7 m. | to point 57 |
| 14 | Thence | S 53°04'E | 240.0 m. | to point 58 |
| 15 | Thence | S 28°02'E | 257.1 m. | to point 59 |
| 16 | Thence | S 43°29'E | 516.3 m. | to point 60 |
| 17 | Thence | S 50°29'E | 324.4 m. | to point 61 |
| 18 | Thence | S 37°05'E | 308.5 m. | to point 62 |
| 19 | Thence | S 06°51'E | 186.7 m. | to point 63 |
| 20 | Thence | S 30°36'E | 515.1 m. | to point 64 |
| 21 | Thence | S 24°00'E | 250.0 m. | to point 65 |
| 22 | Thence | S 43°00'E | 190.0 m. | to point 66 |
| 23 | Thence | S 60°00'E | 390.0 m. | to point 67 |
| 24 | Thence | S 31°00'E | 315.0 m. | to point 68 |
| 25 | Thence | S 85°00'E | 385.0 m. | to point 69 |
| 26 | Thence | N 15°00'W | 470.0 m. | to point 70 |
| 27 | Thence | S 87°00'W | 215.0 m. | to point 71 |
| 28 | Thence | N 52°00'W | 725.0 m. | to point 72 |
| 29 | Thence | N 66°10'W | 110.0 m. | to point 73 |
| 30 | Thence | S 63°25'W | 111.0 m. | to point 74 |
| 31 | Thence | N 30°23'E | 475.3 m. | to point 75 |
| 32 | Thence | N 18°39'W | 95.0 m. | to point 76 |
| 33 | Thence | N 45°39'W | 503.5 m. | to point 77 |
| 34 | Thence | N 14°25'W | 400.6 m. | to point 78 |
| 35 | Thence | N 25°36'W | 730.3 m. | to point 79 |
| 36 | Thence | N 59°07'E | 1052.5 m. | to point 80 |
| 37 | Thence | S 60°57'E | 279.1 m. | to point 81 |
| 38 | Thence | S 03°37'W | 138.9 m. | to point 82 |

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| 1 | Thence | S 53°44'E | 2278.0 m. | to point 83 |
| 2 | Thence | S 25°41'E | 2167.0 m. | to point 84 |
| 3 | Thence | N 90°00'E | 150.8 m. | to point 85 |
| 4 | Thence | S 10°41'E | 110.0 m. | to point 86 |
| 5 | Thence | S 18°06'E | 269.9 m. | to point 87 |
| 6 | Thence | S 14°41'E | 266.8 m. | to point 88 |
| 7 | Thence | S 22°35'E | 271.8 m. | to point 89 |
| 8 | Thence | S 21°10'E | 302.9 m. | to point 90 |
| 9 | Thence | S 42°17'E | 230.4 m. | to point 91 |
| 10 | Thence | S 30°08'E | 202.7 m. | to point 92 |
| 11 | Thence | S 09°58'E | 84.2 m. | to point 93 |
| 12 | Thence | S 18°32'E | 206.3 m. | to point 94 |
| 13 | Thence | S 16°31'E | 323.3 m. | to point 95 |
| 14 | Thence | S 18°52'E | 174.3 m. | to point 96 |
| 15 | Thence | S 45°05'E | 15.2 m. | to point 97 |
| 16 | Thence | S 09°09'E | 322.0 m. | to point 98 |
| 17 | Thence | S 19°32'E | 282.0 m. | to point 99 |
| 18 | Thence | S 17°22'E | 290.2 m. | to point 100 |
| 19 | Thence | S 26°32'E | 220.7 m. | to point 101 |
| 20 | Thence | S 21°40'E | 225.0 m. | to point 102 |
| 21 | Thence | S 49°39'E | 195.2 m. | to point 103 |
| 22 | Thence | N 90°00'W | 4895.0 m. | to point 104 |
| 23 | Thence | N 53°05'W | 6357.0 m. | to point 105 |
| 24 | Thence | N 30°21'W | 4200.0 m. | to point 106 |
| 25 | Thence | N 22°30'W | 1590.0 m. | to point 107 |
| 26 | Thence | N 22°20'W | 2760.0 m. | to point 108 |
| 27 | Thence | N 01°04'E | 5400.0 m. | to point 109 |
| 28 | Thence | N 85°03'E | 5152.2 m. | to point 1, |
| 29 | the point of beginning, containing an area of ten thousand four hundred seventy-seven | | | |
| 30 | and 30/100 (10,477.30) hectares, more or less. | | | |

