



SENATE

S. No. 1444

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AN ACT DECLARING PROTECTED AREAS AND  
PROVIDING FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT,  
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS  
SYSTEM (NIPAS) ACT OF 1992, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7586 is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3                   “SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be  
4           known and referred to as the “EXPANDED  
5           National Integrated Protected Areas System  
6           Act of [1992] 2017”.”

1           SEC. 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7586 is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3                   “SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* –

4           Cognizant of the profound impact of [man's]  
5 HUMAN activities on all components of the  
6 natural environment particularly the effect of  
7 increasing population, resource exploitation  
8 and industrial advancement, and recognizing  
9 the critical importance of protecting and  
10 maintaining the natural, biological, and  
11 physical diversities of the environment notably  
12 on areas with biologically unique features to  
13 sustain human life and development, as well as  
14 plant and animal life, it is hereby declared the  
15 policy of the State to secure for the Filipino  
16 people of present and for future generations,  
17 the perpetual scheme of all native plants and  
18 animals through the establishment of a  
19 comprehensive system of integrated protected

1 areas within the classification of national park  
2 as provided for in the Constitution.

3 "It is hereby recognized that these areas,  
4 although distinct in features, possess common  
5 ecological values that may be incorporated into  
6 a holistic plan representative of our natural  
7 heritage; that effective administration of these  
8 areas is possible only through cooperation  
9 among the national government, local  
10 governments and concerned private  
11 organizations; and that the use and enjoyment  
12 of these protected areas must be consistent  
13 with the principles of biological diversity and  
14 sustainable development.

15 "To this end, there is hereby established a  
16 National Integrated Protected Areas System  
17 (NIPAS), which shall encompass outstandingly  
18 remarkable areas and biologically important  
19 public lands that are habitats of rare and  
20 THREATENED species of plants and animals,

1 biogeographic zones and related ecosystems,  
2 whether terrestrial, wetland or marine, all of  
3 which shall be designated as "protected areas."

4 THE SYSTEM SHALL RECOGNIZE  
5 CONSERVATION AREAS AND THE  
6 MANAGEMENT REGIMES OF LOCAL  
7 GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs),  
8 COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS  
9 PEOPLES (IPs).

10 "THE STATE SHALL ENSURE THE  
11 FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT BY  
12 ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTIONAL  
13 MECHANISM FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF  
14 RESOURCES AND PROVIDING FOR  
15 ADEQUATE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL  
16 SUPPORT FOR THE CONSERVATION OF  
17 BIODIVERSITY AND THE INTEGRITY OF  
18 THE ECOSYSTEM."

19 SEC. 3. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7586 is hereby  
20 amended to read as follows:

1                   “SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* – For  
2 purposes of this Act, the following terms shall  
3 be defined as follows:

4                   “[1.] A) *National Integrated Protected*  
5 *Areas System (NIPAS)* [is] REFERS TO the  
6 classification and administration of all  
7 designated protected areas to maintain  
8 essential ecological processes and life-support  
9 systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to  
10 ensure sustainable use of resources found  
11 therein, and to maintain their natural  
12 conditions to the greatest extent possible;

13                   “[2.] B) *Protected Area* refers to identified  
14 portions of land and/OR water set aside by  
15 reason of their unique physical and biological  
16 significance, managed to enhance biological  
17 diversity and protected against destructive  
18 human exploitation;

19                   “[3.] C) *Buffer Zones* refer to identified  
20 areas outside the boundaries of and

1 immediately adjacent to designated protected  
2 areas pursuant to Section 8 that need special  
3 development control in order to avoid or  
4 minimize harm to the protected area;

5 “[4.] D) *Indigenous Cultural Community*  
6 (*ICC*)/*INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (IP)* refers to a  
7 group of people sharing common bonds of  
8 language, customs, traditions and other  
9 distinctive cultural traits, and who have, since  
10 time immemorial, occupied, possessed and  
11 utilized a territory;

12 “[5.] E) *National Park* refers to [a forest  
13 reservation essentially of natural wilderness  
14 character which has been withdrawn from  
15 settlement, occupancy and any form of  
16 exploitation except in conformity with  
17 approved management plan and set aside as  
18 such exclusively to conserve the area or  
19 preserve the scenery, the natural and historic  
20 objects, wild animals and plant therein and to

1 provide enjoyment of these features in such  
2 areas.] THE LANDS OF THE PUBLIC  
3 DOMAIN CLASSIFIED AS SUCH IN THE  
4 1987 PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION WHICH  
5 INCLUDE ALL AREAS AS CATEGORIZED  
6 UNDER SECTION 4 OF THIS ACT,  
7 PRIMARILY DESIGNATED FOR THE  
8 CONSERVATION OF NATIVE PLANTS AND  
9 ANIMALS, THEIR ASSOCIATED HABITATS  
10 AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY;

11 “[6.] F) *Natural Monument* [is] REFERS  
12 TO a relatively small area focused on the  
13 protection of small features to protect or  
14 preserve nationally significant natural features  
15 on account of their special interest or unique  
16 characteristics;

17 “[7.] G) *Natural Biotic Area* [is] REFERS  
18 TO an area set aside to allow the way of life of  
19 societies living in harmony with the

1 environment to adapt to modern technology at  
2 their pace;

3 “[8.] H) *Natural Park* [is] REFERS TO a  
4 relatively large area not materially altered by  
5 human activity, where extractive resource uses  
6 are not allowed and IS maintained to protect  
7 outstanding natural and scenic areas of  
8 national or international significance for  
9 scientific, educational, and recreational use;

