FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES First Regular Session



SENATE

Senate Bill No. 2151

Introduced by SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape in Ilocos Sur as a protected area.

The Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape, which covers 1,157.4379 hectares, is composed of brushland and open grassland. The Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape bears natural features suitable for recreational and educational purposes, as well as a watershed which provides the agricultural and household water requirements of the communities within the Municipalities of Lidlidda and Banayoyo in the Province of Ilocos Sur. This area also serves as a home for a variety of wildlife including ally those categorized as indigenous forest tree species.

Recognizing the value of the area, the Lidlidda Spring Watershed Forest Reserve was established by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 79 on August 17, 1936. Later, the area was proclaimed as the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 266 on April 23, 2000.

This bill, therefore, seeks to declare the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape as protected in order to protect it from indiscriminate exploitation and to be able to maintain its ecological balance and preserve its source of water supply.

Given the importance of biodiversity, it is deemed crucial that we act on these now to ensure that our children and the succeeding generations will inherit a living earth with all of its bountiful natural resources and vibrant wildlife.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly urged.

SENATOR PIAS. CAYETANO

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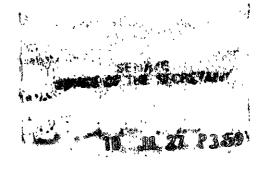
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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE LIDLIDDA-BANAYOYO PROTECTED_LANDSCAPE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LIDLIDDA AND BANAYOYO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AS A PROTECTED AREA, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This act shall be known as the "Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape Act of 2010."

SEC. 2. Land Classification. – All lands of the public domain comprising the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape shall fall under the classification of National Park as provided for in the Philippine Constitution.

SEC. 3. Scope and Coverage. – The Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape, located within the Municipalities of Lidlidda and Banayoyo in the Province of Ilocos Sur is hereby declared a protected area and categorized as a protected landscape. Its boundaries are as follows:

Beginning at a point on Parcel I, being identical to corner 1 is N 88° W. about 500 m from Poblacion of Lidlidda, Ilocos Sur:

12	Thence	S 18° 01' 48" W289.686 m.	to point 2;
13	Thence	S 20° 00′ 51" E 219.741 m.	to point 3;
14	Thence	S 00° 59' 29" E 169.797 m.	to point 4;
15	Thence	S 02° 59' 38" E 259.688 m.	to point 5;
16	Thence	S 51° 03' 33" W219.863 m.	to point 6;
17	Thence	S 60° 03' 16" W209.844 m.	to point 7;
18	Thence	S 10° 00' 08" E 179.783 m.	to point 8;
19	Thence	S 87° 04' 04" E 519.881 m.	to point 9;
20	Thence	S 44° 03' 15" W229.829 m.	to point 10;
21	Thence	S 29°01'29" E 199.775 m.	to point 11;
22	Thence	S 13° 00' 21" E 219.736 m.	to point 12:

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S 83° 04' 00' E 89:972 m. to point 13;
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                    N 49° 56' 29" E 200.128 m. to point 14;
          Thence
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                    N 51° 56' 24" E 260.157 m. to point 15;
          Thence
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          Thence
                    $ 32° 01' 41" E 219.758 m. to point 16;
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                    S 08° 01' 08" W179.792 m. to point 17;
          Thence
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                    S 60° 03' 16" E 139.896 m. to point 18;
          Thence
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                    S 67° 04' 00" W399.875 m. to point 19;
          Thence
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                    S 70° 03' 39' E 489.723 m. to point 20;
          Thence
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                    S 56° 03' 04" E 89.928 m. to point 21;
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          Thence
                    S 48° 02' 40" E 699.355 m. to point 22;
          Thence
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                   N 38° 56' 58" E 180.148 m. to point 23;
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                    N 47° 57' 20"W 580.535 m. to point 24;
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                   N 34° 57' 10" E 110.097 m. to point 25;
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                    N 47°57' 20" W 120.111 m. to point 26;
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                   N 09° 58' 43" E 50.057 m. to point 27;
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                   N 56° 56' 14" E 330.168 m. to point 28;
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                   N 25° 58' 43" W480.550 m. to point 29;
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                   N 67° 55' 58" E 190.056 m. to point 30;
          Thence
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                   N 64° 56' 02" E 160.057 m. to point 31;
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                   $ 59° 03' 13" E 399.697 m. to point 32;
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                   S 05° 59' 51" E 799.036 m. to point 33;
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                    S 26° 01' 17" E 379.565 m. to point 34;
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                   S 28° 01' 25' E 329.627 m. to point 35;
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                    $ 40° 02' 11" E 319.673 m. to point 36;
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                   S 65° 03' 57" W 339.880 m. to point 37;
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                   $ 79° 41' 08" W 2,688.765 m. to point 38;
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                    N 75° 33' 10" W247.173 m. to point 39;
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                   N 37° 57' 55" W490.511 m. to point 40;
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                   N 02° 59' 12" E 140.166 m. to point 41;
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                   N 31° 57' 20" E 160.148 m. to point 42;
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                   N 15° 58' 19" E 140.154 m. to point 43
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                   N 31° 58' 18" W240.264 m. to point 44
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                    N 31° 58' 18" W230.253 m. to point 45
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                   N 16° 59' 21" W150.179 m. to point 46;
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                   N 07° 58' 51" E 260.301 m. to point 47;
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                    S 78° 04' 07" W209.982 m. to point 48;
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                   N 28° 58' 30" W210.236 m. to point 49;
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                    N 68° 55' 57" E 70.019 m. to point 50;
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                    N 24° 58' 47" W280.323 m. to point 52;
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                    N 06° 00' 08" W 100.120 m. to point 55;
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                    N 69° 56' 20" W180.102 m. to point 56;
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                    S 79° 04' 08" W169.989 m. to point 58;
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                    S 22° 02' 04" W139.854 m. to point 59;
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                    S 79° 03' 35" E 189.926 m. to point 60;
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                    S 34° 01' 49" E 159.827 m. to point 61;
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                    S 22° 02' 04" W 89.906 m. to point 62;
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                    S 19° 00' 47" E 159.811 m. to point 63;
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                    $ 15° 00' 30"E 169.797 m. to point 64;
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                    S 17° 01' 44" E 289.683 m. to point 66;
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                    N 12° 59' 38" W140.168 m. to point 68;
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                   N 42° 57′ 37" W200.197 m. to point 69;
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                    N 46° 57' 23" W330.309 m. to point 70;
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                    N 70° 56' 18" W220.120 m. to point 71;
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                    S 66° 03' 58" W139.953 m. to point 72;
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to the point of beginning, containing an area of Seventy-Eight and 1889/10000 (78.1889) hectares more or less, as Parcel II.

The Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape contains a total aggregate area of approximately One Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven and 4379/10000 (1,157.4379) hectares.

The technical descriptions provided in this Act will be subject to ground survey and verification to be conducted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Any modification on this Act due to factors such as changing ecological situations, new scientific or archaeological findings, or discovery of traditional boundaries not previously taken into account shall be made through an Act of Congress after full consultation with the affected public.

- SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* For the purposes of this Act, the following terms are defined as follows:
- (a) "Biodiversity" refers to variety and variability among living organisms and the ecological complexes in which said organisms occur.
- (b) "Biological resources" includes genetic resources, organisms or parts thereof, population, or any other biotic component of ecosystems with actual or potential use or value for humanity.
- (c) "Bioprospecting" means the research, collection and utilization of biological and genetic resources for purposes of applying the knowledge derived therefrom solely for commercial purposes.
- (d) "Buffer Zone" is the identified area outside the boundaries of Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape and immediately adjacent to designated protected area that need special development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape.

(e) "By-product or derivatives" means any part taken or substance extracted from wildlife, in raw or in processed form. This includes stuffed animals and herbarium specimens.

- (f) "Collection or collecting" is the act of gathering or harvesting wildlife, its byproducts or derivatives.
- (g) "Conservation" means sustainable utilization of wildlife, and/or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of the habitat.
- (h) "Endangered species" refers to species or subspecies of flora and fauna that is not critically endangered but whose survival in the wild is unlikely if the causal factors continue operating.
- (i) "Endemic species" means species or subspecies of flora and fauna which is naturally occurring and found only within specific areas in the country.
- (j) "Exotic species" means species or subspecies of flora and fauna which do not naturally occur within the protected area at present or in historical time.
- (k) "Habitat" means a place or type of environment where a species or subspecies naturally occurs or has naturally established its population.
- (I) "Hunting" refers to collection of wild fauna for food and/or recreational purposes with the use of weapons such as guns, bow and arrow, spear and the like.
- (m) "Management plan" refers to the fundamental plan, strategy and/or scheme which shall guide all activities relating to the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape in order to attain the objectives of this Act.
- (n) "Mineral" refers to all naturally occurring inorganic substance in solid, gas, liquid, or any intermediate state including energy materials such as coal, petroleum, natural gas, radioactive materials, and geothermal energy;
- (o) "Multiple-Use Zone" refers to an area where settlement, traditional and/or sustainable land use, including agriculture, agro-forestry, extraction activities and other income generating or livelihood activities, may be allowed to the extent prescribed in the IPAP/PAMP.
- (p) "National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)" is the classification and administration of all designated protected areas to maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources found therein, and to maintain their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible.
- (q) "National Park" refers to the land of the public domain classified as such in the 1987 Constitution which include all areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) pursuant to R.A. 7586 primarily designated for the conservation of native plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural diversity.