31 The buffer zone begins at a corner marked "1" on plan II, which is identical to
32 MBM 20, Agoo Cadastre, N 36°46' W, 5,125.64 m. from BLLM # 1, Cad 314-D, Agoo-
33 Cadastre,

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|----|--------|------------|----------|------------|
| 34 | Thence | N 85°03'E | 57.2 m. | to point 2 |
| 35 | Thence | S 34°08'E | 309.0 m. | to point 3 |
| 36 | Thence | S 07°28'E | 43.0 m. | to point 4 |
| 37 | Thence | S 42°48' E | 159.0 m. | to point 5 |
| 38 | Thence | S 52°59'W | 19.8 m. | to point 6 |

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|----|--------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Thence | S 29°46'E | 195.8 m. | to point 7 |
| 2 | Thence | N 80°57'E | 17.6 m. | to point 8 |
| 3 | Thence | S 32°35'E | 167.8 m. | to point 9 |
| 4 | Thence | N 59°47'E | 95.5 m. | to point 10 |
| 5 | Thence | S 09°05'E | 155.0 m. | to point 11 |
| 6 | Thence | S 07°28'W | 138.0 m. | to point 12 |
| 7 | Thence | S 06°49'E | 27.5 m. | to point 13 |
| 8 | Thence | S 20°32'E | 66.0 m. | to point 14 |
| 9 | Thence | S 07°00'E | 122.0 m. | to point 15 |
| 10 | Thence | S 04°07'E | 268.0 m. | to point 16 |
| 11 | Thence | S 05°38'W | 320.0 m. | to point 17 |
| 12 | Thence | S 03°45'E | 390.0 m. | to point 18 |
| 13 | Thence | S 07°41'W | 412.0 m. | to point 19 |
| 14 | Thence | S 09°52'W | 330.0 m. | to point 20 |
| 15 | Thence | S 07°41'W | 411.0 m. | to point 21 |
| 16 | Thence | S 30°57'E | 412.0 m. | to point 22 |
| 17 | Thence | S 00°58'E | 310.0 m. | to point 23 |
| 18 | Thence | S 05°38'W | 315.0 m. | to point 24 |
| 19 | Thence | S 03°23'W | 290.0 m. | to point 25 |
| 20 | Thence | S 03°30'W | 408.0 m. | to point 26 |
| 21 | Thence | S 04°50'W | 61.0 m. | to point 27 |
| 22 | Thence | S 04°36'E | 275.0 m. | to point 28 |
| 23 | Thence | S 08°28'E | 245.0 m. | to point 29 |
| 24 | Thence | S 09°07'E | 135.0 m. | to point 30 |
| 25 | Thence | S 04°37'E | 300.0 m. | to point 31 |
| 26 | Thence | S 01°57'E | 245.0 m. | to point 32 |
| 27 | Thence | S 01°56'E | 52.0 m. | to point 33 |
| 28 | Thence | S 01°57'E | 93.0 m. | to point 34 |
| 29 | Thence | S 13°56'E | 268.0 m. | to point 35 |
| 30 | Thence | S 33°01'E | 445.0 m. | to point 36 |
| 31 | Thence | S 40°01'E | 70.0 m. | to point 37 |
| 32 | Thence | S 40°01'E | 145.0 m. | to point 38 |
| 33 | Thence | S 21°40'E | 190.0 m. | to point 39 |
| 34 | Thence | S 23°05'E | 90.0 m. | to point 40 |
| 35 | Thence | S 20°08'E | 100.0 m. | to point 41 |
| 36 | Thence | S 24°16'E | 265.0 m. | to point 42 |
| 37 | Thence | S 26°27'E | 365.0 m. | to point 43 |
| 38 | Thence | S 25°23'E | 310.3 m. | to point 44 |