10 “[9.] I) *Protected Landscapes AND/OR*  
11 *Seascapes* [are] REFER TO areas of national  
12 significance which are characterized by the  
13 harmonious interaction of HUman and land  
14 while providing opportunities for public  
15 enjoyment through [the] recreation, [and]  
16 tourism [within the normal lifestyle] and  
17 OTHER economic activit[y]IES [of these areas];

18 “[10.] J) *Resource Reserve* [is] REFERS  
19 TO an extensive and relatively isolated and



1 uninhabited area, [normally with] difficult TO  
2 access AND designated [as such] to protect  
3 natural resources [of the area for] THEREIN  
4 for future [use] UTILIZATION and TO prevent  
5 or contain development activities that could  
6 affect the resource pending the establishment  
7 of objectives which are based upon appropriate  
8 knowledge and planning;

9 " [11.] K) *Strict Nature Reserve* [is]  
10 REFERS TO an area possessing some  
11 outstanding ecosystem, features, and [/or]  
12 species of flora and fauna of national scientific  
13 importance maintained to protect nature and  
14 maintain processes in an undisturbed state in  
15 order to [have] PRESERVE ecologically  
16 representative examples of the natural  
17 environment available for scientific study,  
18 environmental monitoring, education, and for

1 the maintenance of genetic resources in a  
2 dynamic and evolutionary state;

3 “[12.] L) *Tenured Migrant Communities*  
4 [are] REFER TO communities within protected  
5 areas which have [actually and continuously  
6 occupied such areas for] BEEN EXISTING OR  
7 ESTABLISHED five (5) years before the  
8 designation of the same as protected areas in  
9 accordance with this Act and WHICH are  
10 [solely] substantially dependent there[IN]ON  
11 for subsistence; [and]

12 “[13.] M) *Wildlife Sanctuary* [comprises]  
13 REFERS TO an area which assures the natural  
14 conditions necessary to protect nationally  
15 significant species, groups of species, biotic  
16 communities or physical features of the  
17 environment where these may require specific  
18 human manipulations for their perpetuation[.];

19 “N) *BIOPROSPECTING* REFERS TO  
20 THE RESEARCH, COLLECTION, AND

1 UTILIZATION OF BIOLOGICAL AND  
2 GENETIC RESOURCES FOR PURPOSES OF  
3 APPLYING THE KNOWLEDGE DERIVED  
4 THEREFROM SOLELY FOR COMMERCIAL  
5 PURPOSES;

6 "O) *BY-PRODUCTS OR DERIVATIVES*  
7 REFER TO ANY PART TAKEN OR  
8 SUBSTANCE EXTRACTED FROM  
9 WILDLIFE, IN RAW OR IN PROCESSED  
10 FORM. THESE INCLUDE STUFFED  
11 ANIMALS AND HERBARIUM SPECIMENS;

12 "P) *COLLECTION OR COLLECTING*  
13 REFERS TO THE ACT OF GATHERING OR  
14 HARVESTING WILDLIFE AND ITS BY-  
15 PRODUCTS OR DERIVATIVES;

16 "Q) *CONVEYANCE* REFERS TO  
17 EVERY KIND OF VESSEL, INCLUDING  
18 MOTORIZED OR NON-MOTORIZED  
19 VEHICLES, NON-DISPLACEMENT CRAFTS  
20 AND SEAPLANES THAT ARE USED OR

1 MAY BE USED AS A MEANS OF  
2 TRANSPORTATION ON LAND OR WATER;

3 "R) *DECLARED PROTECTED AREAS*  
4 REFER TO THOSE INCLUDED IN THE  
5 NIPAS THROUGH AN ACT OF CONGRESS  
6 AND CLASSIFIED AS NATIONAL PARK;

7 "S) *DELINEATION* REFERS TO THE  
8 ACTUAL GROUND SURVEY OF THE  
9 BOUNDARIES OF PROTECTED AREAS AND  
10 THEIR BUFFER ZONES INCLUDING  
11 DESIGNATED MANAGEMENT ZONES  
12 USING THE GLOBAL POSITIONING  
13 SYSTEM (GPS) OR OTHER APPLICABLE  
14 SURVEY INSTRUMENTS AND  
15 TECHNOLOGIES CONDUCTED FOR THE  
16 PURPOSE OF DRAWING UP A MAP OF THE  
17 AREA;

18 "T) *DELISTED PROTECTED AREAS*  
19 REFER TO THOSE UNDER THE  
20 JURISDICTION OF OTHER GOVERNMENT

1 INSTRUMENTALITIES AS PROVIDED BY  
2 LAW. DELISTED AREAS REMAIN PART OF  
3 THE NIPAS BUT ARE ADMINISTERED BY  
4 THE AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT  
5 INSTRUMENTALITIES;

6 "U) *DEMARCATION* REFERS TO THE  
7 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES  
8 OF PROTECTED AREAS AND THEIR  
9 BUFFER ZONES USING VISIBLE  
10 MARKERS, MONUMENTS, BUOYS IN CASE  
11 OF MARINE AREAS, AND KNOWN  
12 NATURAL FEATURES AND LANDMARKS,  
13 AMONG OTHERS, AS A RESULT OF THE  
14 ACTUAL GROUND DELINEATION;

15 "V) *DESIGNATED PROTECTED AREAS*  
16 REFER TO THE INITIAL COMPONENTS OF  
17 THE NIPAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
18 SECTION 5 HEREOF;

19 "W) *DISESTABLISHED AREAS* REFER  
20 TO FORMER PROTECTED AREAS WHICH

1 ARE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN FROM  
2 THE NIPAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
3 SECTION 7 OF THE NIPAS ACT AND  
4 THEREBY CAUSING THEIR REVISION  
5 FROM NATIONAL PARK TO TIMBERLAND  
6 OR FOREST LAND;

