



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4505

BY REPRESENTATIVES RAMOS, MATUGAS AND UNGAB, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 262

AN ACT DECLARING THE BULUSAN VOLCANO LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF BARCELONA, BULUSAN, CASIGURAN,
IROSIN AND JUBAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AS A
PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL
PARK AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT

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

1 CHAPTER I

2 BASIC POLICIES

3 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Bulusan
4 Volcano Natural Park (BVNP) Act”.

5 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – Cognizant of the profound impact of
6 human activities on all components of the natural environment particularly the
7 effect of increasing population, resource exploitation and industrial
8 advancement; recognizing the critical importance of protecting and
9 maintaining the natural and physical diversities of the environment notably
10 areas of unique biological significance in order to sustain life; taking into
11 account the sociocultural, economic, aesthetic and environmental values of the

1 ecosystem of Bulusan Volcano and its surrounding areas to the Province of
 2 Sorsogon, particularly its crucial watershed function with the presence of hot
 3 and cold springs and lakes, the diversity of its flora and fauna with some
 4 endemic species; and finally, in pursuit of the State's duty to protect and
 5 advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord
 6 with the rhythm and harmony of nature, it is hereby declared the policy of the
 7 State to secure for the Filipino people of present and future generations the
 8 protection and conservation of Bulusan Volcano and its surrounding areas in
 9 accordance with Republic Act No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected
 10 Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992 and international conventions to which the
 11 Philippines is a signatory.

12 SEC. 3. *Scope and Coverage.* – The boundaries of the Bulusan
 13 Volcano Natural Park (BVNP), which fall under the classification of national
 14 park as defined herein, within the municipalities of Barcelona, Bulusan,
 15 Casiguran, Irosin and Juban, all within the Province of Sorsogon, are as
 16 follows:

17 Beginning at point marked "1" which is N. 17° 53' 19" W., 1,344.01
 18 meters from BLLM No. 7, Juban CAD No. 223, Sorsogon with geographic
 19 coordinates of 12° 46' 41.73" North and 124° 02' 46. 45" East

20	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE (meters)
21	1 - 2	N. 36° 09' 59" W.	13.13
22	2 - 3	N. 18° 39' 59" W.	20.34
23	3 - 4	N. 05° 07' 00" W.	59.91
24	4 - 5	N. 34° 59' 00" W.	82.90
25	5 - 6	N. 27° 46' 00" E.	31.19
26	6 - 7	N. 45° 05' 01" E.	36.72
27	7 - 8	N. 23° 31' 00" E.	15.16
28	8 - 9	N. 36° 31' 00" W.	26.43
29	9 - 10	N. 49° 41' 00" W.	368.25

1	10 - 11	S. 81° 33' 00" E.	132.03
2	11 - 12	N. 82° 03' 00" E.	227.99
3	12 - 13	N. 42° 42' 00" W.	217.11
4	13 - 14	N. 46° 34' 00" W.	220.57
5	14 - 15	N. 46° 34' 00" W.	50.21
6	15 - 16	N. 45° 01' 00" E.	236.44
7	16 - 17	N. 57° 30' 00" E.	234.53
8	17 - 18	N. 50° 25' 00" E.	275.76
9	18 - 19	N. 80° 43' 00" E.	119.88
10	19 - 20	N. 80° 43' 00" E.	284.11
11	20 - 21	S. 39° 09' 00" E.	296.14
12	21 - 22	S. 04° 17' 00" W.	63.16
13	22 - 23	N. 82° 58' 00" W.	126.63
14	23 - 24	S. 58° 49' 00" W.	277.54
15	24 - 25	S. 04° 55' 00" E.	131.28
16	25 - 26	S. 67° 11' 00" E.	131.38
17	26 - 27	S. 35° 22' 00" E.	358.08
18	27 - 28	S. 88° 07' 00" E.	239.38
19	28 - 29	S. 78° 58' 00" E.	226.48
20	29 - 30	S. 21° 26' 00" E.	113.20
21	30 - 31	S. 21° 26' 00" E.	235.25
22	31 - 32	S. 12° 19' 00" E.	285.42
23	32 - 33	N. 69° 09' 00" E.	108.50
24	33 - 34	N. 08° 48' 00" E.	194.15
25	34 - 35	N. 17° 38' 59" W.	50.35
26	35 - 36	N. 23° 21' 00" E.	41.44
27	36 - 37	N. 89° 52' 59" E.	35.24
28	37 - 38	N. 14° 05' 59" E.	79.29
29	38 - 39	N. 33° 56' 00" W.	37.02

