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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE WATERS SURROUNDING PANAON ISLAND, IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LILOAN, PINTUYAN, SAN FRANCISCO, AND SAN RICARDO, IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, A PROTECTED AREA, WITH THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED SEASCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM, TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE PANAON ISLAND PROTECTED SEASCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**ARTICLE I**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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3       **SECTION 1. *Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Panaon Island  
4 Protected Seascape Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – Cognizant of the profound impact of  
6 human activities on all components of the natural environment, it is hereby  
7 declared the policy of the State to secure for the Filipino people of present and  
8 future generations, the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals  
9 through the declaration of protected areas under the National Integrated  
10 Protected Areas System (NIPAS) within the classification of national park as  
11 provided for in the Constitution.

12       In recognition of the richness of the biological resources, both flora and  
13 fauna, that are native and distinct to the surrounding waters of the Panaon Island  
14 in the Municipalities of Liloan, Pintuyan, San Francisco, and San Ricardo, in the  
15 Province of Southern Leyte as well as their aesthetic and ecological importance,  
16 the area is hereby declared a protected area with the category of protected  
17 seascape and shall hereinafter be referred to as the Panaon Island Protected  
18 Seascape (PIPS). As such, the State shall ensure the conservation, protection,  
19 management, and rehabilitation of the area. It is likewise recognized that effective  
20 administration of this area is possible only through cooperation among national  
21 government, local government units (LGUs), concerned nongovernmental  
22 organizations (NGOs), private entities, and local communities. The use and  
23 enjoyment of this area must be consistent with the principles of biological diversity  
24 and sustainable development.

1 Towards this end, the State shall ensure the full implementation of this Act,  
2 the mobilization of resources for the institutional mechanisms herein established,  
3 and the full scientific and technical support needed for the conservation of  
4 biodiversity and the integrity of the ecosystems, culture and indigenous practices.

5 **SEC. 3. Classification as a National Park.** – The PIPS is comprised of  
6 the waters surrounding the Panaon Island situated in the Municipalities of Liloan,  
7 Pintuyan, San Francisco, and San Ricardo, in the Province of Southern Leyte, the  
8 metes and bounds of which are described in Section 4 of this Act. All lands of the  
9 public domain within the coverage and scope of the PIPS shall fall under the  
10 classification of national park as provided for in Article XII, Section 3 of the  
11 Constitution.

12 **SEC. 4. Scope and Coverage.** – The boundaries of the PIPS are more  
13 particularly described as the area beginning at a point marked “1” on the Map  
14 being N81°04'54"E, 1,607.313 meters from PRS92 Control Monument LYS-7 with  
15 geographic coordinates of 10°9'35.928606" Latitude, 125°6'59.18374" Longitude,  
16 located at *Barangay Poblacion*, Municipality of Liloan, Province of Southern Leyte,

17	thence	N 75°27'39" E	11,519.885 meters to corner	2;
18	thence	S 54°30'49" E	5,285.299 meters to corner	3;
19	thence	S 23°19'52" E	13,151.132 meters to corner	4;
20	thence	S 39°15'45" E	3,416.974 meters to corner	5;
21	thence	S 09°01'28" E	4,793.822 meters to corner	6;
22	thence	S 20°31'43" E	6,212.189 meters to corner	7;
23	thence	S 11°47'33" W	4,204.393 meters to corner	8;
24	thence	S 39°40'22" W	4,846.693 meters to corner	9;
25	thence	S 67°58'50" W	5,033.480 meters to corner	10;
26	thence	N 88°48'04" W	4,388.707 meters to corner	11;
27	thence	N 61°13'23" W	5,156.935 meters to corner	12;
28	thence	N 31°20'22" W	16,297.692 meters to corner	13;
29	thence	N 54°13'03" W	5,790.657 meters to corner	14;
30	thence	N 12°03'35" W	14,294.014 meters to corner	15;
31	thence	N 56°37'45" E	6,953.395 meters to corner	16;
32	thence	S 36°23'44" E	93.247 meters to corner	17;

