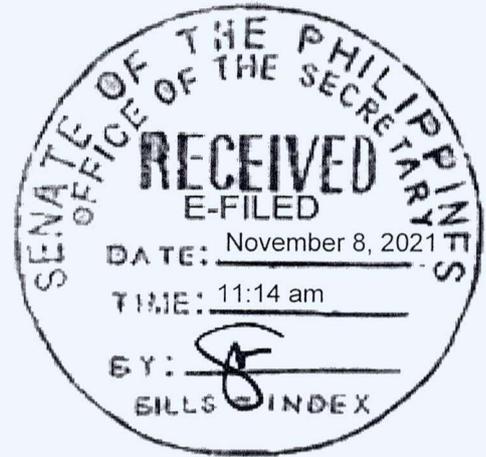


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Mangabul Reservation is a vast tract of land (2,086 hectares) located in Barangay San Gabriel 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bayambang, Pangasinan. It used to be a partly forested area and a sprawling body of water that is source of freshwater produce. The name Mangabul comes from the Pangasinan word "subol" which means "overflowing." It was declared a public reservation through Act No. 4041 in 1933 and usufructuary rights were awarded to the Municipality of Bayambang over the fishery area.

Over time, the forested lands were used in agricultural production, and the continuous accumulation of silt and lahar from Mt. Pinatubo drastically reduced the fishing area. Today, the area is mainly used to grow crops and is source of livelihood for thousands of local farmers, and the site of residential houses of eight barangays.

It must be noted that within the Mangabul Reservation, there were 679 identified actual occupants with 258 Agrarian Reform beneficiaries, 256 with issued Certificate of Land Ownership Award, and three farmers with issued Free Patents.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) also declared the Municipality's usufructuary rights terminated in 1993, as the Civil Code disallows such rights to last in excess of fifty years. While the Regional Trial Court decided in

favour of the DENR, the Municipality of Bayambang appealed and the case remained pending since.

Accordingly, these circumstances sparked numerous conflicts, court cases, and uncertainties, which disrupted the peace, productive economic activities and optimal resource utilization of the area.

In order to settle the legal issues, put an end to agrarian unrest, and to maximize the potential of the area as an instrument for inclusive development and social justice, this proposal aims to reclassify the Mangabul Reservation as agricultural land and distribute the same to the bona fide and long-term farmers and occupants therein.

In this light, the passage of this bill is recommended.

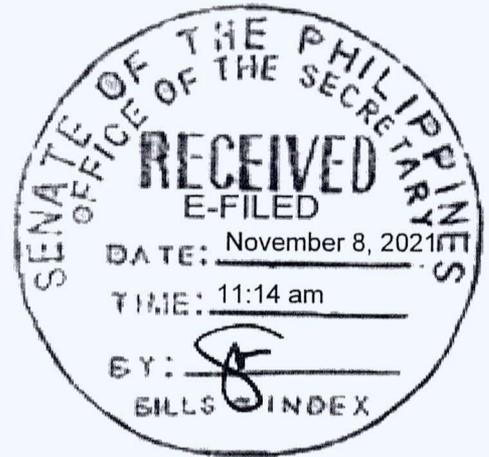


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           Section 1. *Declaration as Agricultural Land.* – A parcel of land of the public  
2 domain located in Mangabul Reservation in the Municipality of Bayambang, Province  
3 of Pangasinan, is hereby classified as agricultural land for distribution to the bona fide  
4 and long-term farmers and occupants thereof.

5           Sec. 2. *Scope and Coverage.* – The said parcel of land pertains to the area  
6 beginning at a point marked "1" on the Forest Land Boundary Map, which is S16°43'E,  
7 6908.15 meters from PNG-3643, (PRS '92 Control Point: Lat 15°46'47.82401" Long  
8 120°27'41.92113"), located at Barangay Manambong Parte, Municipality of  
9 Bayambang,

10	thence N.54-20W.	850.70	meters to corner 2;
11	thence N.22-03W.	69.30	meters to corner 3;
12	thence N.11-48W.	232.63	meters to corner 4;
13	thence N.21-09W.	32.49	meters to corner 5;
14	thence N.10-46W.	63.77	meters to corner 6;
15	thence N.01-38E.	73.30	meters to corner 7;