7 "X) *ECOSYSTEM GOODS AND*  
8 *SERVICES* REFER TO THE MULTITUDE OF  
9 MATERIAL AND NON-MATERIAL  
10 PROVISIONS AND BENEFITS FROM  
11 HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS NECESSARY FOR  
12 HUMAN SUSTENANCE AND SURVIVAL  
13 INCLUDING SUPPORTING PROCESSES,  
14 PROVISIONING AND REGULATING OF THE  
15 ENVIRONMENT AND PRESERVING CULTURAL  
16 RESOURCES;

17 "Y) *ENDEMIC SPECIES* REFER TO  
18 THE SPECIES OR SUBSPECIES OF FLORA  
19 AND FAUNA WHICH ARE NATURALLY

1 OCCURRING AND FOUND ONLY WITHIN  
2 SPECIFIC AREAS IN THE COUNTRY;

3 "Z) *ESTABLISHED PROTECTED*  
4 *AREAS* REFER TO THOSE WITH  
5 PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ISSUED  
6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5  
7 HEREOF;

8 "AA) *EXOTIC SPECIES* REFER TO THE  
9 SPECIES OR SUBSPECIES OF FLORA AND  
10 FAUNA WHICH HISTORICALLY, HAVE  
11 NOT BEEN NATURALLY OCCURRING  
12 WITHIN THE PROTECTED AREA;

13 "BB) *EXPLORATION* REFERS TO THE  
14 ACT OF SEARCHING OR PROSPECTING  
15 FOR MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES,  
16 BY GEOLOGICAL, GEO-CHEMICAL OR  
17 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS, REMOTE  
18 SENSING, TEST PITTING, TRENCHING,  
19 DRILLING, SHAFT SINKING, TUNNELING  
20 OR ANY OTHER MEANS FOR THE

1           PURPOSE    OF    DETERMINING    THE  
2           EXISTENCE, EXTENT, QUANTITY, AND  
3           QUALITY    THEREOF,    AND    THE  
4           FEASIBILITY    OF    UTILIZING    THESE  
5           RESOURCES FOR PROFIT;

6           "CC)    *GEAR*    REFERS    TO    ANY  
7           INSTRUMENT    OR    DEVICE    AND    ITS  
8           ACCESSORIES    UTILIZED    IN    TAKING,  
9           CATCHING,    GATHERING,    KILLING,  
10          HUNTING,    DESTROYING,    DISTURBING,  
11          REMOVING, OR POSSESSING RESOURCES  
12          WITHIN THE PROTECTED AREA;

13          "DD)    *GENETICALLY    MODIFIED*  
14          *ORGANISM (GMO)* REFERS TO ANY LIVING  
15          ORGANISM    THAT    POSSESSES    A    NOVEL  
16          COMBINATION    OF    GENETIC    MATERIAL  
17          OBTAINED THROUGH THE USE OF MODERN  
18          BIOTECHNOLOGY;

19          "EE)    *HUNTING*    REFERS    TO    THE  
20          KILLING OR CATCHING OF WILD FAUNA



1 FOR FOOD AND RECREATIONAL  
2 PURPOSES, WITH THE USE OF WEAPONS  
3 SUCH AS GUNS, BOW AND ARROW,  
4 SPEARS, TRAPS AND SNARES;

5 "FF) *INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA*  
6 *FUND (IPAF)* REFERS TO THE SPECIAL  
7 ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED FOR THE  
8 PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE PROJECTS  
9 OF THE NIPAS AND INDIVIDUAL  
10 PROTECTED AREAS IN ACCORDANCE  
11 WITH SECTION 16 HEREOF;

12 "GG) *INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES* REFER  
13 TO SPECIES INTRODUCED DELIBERATELY  
14 OR UNINTENTIONALLY OUTSIDE THEIR  
15 NATURAL HABITATS WHERE THEY HAVE  
16 THE ABILITY TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES,  
17 INVADE, OUTCOMPETE NATIVE SPECIES  
18 AND TAKE OVER THE NEW ENVIRONMENT;

19 "HH) *KAINGIN* REFERS TO THE  
20 SLASH AND BURN CULTIVATION OF

1 VEGETATED LAND IN A PROTECTED  
2 AREA, WHETHER OCCUPIED OR NOT,  
3 SHIFTING AND PERMANENT AND HAVING  
4 LITTLE OR NO PROVISION TO PREVENT  
5 SOIL EROSION;

6 "II) *MULTIPLE-USE ZONE* REFERS TO  
7 THE PORTION OF THE PROTECTED AREA  
8 WHERE SETTLEMENT, TRADITIONAL OR  
9 SPECIAL USES THAT MAYBE ALLOWED AS  
10 PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 25 HEREOF AND  
11 OTHER INCOME GENERATING OR  
12 LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES MAY BE ALLOWED  
13 TO THE EXTENT PRESCRIBED IN THE  
14 MANAGEMENT PLAN;

15 "JJ) *OCCUPYING* REFERS TO A  
16 CONTINUOUS STAY OF INDIVIDUALS OR  
17 GROUPS WITHIN A PROTECTED AREA,  
18 WHETHER RESIDING OR ENGAGING IN  
19 THE CULTIVATION OF LAND OR FISHING  
20 FOR MORE THAN 24-HOURS;

1                   “KK) *PARK OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT*  
2                   (*PASU*) REFERS TO THE CHIEF OPERATING  
3                   OFFICER OF THE PROTECTED AREA WITH A  
4                   PERMANENT PLANTILLA POSITION IN THE  
5                   DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL  
6                   RESOURCES (DENR);