1	thence	S 75°58'33" E	83.933 meters to corner	18;
2	thence	N 44°08'04" E	50.688 meters to corner	19;
3	thence	S 73°29'40" E	209.701 meters to corner	20;
4	thence	S 35°17'00" E	239.632 meters to corner	21;
5	thence	S 01°59'03" E	336.237 meters to corner	22;
6	thence	S 60°06'18" E	83.134 meters to corner	23;
7	thence	N 61°51'40" E	138.894 meters to corner	24;
8	thence	N 54°26'35" E	208.984 meters to corner	25;
9	thence	N 67°03'52" E	91.532 meters to corner	26;
10	thence	S 42°41'20" E	113.760 meters to corner	27;
11	thence	S 13°48'12" E	78.637 meters to corner	28;
12	thence	S 27°26'28" W	100.006 meters to corner	29;
13	thence	S 42°07'50" W	136.370 meters to corner	30;
14	thence	S 10°23'16" W	131.635 meters to corner	31;
15	thence	S 56°56'33" W	128.077 meters to corner	32;
16	thence	S 50°35'15" W	151.530 meters to corner	33;
17	thence	S 17°12'24" W	201.027 meters to corner	34;
18	thence	S 19°19'13" E	109.284 meters to corner	35;
19	thence	S 37°20'41" E	88.159 meters to corner	36;
20	thence	S 63°27'44" E	132.779 meters to corner	37;
21	thence	S 74°28'19" E	93.761 meters to corner	38;
22	thence	N 50°58'56" E	143.542 meters to corner	39;
23	thence	N 84°37'32" E	72.983 meters to corner	40;
24	thence	S 71°57'32" E	98.534 meters to corner	41;
25	thence	S 11°58'54" E	118.217 meters to corner	42;
26	thence	N 53°53'16" E	222.003 meters to corner	43;
27	thence	S 44°45'12" E	58.181 meters to corner	44;
28	thence	S 43°28'23" W	100.953 meters to corner	45;
29	thence	S 01°36'34" W	90.910 meters to corner	46;
30	thence	S 20°36'35" E	74.619 meters to corner	47;
31	thence	N 51°56'55" E	126.613 meters to corner	48;
32	thence	N 28°00'34" E	92.655 meters to corner	49;
33	thence	S 73°56'04" E	87.686 meters to corner	50;

1	thence	S 39°18'22" W	134.082 meters to corner	51;
2	thence	S 05°34'43" W	140.322 meters to corner	52;
3	thence	S 24°06'39" W	91.656 meters to corner	53;
4	thence	S 35°04'50" E	63.978 meters to corner	54;
5	thence	S 07°13'05" W	28.595 meters to corner	55;
6	thence	S 58°16'05" W	38.041 meters to corner	56;
7	thence	S 41°46'36" E	45.348 meters to corner	57;
8	thence	S 29°45'32" W	52.541 meters to corner	58;
9	thence	S 77°13'46" E	106.769 meters to corner	59;
10	thence	S 10°45'50" W	51.005 meters to corner	60;
11	thence	N 72°18'20" W	91.154 meters to corner	61;
12	thence	N 84°47'57" W	185.259 meters to corner	62;
13	thence	S 33°42'13" E	47.405 meters to corner	63;
14	thence	S 08°22'24" W	34.556 meters to corner	64;
15	thence	S 66°47'55" W	51.738 meters to corner	65;
16	thence	S 15°15'39" E	30.155 meters to corner	66;
17	thence	S 72°17'43" E	45.392 meters to corner	67;
18	thence	S 16°30'49" E	65.996 meters to corner	68;
19	thence	N 71°56'52" E	305.696 meters to corner	69;
20	thence	S 64°15'23" E	46.121 meters to corner	70;
21	thence	S 05°59'17" W	93.480 meters to corner	71;
22	thence	S 67°44'42" W	155.142 meters to corner	72;
23	thence	S 31°17'41" W	238.303 meters to corner	73;
24	thence	N 87°55'12" W	93.005 meters to corner	74;
25	thence	S 41°18'24" W	205.007 meters to corner	75;
26	thence	S 32°31'50" E	146.851 meters to corner	76;
27	thence	S 55°57'27" W	180.277 meters to corner	77;
28	thence	N 34°28'35" W	51.414 meters to corner	78;
29	thence	S 70°20'17" W	332.222 meters to corner	79;
30	thence	N 83°46'39" W	97.702 meters to corner	80;
31	thence	N 40°04'28" W	139.307 meters to corner	81;
32	thence	N 00°04'14" W	134.518 meters to corner	82;
33	thence	N 31°38'52" E	46.276 meters to corner	83;