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| 1 | Thence | S 32°49'E | 520.0 m. | to point 45 |
| 2 | Thence | S 34°47'E | 240.0 m. | to point 46 |
| 3 | Thence | S 24°18'E | 400.0 m. | to point 47 |
| 4 | Thence | S 18°25'E | 355.0 m. | to point 48 |
| 5 | Thence | S 14°18'E | 412.0 m. | to point 49 |
| 6 | Thence | S 12°10'E | 368.0 m. | to point 50 |
| 7 | Thence | S 36°39'E | 265.8 m. | to point 51 |
| 8 | Thence | S 53°04'E | 255.0 m. | to point 52 |
| 9 | Thence | S 28°02'E | 242.0 m. | to point 53 |
| 10 | Thence | S 43°29'E | 505.0 m. | to point 54 |
| 11 | Thence | S 50°29'E | 325.0 m. | to point 55 |
| 12 | Thence | S 37°05'E | 338.0 m. | to point 56 |
| 13 | Thence | S 06°51'E | 188.0 m. | to point 57 |
| 14 | Thence | S 30°36'E | 455.0 m. | to point 58 |
| 15 | Thence | S 24°00'E | 280.0 m. | to point 59 |
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| 17 | Thence | S 60°00'E | 390.0 m. | to point 61 |
| 18 | Thence | S 31°00'E | 250.0 m. | to point 62 |
| 19 | Thence | S 85°00'E | 300.0 m. | to point 63 |
| 20 | Thence | N 15°00'W | 350.0 m. | to point 64 |
| 21 | Thence | S 87°00'W | 150.0 m. | to point 65 |
| 22 | Thence | N 52°00'W | 820.0 m. | to point 66 |
| 23 | Thence | N 02°00'E | 80.0 m. | to point 67 |
| 24 | Thence | N 30°23'E | 435.0 m. | to point 68 |
| 25 | Thence | N 18°39'W | 70.0 m. | to point 69 |
| 26 | Thence | N 45°39'W | 490.0 m. | to point 70 |
| 27 | Thence | N 14°25'W | 425.0 m. | to point 71 |
| 28 | Thence | N 25°36'W | 775.0 m. | to point 72 |
| 29 | Thence | N 59°07'E | 1125.0 m. | to point 73 |
| 30 | Thence | S 60°57'E | 338.0 m. | to point 74 |
| 31 | Thence | S 03°37'W | 139.0 m. | to point 75 |
| 32 | Thence | S 53°44'E | 2256.0 m. | to point 76 |
| 33 | Thence | S 25°45'E | 2148.0 m. | to point 77 |
| 34 | Thence | N 90°00'E | 160.0 m. | to point 78 |
| 35 | Thence | S 10°41'E | 160.0 m. | to point 79 |
| 36 | Thence | S 18°06'E | 265.0 m. | to point 80 |
| 37 | Thence | S 14°41'E | 260.0 m. | to point 81 |
| 38 | Thence | S 22°35'E | 270.0 m. | to point 82 |