(r) "NIPAS Act" refers to the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act (NIPAS) of 1992 or Republic Act No. 7586, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

- (s) "Non-government organization (NGO)" refers to an agency, institution, foundation or a group of persons whose purpose is to assist people's organizations/associations in various ways including, but not limited to, organizing, education, training, research and/or resource accessing.
- (t) "People's organization" refers to a group of organized migrant communities and or interested indigenous peoples which may be an association, cooperative, federation, or other legal entity, established to undertake collective action to address community concerns and needs, and mutually share the benefits of the endeavor.
- (u) "Protected Area" refers to the identified portions of land and/or water set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation.
- (v) "Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)" refers to a multi-sectoral policy-making body for protected areas created in accordance with RA 7586 or the NIPAS Act of 1992.
- (w) "Protected Landscape" refers to areas of national significance characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and land while providing opportunities for enjoyment through recreation and tourism within the normal lifestyle and economic activity of these areas.
- (x) "Quarrying" means the process of extracting, removing and disposing quarry resources found on or underneath the surface of private or public land.
- (y) "Strict protection zone" is a natural area with high biodiversity value which shall be closed to all human activity except for scientific studies and/or ceremonial or religious use by the indigenous cultural communities/indigenous peoples; may include habitats of threatened species, or degraded areas that have been designated for restoration and subsequent protection, even if these areas are still in various stages of regeneration.
- (z) "Sustainable use" means the use of components of biological diversity in a way and rate that does not lead to the long-term decline of biological diversity, thereby maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations.
- (aa) "Tenured migrant" refers to occupants who have actually and continuously occupied a portion of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape and is solely dependent therein for subsistence. A Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape occupant is understood to be "solely dependent for subsistence" when everything indispensable for survival for the household, including food, clothing, shelter and

health, comes only from the utilization of resources from Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape.

- (bb) "Wildlife" means wild forms and varieties of flora and fauna, in all developmental stages, including those which are in captivity or are being bred or propagated.
- SEC. 5. Management of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape. There is hereby created a PAMB which shall have jurisdiction, power and authority over the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape for all matters that may affect biodiversity conservation, and sustainable development. It shall be composed of:
- (1) The DENR Regional Executive Director (RED) of Region I, as the Chairperson;
 - (2) The Ilocos Sur Provincial Planning and Development Officer;
- (3) The Mayors of the Municipalities of Lidlidda and Banayoyo, or their duly designated representatives;
- (4) One (1) representative from each barangay, with territory inside the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape;
- (5) At least three (3) representatives from the local NGOs, chosen from among themselves;
- (6) At least two (2) representatives from the local POs with stakes in the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape, chosen from among themselves; and
- (7) One (1) representative from other national government agencies involved in the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape management.

Each member of the PAMB shall serve for a term of five (5) years and shall be considered to represent his or her sector and deemed to carry the vote of such sector in all matters. In the case of members who are government officials, their appointment shall be co-terminus with their term of office.

The members of the PAMB shall be appointed by the Secretary of the DENR in conformity with the provisions of the NIPAS Act. As a transitory provision, the initial members of the PAMB shall be nominated from the current members of the interim PAMB of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape. Their nominations shall be conducted in a joint meeting of the current members of the interim PAMB duly called for the purpose: *Provided*, That at least one- third (1/3) of the members shall be women.

In the selection of the representatives of POs and NGOs, preference shall be accorded to those organizations that are involved in the conservation, protection and development of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape. Representation shall be by institution and shall aim to achieve balance in representation by geographic location or areas.