7                   “LL) *POACHING* REFERS TO GATHERING,  
8                   COLLECTING, OR POSSESSING PRODUCTS OR  
9                   NATURAL RESOURCES FROM THE  
10                  PROTECTED AREA BY ANY INDIVIDUAL  
11                  PERSON, CORPORATION OR ENTITY  
12                  WHETHER LOCAL OR FOREIGN; IN THE  
13                  CASE OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS,  
14                  THIS SHALL REFER TO OPERATING ANY  
15                  FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS BY ANY  
16                  PERSON, CORPORATION, OR ENTITY  
17                  WITHOUT A PERMIT;

18                  “MM) *PROTECTED AREA OCCUPANTS*  
19                  REFER TO PERSONS WHO ARE RESIDING,  
20                  UTILIZING, AND CULTIVATING AREAS

1           WITHIN THE PROTECTED AREA. THESE  
2           INCLUDE PRIVATE OWNERS, INDIGENOUS  
3           PEOPLE, TENURED MIGRANTS AND  
4           INFORMAL SETTLERS;

5           “NN) *PROTECTED AREA RETAINED*  
6           *INCOME ACCOUNT* REFERS TO THE  
7           TRUST FUND MAINTAINED BY ANY  
8           PROTECTED AREA AND ADMINISTERED  
9           BY THE RESPECTIVE PAMB  
10          REPRESENTING THE 75% OF REVENUES  
11          GENERATED FROM THE PROTECTED  
12          AREA TO SUPPORT ITS MANAGEMENT;

13          “OO) *PROTECTED SPECIES* REFER TO  
14          ANY PLANT OR ANIMAL DECLARED  
15          PROTECTED UNDER PHILIPPINE LAWS,  
16          RULES AND REGULATIONS. THESE  
17          SHALL INCLUDE ALL SPECIES LISTED  
18          UNDER THE CONVENTION ON  
19          INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED  
20          SPECIES OF WILD FLORA AND FAUNA

1 (CITES) AND ALL ITS ANNEXES, THE  
2 CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION  
3 OF MIGRATORY SPECIES (CMS), THOSE  
4 SPECIFIED UNDER THE RED-LIST  
5 CATEGORIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
6 UNION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF  
7 NATURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
8 (IUCN), OR ANY PLANT OR ANIMAL  
9 WHICH THE DENR, PROTECTED AREA  
10 MANAGEMENT BOARD (PAMB) OR ANY  
11 GOVERNMENT AGENCY MAY DEEM  
12 NECESSARY FOR CONSERVATION AND  
13 PRESERVATION IN THE PROTECTED  
14 AREA;

15 "PP) *QUARRYING* REFERS TO THE  
16 PROCESS OF EXTRACTING FROM  
17 TRANSPORTING, REMOVING AND  
18 DISPOSING OUT OF THE PROTECTED  
19 AREA SAND, GRAVEL, GUANO,  
20 LIMESTONE OR ANY MATERIAL

1           RESOURCES    FOUND    WITHIN    THE  
2           PROTECTED AREA. THIS SHALL ALSO  
3           INCLUDE ANY COMMON ROCK OR OTHER  
4           MINERAL    SUBSTANCES    AS    THE  
5           DIRECTOR    OF    THE    MINES    AND  
6           GEOSCIENCES BUREAU MAY DECLARE AS  
7           QUARRY    RESOURCES    SUCH    AS  
8           ANDESITE,   BASALT,   CONGLOMERATE,  
9           CORAL SAND,   DIATOMACEOUS EARTH,  
10          DIORITE,   DECORATIVE STONES, GABBRO,  
11          GRANITE,   LIMESTONE, MARBLE, MARL,  
12          RED BURNING CLAYS FOR POTTERIES  
13          AND    BRICKS,   RHYOLITE,   ROCK  
14          PHOSPHATE, SANDSTONE, SERPENTINE,  
15          SHALE, TUFF, VOLCANIC CINDERS, AND  
16          VOLCANIC GLASS FROM THE PROTECTED  
17          AREA;

18                 "QQ) *SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN THE*  
19                 *GENERAL FUND (SAGF)* REFERS TO THE  
20                 TRUST FUND DEPOSITED TO THE

1 NATIONAL TREASURY REPRESENTING  
2 THE TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF  
3 THE REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE  
4 OPERATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROTECTED  
5 AREA AND EARMARKED TO SUPPORT THE  
6 NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED  
7 AREAS SYSTEM;

8 "RR) *SPECIAL USE* REFERS TO THE  
9 DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AND/OR WATER TO  
10 SUPPORT ECOTOURISM ACTIVITIES AND  
11 SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING  
12 FACILITIES OR STRUCTURES OF NATIONAL  
13 INTEREST SUCH AS COMMUNICATION  
14 FACILITIES, TRANSMISSION LINES, RIGHTS  
15 OF WAY, EARLY WARNING AND  
16 MONITORING STATIONS, AMONG OTHERS,  
17 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 25 HEREOF;

18 "SS) *TENURED MIGRANTS* REFER TO  
19 MEMBERS OF TENURED MIGRANT  
20 COMMUNITIES AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT;

1           “TT) *THREATENED SPECIES* REFER TO  
2           A GENERAL TERM TO DENOTE SPECIES OR  
3           SUBSPECIES CONSIDERED AS CRITICALLY  
4           ENDANGERED, VULNERABLE, OR OTHER  
5           ACCEPTED CATEGORIES OF WILDLIFE  
6           WHOSE POPULATION IS AT RISK OF  
7           EXTINCTION;

8           “UU) *WILDLIFE* REFERS TO THE  
9           WILD FORMS AND VARIETIES OF FLORA  
10          AND FAUNA, IN ALL DEVELOPMENTAL  
11          STAGES, INCLUDING THOSE WHICH ARE  
12          IN CAPTIVITY OR ARE BEING BRED, FED,  
13          OR PROPAGATED.”