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| 1 | Thence | S 21°10'E | 270.0 m. | to point 83 |
| 2 | Thence | S 42°17'E | 228.0 m. | to point 84 |
| 3 | Thence | S 30°08'E | 231.0 m. | to point 85 |
| 4 | Thence | S 09°58'E | 100.0 m. | to point 86 |
| 5 | Thence | S 18°32'E | 200.0 m. | to point 87 |
| 6 | Thence | S 16°31'E | 340.0 m. | to point 88 |
| 7 | Thence | S 18°52'E | 127.0 m. | to point 89 |
| 8 | Thence | S 45°05'E | 20.0 m. | to point 90 |
| 9 | Thence | S 09°09'E | 331.8 m. | to point 91 |
| 10 | Thence | S 19°32'E | 275.0 m. | to point 92 |
| 11 | Thence | S 17°22'E | 291.0 m. | to point 93 |
| 12 | Thence | S 26°32'E | 224.0 m. | to point 94 |
| 13 | Thence | S 21°40'E | 210.0 m. | to point 95 |
| 14 | Thence | S 49°39'E | 241.0 m. | to point 96 |
| 15 | Thence | S 90°00'W | 76.0 m. | to point 97 |
| 16 | Thence | N 49°39'W | 195.2 m. | to point 98 |
| 17 | Thence | N 21°40'W | 225.02 m. | to point 99 |
| 18 | Thence | N 26°32'W | 220.7 m. | to point 100 |
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| 21 | Thence | N 09°09'W | 322.0 m. | to point 103 |
| 22 | Thence | N 45°05'W | 15.2 m. | to point 104 |
| 23 | Thence | N 18°52'W | 174.3 m. | to point 105 |
| 24 | Thence | N 16°31'W | 323.3 m. | to point 106 |
| 25 | Thence | N 18°32'W | 206.3 m. | to point 107 |
| 26 | Thence | N 09°58'W | 84.2 m. | to point 108 |
| 27 | Thence | N 30°08'W | 202.7 m. | to point 109 |
| 28 | Thence | N 42°17'W | 230.4 m. | to point 110 |
| 29 | Thence | N 21°10'W | 302.9 m. | to point 111 |
| 30 | Thence | N 22°35'W | 271.2 m. | to point 112 |
| 31 | Thence | N 14°41'W | 266.8 m. | to point 113 |
| 32 | Thence | N 18°06'W | 269.9 m. | to point 114 |
| 33 | Thence | N 10°41'W | 110.0 m. | to point 115 |
| 34 | Thence | S 90°00'W | 150.8 m. | to point 116 |
| 35 | Thence | N 25°41'W | 2167.0 m. | to point 117 |
| 36 | Thence | N 53°44'W | 2275.0 m. | to point 118 |
| 37 | Thence | N 03°37'E | 138.9 m. | to point 119 |
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| 1 | Thence | S 59°07'W | 1052.5 m. | to point 121 |
| 2 | Thence | S 25°36'E | 730.3 m. | to point 122 |
| 3 | Thence | S 14°25'E | 400.6 m. | to point 123 |
| 4 | Thence | S 45°39'E | 503.5 m. | to point 124 |
| 5 | Thence | S 18°39'E | 95.0 m. | to point 125 |
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| 13 | Thence | N 28°02'W | 257.1 m. | to point 133 |
| 14 | Thence | N 53°04'W | 240.0 m. | to point 134 |
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| 17 | Thence | N 14°18'W | 404.4 m. | to point 137 |
| 18 | Thence | N 18°25'W | 355.2 m. | to point 138 |
| 19 | Thence | N 24°18'W | 413.4 m. | to point 139 |
| 20 | Thence | N 31°47'W | 211.8 m. | to point 140 |
| 21 | Thence | N 32°49'W | 539.3 m. | to point 141 |
| 22 | Thence | N 25°23'W | 313.5 m. | to point 142 |
| 23 | Thence | N 26°27'W | 384.8 m. | to point 143 |
| 24 | Thence | N 24°16'W | 264.0 m. | to point 144 |
| 25 | Thence | N 20°08'W | 103.0 m. | to point 145 |
| 26 | Thence | N 23°05'W | 91.9 m. | to point 146 |
| 27 | Thence | N 21°40'W | 163.9 m. | to point 147 |
| 28 | Thence | N 40°01'W | 131.4 m. | to point 148 |
| 29 | Thence | N 33°01'W | 80.5 m. | to point 149 |
| 30 | Thence | N 13°56'W | 450.3 m. | to point 150 |
| 31 | Thence | N 01°57'W | 267.0 m. | to point 151 |
| 32 | Thence | N 01°56'W | 93.0 m. | to point 152 |
| 33 | Thence | N 00°58'W | 52.0 m. | to point 153 |
| 34 | Thence | N 01°57'W | 247.0 m. | to point 154 |
| 35 | Thence | N 04°37'W | 298.9 m. | to point 155 |
| 36 | Thence | N 09°07'W | 134.7 m. | to point 156 |
| 37 | Thence | N 08°28'W | 246.7 m. | to point 157 |
| 38 | Thence | N 04°36'W | 277.9 m. | to point 158 |

