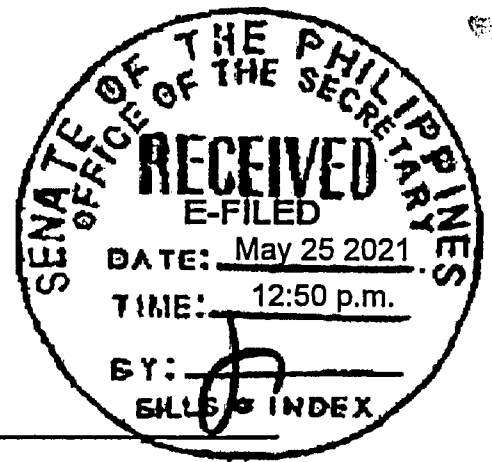


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare Ulot River as an ecotourism site in the Municipality of Paranas, Province of Samar.

The Ulot River is the longest river in the Province of Samar with a length of approximately ninety (90) kilometers. Ulot River runs from the Municipality of San Jose de Buan, Province of Samar, passing downstream through Paranas and finally in Can-Avid, Eastern Samar.

The Ulot River is one of the most sought tourist destinations in the Province of Samar as it offers the very famous Ulot River Torpedo Extreme Boat Adventure. With the offering of the torpedo boat adventure, the Ulot River has now gained popularity among tourists.

The declaration of Ulot River as an ecotourism site will not only result to the development and improvement of the tourist site but will likewise help in the furtherance of socio-economic development in the local communities as well as in the whole country.

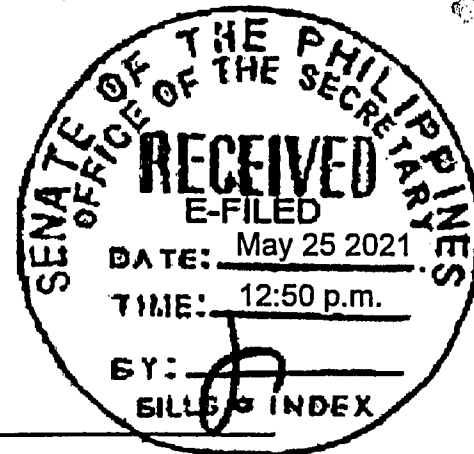
As embodied in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. In light of all this, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 Sec. 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as “Ulot River Ecotourism Act.”

2 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the
3 State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology
4 in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

5 Accordingly, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote an ecologically-
6 sustainable and effective tourist industry that will enhance environmental preservation
7 and support socio-economic development.

8 Sec. 3. *The Ulot River Ecotourism Site.* – The Ulot River in the Municipality of
9 Paranas, Province of Samar is hereby declared as an ecotourism site. Its development
10 shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules
11 and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

12 The DOT, in coordination with the concerned local government units as well as with the
13 other concerned government agencies, shall prepare a tourism development for Ulot River
14 which shall be incorporated in the overall National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP),
15 pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as “The Tourism Act of 2009” and
16 which shall also include the construction and maintenance of infrastructure and facilities
17 in the area; Provided, That the development plan shall ensure the preservation and
18 conservation of the scenery and resources of the area.

19 Sec. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days after the
20 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DOT, in consultation with the concerned local
21 government units, the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and
22 other agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
23 implementation of this Act.

1 **Sec. 5. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the
2 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be
3 included in the Annual General Appropriations Act and internally generated funds of the
4 DOT.

5 **Sec. 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, rule, regulations, proclamations, executive
6 orders of parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended
7 accordingly.

8 **Sec. 7. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
9 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,