14          SEC. 4. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7586 is hereby  
15          amended to read as follows:

16                 “SEC. 5. *Establishment and Extent of the*  
17                 *System.* – The establishment and operationalization  
18                 of the system shall involve the following:

19                         “(a) All areas or islands in the Philippines  
20                         proclaimed, designated or set aside, pursuant



1 to a law, presidential decree, presidential  
2 proclamation or executive order as national  
3 park, game refuge, bird and wildlife sanctuary,  
4 wilderness area, strict nature reserve,  
5 watershed, mangrove reserve, fish sanctuary,  
6 natural and historical landmark, protected and  
7 managed landscape/seascape as well as  
8 identified AND STILL TO BE IDENTIFIED  
9 [virgin] OLD-GROWTH forests before the  
10 effectivity of this Act, are hereby designated as  
11 initial components of the System. The initial  
12 components of the System shall be governed by  
13 existing laws, rules and regulations, not  
14 inconsistent with this Act UNTIL DELISTED  
15 OR DISESTABLISHED;

16 "A.1. ESTABLISHMENT AS PROTECTED  
17 AREAS. – ASIDE FROM THE AREAS ALREADY  
18 DECLARED AS PROTECTED AREAS  
19 THROUGH ACTS OF CONGRESS, THE  
20 FOLLOWING PARCELS OF LAND ARE

1           HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS PROTECTED  
2           AREAS WITHIN THE LAND CLASSIFICATION  
3           OF NATIONAL PARK:

4	Protected Area	Area (has)
5	Region I	
6	1 Agoo Damortis Protected	10,774.68
7	Landscape and Seascape	
8	2 Bessang Pass Natural	581.05
9	Monument/ Landmark	
10	3 Bigbiga Protected Landscape	142.87
11	4 Kalbario- Patapat	3,903.19
12	Natural Park	
13	5 Libunao Protected Landscape	47.15
14	6 Lidlidda Banayoyo	1,042.29
15	Protected Landscape	
16	7 Manleluag Spring	1,938.83
17	Protected Landscape	
18	8 Salcedo Protected Landscape	196.33
19	(formerly Santa Lucia Protected	
20	Landscape)	

1	Region II		
2	9	Casecnan Protected Landscape	86,246.77
3	10	Palaui Island Marine Reserve	8,048.57
4	11	Peñablanca Protected Landscape	118,653.67
5		and Seascape	
6	12	Quirino Protected Landscape	183,415.75
7	13	Salinas Natural Monument	5,966.05
8	14	Tumauni Watershed	6,509.38
9		Forest Reserve	
10	Region III		
11	15	Amro River Protected	6,431.30
12		Landscape	
13	16	Bataan Natural Park	20,004.17
14	17	Dinadiawan River	3,366.54
15		Protected Landscape	
16	18	Masinloc and Oyon Bay	7,558.00
17		Marine Reserve	
18	19	Roosevelt Protected Landscape	950.43
19	20	Simbahan-Talagas Protected	2,284.30
20		Landscape	
21	21	Talaytay Protected Landscape	3,598.31

1		NCR	
2	22	Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical	181.63
3		Habitat and Ecotourism Area	
4		(LPPCHEA) also known as	
5		Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park	
6	23	Ninoy Aquino Parks and	23.85
7		Wildlife Center	
8		Region IV-A	
9	24	Buenavista Protected Landscape	287.24
10	25	Hinulugan Taktak Protected	3.58
11		Landscape	
12	26	Maulawin Spring Protected	183.15
13		Landscape	
14	27	Mts. Palay-Palay and Mataas	3,972.70
15		na Gulod Protected Landscape	
16	28	Pamitinan Protected Landscape	609.15
17	29	Quezon Protected Landscape	1,042.85
18	30	Taal Volcano Protected	62,292.16
19		Landscape	
20	31	Upper Marikina River Basin	26,125.64
21		Protected Landscape	

1	Region IV-B		
2	32	Apo Reef Natural Park	15,799.23
3	33	Marinduque Wildlife Sanctuary	9,758.71
4	34	Mt. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary	18,172.69
5	35	Mt. Guiting-Guiting Natural Park	15,515.22
6	36	Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park	106,655.62
7	Region V		
8	37	Abasig- Matogdon Natural	5,918.31
9		Biotic Area	
10	38	Bicol Natural Park	5,466.35
11	39	Bongsanglay Natural Park	518.90
12	40	Bulusan Volcano Natural Park	3,641.57
13	41	Catanduanes Watershed	48,924.09
14		Forest Reserve	
15	42	Chico Island Wildlife Sanctuary	7.84
16	43	Lagonoy Natural Biotic Area	443.63
17	44	Malabungot Protected Landscape	147.71
18		and Seascape	
19	45	Mt. Isarog Natural Park	10,090.89
20	46	Mt. Mayon Natural Park	5,327.15
21	47	Naro Island Wildlife Sanctuary	110.012

1		Region VI	
2	48	Northwest Panay Peninsula	12,009.29
3		Natural Park	
4	49	Sibalom Natural Park	6,778.44
5		Region VII	
6	50	Alburquerque- Loay- Loboc	1,165.51
7		Protected Landscape and Seascape	
8	51	Balinsasayao Twin Lakes	8,016.05
9		Natural Park	
10	52	Camotes Island Mangrove Swamp	1,436.98
11		Forest Reserve	
12	53	Chocolate Hills Natural	13,994.95
13		Monument	
14	54	Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary	1,382.29
15	55	Panglao Island Protected	2,445.08
16		Seascape	
17	56	Rajah Sikatuna Protected	10,964.64
18		Landscape	
19	57	Talibon Group of Island	6,446.31
20		Protected Landscape and Seascape	