1	thence N.05-20W.	509.00	meters to corner 8;
2	thence N.10-24W.	423.81	meters to corner 9;
3	thence N.14-03W.	150.62	meters to corner 10;
4	thence N.28-02W.	151.20	meters to corner 11;
5	thence N.36-48W.	78.37	meters to corner 12;
6	thence S.77-57W.	75.52	meters to corner 13;
7	thence S.86-06W.	87.25	meters to corner 14;
8	thence S.81-26W.	46.10	meters to corner 15;
9	thence S.41-16W.	113.75	meters to corner 16;
10	thence N.51-36W.	88.65	meters to corner 17;
11	thence N.61-12W.	155.78	meters to corner 18;
12	thence N.17-09W.	116.50	meters to corner 19;
13	thence N.03-02W.	201.61	meters to corner 20;
14	thence N.14-58E.	105.43	meters to corner 21;
15	thence N.40-34W.	173.03	meters to corner 22;
16	thence N.78-31W.	213.53	meters to corner 23;
17	thence N.22-31W.	136.49	meters to corner 24;
18	thence N.01-16E.	152.39	meters to corner 25;
19	thence N.03-24W.	292.20	meters to corner 26;
20	thence N.02-07W.	342.03	meters to corner 27;
21	thence N.08-52W.	44.58	meters to corner 28;
22	thence N.20-30W.	61.17	meters to corner 29;
23	thence N.29-53W.	68.24	meters to corner 30;
24	thence N.38-18W.	46.92	meters to corner 31;
25	thence N.45-02W.	54.34	meters to corner 32;
26	thence N.58-00W.	49.80	meters to corner 33;
27	thence N.61-50W.	25.73	meters to corner 34;
28	thence N.67-11W.	39.11	meters to corner 35;
29	thence N.58-25W.	28.85	meters to corner 36;
30	thence N.74-40W.	73.84	meters to corner 37;
31	thence N.89-55W.	53.60	meters to corner 38;
32	thence N.59-46W.	118.27	meters to corner 39;

1	thence S.89-24E.	64.31	meters to corner 40;
2	thence N.83-38E.	54.50	meters to corner 41;
3	thence N.85-48E.	96.08	meters to corner 42;
4	thence N.74-19E.	6.84	meters to corner 43;
5	thence N.75-19E.	25.13	meters to corner 44;
6	thence N.64-59E.	13.74	meters to corner 45;
7	thence N.67-59E.	19.88	meters to corner 46;
8	thence N.75-40E.	28.30	meters to corner 47;
9	thence N.75-41E.	16.02	meters to corner 48;
10	thence N.75-15E.	57.20	meters to corner 49;
11	thence N.88-51E.	15.69	meters to corner 50;
12	thence N.76-26E.	29.60	meters to corner 51;
13	thence N.75-53E.	42.49	meters to corner 52;
14	thence N.76-16E.	22.02	meters to corner 53;
15	thence N.78-50E.	38.85	meters to corner 54;
16	thence N.80-39E.	68.33	meters to corner 55;
17	thence N.80-14E.	42.51	meters to corner 56;
18	thence N.80-24E.	43.37	meters to corner 57;
19	thence N.83-24E.	56.54	meters to corner 58;
20	thence N.83-31E.	51.27	meters to corner 59;
21	thence S.87-16E.	146.00	meters to corner 60;
22	thence S.81-29E.	33.60	meters to corner 61;
23	thence N.87-11E.	35.07	meters to corner 62;
24	thence N.85-01E.	76.73	meters to corner 63;
25	thence N.88-30E.	99.17	meters to corner 64;
26	thence N.85-33E.	50.54	meters to corner 65;
27	thence N.76-29E.	44.96	meters to corner 66;
28	thence N.73-35E.	22.19	meters to corner 67;
29	thence N.75-56E.	53.99	meters to corner 68;
30	thence N.76-23E.	56.05	meters to corner 69;
31	thence N.75-50E.	28.56	meters to corner 70;
32	thence N.76-01E.	26.45	meters to corner 71;

1	thence N.78-27E.	37.57	meters to corner 72;
2	thence N.73-33E.	37.23	meters to corner 73;
3	thence N.70-07E.	38.78	meters to corner 74;
4	thence N.70-41E.	38.59	meters to corner 75;
5	thence N.69-13E.	109.09	meters to corner 76;
6	thence N.52-28E.	18.32	meters to corner 77;
7	thence N.30-54E.	27.31	meters to corner 78;
8	thence N.57-45E.	62.61	meters to corner 79;
9	thence N.54-19E.	8.50	meters to corner 80;
10	thence N.37-51E.	8.40	meters to corner 81;
11	thence N.22-36E.	18.02	meters to corner 82;
12	thence N.24-11E.	24.44	meters to corner 83;
13	thence N.35-13E.	4.34	meters to corner 84;
14	thence N.35-17E.	49.10	meters to corner 85;
15	thence N.18-07E.	33.11	meters to corner 86;
16	thence N.03-07E.	86.03	meters to corner 87;
17	thence N.12-43E.	37.48	meters to corner 88;
18	thence N.10-58E.	53.58	meters to corner 89;
19	thence N.07-49E.	67.02	meters to corner 90;
20	thence N.03-52E.	39.59	meters to corner 91;
21	thence N.02-17E.	44.30	meters to corner 92;
22	thence N.00-44E.	74.02	meters to corner 93;
23	thence N.02-01E.	52.99	meters to corner 94;
24	thence N.02-02E.	49.90	meters to corner 95;
25	thence N.01-04W.	114.91	meters to corner 96;
26	thence N.02-22W.	66.93	meters to corner 97;
27	thence N.14-47W.	7.85	meters to corner 98;
28	thence N.25-53W.	11.44	meters to corner 99;
29	thence N.37-49W.	25.46	meters to corner 100;
30	thence N.58-04W.	9.05	meters to corner 101;
31	thence S.79-28W.	6.29	meters to corner 102;
32	thence S.50-01W.	30.09	meters to corner 103;