The representatives from the local government units (LGUs) and national agencies in the PAMB shall include among their duties to inform of their respective constituents, office or sector of PAMB approved or other relevant policies, rules, regulations, programs and projects and to ensure that the provisions of this Act are observed, complied with, and used as reference and framework in their respective plans, policies, programs and projects. Failure to comply with the foregoing shall subject such representative to disciplinary action as the PAMB may provide.

The members of the Board shall not receive any salary but shall be entitled to reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either in their attendance in meeting of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by a resolution of the Board, subject to existing rules and regulations.

- SEC. 6. Power and Functions of the PAMB. The PAMB for the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape shall have the following powers and functions, in addition to those provided under RA 7586 or the NIPAS Act of 1992 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations:
- (1) Issue rules and regulations to prohibit acts that may be prejudicial to the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape and to the declaration of policy set forth under the NIPAS;
- (2) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through appropriate and effective means;
- (3) Adopt rules and procedures in the conduct of business, including the creation of committees to which its powers may be delegated;
 - (4) Approve the management plan and oversee the office of the PASu;
- (5) Establish criteria and set fees for the issuance of permits for activities regulated by this Act or the management plan;
- (6) Recommend the deputization of appropriate individuals, including local community leaders, for the enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the conduct or management of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape;
- (7) Approve fees and charges in accordance with DAO 51, Series of 2000 and raise funds for the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape;
- (8) Manage the allocation of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape Fund, and other funds for the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape, ensure their proper administration and render accounting; and
- (9) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government authorities.

The DENR, through the Regional Executive Director (RED), shall ensure that the PAMB is acting within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of a conflict between administrative orders issued by the DENR pursuant to the NIPAS Act and the

resolutions issued by the PAMB, the PAMB shall notify the DENR Secretary who shall decide whether to apply the rule or withdraw its application from the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape.

Sec. 7. The Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office. – The Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office within the DENR Regional Office is hereby created to be headed by the PASu who shall serve as the Chief Operating DENR Officer of the entire Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape. The PASu shall report directly to the RED of the DENR-Region I and shall be accountable to the PAMB. The PASu and the PASu staff shall reside within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape and establish an office and sub-offices within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape in order to implement this Act.

The PASu shall be in charge of the implementation of projects, programs and policies for the management protection and administration of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape. The PASu shall have full responsibility for the protection of land, water, wildlife and other natural physical and biological resources within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape. As such, the PASu shall have the following duties and responsibilities in addition to those provided under the NIPAS Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations:

- (1) Establish, operate and maintain a database management system as decision support tool;
 - (2) Prepare the management plan as herein defined;
- (3) Provide a Secretariat for the PAMB and supply the PAMB with all information necessary for it to make appropriate decisions for the implementation of this Act;
- (4) Enforce the laws and the rules and regulations relevant to the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape and institute and file legal action independently or in collaboration with other government agencies or organizations and assist in the prosecution of offenses committed in violation of this Act;
- (5) Monitor all activities within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape to ensure conformity with the management plan;
- (6) Recommend the issuance of permits based on terms, conditions and criteria established by the PAMB;
- (7) Ensure the integration of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape management policies, regulations, programs and projects at all the concerned national and Local Government Unit levels; and
 - (8) Perform such other functions as the PAMB may delegate.

The PASu shall be supported by sufficient number of personnel who shall be performing day to day management, protection and administration of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape. Upon the recommendation of the PAMB, the DENR

Regional Director shall deputize local community leaders and environment and natural resource officers.

SEC. 8. Tenured Migrants and Other Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape Occupants. –Tenured migrants shall be eligible to become stewards of portions of lands within allowable zones. The PAMB shall identify, verify and review all tenurial instruments, land claims, and issuances of permits for resource use within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape and recommend the issuance of the appropriate tenurial instrument consistent with the zoning provided in the management plan and its successor plans.

Should areas occupied by tenured migrants be designated as zones in which no occupation or other activities are allowed pursuant to the attainment of sustainable development, provision for the transfer of said tenured migrants to multiple-use zones or buffer zones shall be accomplished through just and humane means.

In the event of termination of a tenurial instrument for cause or by voluntary surrender of rights, the PASu shall take immediate steps to rehabilitate the area in order to return it to its natural state prior to the cultivation or other act by the tenured migrant.