1	58	Tañon Strait Protected	534,589.05
2		Seascape	
3		NIR (Negros Island Region)	
4	59	Northern Negros Natural Park	70,826.16
5	60	Apo Island Protected Landscape	691.40
6		and Seascape	
7		Region VIII	
8	61	Biri Larosa Protected Landscape	32,284.14
9		and Seascape	
10	62	Calbayog Pan-As Hayiban	5,067.93
11		Protected Landscape	
12	63	Cuatro Islas Protected Landscape	11,407.46
13		and Seascape	
14	64	Guiuan Marine Resource	66,725.26
15		Protected Landscape and Seascape	
16	65	Lake Danao Natural Park	2,244.16
17	66	Mahagnao Volcano Natural Park	340.82
18	67	Samar Island Natural Park	335,105.57
19		Region IX	
20	68	Aliguay Island Protected	1,188.39
21		Landscape and Seascape	

1	69	Basilan Natural Biotic Area	4,545.986
2	70	Buug Natural Biotic Area	1,261.46
3	71	Dumanquillas Bay Protected	26,112.21
4		Landscape and Seascape	
5	72	Jose Rizal Memorial Protected	474.82
6		Landscape	
7	73	Mt. Timolan Protected Landscape	2,244.538
8	74	Murcielagos Protected Landscape	100.40
9		and Seascape	
10	75	Pasonanca Natural Park	12,102.08
11	76	Selinog Island Protected	959.41
12		Landscape and Seascape	
13	77	Siocon Resource Reserve	855.59
14	78	Turtle Islands Wildlife	242,958.287
15		Sanctuary	
16		Region X	
17	79	Baliangao Protected Landscape	315.50
18		and Seascape	
19	80	Initao- Libertad Protected	921.02
20		Landscape and Seascape	



1	81	Mt. Balatukan Range	8,437.86
2		Natural Park	
3	82	Mt. Inayawan Range	4,236.18
4		Natural Park	
5	83	Mt. Kalatungan Range	22,225.11
6		Natural Park	
7	84	Mt. Timpoong and Hibok-Hibok	2,203.39
8		Natural Monument	
9		Region XI	
10	85	Aliwagwag Protected Landscape	10,261.06
11	86	Mabini Protected Landscape and	7,292.62
12		Seascape	
13	87	Mati Protected Landscape	884.46
14	88	Pujada Bay Protected Landscape	20,873.43
15		and Seascape	
16		Region XII	
17	89	Mt. Matutum Protected Landscape	13,947.00
18	90	Sarangani Bay Protected	210,887.69
19		Landscape and Seascape	
20		Region XIII	
21	91	Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary	40,940.96

1           92       Siargao Islands Protected           283,974.77

2                       Landscape and Seascape

3                       (b) Within one (1) year from the  
4           effectivity of this Act, the DENR shall submit  
5           to the Senate and the House of Representatives  
6           a map and legal description or natural  
7           boundaries of each protected area initially  
8           comprising the System. Such maps and legal  
9           descriptions shall, by virtue of this Act,  
10          constitute the official documentary  
11          representation of the entire System, subject to  
12          such changes as Congress deems necessary;]

13                      "THE BOUNDARIES AND TECHNICAL  
14           DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH PROTECTED  
15           AREA AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED  
16           ANNEX, WHICH IS DULY CERTIFIED  
17           ACCURATE ON EVERY PAGE THEREOF BY  
18           THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT  
19           AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) AND  
20           THE NATIONAL MAPPING AND

1           RESOURCE INFORMATION AUTHORITY  
2           (NAMRIA) ARE HEREBY ADOPTED AND  
3           MADE AN INTEGRAL PART HEREOF. THE  
4           DENR, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER  
5           GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, IF NECESSARY,  
6           SHALL DELINEATE AND DEMARCATÉ ON  
7           THE GROUND THE BOUNDARIES OF  
8           EACH PROTECTED AREA WHICH SHALL  
9           NOT BE MODIFIED EXCEPT BY AN ACT OF  
10          CONGRESS.

11                 “A.2)    THE    REMAINING    INITIAL  
12           COMPONENTS. – WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS  
13           FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE  
14           DENR    SHALL    UNDERTAKE    THE  
15           FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION  
16           FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
17           REMAINING INITIAL COMPONENTS AS  
18           PROTECTED AREAS THROUGH AN ACT OF  
19           CONGRESS:  D) PROVIDE MAPS AND  
20           TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE AREAS;

1 II) CONDUCT SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT OF  
2 THE AREAS; AND III) ACTIVELY CONDUCT  
3 PUBLIC HEARINGS.

4 "ANY INITIAL COMPONENT THAT  
5 DOES NOT SATISFY THE  
6 ABOVEMENTIONED REQUIREMENTS  
7 SHALL BE CONSIDERED DELISTED  
8 WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO RELISTING  
9 BASED ON THE EMERGENCE OF NEW  
10 SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION.

11 "A.3) ADDITIONAL AREAS TO BE  
12 INCLUDED INTO THE SYSTEM. - UPON THE  
13 RECOMMENDATION OF THE DENR,  
14 ADDITIONAL AREAS WITH UNIQUE  
15 PHYSICAL FEATURES, ANTHROPOLOGICAL  
16 SIGNIFICANCE AND HIGH BIOLOGICAL  
17 DIVERSITY MAY BE PROPOSED FOR  
18 INCLUSION AS PART OF THE SYSTEM.  
19 SUCH AREAS SHALL UNDERGO THE SAME

1           PROCEDURE AS THE REMAINING INITIAL  
2           COMPONENTS FOR LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT.