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| 1 | Thence | N 04°50'E | 62.0 m. | to point 159 |
| 2 | Thence | N 03°30'E | 411.2 m. | to point 160 |
| 3 | Thence | N 03°23'E | 288.1 m. | to point 161 |
| 4 | Thence | N 00°58'W | 319.0 m. | to point 162 |
| 5 | Thence | N 30°57'E | 311.1 m | to point 163 |
| 6 | Thence | N 07°41'E | 411.7 m. | to point 164 |
| 7 | Thence | N 09°52'E | 412.2 m. | to point 165 |
| 8 | Thence | N 07°44'E | 330.6 m. | to point 166 |
| 9 | Thence | N 07°41'E | 411.7 m. | to point 167 |
| 10 | Thence | N 03°45'W | 389.9 m. | to point 168 |
| 11 | Thence | N 05°38'E | 319.4 m. | to point 169 |
| 12 | Thence | N 04°07'W | 264.1 m. | to point 170 |
| 13 | Thence | N 07°00'W | 120.0 m. | to point 171 |
| 14 | Thence | N 20°32'W | 17.5 m. | to point 172 |
| 15 | Thence | S 75°41'W | 10.4 m. | to point 173 |
| 16 | Thence | N 06°49'W | 155.0 m. | to point 174 |
| 17 | Thence | S 86°49'E | 16.2 m. | to point 175 |
| 18 | Thence | N 06°31'W | 16.6 m. | to point 176 |
| 19 | Thence | N 05°00'W | 50.7 m. | to point 177 |
| 20 | Thence | S 89°42'E | 15.0 m. | to point 178 |
| 21 | Thence | N 09°05'W | 79.2 m. | to point 179 |
| 22 | Thence | S 59°47'W | 69.6 m. | to point 180 |
| 23 | Thence | N 32°35'W | 183.0 m | to point 181 |
| 24 | Thence | S 80°57'W | 17.6 m. | to point 182 |
| 25 | Thence | N 29°47'W | 45.0 m. | to point 183 |
| 26 | Thence | N 29°46'W | 146.1 m. | to point 184 |
| 27 | Thence | N 27°22'W | 82.8 m. | to point 185 |
| 28 | Thence | N 52°59'E | 09.1 m. | to point 186 |
| 29 | Thence | N 42°48'W | 71.7 m. | to point 187 |
| 30 | Thence | S 43°31'W | 37.5 m. | to point 188 |
| 31 | Thence | N 07°28'W | 110.1 m. | to point 189 |
| 32 | Thence | N 34°08'W | 323.0 m. | to point 1, |

33 the point of beginning, containing an area of one hundred fifty-one and 92/100
34 (151.92) hectares, more or less, as buffer zone subject to ground verification.

35 The protected area and its buffer zone shall have a total aggregate area of
36 approximately ten thousand six hundred twenty-nine and 22/100 (10,629.22) hectares,
37 subject to actual ground survey.

1 Any modification on this Act due to factors such as changing ecological
2 situations, new scientific or discovery of traditional boundaries not previously taken into
3 account shall be made through an act of Congress passed after full consultation with
4 the affected public.

5 SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms are
6 defined as follows:

7 (a) "Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)" refers to the management
8 body within the site, responsible for deciding the allocation for budget, and decisions
9 on matters relating to planning, peripheral protection, and general administration of the
10 protected area in accordance with the General Management Plan.

11 (b) "Management manual" refers to the management plan for the protected area
12 containing basic background information, field inventory of the resources, assessment
13 of assets and limitations, regional interrelationships, particular objectives for managing,
14 appropriate division into management zones, review of the boundaries and design of
15 the management programs.

16 (c) "Tenured migrant" refers to forest occupants who have actually and
17 continuously occupied a portion of the protected area and is solely dependent therein
18 for subsistence. A protected area occupant is understood to be "solely dependent for
19 subsistence" when everything indispensable for survival for the household, including
20 food, clothing, shelter and health, comes only from the utilization of resources from the
21 protected area.

22 (d) "Protected Area Superintendent (PASu)" refers to the chief operating officer
23 of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in the protected
24 area under the supervision of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) and the
25 concerned DENR Regional Executive Director (RED).

26 (e) "Protected seascapes and landscapes" refer to areas of national significance
27 characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and land while providing
28 opportunities for enjoyment through recreation and tourism within the normal lifestyle
29 and economic activity of these areas.