1	thence	N 04°12'59" E	52.226 meters to corner	84;
2	thence	N 31°17'39" W	144.905 meters to corner	85;
3	thence	N 89°24'08" W	32.664 meters to corner	86;
4	thence	S 20°23'47" W	165.802 meters to corner	87;
5	thence	S 33°37'00" W	106.466 meters to corner	88;
6	thence	S 00°23'04" W	73.167 meters to corner	89;
7	thence	S 17°37'19" E	313.036 meters to corner	90;
8	thence	S 00°38'35" E	235.414 meters to corner	91;
9	thence	S 18°26'29" W	278.838 meters to corner	92;
10	thence	S 04°26'12" W	313.294 meters to corner	93;
11	thence	S 10°28'26" W	208.571 meters to corner	94;
12	thence	S 19°48'56" E	276.553 meters to corner	95;
13	thence	S 30°40'17" E	118.091 meters to corner	96;
14	thence	S 51°24'14" E	311.632 meters to corner	97;
15	thence	S 36°11'59" E	244.952 meters to corner	98;
16	thence	S 33°28'23" W	257.057 meters to corner	99;
17	thence	S 41°14'08" W	189.112 meters to corner	100;
18	thence	S 18°47'09" W	328.009 meters to corner	101;
19	thence	S 03°22'32" W	206.729 meters to corner	102;
20	thence	S 11°00'45" E	188.557 meters to corner	103;
21	thence	S 13°49'13" W	220.008 meters to corner	104;
22	thence	S 04°27'19" W	90.330 meters to corner	105;
23	thence	S 14°52'41" E	187.953 meters to corner	106;
24	thence	S 00°15'10" W	242.492 meters to corner	107;
25	thence	S 28°17'02" W	172.667 meters to corner	108;
26	thence	S 07°34'55" E	119.240 meters to corner	109;
27	thence	S 05°04'21" W	258.718 meters to corner	110;
28	thence	S 16°52'30" W	117.177 meters to corner	111;
29	thence	S 00°17'24" W	424.937 meters to corner	112;
30	thence	S 22°38'18" E	241.703 meters to corner	113;
31	thence	S 04°23'33" E	531.764 meters to corner	114;
32	thence	S 12°26'33" E	140.506 meters to corner	115;
33	thence	S 27°36'06" E	315.624 meters to corner	116;