1	thence S.47-14W.	51.05	meters to corner 104;
2	thence S.50-23W.	84.87	meters to corner 105;
3	thence S.66-11W.	7.82	meters to corner 106;
4	thence N.76-03W.	11.56	meters to corner 107;
5	thence N.36-40W.	29.62	meters to corner 108;
6	thence N.28-34W.	34.40	meters to corner 109;
7	thence N.33-39W.	33.75	meters to corner 110;
8	thence N.38-00W.	41.07	meters to corner 111;
9	thence N.38-08W.	52.33	meters to corner 112;
10	thence N.44-43W.	58.86	meters to corner 113;
11	thence N.43-04W.	114.40	meters to corner 114;
12	thence N.41-26W.	95.66	meters to corner 115;
13	thence N.39-27W.	41.13	meters to corner 116;
14	thence N.31-54W.	27.55	meters to corner 117;
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20	thence N.47-09W.	131.14	meters to corner 123;
21	thence N.45-49W.	43.14	meters to corner 124;
22	thence N.45-15W.	58.77	meters to corner 125;
23	thence N.46-47W.	29.76	meters to corner 126;
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27	thence N.58-07W.	98.70	meters to corner 130;
28	thence N.55-25W.	65.54	meters to corner 131;
29	thence N.54-41W.	51.04	meters to corner 132;
30	thence N.54-20W.	69.82	meters to corner 133;
31	thence N.54-31W.	58.57	meters to corner 134;
32	thence N.52-31W.	125.70	meters to corner 135;

1	thence N.50-28W.	90.05	meters to corner 136;
2	thence N.50-20W.	130.58	meters to corner 137;
3	thence N.52-24W.	58.39	meters to corner 138;
4	thence N.46-55W.	51.59	meters to corner 139;
5	thence N.44-41W.	50.46	meters to corner 140;
6	thence N.36-35W.	40.34	meters to corner 141;
7	thence N.15-24W.	27.93	meters to corner 142;
8	thence N.07-54W.	103.94	meters to corner 143;
9	thence N.07-26W.	154.86	meters to corner 144;
10	thence N.03-49W.	22.77	meters to corner 145;
11	thence S.89-53E.	756.93	meters to corner 146;
12	thence N.87-46E.	44.21	meters to corner 147;
13	thence N.74-55E.	38.65	meters to corner 148;
14	thence N.07-32W.	405.70	meters to corner 149;
15	thence S.89-14E.	701.27	meters to corner 150;
16	thence S.82-03E.	222.33	meters to corner 151;
17	thence N.89-28E.	127.02	meters to corner 152;
18	thence S.73-22E.	282.50	meters to corner 153;
19	thence S.78-19E.	17.42	meters to corner 154;
20	thence S.80-32E.	20.00	meters to corner 155;
21	thence S.83-12E.	22.97	meters to corner 156;
22	thence S.81-08E.	20.83	meters to corner 157;
23	thence S.83-38E.	19.75	meters to corner 158;
24	thence S.73-55E.	19.01	meters to corner 159;
25	thence S.79.25E.	20.32	meters to corner 160;
26	thence S.88-24E.	12.57	meters to corner 161;
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29	thence S.75-31E.	20.19	meters to corner 164;
30	thence S.74-44E.	15.94	meters to corner 165;
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1	thence S.08-31W.	55.49	meters to corner 168;
2	thence S.08-32W.	277.21	meters to corner 169;
3	thence S.08-44W.	9.67	meters to corner 170;
4	thence S.09-04W.	279.34	meters to corner 171;
5	thence S.09-32W.	5.01	meters to corner 172;
6	thence S.09-25W.	429.55	meters to corner 173;
7	thence S.09-55W.	144.31	meters to corner 174;
8	thence S.45-47E.	12.42	meters to corner 175;
9	thence S.09-21W.	197.19	meters to corner 176;
10	thence S.80-11E.	186.88	meters to corner 177;
11	thence N.75-01E.	13.73	meters to corner 178;
12	thence S.71-58E.	33.11	meters to corner 179;
13	thence S.79-36E.	167.03	meters to corner 180;
14	thence S.78-32E.	18.37	meters to corner 181;
15	thence S.83-13E.	33.01	meters to corner 182;
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19	thence S.12-27W.	36.03	meters to corner 186;
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32	thence S.11-32W.	67.17	meters to corner 199;