30 (f) "Nongovernment organization (NGO)" refers to any civic, development or
31 philanthropic organization which is multi-sectoral in character.

32 (g) "People's organization" refers to organizations of members of the local
33 community whose purpose for establishment is to protect or advance the interest of
34 specific sectors, such as, but not limited to farmers, fisherfolks, women, and the like.

35 SEC. 5. *Management.* – The PA shall be under the management of a PAMB
36 composed of the following members:

37 (a) The DENR Regional Executive Director (RED) of Region II as chairman and
38 advisor on matters related to the technical aspects of protected area management;

1 (b) *The Provincial Development Officer of the Province of La Union;*

2 (c) *One representative from each of the Municipal Governments of Agoo, Sto.*
3 *Tomas and La Union, to be appointed by the respective sangguniang bayan;*

4 (d) *The Regional Director of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources*
5 *(BFAR) Region II, or his or her permanent representative;*

6 (e) *One representative from each of the nineteen (19) barangays within the*
7 *PA, to be appointed by their respective sanggunian; and*

8 (f) *Three representatives from local nongovernment, community and people's*
9 *organizations, to be chosen by their respective sectors in an election called for the*
10 *purpose by the DENR, in coordination with the local government units.*

11 A PAMB Executive Committee is likewise hereby created which shall be
12 composed of the DENR, *Region II, Regional Technical Director as chairman, a*
13 *representative of the Regional Director of the BFAR, and two representatives from the*
14 *local governments and concerned NGOs to be appointed by their respective sectors.*

15 Every member of the PAMB shall serve for a term of five years and shall be
16 *considered to represent his or her sector and deemed to carry the vote of such sector*
17 *in all matters. In the case of members who are government officials, the term of office*
18 *shall be attached to the office held.*

19 The following are the duties and functions of the PAMB:

20 (a) *Decide matters relating to planning, resource protection and general*
21 *administration of the area in accordance with the GMPS;*

22 (b) *Approve proposals, work plans, action plans and guidelines for the*
23 *management of the protected area in accordance with the approved Management*
24 *Plan;*

25 (c) *Delineate and demarcate protected area boundaries and buffer zones*
26 *pursuant to the technical description provided in this Act;*

27 (d) *Promulgate rules and regulations to promote development programs and*
28 *projects on biodiversity conservation and sustainable development consistent with the*
29 *management manual of the protected area;*

30 (e) *Ensure the implementation of programs as prescribed in the Management*
31 *Plan in order to provide employment to the people dwelling in and around the*
32 *protected area;*

33 (f) *Control and regulate the construction, operation and maintenance of*
34 *roads, trails, waterworks, sewerage, fire protection and sanitation systems and other*
35 *public utilities within the protected area; and*

36 (g) *Monitor and evaluate the performance of protected area personnel, NGOs,*
37 *and the communities in biodiversity conservation and sociocultural and economic*
38 *development and report their assessments to the NIPAS Policy and Program Steering*

1 Committee (NPPSC) and the Integrated Protected Areas Fund (IPAF) Governing
2 Board.

3 The PASu shall prepare the Management Plan in consultation with the
4 appropriate offices of the DENR and local experts who may donate their services such
5 as people's organizations, nongovernment organizations and local government
6 agencies. The Management Plan shall be reviewed, approved and adopted by the
7 PAMB and shall be certified by the Secretary of the DENR. Such certification shall
8 declare that the Management Plan conforms to all laws, rules and regulations of
9 national application issued by the DENR. In no case shall the DENR revise or modify
10 *the Management Plan without prior consultation with the PAMB.*

11 The PASu, in coordination with all concerned offices, shall likewise prepare all
12 successor plans. One year before the expiration of the period of applicability of the
13 plan effect, the PASu shall cause publication of notices for comments and suggestions
14 on the next successor plan in a newspaper of local circulation and the posting of such
15 notices in the provincial, municipal and barangay halls and in three other areas
16 frequented by the public. Public hearings may be conducted on the successor plan
17 upon the written request of any interested party. The final plan shall be made available
18 for public comment at the office of the PASu upon its approval by the PAMB.