1	thence	S 22°59'24" W	100.255 meters to corner	117;
2	thence	S 10°15'17" E	176.418 meters to corner	118;
3	thence	S 41°47'51" E	235.725 meters to corner	119;
4	thence	S 28°35'15" E	328.741 meters to corner	120;
5	thence	S 15°53'03" W	102.650 meters to corner	121;
6	thence	S 60°27'56" E	286.363 meters to corner	122;
7	thence	S 20°18'00" E	97.066 meters to corner	123;
8	thence	S 00°04'56" E	172.293 meters to corner	124;
9	thence	S 09°00'29" W	136.272 meters to corner	125;
10	thence	S 22°15'16" W	317.498 meters to corner	126;
11	thence	S 33°13'22" E	253.412 meters to corner	127;
12	thence	S 03°01'20" E	222.628 meters to corner	128;
13	thence	S 47°21'27" E	261.396 meters to corner	129;
14	thence	S 34°42'16" E	959.447 meters to corner	130;
15	thence	S 22°19'58" E	408.252 meters to corner	131;
16	thence	S 64°19'55" E	96.149 meters to corner	132;
17	thence	S 34°24'01" E	184.176 meters to corner	133;
18	thence	S 16°57'05" E	112.918 meters to corner	134;
19	thence	S 06°06'50" E	100.878 meters to corner	135;
20	thence	S 79°41'48" E	55.963 meters to corner	136;
21	thence	S 17°54'43" E	125.614 meters to corner	137;
22	thence	S 04°51'43" W	166.344 meters to corner	138;
23	thence	S 14°21'42" W	329.201 meters to corner	139;
24	thence	N 75°15'19" E	75.903 meters to corner	140;
25	thence	S 78°17'58" E	193.685 meters to corner	141;
26	thence	S 67°47'10" E	95.832 meters to corner	142;
27	thence	S 43°53'13" E	147.093 meters to corner	143;
28	thence	S 89°06'26" E	102.459 meters to corner	144;
29	thence	S 42°52'12" E	224.511 meters to corner	145;
30	thence	S 84°49'20" E	285.727 meters to corner	146;
31	thence	N 82°55'22" E	520.681 meters to corner	147;
32	thence	S 62°02'15" E	83.134 meters to corner	148;
33	thence	N 01°00'06" E	81.988 meters to corner	149;

1	thence	S 84°52'12" E	166.065 meters to corner	150;
2	thence	S 33°22'10" W	98.651 meters to corner	151;
3	thence	S 71°35'59" E	122.002 meters to corner	152;
4	thence	S 67°18'03" E	130.047 meters to corner	153;
5	thence	S 59°49'17" E	158.222 meters to corner	154;
6	thence	S 69°05'46" E	129.948 meters to corner	155;
7	thence	S 80°04'21" E	137.142 meters to corner	156;
8	thence	S 53°35'08" E	308.441 meters to corner	157;
9	thence	S 57°37'42" E	743.720 meters to corner	158;
10	thence	S 70°23'41" E	194.626 meters to corner	159;
11	thence	S 52°32'47" E	245.052 meters to corner	160;
12	thence	N 82°21'21" E	64.037 meters to corner	161;
13	thence	S 83°49'55" E	243.074 meters to corner	162;
14	thence	S 63°22'16" E	173.703 meters to corner	163;
15	thence	S 55°40'55" E	378.828 meters to corner	164;
16	thence	S 59°58'57" E	542.443 meters to corner	165;
17	thence	S 71°11'50" E	172.103 meters to corner	166;
18	thence	S 43°29'04" E	985.858 meters to corner	167;
19	thence	S 29°55'43" E	824.084 meters to corner	168;
20	thence	S 08°27'17" E	246.033 meters to corner	169;
21	thence	S 02°10'13" W	321.587 meters to corner	170;
22	thence	S 06°24'10" E	323.180 meters to corner	171;
23	thence	S 43°04'01" E	147.819 meters to corner	172;
24	thence	S 23°50'47" E	214.207 meters to corner	173;
25	thence	S 44°46'34" E	608.863 meters to corner	174;
26	thence	S 47°25'23" E	603.611 meters to corner	175;
27	thence	S 00°19'37" E	374.954 meters to corner	176;
28	thence	S 35°24'03" E	568.354 meters to corner	177;
29	thence	S 03°09'23" E	304.860 meters to corner	178;
30	thence	S 26°22'57" E	887.131 meters to corner	179;
31	thence	S 01°15'49" W	130.614 meters to corner	180;
32	thence	S 19°09'31" E	426.929 meters to corner	181;
33	thence	S 10°17'52" E	253.279 meters to corner	182;