1	39 - 40	N. 45° 58' 00" E.	34.39
2	40 - 41	N. 16° 47' 59" E.	21.23
3	41 - 42	N. 66° 22' 01" E.	35.90
4	42 - 43	N. 08° 39' 59" E.	59.84
5	43 - 44	N. 22° 03' 00" W.	49.45
6	44 - 45	N. 06° 20' 00" W.	54.95
7	45 - 46	N. 30° 23' 00" E.	56.83
8	46 - 47	N. 72° 40' 00" E.	30.98
9	47 - 48	N. 38° 59' 01" E.	16.04
10	48 - 49	N. 03° 32' 00" E.	69.01
11	49 - 50	N. 17° 27' 00" W.	51.68
12	50 - 51	N. 56° 09' 00" E.	243.00
13	51 - 52	S. 15° 29' 00" E.	151.22
14	52 - 53	S. 21° 50' 00" E.	280.00
15	53 - 54	N. 43° 10' 00" E.	246.38
16	54 - 55	N. 14° 53' 00" W.	138.01
17	55 - 56	N. 68° 24' 00" E.	125.75
18	56 - 57	S. 46° 03' 00" E.	182.90
19	57 - 58	S. 10° 43' 00" E.	204.70
20	58 - 59	S. 45° 41' 00" E.	273.19
21	59 - 60	N. 39° 20' 00" E.	257.94
22	60 - 61	N. 70° 03' 05" E.	268.03
23	61 - 62	N. 08° 00' 25" W.	177.34
24	62 - 63	N. 83° 43' 35" E.	121.06
25	63 - 64	S. 32° 36' 46" E.	71.05
26	64 - 65	N. 44° 38' 40" E.	253.19
27	65 - 66	N. 44° 38' 40" E.	124.09
28	66 - 67	S. 82° 13' 30" E.	269.89
29	67 - 68	S. 50° 43' 30" E.	254.09

1	68 - 69	S. 73° 33' 43" E.	215.25
2	69 - 70	N. 63° 34' 14" E.	132.93
3	70 - 71	S. 63° 58' 17" E.	225.71
4	71 - 72	N. 65° 08' 04" E.	260.14
5	72 - 73	S. 15° 42' 30" E.	233.55
6	73 - 74	S. 27° 08' 24" E.	280.78
7	74 - 75	S. 19° 17' 23" W.	356.70
8	75 - 76	S. 00° 27' 36" W.	54.33
9	76 - 77	S. 00° 27' 36" W.	183.53
10	77 - 78	S. 05° 45' 27" W.	254.69
11	78 - 79	S. 23° 31' 24" E.	254.26
12	79 - 80	S. 11° 55' 15" W.	252.28
13	80 - 81	S. 09° 08' 30" E.	241.68
14	81 - 82	S. 14° 58' 22" W.	244.16
15	82 - 83	S. 40° 16' 47" E.	212.11
16	83 - 84	S. 21° 08' 46" W.	254.63
17	84 - 85	S. 21° 08' 46" W.	57.09
18	85 - 86	S. 42° 08' 15" W.	233.02
19	86 - 87	S. 69° 41' 54" E.	505.91
20	87 - 88	N. 75° 06' 05" E.	309.35
21	88 - 89	S. 38° 27' 13" E.	119.08
22	89 - 90	S. 82° 07' 01" E.	179.98
23	90 - 91	S. 35° 13' 04" E.	171.21
24	91 - 92	S. 82° 05' 34" W.	99.68
25	92 - 93	S. 05° 58' 15" E.	218.71
26	93 - 94	S. 80° 47' 20" E.	170.46
27	94 - 95	S. 80° 47' 20" E.	54.44
28	95 - 96	S. 84° 44' 46" E.	174.73
29	96 - 97	S. 22° 59' 19" E.	250.93

1	97 - 98	S. 08° 18' 44" W.	311.27
2	98 - 99	S. 32° 08' 14" W.	184.23
3	99 - 100	N. 89° 09' 04" W.	135.02
4	100 - 101	S. 65° 19' 00" W.	217.91
5	101 - 102	N. 68° 22' 51" W.	233.42
6	102 - 103	S. 25° 53' 37" E.	114.49
7	103 - 104	S. 73° 31' 23" E.	74.04
8	104 - 105	S. 63° 50' 18" E.	63.51
9	105 - 106	S. 18° 26' 06" W.	139.14
10	106 - 107	S. 36° 42' 51" E.	73.60
11	107 - 108	N. 52° 25' 53" E.	196.82
12	108 - 109	N. 43° 07' 20" E.	172.63
13	109 - 110	S. 59° 18' 32" E.	180.25
14	110 - 111	S. 23° 55' 30" W.	155.35
15	111 - 112	S. 21° 58' 57" E.	117.55
16	112 - 113	S. 50° 48' 45" W.	118.70
17	113 - 114	S. 73° 55' 26" W.	361.12
18	114 - 115	S. 01° 42' 17" E.	168.07
19	115 - 116	S. 64° 39' 43" E.	334.15
20	116 - 117	S. 80° 18' 40" E.	207.97
21	117 - 118	S. 70° 58' 06" E.	303.60
22	118 - 119	N. 88° 53' 28" E.	98.93
23	119 - 120	N. 88° 53' 29" E.	56.10
24	120 - 121	S. 58° 58' 31" E.	161.04
25	121 - 122	S. 31° 55' 15" W.	143.74
26	122 - 123	S. 15° 19' 17" E.	151.38
27	123 - 124	S. 56° 51' 22" W.	320.08
28	124 - 125	S. 81° 49' 58" W.	436.43
29	125 - 126	S. 88° 46' 52" W.	141.03