19 The zoning of the PA shall give primary consideration to the traditional zones
20 used and recognized by tenured migrants unless such uses are deemed detrimental to
21 biodiversity and the protection of the natural characteristics of the protected area.

22 The plan shall be prepared in a language understandable in the area, plainly
23 written and available for comments to the general public at the PASu office.

24 *SEC. 6. Special Prosecutor and Retained Counsel.* – Within thirty (30) days
25 from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall appoint a special
26 prosecutor to whom all cases of violation of laws, rules and regulations in the PA shall
27 be assigned. Such Special Prosecutor shall coordinate with the PAMB and the PASu
28 in the performance of his/her duties and assist in the training of wardens and rangers
29 in arrest and criminal procedures. The PAMB may retain the services of a counsel to
30 prosecute and/or assist in the prosecution of cases under the direct control and
31 supervision of the regular or special prosecutor and to defend the members of the
32 PAMB, the PASu and the staff, or any person assisting in the protection, conservation
33 and sustainable development of the PA, against any legal action related to their
34 powers, functions and responsibilities as provided in this Act or as delegated or tasked
35 by the PAMB.

36 *SEC. 7 Agoo-Damortis Protected Areas Fund.* - There is hereby established a
37 trust fund to be known as the Agoo-Damorris Protected Areas Fund for purposes of
38 financing projects of the system. All income generated from the operation of the

1 system or management of wild flora and fauna in the PA shall accrue to the Fund.
2 These income shall be derived from fees from permitted sale and export of flora and
3 fauna and other resources from the protected area, proceeds from lease of multiple-
4 use areas, contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting from the
5 protected area; and such other fees and incomes derived from the operation of the
6 protected area.

7 The Fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from various
8 sources, domestic or foreign, for purposes related to their functions: *Provided*, That the
9 Fund shall be deposited as a special account in the National Treasury and
10 disbursements therefrom shall be made solely for the protection, maintenance,
11 administration and management of the system, and duly approved projects endorsed
12 by the PAMB in accordance with existing accounting and budgeting rules and
13 regulations: *Provided, further*, That the Fund shall not be used to cover personal
14 services expenditures.

15 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated
16 herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business permits, property tax,
17 and rentals of LGUs facilities. Furthermore, LGUs may charge add-ons to fees
18 imposed by the PAMB provided that such add-ons shall be based on the contribution
19 of the LGUs in the maintenance and protection of the protected area.

20 **SEC. 8 Existing Facilities Within the PA.** – Within sixty (60) days from the
21 effectivity of this Act, major existing facilities such as roads, buildings, water systems,
22 transmission lines, communication facilities, heavy equipment, and irrigation facilities
23 existing within the boundaries of the PA shall submit project description to the PAMB
24 through the PASu.

25 The PAMB, with the assistance of the DENR, shall determine whether the
26 existence of such facility and its future plan and operations will be detrimental to the
27 PA or whether conditions for its operation shall be imposed. If any such conditions are
28 violated, the owner of the facility shall be liable to pay a fine of Five thousand pesos
29 (P5,000.00) for every violation. Upon reaching a total fine of Five hundred thousand
30 pesos (P500,000.00), the PAMB through the PASu and deputizing other government
31 entities, shall cause the cessation and demolition of the facility at the cost of its owner.

32 Existing facilities allowed to remain within the PA may be charged a reasonable
33 royalty by the DENR. All income from such royalty shall accrue to the Mt. Hilong-Hilong
34 Protected Area Fund.

35 **SEC. 9. Utilization of Resources.** – Any exploitation of or utilization of
36 nonrenewable resources within the PA shall not be allowed. Energy projects, whether
37 renewable or otherwise, shall be permitted only through an Act of Congress, *Provided*,
38 that the exploitation of renewable energy up to three megawatts capacity shall be

1 exempt from such requirement.

2 SEC. 10. *Tenured Migrants.* – Those who have actually and continuously
3 occupied portions of the protected area since June 30, 1987 and are solely dependent
4 therein for subsistence are considered as tenured migrants. Their proof and length of
5 occupancy shall be documented through a tenure instrument over such areas as have
6 been occupied or cultivated and/or developed since June 30, 1987. In case the areas
7 occupied by tenured migrants fall within management zones that do not allow
8 occupancy or other critical management activities, the said migrants shall be
9 transferred to multiple use zones, for humanitarian considerations.