1	thence	S 26°23'59" E	244.574 meters to corner	183;
2	thence	S 35°45'57" E	258.546 meters to corner	184;
3	thence	S 38°39'38" E	1,024.996 meters to corner	185;
4	thence	S 48°08'50" E	597.224 meters to corner	186;
5	thence	S 06°32'04" W	382.774 meters to corner	187;
6	thence	S 49°58'22" E	198.883 meters to corner	188;
7	thence	S 24°21'54" E	215.650 meters to corner	189;
8	thence	S 08°45'44" E	186.572 meters to corner	190;
9	thence	S 11°45'49" W	115.026 meters to corner	191;
10	thence	S 16°50'14" E	129.021 meters to corner	192;
11	thence	N 81°28'42" E	109.822 meters to corner	193;
12	thence	N 43°40'21" E	209.219 meters to corner	194;
13	thence	S 58°34'21" E	134.519 meters to corner	195;
14	thence	N 67°37'28" E	495.365 meters to corner	196;
15	thence	S 72°10'58" E	267.267 meters to corner	197;
16	thence	S 66°47'23" E	582.103 meters to corner	198;
17	thence	S 39°38'03" E	754.224 meters to corner	199;
18	thence	S 20°09'44" E	265.787 meters to corner	200;
19	thence	S 30°05'03" E	223.661 meters to corner	201;
20	thence	S 37°11'31" E	584.965 meters to corner	202;
21	thence	S 22°51'25" E	247.941 meters to corner	203;
22	thence	S 14°38'17" W	173.667 meters to corner	204;
23	thence	S 02°08'02" W	137.381 meters to corner	205;
24	thence	S 17°15'40" W	166.811 meters to corner	206;
25	thence	S 00°44'04" E	666.684 meters to corner	207;
26	thence	S 25°08'04" E	378.913 meters to corner	208;
27	thence	S 11°45'53" E	178.694 meters to corner	209;
28	thence	S 00°23'37" E	214.439 meters to corner	210;
29	thence	S 23°34'11" E	416.645 meters to corner	211;
30	thence	S 20°19'21" E	673.470 meters to corner	212;
31	thence	S 20°02'20" E	317.529 meters to corner	213;
32	thence	S 10°04'38" E	262.395 meters to corner	214;
33	thence	S 33°17'55" E	223.993 meters to corner	215;

1	thence	S 53°23'10" E	409.296 meters to corner	216;
2	thence	S 59°52'39" E	351.536 meters to corner	217;
3	thence	S 70°18'27" E	287.180 meters to corner	218;
4	thence	S 83°34'12" E	152.291 meters to corner	219;
5	thence	N 75°57'04" E	875.246 meters to corner	220;
6	thence	S 88°52'18" E	297.941 meters to corner	221;
7	thence	S 75°06'34" E	299.944 meters to corner	222;
8	thence	S 87°09'15" E	349.428 meters to corner	223;
9	thence	N 79°37'16" E	234.439 meters to corner	224;
10	thence	N 71°30'50" E	322.534 meters to corner	225;
11	thence	N 60°03'13" E	154.005 meters to corner	226;
12	thence	N 60°03'12" E	204.739 meters to corner	227;
13	thence	N 40°24'27" E	391.655 meters to corner	228;
14	thence	N 27°57'21" E	116.031 meters to corner	229;
15	thence	N 12°59'16" E	158.341 meters to corner	230;
16	thence	S 73°55'31" E	39.560 meters to corner	231;
17	thence	N 16°13'33" E	45.780 meters to corner	232;
18	thence	S 74°55'16" E	24.323 meters to corner	233;
19	thence	N 15°50'06" E	56.604 meters to corner	234;
20	thence	N 74°46'31" W	50.670 meters to corner	235;
21	thence	N 30°41'15" E	188.786 meters to corner	236;
22	thence	N 42°06'51" E	450.545 meters to corner	237;
23	thence	N 52°08'45" E	358.462 meters to corner	238;
24	thence	N 25°39'48" W	167.571 meters to corner	239;
25	thence	N 03°14'20" W	587.350 meters to corner	240;
26	thence	N 18°20'15" W	281.887 meters to corner	241;
27	thence	N 25°42'45" W	478.349 meters to corner	242;
28	thence	N 44°33'32" W	112.215 meters to corner	243;
29	thence	N 78°21'18" W	122.268 meters to corner	244;
30	thence	N 15°15'35" W	327.820 meters to corner	245;
31	thence	N 36°24'58" W	334.364 meters to corner	246;
32	thence	N 25°23'39" W	282.891 meters to corner	247;
33	thence	N 37°57'56" W	192.559 meters to corner	248;