1	126 - 127	N. 37° 18' 14" W.	184.81
2	127 - 128	S. 87° 43' 10" W.	226.18
3	128 - 129	N. 42° 29' 37" W.	210.21
4	129 - 130	S. 48° 02' 54" W.	239.34
5	130 - 131	N. 89° 19' 26" W.	339.02
6	131 - 132	N. 46° 23' 12" W.	379.83
7	132 - 133	N. 73° 10' 57" W.	324.90
8	133 - 134	N. 01° 33' 54" W.	42.35
9	134 - 135	N. 01° 33' 54" W.	140.72
10	135 - 136	N. 53° 30' 08" W.	492.61
11	136 - 137	N. 08° 51' 43" W.	188.25
12	137 - 138	N. 88° 15' 28" W.	263.12
13	138 - 139	S. 45° 56' 43" W.	214.28
14	139 - 140	N. 62° 30' 16" W.	192.77
15	140 - 141	S. 86° 36' 04" W.	296.50
16	141 - 142	S. 15° 02' 25" W.	257.51
17	142 - 143	S. 40° 36' 48" W.	169.04
18	143 - 144	N. 43° 16' 16" W.	304.76
19	144 - 145	N. 37° 25' 19" W.	275.79
20	145 - 146	S. 55° 38' 23" W.	395.72
21	146 - 147	S. 61° 00' 40" W.	169.20
22	147 - 148	S. 14° 40' 15" W.	240.85
23	148 - 149	S. 82° 48' 03" W.	191.51
24	149 - 150	N. 09° 57' 40" E.	283.27
25	150 - 151	N. 35° 11' 51" W.	137.06
26	151 - 152	S. 77° 28' 16" W.	82.98
27	152 - 153	N. 70° 13' 08" W.	121.15
28	153 - 154	S. 48° 14' 57" W.	162.19
29	154 - 155	S. 24° 01' 36" E.	90.87

1	155 - 156	N. 81° 15' 14" E.	65.77
2	156 - 157	S. 65° 51' 16" E.	31.78
3	157 - 158	S. 11° 51' 11" E.	165.53
4	158 - 159	S. 43° 04' 41" W.	210.84
5	159 - 160	S. 12° 47' 00" E.	244.05
6	160 - 161	N. 80° 40' 58" W.	389.13
7	161 - 162	S. 77° 37' 09" W.	251.86
8	162 - 163	N. 65° 14' 48" W.	183.90
9	163 - 164	N. 58° 47' 49" W.	287.61
10	164 - 165	N. 79° 50' 32" W.	243.82
11	165 - 166	N. 87° 45' 15" W.	306.24
12	166 - 167	N. 74° 20' 33" W.	437.22
13	167 - 168	N. 36° 32' 42" E.	211.60
14	168 - 169	N. 40° 54' 18" E.	306.96
15	169 - 170	N. 80° 11' 07" W.	240.52
16	170 - 171	N. 86° 38' 01" W.	253.24
17	171 - 172	N. 86° 38' 00" W.	70.32
18	172 - 173	N. 68° 07' 26" W.	142.24
19	173 - 174	S. 67° 35' 47" W.	265.00
20	174 - 175	S. 24° 16' 59" W.	235.87
21	175 - 176	S. 33° 24' 17" W.	334.21
22	176 - 177	S. 39° 57' 27" W.	193.08
23	177 - 178	S. 35° 14' 08" W.	308.53
24	178 - 179	S. 86° 18' 14" W.	171.61
25	179 - 180	S. 77° 27' 16" W.	354.20
26	180 - 181	S. 76° 02' 24" W.	182.39
27	181 - 182	N. 73° 34' 24" W.	261.68
28	182 - 183	N. 19° 35' 56" W.	140.12
29	183 - 184	N. 52° 46' 13" W.	350.41

1	184 - 185	N. 26° 33' 54" E.	156.53
2	185 - 186	N. 77° 51' 47" E.	285.38
3	186 - 187	S. 82° 15' 45" E.	185.69
4	187 - 188	N. 71° 43' 56" E.	216.93
5	188 - 189	N. 64° 13' 50" E.	322.03
6	189 - 190	N. 34° 58' 01" E.	186.70
7	190 - 191	N. 30° 14' 44" E.	383.16
8	191 - 192	N. 22° 11' 19" E.	439.55
9	192 - 193	N. 13° 54' 16" W.	316.27
10	193 - 194	N. 30° 22' 45" W.	268.92
11	194 - 195	N. 53° 25' 37" W.	77.20
12	195 - 196	S. 36° 36' 43" W.	266.60
13	196 - 197	N. 86° 29' 31" W.	261.49
14	197 - 198	N. 70° 20' 46" W.	178.39
15	198 - 199	N. 68° 16' 04" E.	153.94
16	199 - 200	N. 20° 16' 57" E.	147.12
17	200 - 201	N. 16° 02' 24" E.	166.48
18	201 - 202	N. 13° 05' 49" E.	251.54
19	202 - 203	N. 32° 49' 58" W.	235.39
20	203 - 204	N. 38° 28' 01" W.	181.37
21	204 - 205	N. 49° 42' 21" E.	17.94
22	205 - 206	N. 26° 43' 51" E.	89.23
23	206 - 207	N. 34° 50' 41" W.	152.01
24	207 - 208	N. 78° 07' 26" E.	66.42
25	208 - 209	N. 28° 14' 08" W.	77.32
26	209 - 210	N. 01° 19' 59" W.	99.17
27	210 - 211	N. 49° 05' 06" E.	59.04
28	211 - 212	N. 48° 32' 59" E.	173.11
29	212 - 213	N. 89° 43' 32" E.	76.82