- SEC. 9. *Prohibited Acts and Penalties.* The following prohibitions and penalties applicable to the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape, in addition to the prohibited acts as provided in the NIPAS Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.
- (A) The penalties in Article 309 and 310 of the Revised Penal Code depending on the value of the resources involved in connection with the prohibited act, shall be imposed upon any person who:
- (1) Takes, destroys, collects, disturbs, or possesses any wild terrestrial or aquatic plants or animals, flora or fauna, sand, rocks or by-products derived therefrom, within particularly identified regulated or prohibited areas zones in the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape including private lands without the necessary permit, authorization or exemption: *Provided*, That hunting of animals shall be absolutely prohibited except for scientific research;
- (2) Cuts, gathers, removes or collects timber or any forest products, within particularly identified regulated or prohibited areas or zones in the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape including private lands without the necessary permit, authorization or exemption;
- (3) Possesses or transports, within or outside the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape any timber, forest products, wild terrestrial or aquatic plants, animals, flora or fauna, or by-product derived therefrom which is ascertained to have been taken from the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape;

(4) Undertakes mineral exploration or extraction within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape;

- (5) Engages in quarrying of sand, gravel, guano, limestone or any material within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape;
- (6) Hunts, collects, removes or destroys any endangered or protected species, except when collection or removal is for scientific research and exempted from the prohibition by the PAMB;
- (7) Conducts bioprospecting within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape without prior PAMB approval in accordance with existing guidelines; or
- (8) Establishes or introduces exotic species within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape which are detrimental to endemic species or without prior PAMB approval.
- (B) A fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) nor more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) and/or imprisonment from one (1) year but not more than six (6) years shall be imposed upon any person who:
- (1) Violates any rules and regulations in the management plan or by the PAMB or agreements reached before the PAMB in its exercise of adjudicative functions;
- (2) Erects any structure on land or on water for any purposes outside the management plan: *Provided*, That large-scale private infrastructure and other projects such as medium to high density residential subdivisions, medium to large commercial and industrial establishments, golf-courses, heavily mechanized commercial and non-traditional farming, and other activities that cause increased in-migration, pollution and resource degradation are absolutely prohibited;
- (3) Possesses a chainsaw, hacksaw and other mechanized equipment within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape without a permit;
- (4) Throws, dumps or causes to be dumped into the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape any non-biodegradable material or waste whether liquid, solid or gas;
- (5) Uses, dumps, places or causes to be placed into the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape toxic chemicals, including pesticides and other hazardous substances, unless the same is expressly allowed in the management plan;
- (6) Prospects, hunts or otherwise locates hidden treasures within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape;
- (7) Informally occupies or dwells in any land within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape without clearance from the PAMB;
- (8) Posseses or uses blasting caps or explosives anywhere within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape;
- (9) Destroys, excavates, vandalizes or, in any manner, damages any natural formation on land, religious, spiritual, historical sites, artifacts and other objects of

natural or scenic value;

- (10) Alters, removes or destroys boundary marks or signs;
- (11) Engages in kaingin, or, in any manner, causing forest fires inside the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape; or
- (12) Purchases, or sells, mortgages or leases lands or other portions of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape which are covered by any tenurial instrument.

Valuation of the damage for this Act shall take into account bio-diversity and conservation considerations as well as aesthetic and scenic value. Valuation assessed by the DENR or the concerned government agency shall be presumed correct unless otherwise proven by preponderant evidence.

Any person who shall induce another or conspire to commit any of the illegal acts prohibited in this Act or suffer their workers to commit any of the same shall be liable in the same manner as the one actually performing the act.

All conveyances, vessels, equipments, paraphernalia, implements, gears, tools and similar devices shall be subject to immediate and administrative confiscation, independent of the judicial proceedings by the PASu Office upon apprehension, subject however to due process and substantial evidence requirements. When legal action is however filed in the regular courts, the said conveyances, vessels, equipments, paraphernalia, implements, gears, tools and similar devices, independent of the administrative proceedings, shall not be released until after judgment has been rendered. Proceeds of the sale of all objects administratively or judicially confiscated pursuant hereto shall accrue to the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape Fund. Procedure for the sale thereof shall be promulgated by the PAMB. However, in no case shall any confiscated or rescued protected animal species be sold or in any manner disposed of but shall be immediately turned over to the PASu office for release in its natural habitat, subject to existing regulations.

The penalties specified in this Section will be in addition to the penalties contained in RA 9072 (National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act), RA 9147 (Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act), and other related laws.