1	thence	N 49°08'03" W	426.739 meters to corner	249;
2	thence	N 17°46'55" W	172.936 meters to corner	250;
3	thence	N 51°49'54" W	301.722 meters to corner	251;
4	thence	N 50°04'59" W	168.359 meters to corner	252;
5	thence	N 40°02'44" W	264.084 meters to corner	253;
6	thence	N 51°29'21" W	213.740 meters to corner	254;
7	thence	N 42°11'22" W	235.655 meters to corner	255;
8	thence	N 34°01'06" W	511.723 meters to corner	256;
9	thence	N 39°03'13" W	294.835 meters to corner	257;
10	thence	N 13°40'42" W	321.907 meters to corner	258;
11	thence	N 20°56'25" W	233.741 meters to corner	259;
12	thence	N 07°20'34" E	162.071 meters to corner	260;
13	thence	N 35°17'47" E	779.834 meters to corner	261;
14	thence	N 05°57'47" W	449.988 meters to corner	262;
15	thence	N 17°49'44" E	416.138 meters to corner	263;
16	thence	N 28°06'22" E	473.036 meters to corner	264;
17	thence	N 22°18'26" E	404.767 meters to corner	265;
18	thence	N 05°56'44" W	242.031 meters to corner	266;
19	thence	N 41°43'32" W	543.891 meters to corner	267;
20	thence	N 51°10'24" W	259.236 meters to corner	268;
21	thence	S 74°30'13" W	69.918 meters to corner	269;
22	thence	N 68°23'35" W	214.543 meters to corner	270;
23	thence	N 54°22'02" W	126.149 meters to corner	271;
24	thence	N 22°24'52" W	263.694 meters to corner	272;
25	thence	N 43°21'31" W	618.006 meters to corner	273;
26	thence	N 35°52'23" W	330.152 meters to corner	274;
27	thence	N 10°59'41" W	173.519 meters to corner	275;
28	thence	N 26°05'54" W	104.018 meters to corner	276;
29	thence	N 51°50'55" W	136.392 meters to corner	277;
30	thence	N 42°43'04" W	135.418 meters to corner	278;
31	thence	N 14°57'27" W	222.673 meters to corner	279;
32	thence	N 19°17'07" W	148.358 meters to corner	280;
33	thence	N 42°08'39" W	106.843 meters to corner	281;