1	213 - 214	N. 15° 31' 42" E.	79.80
2	214 - 215	N. 26° 28' 13" W.	42.82
3	215 - 216	N. 26° 43' 07" W.	204.88
4	216 - 217	N. 68° 00' 32" E.	194.02
5	217 - 218	N. 18° 18' 07" W.	117.41
6	218 - 219	N. 10° 34' 45" W.	107.51
7	219 - 220	N. 20° 52' 46" W.	46.19
8	220 - 221	N. 40° 12' 34" W.	11.05
9	221 - 222	N. 75° 43' 17" E.	64.09
10	222 - 223	N. 70° 56' 06" E.	21.56
11	223 - 224	N. 13° 54' 51" W.	38.41
12	224 - 225	N. 11° 39' 11" W.	41.74
13	225 - 226	N. 59° 25' 42" E.	21.91
14	226 - 227	N. 01° 35' 23" W.	34.08
15	227 - 228	N. 56° 13' 13" W.	61.81
16	228 - 229	N. 15° 44' 39" W.	80.05
17	229 - 230	S. 64° 49' 08" E.	53.16
18	230 - 231	S. 50° 54' 23" E.	38.62
19	231 - 232	S. 50° 14' 18" E.	83.36
20	232 - 233	S. 09° 20' 52" E.	28.20
21	233 - 234	S. 29° 39' 28" E.	54.58
22	234 - 235	S. 49° 36' 01" E.	70.25
23	235 - 236	S. 66° 59' 01" E.	31.39
24	236 - 237	S. 61° 01' 57" E.	35.55
25	237 - 238	S. 41° 45' 51" E.	43.86
26	238 - 239	S. 82° 40' 53" E.	70.19
27	239 - 240	S. 45° 20' 29" E.	38.89
28	240 - 241	S. 42° 22' 20" E.	36.78
29	241 - 242	S. 57° 57' 53" E.	12.98

1	242 - 243	S. 11° 04' 33" E.	28.01
2	243 - 244	S. 23° 19' 04" E.	54.74
3	244 - 245	S. 64° 46' 57" E.	197.84
4	245 - 246	S. 71° 43' 01" E.	180.60
5	246 - 247	N. 48° 23' 17" E.	81.45
6	247 - 248	N. 64° 18' 20" W.	94.30
7	248 - 249	N. 30° 29' 35" W.	31.77
8	249 - 250	N. 58° 04' 32" W.	32.61
9	250 - 251	N. 49° 43' 17" E.	39.92
10	251 - 252	N. 40° 43' 16" E.	77.58
11	252 - 253	N. 16° 03' 00" W.	36.50
12	253 - 254	N. 57° 48' 17" W.	0.59
13	254 - 255	N. 23° 37' 46" E.	69.81
14	255 - 256	S. 77° 38' 33" E.	42.65
15	256 - 257	S. 42° 17' 08" E.	146.81
16	257 - 258	N. 69° 43' 24" E.	132.92
17	258 - 259	N. 44° 56' 52" W.	264.40
18	259 - 260	N. 50° 21' 43" E.	144.31
19	260 - 261	N. 33° 17' 09" E.	280.03
20	261 - 262	S. 63° 41' 40" E.	231.51
21	262 - 263	N. 33° 34' 27" E.	161.56
22	263 - 264	N. 32° 07' 10" E.	66.33
23	264 - 265	N. 68° 18' 47" W.	111.50
24	265 - 266	N. 61° 13' 49" W.	53.38
25	266 - 267	N. 14° 12' 45" E.	54.90
26	267 - 268	N. 64° 30' 04" W.	111.45
27	268 - 269	N. 42° 45' 58" E.	139.55
28	269 - 270	S. 66° 17' 35" E.	96.30
29	270 - 271	S. 73° 01' 06" E.	106.48

1	271 - 272	S. 17° 04' 02" E.	263.15
2	272 - 273	S. 56° 31' 08" E.	172.81
3	273 - 274	S. 29° 20' 53" E.	17.83
4	274 - 275	N. 24° 35' 35" E.	45.42
5	275 - 276	N. 27° 39' 01" E.	107.74
6	276 - 277	N. 09° 29' 54" W.	23.54
7	277 - 278	N. 10° 52' 41" W.	18.29
8	278 - 279	N. 26° 56' 53" E.	36.88
9	279 - 280	N. 56° 35' 42" E.	22.34
10	280 - 281	N. 66° 35' 58" E.	42.70
11	281 - 282	N. 36° 15' 53" E.	54.00
12	282 - 283	N. 40° 41' 21" E.	34.06
13	283 - 284	N. 23° 43' 29" E.	27.69
14	284 - 285	N. 28° 17' 05" E.	40.13
15	285 - 286	N. 71° 04' 19" E.	12.44
16	286 - 287	N. 86° 39' 42" E.	64.44
17	287 - 288	N. 53° 59' 06" E.	20.23
18	288 - 1	N. 20° 06' 02" E.	10.33

19 The BVNP shall cover a total land area of three thousand six hundred
20 forty-one and 57/100 (3,641.57) hectares.

21 The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall
22 appropriately mark on the ground the technical descriptions provided in this
23 Act with clearly visible markers and shall prepare appropriate maps therefor.
24 Any modification of the coverage of this Act due to such factors as changing
25 ecological situations, new scientific or archaeological findings, or discovery of
26 traditional boundaries not previously taken into account shall be made through
27 an act of Congress, after consultation with the affected public and concerned
28 government agencies.