10 The rights, interests and activities of tenured migrants within the PA and its adjoining
11 buffer zones shall be governed by the principles of biodiversity protection and
12 sustainable development and by the guidelines prescribed in the management plan as
13 well as the prohibitions set out in the NIPAS Act and its implementing rules and
14 regulations (IRR) or Department Order No. 25, series of 1992: *Provided*, That all
15 plans, policies and guidelines affecting tenured migrants shall be developed and
16 implemented in partnership with them. When a tenured migrant instrument is
17 cancelled for cause, abandonment and/or by voluntary surrender of rights, the PASu
18 shall take immediate steps to rehabilitate the area in order to return it to its natural
19 state prior to the cultivation or other developmental activities by the tenured migrant.

20 SEC. 11. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately
21 include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of
22 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

23 SEC. 12. *Reporting Responsibility.* – The PASu, through the PAMB, shall be
24 responsible in the preparation of accomplishment reports on all activities undertaken in
25 the PA for submission to the DENR Secretary.

26 SEC. 13. *Prohibited Acts and Penalties.* – The following acts are hereby
27 prohibited within the PA:

28 (a) Hunting, destroying, disturbing, or mere possession of any plants or animals
29 or products derived therefrom without a permit from the PAMB;

30 (b) Dumping of any waste products detrimental to the PA, or to the plants and
31 animals or inhabitants therein;

32 (c) Use of any motorized equipment without a permit from the PAMB;

33 (d) Mutilating, defacing or destroying objects of natural beauty or objects of
34 interest to cultural communities;

35 (e) Damaging and leaving roads and trails in a damaged condition;

36 (f) Squatting, mineral location or otherwise occupying any land;

37 (g) Constructing or maintaining any kind of structure, fence or enclosure,
38 conducting any business enterprise without a permit from the PAMB;

1 (h) Leaving in exposed or unsanitary conditions refuse or debris, or depositing
2 them in ground or in bodies of water; and

3 (i) Altering, removing, destroying or defacing boundary marks or signs.

4 SEC. 14. *Penalties.* – Whoever violates this Act or any rules and regulations
5 issued by the DENR or the PAMB pursuant to this Act or whoever is found guilty by a
6 competent court of justice of any of the offenses in the preceding section shall be fined
7 in the amount of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00), nor more than Five
8 hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00), exclusive of the value of the thing damaged,
9 or imprisoned for not less than one year but not more than six years, or both, as
10 determined by the court: *Provided,* That if the area requires rehabilitation or
11 restoration as determined by the court, the offender shall also be required to restore or
12 compensate for the restoration to the damage: *Provided, further,* That the court shall
13 order the eviction of the offender from the area and the forfeiture in favor of the
14 government of all minerals, timber, or any terrestrial or marine species collected or
15 removed, including all equipment, devices and firearms used in connection therewith
16 and any construction or improvement made thereon by the offender. If the offender is
17 an association or corporation, the president or manager shall be directly liable for the
18 act of his employees and laborers: *Provided, finally,* That the DENR may impose
19 administrative fines and penalties consistent with this Act.

20 SEC. 15. *Construction and Suppletory Application of Existing Laws.* The
21 provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of achieving biodiversity
22 conservation, protection and sustainable development Provisions of Republic Act No.
23 7586, otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas Management Act of
24 1992 and existing forestry laws, and their corresponding rules and regulations not
25 inconsistent hereto shall have the suppletory effect in the implementation of this Act..

26 SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or section of this Act is declared
27 unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections of this Act.

28 SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
29 and rules and regulations inconsistent with any provision of this Act shall be deemed
30 repealed or modified accordingly.

31 SEC. 18. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general
33 circulation available in the PA. This Act shall be translated in a dialect known in the PA
34 by the DENR within thirty (30) days from approval hereof and shall be posted for three
35 consecutive weeks in conspicuous place in the provincial, municipal and barangay
36 halls within the PA as well as in three other public places frequented by the public..

Approved,