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3	thence S.08-44W.	41.71	meters to corner 202;
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7	thence S.80-36E.	231.17	meters to corner 206;
8	thence S.75-40E.	71.96	meters to corner 207;
9	thence S.81-41E.	184.43	meters to corner 208;
10	thence S.80-25E.	199.77	meters to corner 209;
11	thence S.80-36E.	200.04	meters to corner 210;
12	thence S.80-33E.	199.84	meters to corner 211;
13	thence S.80-38E.	200.23	meters to corner 212;
14	thence S.80-36E.	200.74	meters to corner 213;
15	thence S.80-26E.	165.40	meters to corner 214;
16	thence S.80-26E.	33.53	meters to corner 215;
17	thence S.80-34E.	199.91	meters to corner 216;
18	thence S.80-31E.	145.00	meters to corner 217;
19	thence S.60-43E.	57.64	meters to corner 218;
20	thence S.63-34E.	303.40	meters to corner 219;
21	thence S.10-04E.	190.73	meters to corner 220;
22	thence S.08-47W.	779.86	meters to corner 221;
23	thence S.04-56E.	658.30	meters to corner 222;
24	thence N.56-29E.	189.39	meters to corner 223;
25	thence S.69-36E.	716.80	meters to corner 224;
26	thence S.57-46W.	199.69	meters to corner 225;
27	thence S.57-46W.	199.20	meters to corner 226;
28	thence S.57-47W.	198.90	meters to corner 227;
29	thence S.57-48W.	199.11	meters to corner 228;
30	thence S.57-47W.	390.35	meters to corner 229;
31	thence S.55-27W.	176.94	meters to corner 230;
32	thence S.36-49W.	23.33	meters to corner 231;

1           thence N.39-07W. 8.39           meters to corner 232;  
2           thence S.57-44W. 2731.37       meters to corner 233;  
3           thence S.56-37W. 407.60       meters to corner 1;

4 and comprises two thousand eighty-six and 52/100 (2,086.52) hectares.

5           *Sec. 3. Mode of Disposition.* – Upon effectivity of this Act, the Department of  
6 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall determine the scheme of distribution  
7 of land to the bona fide and long-term farmers and occupants thereon. Under this Act,  
8 such qualified persons shall be issued a free patent or original certificate of title, as  
9 may be applicable, for such tract of land allowed under the provisions of Republic Act  
10 No. 6557, or the “Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988,” as amended.

11           *Sec. 4. Land Distribution Committee.* – For purposes of distributing the land as  
12 described in Section 2 hereof, a Land Distribution Committee, hereinafter referred to  
13 as the Committee, is hereby created to process, evaluate, approve, and implement  
14 the distribution scheme as determined by the DENR.

15           The Committee shall be composed of the following:

- 16           a) DENR Regional Director for Region I as Chairperson;  
17           b) Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Regional Director for Region I, as  
18           Vice Chairperson;  
19           c) Mayor of the Municipality of Bayambang, Province of Pangasinan, as  
20           Member;  
21           d) Philippine National Police Provincial Director for the Province of Pangasinan;  
22           e) One representative from the farmers’ organizations, duly accredited both  
23           by the DENR and the provincial government.

24           Conflicts shall be decided by the Committee after due hearing. The decision of  
25 the Committee shall be appealable to the Secretary of the DENR or DAR, as the case  
26 may be. The decision of the Secretary or order on appeal may be subject of a petition  
27 for review by the Office of the President within fifteen (15) days from the promulgation  
28 of notice of decision or order appealed from: Provided, That said petition for review  
29 shall be decided within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof, otherwise the decision or  
30 order appealed from shall be deemed final and executory.

31           Upon the approval of the scheme of distribution by the Committee, the DENR  
32 shall transmit the technical description, survey maps, and other documents to the

1 DAR, which shall undertake the actual distribution of the land pursuant to the  
2 applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 6557.

3         *Sec. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days from  
4 the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall, in consultation with the  
5 local government of the Municipality of Bayambang, the Provincial Government of  
6 Pangasinan, and concerned national government agencies, issue the corresponding  
7 rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

8         *Sec. 6. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
9 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise  
10 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

11         *Sec. 7. Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
12 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or  
13 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended  
14 accordingly.

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

*Approved,*