1 SEC. 4. *Land Classification.* – All lands comprising the BVNP shall
2 fall under the classification of national park as provided for in the 1987
3 Philippine Constitution.

4 SEC. 5. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

5 (a) *Biodiversity* refers to variety and variability among living
6 organisms and the ecological complexes in which said organisms occur;

7 (b) *Ecosystem* refers to the dynamic complex of plant, animal and
8 microorganism communities and their nonliving environment interacting as a
9 functional unit;

10 (c) *Endangered species* refer to species or subspecies that are not
11 critically endangered but whose survival in the wild are unlikely if the causal
12 factors continue operating;

13 (d) *Endemic species* refer to species or subspecies of flora and fauna
14 which are naturally occurring and found only within specific areas in the
15 country;

16 (e) *Exotic species* refer to species or subspecies of flora and fauna
17 which do not naturally occur within the protected area at present or in
18 historical time;

19 (f) *Genetically Modified Organism (GMO)* refers to any living
20 organism that possesses a novel combination of genetic material obtained
21 through the use of modern biotechnology through *in vitro* nucleic acid
22 techniques, including recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and direct
23 injection of nucleic acid into cells or organelles, or fusion of cells beyond the
24 taxonomic family, that overcome natural physiological reproductive or
25 recombination barriers that are not used in traditional breeding and selection;

26 (g) *National park* refers to the land of the public domain classified as
27 such in the 1987 Constitution which includes all areas under the NIPAS
28 pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586, primarily designated for the conservation
29 of native plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural diversity;

1 (h) *Protected area* refers to identified portions of land and/or water set
2 aside by reasons of their unique physical and biological significance, managed
3 to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human
4 exploitation;

5 (i) *Protected landscape* refers to an area of national significance,
6 which is characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and land while
7 providing opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation and tourism
8 within the normal lifestyle and economic activity of the area;

9 (j) *Protected species* refer to plants or animals declared protected
10 under Philippine laws and international conventions, including species listed
11 under the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES)
12 and all its Annexes, the Bonn Convention on Migratory Species, the Red-list
13 Categories of the World Conservation Union, or plants or animals which the
14 Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) may deem critical for the
15 conservation and preservation of the BVNP; and

16 (k) *Wildlife* refers to wild form and varieties of flora and fauna, in all
17 developmental stages, including those which are in captivity or are being bred
18 or propagated.

19 CHAPTER II

20 INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM, ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

21 SEC. 6. *The Bulusan Volcano Natural Park Management Board*
22 *(BVNP-MB)*. – There is hereby created the BVNP-MB which shall serve as
23 the highest policy-making body overseeing the protected area. The BVNP-MB
24 shall be composed of the following:

25 (a) The Regional Executive Director (RED) of Region V, as PAMB
26 Chair;

1 (b) The Provincial Planning and Development Officer (PPDO) of
2 Sorsogon;

3 (c) The Environment and Natural Resources Officer (ENRO) of the
4 Province of Sorsogon;

5 (d) One (1) regular representative from each municipality/city within
6 the area encompassed by the BVNP;

7 (e) One (1) regular representative from each barangay with territory
8 within the BVNP;

9 (f) One (1) representative from every nongovernment organization
10 (NGO), people's organization (PO), church or civic organization but not to
11 exceed five (5), all of whom must be based in or near the BVNP;

12 (g) One (1) representative from other government agencies with direct
13 interest or involvement in protected area management; and

14 (h) One (1) representative from academic institutions with direct
15 interest or involvement in protected area management.

16 Every member of the PAMB shall serve for a term of five (5) years,
17 renewable for another five (5) years: *Provided*, That the member remains
18 connected with the office or sector being represented: *Provided, further*, That
19 elective officials shall serve on a coterminous basis. Except for the Chairman
20 and the PPDO, all other members of the PAMB shall be endorsed by their
21 respective heads of offices, or sanggunians, in case of elective officials.
22 Whenever a vacancy occurs during the term of a nongovernment PAMB
23 member, a new member shall be chosen through the process used in the
24 selection of the original appointee: *Provided*, That the new member shall only
25 serve for the remaining term.