3           “[(c)] (B) All DENR records pertaining to  
4           the protected areas, including maps and  
5           [legal]TECHNICAL descriptions or natural  
6           boundaries, copies of rules and regulations  
7           governing them, copies of [public] notices [of],  
8           and reports submitted to Congress [regarding]  
9           ON pending addition[s], elimination[s], or  
10          modification[s] shall be made available to the  
11          public. These [legal] documents [pertaining to  
12          protected areas] shall also be MADE available  
13          to the public in the respective DENR Regional  
14          Offices, Provincial Environment and Natural  
15          Resources Offices (PENROs) and Community  
16          Environment and Natural Resources Offices  
17          (CENROs) and Protected Area Management  
18          Offices (PAMOs) where NIPAS are located;

19          “[(d)] (C) Within three (3) years from the  
20          effectivity of this Act, the DENR shall study

1           and review each area tentatively composing the  
2           System as to its suitability or non-suitability  
3           for preservation as protected area and  
4           inclusion in the System according to the  
5           categories established in Section 3 hereof and  
6           report its findings to the President as soon as  
7           each study is completed. The study [must  
8           include in] FOR each area SHALL INCLUDE  
9           THE FOLLOWING:

- 10           1) A [forest] PROTECTED AREA occupants  
11           survey;
- 12           2) An ethnographic study;
- 13           3) A protected area resource profile;
- 14           4) Land AND WATER use plans done in  
15           coordination with the respective Regional  
16           Development Councils; and
- 17           5) Such other background studies as will  
18           be sufficient AND RELEVANT bases for  
19           selection.

1           “(D) IN THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC  
2 CONSULTATION, [T] the DENR shall:

3           “i) Notify the public of the proposed action  
4 through publication in a newspaper of general  
5 circulation, and such other means [as the  
6 System deems necessary in the area or areas in  
7 the vicinity of the affected land] INCLUDING  
8 NOTICES TO THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT  
9 WILL LIKELY BE AFFECTED WITHIN THE  
10 RESPECTIVE LOCALITIES, thirty (30) days  
11 prior to the [public hearing] CONSULTATION;

12           “ii) Conduct ACTIVE public [hearings]  
13 CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION OF  
14 STAKEHOLDERS at [the] locations nearest to the  
15 [area affected]PROPOSED PROTECTED AREAS;

16           “iii) [At least thirty (30) days prior to the date  
17 of hearing] Advise all Local Government Units  
18 (LGUs) in the [affected areas] NEAREST  
19 PROPOSED AREAS, national agencies concerned,  
20 people’s organizations [and], non-government

1 organizations, AND PRIVATE SECTORS and  
2 invite [such] THE RESPECTIVE officials OR  
3 REPRESENTATIVES to [submit their views on  
4 the proposed action at the hearing] ATTEND AND  
5 PROVIDE POSITION PAPERS [not later than] at  
6 least thirty (30) days [following] PRIOR TO the  
7 date of [the] hearing; and

8 "iv) [Give due consideration to the]COME  
9 UP WITH recommendations BASED ON THE  
10 VIEWS AND COMMENTS GATHERED  
11 FROM [at] the public [hearing] consultation;  
12 [and provide sufficient explanation for his  
13 recommendations contrary to the general  
14 sentiments expressed in the public hearing;]

15 "(e) Upon receipt of the recommendations  
16 of the DENR, the President shall issue a  
17 [presidential] proclamation [designating]  
18 ESTABLISHING the [recommended]  
19 PROPOSED areas and providing for measures  
20 for their protection until [such] THE time when



1 Congress shall have enacted A law finally  
2 declaring [such] THE recommended areas as  
3 part of the [integrated protected area]  
4 System[s]; and

5 “(f) Thereafter, the President shall [send]  
6 RECOMMEND to the Senate and THE House  
7 of Representatives, [his recommendations with  
8 respect to] the designation[s] [as] OF protected  
9 areas or reclassification of each area, [on  
10 which] THE review OF WHICH has been  
11 completed, together with maps and legal  
12 description of boundaries. [The President, in  
13 his recommendation, may propose the  
14 alteration of existing boundaries of any or all  
15 proclaimed protected areas, addition of any  
16 contiguous area of public land of predominant  
17 physical and biological value. Nothing  
18 contained herein shall limit the President to  
19 propose, as part of his recommendation to

1 Congress, additional areas which have not been  
2 designated proclaimed or set aside by law,  
3 presidential decree, proclamation or executive  
4 order as protected area/s.]”

5 SEC. 5. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 7586 is hereby  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 “SEC. 9. *Management Plan.* – WITHIN  
8 ONE YEAR FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT  
9 OF THE PROTECTED AREA, [T] there shall  
10 be a [general] management [planning] PLAN  
11 [strategy] PROMULGATED FOR EACH  
12 PROTECTED AREA THAT SHALL [to] serve  
13 as [guide in formulating individual plans for  
14 each] THE BASIC LONG-TERM  
15 FRAMEWORK PLAN IN THE  
16 MANAGEMENT OF THE protected area[.]  
17 AND GUIDE IN THE PREPARATION OF ITS  
18 ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN AND  
19 BUDGET. The management [planning  
20 strategy] PLAN shall, at the minimum,

1 promote the adoption and implementation of  
2 innovative management techniques, including,  
3 [if] WHEN NECESSARY, [the concept of]  
4 zoning, buffer zone management [for multiple  
5 use and protection], habitat conservation and  
6 rehabilitation, [diversity] BIODIVERSITY  
7 management, community organizing AND  
8 DEVELOPMENT, socioeconomic and scientific  
9 researches, site-specific policy development,  
10 [pest management and fire control] CLIMATE  
11 CHANGE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION,  
12 DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND  
13 MANAGEMENT, WASTE SEWERAGE AND  
14 SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT, AND GENDER  
15 AND DEVELOPMENT, AMONG OTHERS.  
16 THE PLAN SHALL BE HARMONIZED WITH  
17 THE ANCESTRAL DOMAIN SUSTAINABLE  
18 DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION PLAN  
19 (ADSDPP), COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE  
20 PLAN (CLUP) AND OTHER LOCAL PLANS.