Conviction for any offense under this Act, of a public officer or officer of the law shall carry the accessory penalty of perpetual disqualification from public office.

SEC. 10. Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape Fund, - There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape Fund for purposes of financing projects of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape. Seventy-five percent (75%) income generated from the operation of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape or management of wild flora and fauna in the protected area shall accrue to the fund. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) shall go to the Integrated Protected Areas Fund (IPAF) as established in the NIPAS Act of

1992.

Income shall be derived from visitors/tourists fees, fees from permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other resources from the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape, proceeds from the registration and lease of multiple-use areas, including tourism concessions, fees, proceeds, and contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting from the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape, and such other fees and income derived from the operation of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape.

The PAMB may impose and charge reasonable fees, such as but not limited to water users fee for water extracted by commercial water extractors/distributors sourced and generated from the protected area. Such fee structure may change as the PAMB may see fit.

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

The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business permits, property tax and rentals of LGUs facilities. *Provided*, That the LGUs shall not impose property tax and issue tax declaration for areas or properties located in timberland areas or areas previously classified as national parks. Furthermore, LGUs may charge add-ons to fees imposed by the PAMB: *Provided*, That such add-ons shall be determined based on the contribution of the LGUs in the maintenance and protection of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape.

SEC. 11. Special Prosecutor and Retained Counsel. – Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall appoint a special prosecutor to whom all cases of violation of laws, rules and regulations in the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape shall be assigned. Such Special Prosecutor shall coordinate with the PAMB and the PASu in the performance of his/her duties and assist in the training of wardens and rangers in arrest and criminal procedures. The PAMB may retain the services of a counsel to prosecute and/or assist in the prosecution of cases under the direct control and supervision of the regular or special prosecutor and to defend the members of the PAMB, the PASu and the staff, or any person assisting in the protection, conservation and sustainable development of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape, against any legal action related to their

powers, functions and responsibilities as provided in this Act or as delegated or taşked by the PAMB.

SEC. 12. Utilization of Resources. — Any exploitation of or utilization of nonrenewable resources within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape shall not be allowed. Energy projects, within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape shall be allowed only through an Act of Congress except energy from wind, sun and water sources of not more than one (1) megawatt capacity for mini-hydro power: *Provided*, That these renewable energy projects are established outside the strict protection zone, adopt reduced impact technologies and undergo the environmental impact assessment (EIA) system as provided by law and: *Provided*, *Further*, that the PAMB endorsement has been obtained.

SEC. 13. Existing Facilities Within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape. — Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, major existing facilities such as roads, buildings, water systems, transmission lines, communication facilities, heavy equipment, and irrigation facilities existing within the boundaries of the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape shall submit project description to the PAMB through the PASu.

The PAMB, with the assistance of the DENR, shall determine whether the existence of such facility and its future plan and operations will be detrimental to the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape or whether conditions for its operation shall be imposed. If any such conditions are violated, the owner of the facility shall be liable to pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) for every violation. Upon reaching a total fine of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00), the PAMB through the PASu and deputizing other government entities, shall cause the cessation and demolition of the facility at the cost of its owner.

Existing facilities allowed to remain within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape may be charged a reasonable royalty by the DENR. All income from such royalty shall accrue to the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape Fund.

- SEC. 14. Reporting Responsibility. The PASu, through the PAMB, shall submit an annual accomplishment report to the Secretary of the DENR on the activities undertaken in the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape.
- SEC. 15. Appropriations. The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 16. Construction and Suppletory Application of Existing Laws. The provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of achieving biodiversity conservation, protection and sustainable development Provisions of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas Management Act of

1992 and existing forestry laws, and their corresponding rules and regulations not inconsistent hereto shall have the suppletory effect in the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 17. *Transitory Provision*. – In order to ensure the recovery and restoration of biological diversity and to develop sustainable livelihood opportunities for tenured migrants, the DENR shall henceforth cease to issue concessions, licenses, permits, clearances, compliance documents or any other instrument that allows exploitation and utilization of resources within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape until the management plan shall have been put into effect.

All existing land use and resource use permits within the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape shall be reviewed and shall not be renewed upon their expiration unless consistent with the management plan and approved by the PAMB.

- SEC. 18. Repealing Clause. –All laws, decrees, proclamations, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 19. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such other parts not affected thereby remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 20. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation available in the Lidlidda-Banayoyo Protected Landscape.

Approved,