26 **SEC. 7. Powers and Functions of the PAMB.** -- The PAMB shall have
27 the following powers and functions:

28 (a) Issue rules and regulations to control, prohibit and regulate all acts
29 that may be prejudicial to the BVNP pursuant to the policy declarations herein

1 set forth, including the imposition of fines up to a maximum of twenty
2 thousand pesos (P20,000.00) and the issuance of cease-and-desist orders,
3 whenever justified;

4 (b) Regulate, control and issue permits in accordance with the
5 management plan and pertinent environmental laws and regulations
6 particularly with regard to infrastructure activities, public utilities, waste
7 management, business enterprises and research activities within the BVNP,
8 including the power to prescribe appropriate fees and charges;

9 (c) Review, approve and adopt a management plan for the BVNP;

10 (d) Recommend the deputation of individuals or groups to augment the
11 protection of personnel of the BVNP for the enforcement of laws, rules and
12 regulations and prescribe the qualifications of such personnel;

13 (e) Approve contracts and agreements consistent with the purpose of
14 this Act;

15 (f) Accept donations and grants;

16 (g) Review and approve proposals for funding, financial and work
17 plans, and exercise accountability over all funds that may accrue to the BVNP;

18 (h) Promulgate rules and regulations on the conduct of its business;

19 (i) Monitor and evaluate the performance of all personnel assisting in
20 the management, protection and administration of the BVNP;

21 (j) Retain legal counsel to defend cases against the PAMB, the
22 Protected Area Superintendent's Office (PASO) staff and deputized
23 individuals whenever they are sued in connection with the performance of their
24 duties and functions under this Act, and to assist in other PAMB legal matters;
25 and

26 (k) Initiate and file suits against persons or entities whose business or
27 activities are detrimental to the protected area.

1 SEC. 8. *Protected Area Superintendent's Office (PASO)*. – There is
2 hereby established a PASO in charge of the management, protection and
3 administration of the BVNP. It shall be headed by the Protected Area
4 Superintendent (PASu) as its chief operating officer who shall be directly
5 accountable to the PAMB and the Provincial Environment and Natural
6 Resources Officer of the DENR (PENRO-DENR) in Sorsogon. The PASu
7 shall coordinate the activities with the Community Environment and Natural
8 Resources Office (CENRO) with regard to DENR programs that are related to
9 protected area management.

10 The PASu shall be supported by the existing personnel of the DENR.

11 The PASu shall prepare an annual accomplishment report on all
12 activities undertaken in the protected area for PAMB review and submission to
13 the DENR Secretary.

14 SEC. 9. *Local Government Units (LGUs)*. – All concerned LGUs shall
15 be represented in the PAMB and shall exercise the following duties:

16 (a) Apprise their respective constituents, office and sector on activities
17 and programs for the protected area;

18 (b) Ensure consistency in the implementation of all activities in the
19 protected area;

20 (c) Exercise their ordinance-making powers over the protected area:
21 *Provided*, That on matters relating to biodiversity conservation, protection and
22 sustainable development, the ordinances shall be consistent with the
23 management plan;

24 (d) Consider the BVNP Management Plan in the formulation of their
25 development plan;

26 (e) Assist the PAMB in the implementation of the overall park
27 programs including, but not limited to, the imposition, collection and
28 utilization of park fees, enforcement of policies, rules and regulations and other
29 similar park activities;

1 (f) Accredite POs, NGOs and other entities and groups involved in
2 activities within the BVNP; and

3 (g) Provide the PAMB with relevant information and data for the
4 effective management of the protected area.

5 CHAPTER III

6 MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ZONING

7 SEC. 10. *Management Plan.* – There shall be a management plan
8 which shall serve as the long-term basic framework for the management of the
9 BVNP, govern all activities within the BVNP, and guide the preparation of the
10 annual operations plan and budget. The management plan shall be consistent
11 with this Act and the nature of the BVNP as a protected area under the
12 category of a natural park. A management manual containing the management
13 plan and other supporting data shall be prepared in accordance with the
14 implementing rules of the NIPAS Act.

15 Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the PASO shall
16 prepare the management plan in accordance with the General Management
17 Planning Strategy (GMPS) as provided for in the implementing rules of the
18 NIPAS Act. It shall contain, among others, the following:

19 (a) A period of applicability for ten (10) years subject to review every
20 five (5) years;

21 (b) Key management issues;

22 (c) Goals and objectives of management in support of Section 2 hereof;

23 (d) Zoning in accordance with Section 11 hereof;

24 (e) Management programs to include the enforcement of laws, habitat
25 and wildlife management, ecotourism, sustainable use, management,
26 infrastructure development and maintenance, fire prevention and pest control;

27 (f) Sustainable and non-destructive livelihood activities;

1 (g) Regulations in furtherance of the preservation and conservation
2 aims of the BVNP such as allowable activities and resource-use restrictions,
3 among others; and

4 (h) Other relevant conservation matters.

5 The management plan shall be reviewed and adopted by the PAMB and
6 certified to by the DENR Secretary. The management plan shall not be revised
7 or modified without prior consultation with the PAMB. It shall be reviewed
8 and updated every five (5) years.

9 Two (2) years prior to the expiration of the current management plan,
10 the PASO shall cause the publication of notices for comments on and
11 suggestions for the new management plan that shall succeed the current one in
12 a newspaper of general circulation and the posting thereof in the provincial,
13 municipality/city and barangay halls of the LGUs comprising the BVNP, and
14 in three (3) other conspicuous areas within the BVNP frequented by the public.
15 At least two (2) public hearings shall be conducted on the proposed successor
16 plan and shall be made available for the perusal of the public at the PASO.