1 [The management planning strategy shall also  
2 provide guidelines for the protection of  
3 indigenous cultural communities, other  
4 tenured migrant communities and sites for  
5 close coordination between and among local  
6 agencies of the Government as well as the  
7 private sector.

8 "Each component area of the System shall  
9 be planned and administered to further protect  
10 and enhance the permanent preservation of its  
11 natural conditions. A management manual  
12 shall be formulated and developed which must  
13 contain the following: an individual  
14 management plan prepared by three (3)  
15 experts, basic background information, field  
16 inventory of the resources within the area, an  
17 assessment of assets and limitations, regional  
18 interrelationships, particular objectives for  
19 managing the area, appropriate division of the  
20 area into management zones, a review of the

1 boundaries of the area, and a design of the  
2 management programs.]”

3 SEC. 6. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7586 is hereby  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 “SEC.10. *Administration and*  
6 *Management of the System.* – The National  
7 Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) is  
8 hereby placed under the control and  
9 administration of the Department of  
10 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

11 [For this purpose, there is hereby created a  
12 division in the regional offices of the  
13 Department to be called the Protected Areas  
14 and Wildlife Division in regions where  
15 protected areas have been established, which  
16 shall be under the supervision of a Regional  
17 Technical Director, and shall include  
18 subordinate officers, clerks, and employees as  
19 may be proposed by the Secretary, duly  
20 approved by the Department of Budget and

1 Management, and appropriated by the  
2 Congress. The Service thus established shall  
3 manage protected areas and promote the  
4 permanent preservation, to the greatest extent  
5 possible of their natural conditions.]

6 To carry out the mandate of this Act, the  
7 Secretary of the DENR is empowered to  
8 perform [any and all of ] the following acts:

9 [a. To conduct studies on various  
10 characteristic features and conditions of the  
11 different protected areas, using commonalities  
12 in their characteristics, classify and define  
13 them into categories and prescribe permissible  
14 or prohibited human activities in each category  
15 in the System;]

16 [b. To adopt and enforce a land use  
17 scheme and zoning plan in adjoining areas for  
18 the preservation and control of activities that  
19 may threaten the ecological balance in the  
20 protected areas;]

1           [c. To cause the preparation of and  
2           exercise the power to review all plans and  
3           proposals for the management of protected  
4           areas;]

5           “[d.] A) To [promulgate] ISSUE A  
6           SYSTEM-WIDE SET OF rules and regulations  
7           [necessary] to [carry out] IMPLEMENT the  
8           provisions of this Act;

9           “B) TO SET STANDARDS, PROCEDURES  
10          AND PROTOCOLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
11          AND MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS AND  
12          THE SYSTEM, SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO  
13          CONDUCT OF STUDY, ZONING, REVIEW OF  
14          PLANS        AND        PROJECT        PROPOSALS,  
15          SPECIFICATIONS AND TYPES OF BUILDINGS  
16          AND OTHER STRUCTURES, UNIFORM MARKERS  
17          AND SYMBOLS;

18          “[e.] C) To deputize field officers and  
19          OTHER        TECHNICAL        AND        SUPPORT  
20          PERSONNEL; [and delegate any of his powers

1 under this Act and other laws to expedite its  
2 implementation and enforcement;]

3 “[f.] D) To [fix and prescribe reasonable  
4 NIPAS fees to be collected from government  
5 agencies or any person, firm or corporation  
6 deriving benefits from the protected areas]  
7 DETERMINE A SYSTEM-WIDE SET OF  
8 FEES AND CHARGES TO ENSURE  
9 SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OF  
10 PROTECTED AREAS AND THE SYSTEM;

11 “[g.] E) To [exact] IMPOSE administrative  
12 [fees and] fines AND PENALTIES [as  
13 authorized in Section 21 for violation of  
14 guidelines, rules and regulations of this Act as  
15 would endanger the viability of protected  
16 areas];

17 “F) TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF  
18 THE INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA  
19 FUND (IPAF), ITS COLLECTION AND  
20 DISBURSEMENTS;



1                   “G) TO DESIGNATE THE APPROPRIATE  
2                   CHAIR OF EACH PROTECTED AREA  
3                   MANAGEMENT BOARD (PAMB);

4                   “h) To enter into contracts and/or  
5                   agreements with private entities or public  
6                   agencies as may be necessary to carry out the  
7                   objectives of the system;

8                   “i) To accept in the name of the Philippine  
9                   government and in behalf of NIPAS funds, gifts  
10                  or bequests of money for immediate  
11                  disbursement or other property in the interest  
12                  of the NIPAS, its activities or its services)

13                  “j) To call on any agency or  
14                  instrumentality of the government as well as  
15                  academic institutions, non-government  
16                  organizations and the private sectors, as may  
17                  be necessary, to accomplish the objectives and  
18                  activities of the system;

1           k) To submit an annual report to the  
2           President of the Philippines and to Congress on  
3           the status of protected areas in the country;

4           “[n] L) To OVERSEE AND SET  
5           GUIDELINES IN [control] the construction,  
6           operation and maintenance of roads, trails,  
7           waterworks, sewerage, fire protection, and  
8           sanitation systems and other public utilities  
9           within the protected area;

10           [l. To establish a uniform marker of the  
11           System, including an appropriate and  
12           distinctive symbol for each category in the  
13           System, in consultation with appropriate  
14           government agencies and public and private  
15           organizations;]

16           [m. To determine the specification of the  
17           class, type and style of buildings and other  
18           structures to be constructed in protected areas  
19           and the materials to be used;]