17 The management plan and all its subsequent plans shall be prepared in
18 English, Filipino and Bicol, plainly written and made accessible to the public
19 at the PASO.

20 SEC. 11. *Zoning.* – A strict protection zone and multi-use zone shall
21 be established and strictly enforced within the BVNP, and primary
22 consideration shall be given to its protection and conservation. Zoning shall
23 also take into account the tenurial and livelihood concerns of communities to
24 ensure the efficient protection of habitats, fragile ecosystems and unique areas.

25 The establishment and management of zones must involve the
26 community concerned through the conduct of dialogues, consultations and
27 land- and resource-use mapping. Zones shall be demarcated on the ground and
28 indicated on maps with the participation of communities, LGUs and other
29 stakeholders.

1 A buffer zone shall also be established within the peripheral areas of the
2 BVNP in accordance with the management plan to serve as a social fence
3 where tenurial and sustainable resource-use rights may be granted to qualified
4 groups and individuals.

5 CHAPTER IV

6 EXISTING FACILITIES AND UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES

7 SEC. 12. *Existing Facilities Within the BVNP.* – Within a year from
8 the approval of this Act, all existing commercial facilities with capitalization of
9 not less than one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) within the BVNP, or
10 rely heavily from resources within the BVNP, shall submit to the PASO a
11 sworn statement containing the following information:

- 12 (a) Potential for disturbance of protected species and their habitats;
- 13 (b) Emissions and effluents at all stages of the operation;
- 14 (c) Energy requirements and sources of energy;
- 15 (d) Water supply requirements and sources of water;
- 16 (e) Volume of resources extracted from the BVNP;
- 17 (f) Future plans for the next five (5) years; and
- 18 (g) Other data they may deem relevant to the conservation objectives of
19 the BVNP.

20 Based on this submission, the PAMB shall determine whether the
21 continued operation and future plans of these facilities are detrimental to the
22 BVNP or whether their respective operation should further undergo the
23 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) system, in which case the presentation
24 of an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental
25 Management Bureau shall be required. The PAMB may prescribe conditions
26 or charge reasonable fees for the continued operation of facilities that rely
27 heavily on resources within the BVNP to ensure that these do not impair the
28 conservation objectives of the BVNP. Without prejudice to the filing of the
29 necessary criminal charges, in case of violation of PAMB conditions or

1 nonpayment of charges, the PAMB may impose an administrative fine of five
 2 thousand pesos (P5,000.00) for every day of violation upon the owners of the
 3 erring facilities but not to exceed a total of five hundred thousand pesos
 4 (P500,000.00). At any time whenever necessary, the PAMB, through the
 5 PASu and other government entities, shall cause the cessation and demolition
 6 of the facility at owner's cost. Failure to submit the required information shall
 7 constitute a violation of this Act subject to the penalties imposed under Section
 8 15(b) hereof.

9 SEC. 13. *Utilization of Resources.* – Except upon prior approval of
 10 the PAMB and consistent with the management plan, the use of natural
 11 resources within the BVNP shall not be allowed. However, the sustainable use
 12 of resources by qualified tenured migrants for their domestic needs or for
 13 subsistence shall not be restricted, except when the utilization involved
 14 protected species and/or whenever it is highly detrimental to the ecosystem.

15 SEC. 14. *Public Lands.* – Upon passage of this Act, no land within the
 16 BVNP shall be released from the public domain as alienable and disposable
 17 and any sale, transfer, alienation or disposition thereof shall be null and void.

18 CHAPTER V

19 PROHIBITED ACTS

20 SEC. 15. *Prohibited Acts.* – The following acts are prohibited within
 21 the BVNP with their respective penalties:

22 (a) A fine of not less than five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but not
 23 more than five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) and imprisonment of not
 24 less than six (6) years and one (1) day but not more than twelve (12) years shall
 25 be imposed upon any person who:

26 (1) Hunts, collects, takes, destroys, traps, disturbs or otherwise
 27 possesses any wild plant, animal or product, including genetic resources,
 28 derived from the BVNP without prior PAMB permit: *Provided*, That the

1 permit shall only be given for scientific purposes and necessary for protected
2 area management;

3 (2) Cuts, gathers, collects, removes or otherwise possesses timber or
4 other forest products within the BVNP without prior PAMB permit: *Provided*,
5 That such permit can only be given for scientific purposes and necessary for
6 protected area management: *Provided, further*, That no permit shall be issued
7 for timber or other forest products within strict protection zones;

8 (3) Engages in kaingin or otherwise intentionally or negligently causes
9 a forest fire inside the BVNP;

10 (4) Engages in mineral or energy exploration activities within the
11 BVNP;

12 (5) Engages in treasure-hunting within the BVNP;

13 (6) Introduces exotic species or GMOs within the BVNP; and

14 (7) Discharges, leaves or dumps any waste product or substance
15 deleterious to the BVNP ecosystem or to any of the flora and fauna therein;

16 (b) A fine of not less than five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but not
17 more than two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00) and imprisonment
18 of not less than six (6) months and one (1) day but not more than six (6) years
19 shall be imposed upon any person who:

20 (1) Occupies, settles, or possesses any portion of land inside the BVNP
21 without the necessary permit. Clearing, construction of residence or
22 introduction of improvements shall constitute *prima facie* evidence of such
23 occupation or settlement;

24 (2) Vandalizes, mutilates, destroys, excavates, defaces or otherwise
25 intentionally damages any natural formation or object of natural beauty inside
26 the BVNP;

27 (3) Uses or possesses motorized equipment, explosives or any noxious
28 substance anywhere within the strict protection zones of the BVNP as
29 delineated by the PAMB;

1 (4) Constructs or maintains any kind of road, structure, fence or
2 enclosure without prior PAMB permit; and

3 (5) Obstructs or hinders the enforcement of this Act, the management
4 plan and its pertinent rules and regulations;

5 (c) A fine of not less than five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but not
6 more than fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than
7 one (1) month and one (1) day but not more than six (6) months, or both, shall
8 be imposed upon any person who;

9 (1) Except as otherwise provided, violates the management plan or any
10 rule or resolution promulgated by the PAMB;

11 (2) Alters, removes, destroys or deface boundaries, marks or signs;

12 (3) Enters the BVNP without prior PAMB permit for purposes of
13 trekking, mountain climbing, spelunking and other recreational activities; and

14 (4) Dumps, litters or otherwise leaves debris, refuse or garbage within
15 the BVNP:

16 (d) Any provision to the contrary notwithstanding, the commission of
17 any unlawful act under Section 15(a) shall be punishable by imprisonment of
18 not less than twelve (12) years and one (1) day but not more than twenty (20)
19 years and a fine of not less than five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00)
20 but not more than one million pesos (P1,000,000.00), whenever the species
21 involved is a protected species as provided herein. Any citizen may institute
22 the necessary charge against an offender for commission of the acts
23 enumerated under this section;

24 (e) A conviction under this section shall carry the accessory penalties
25 of eviction from the BVNP, payment of damages for rehabilitation and
26 restoration, and the forfeiture of all conveyances, equipment, device,
27 instrument, tool or weapon used in the commission of the offense as well as the
28 flora and fauna and resources caught in the possession of the accused. In case
29 the offender is an association, partnership or corporation, the president or

1 manager of the said corporation shall be held liable for the act of the
2 employees or workers;

3 (f) The DENR, through the PASu, may impose administrative
4 sanctions against the offender for violations committed under this Act. The
5 PASu may confiscate all conveyances, equipment, device, instrument, tool or
6 weapon used in the commission of the offense caught *en flagrante*, including
7 the animals, plants and other resources from the BVNP found in the possession
8 of the offender; and

9 (g) In case of conviction, the penalty consisting of fines and damages
10 shall directly accrue to the Integrated Protected Areas Fund (IPAF) as herein
11 provided.

12 CHAPTER VI

13 PROTECTED AREA FUND

14 SEC. 16. *The Bulusan Volcano Natural Park Fund (BVNPF).* - There
15 is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the BVNP Fund which shall
16 be used solely to finance the projects of the BVNP. All income generated
17 from the operation and management of wild flora and fauna in the BVNP shall
18 accrue to the fund. These income shall be derived from fees from permitted
19 sale and export of flora and fauna and other resources from the protected area,
20 proceeds from lease of multiple-use areas, contributions from industries and
21 facilities directly benefiting from the protected area; and such other fees and
22 income derived from the operation of the protected area.

23 The BVNP Fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment
24 from various sources, domestic or foreign, and such endowments shall be
25 exempted from income or gift taxes, and all other taxes, charges or fees
26 imposed by the government or any political subdivision or instrumentality
27 thereof: *Provided,* That the BVNP Management Board shall retain
28 seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenues raised, to be deposited in any
29 government bank within the locality; and that disbursements shall be made

1 solely for the protection, maintenance, administration and management of the
2 area and the implementation of duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB
3 in accordance with existing accounting, budgeting and auditing rules and
4 regulations: *Provided, further*, That the fund shall not be used to cover
5 personal services expenditures.

6 The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the revenues shall be
7 deposited as a special account in the National Treasury as share in the IPAF
8 created pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586.

9 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not
10 enumerated herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business
11 permits, property tax, and rentals of LGUs' facilities. Furthermore, LGUs may
12 charge add-ons to fees imposed by the PAMB: *Provided*, That such add-ons
13 shall be determined based on the contribution of the LGUs in the maintenance
14 and protection of the protected area.

15 CHAPTER VII

16 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

17 SEC. 17. *Appropriation*. – The Secretary of the DENR shall
18 immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this
19 Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
20 Appropriations Act.

21 SEC. 18. *Separability Clause*. – If any part or section of this Act is
22 declared unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect in any manner the
23 other parts or sections hereof.

24 SEC. 19. *Repealing Clause*. – All laws, proclamations, rules and
25 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
26 accordingly.

27 SEC. 20. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
28 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation
29 readily available in and around the scope specified herein. It shall likewise be

- 1 posted in a conspicuous place at the municipal halls of Barcelona, Bulusan,
- 2 Casiguran, Irosin and Juban in the Province of Sorsogon and in the barangay
- 3 halls within the protected area, and in other places frequented by the public.

Approved,

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