1	thence	N 58°52'54" W	200.656 meters to corner	282;
2	thence	N 35°31'04" W	127.410 meters to corner	283;
3	thence	N 59°06'33" W	162.006 meters to corner	284;
4	thence	N 35°02'33" W	106.962 meters to corner	285;
5	thence	N 45°43'24" W	209.869 meters to corner	286;
6	thence	N 24°01'09" W	732.017 meters to corner	287;
7	thence	N 01°36'30" W	247.980 meters to corner	288;
8	thence	N 09°06'39" W	138.590 meters to corner	289;
9	thence	N 27°39'14" W	203.380 meters to corner	290;
10	thence	N 52°10'52" W	148.708 meters to corner	291;
11	thence	N 27°57'42" W	106.454 meters to corner	292;
12	thence	N 03°05'57" W	118.963 meters to corner	293;
13	thence	N 34°45'52" W	211.226 meters to corner	294;
14	thence	N 44°02'31" W	173.857 meters to corner	295;
15	thence	N 19°13'36" W	75.682 meters to corner	296;
16	thence	S 68°44'57" W	90.101 meters to corner	297;
17	thence	N 61°44'14" W	126.230 meters to corner	298;
18	thence	N 42°25'12" W	188.898 meters to corner	299;
19	thence	N 26°36'40" W	157.139 meters to corner	300;
20	thence	N 08°14'25" W	191.008 meters to corner	301;
21	thence	N 19°43'59" E	297.076 meters to corner	302;
22	thence	N 11°57'43" E	210.078 meters to corner	303;
23	thence	N 36°55'28" W	624.875 meters to corner	304;
24	thence	N 17°00'04" W	377.257 meters to corner	305;
25	thence	N 13°37'41" W	307.779 meters to corner	306;
26	thence	N 08°53'56" W	483.038 meters to corner	307;
27	thence	N 06°46'32" E	135.916 meters to corner	308;
28	thence	N 27°26'11" W	382.682 meters to corner	309;
29	thence	N 20°41'14" W	190.601 meters to corner	310;
30	thence	N 34°46'17" W	175.767 meters to corner	311;
31	thence	N 54°28'11" W	233.169 meters to corner	312;
32	thence	N 33°15'13" W	174.873 meters to corner	313;
33	thence	N 03°05'21" E	292.230 meters to corner	314;

1	thence	N 11°27'17" E	293.428 meters to corner	315;
2	thence	N 06°06'36" W	139.809 meters to corner	316;
3	thence	N 30°19'38" W	443.735 meters to corner	317;
4	thence	N 46°27'52" W	259.738 meters to corner	318;
5	thence	N 34°16'08" W	274.784 meters to corner	319;
6	thence	N 54°22'29" W	397.360 meters to corner	320;
7	thence	N 33°09'02" W	692.286 meters to corner	321;
8	thence	N 24°22'00" E	115.695 meters to corner	322;
9	thence	N 09°41'34" W	228.344 meters to corner	323;
10	thence	N 16°16'24" W	358.159 meters to corner	324;
11	thence	N 38°19'32" W	409.278 meters to corner	325;
12	thence	N 30°48'58" W	309.227 meters to corner	326;
13	thence	N 06°35'46" W	254.744 meters to corner	327;
14	thence	N 04°24'35" E	391.524 meters to corner	328;
15	thence	N 08°27'45" W	308.544 meters to corner	329;
16	thence	N 17°38'24" W	359.095 meters to corner	330;
17	thence	N 56°51'25" W	287.538 meters to corner	331;
18	thence	N 19°57'06" W	281.208 meters to corner	332;
19	thence	N 01°33'42" W	188.016 meters to corner	333;
20	thence	N 21°07'36" W	229.688 meters to corner	334;
21	thence	N 03°41'40" W	144.044 meters to corner	335;
22	thence	N 09°09'53" E	141.545 meters to corner	336;
23	thence	N 17°59'04" W	74.138 meters to corner	337;
24	thence	N 58°00'01" W	79.267 meters to corner	338;
25	thence	S 88°02'16" W	242.043 meters to corner	339;
26	thence	S 73°07'12" W	140.417 meters to corner	340;
27	thence	S 89°38'18" W	118.939 meters to corner	341;
28	thence	S 65°57'13" W	294.985 meters to corner	342;
29	thence	S 86°01'10" W	266.057 meters to corner	343;
30	thence	N 60°56'44" W	217.613 meters to corner	344;
31	thence	N 65°24'15" W	460.529 meters to corner	345;
32	thence	N 77°02'15" W	202.059 meters to corner	346;
33	thence	S 86°51'05" W	360.914 meters to corner	347;

1	thence	N 78°14'35" W	262.003 meters to corner	348;
2	thence	N 65°11'43" W	192.607 meters to corner	349;
3	thence	N 53°13'04" W	193.259 meters to corner	350;
4	thence	N 42°43'53" W	379.223 meters to corner	351;
5	thence	N 65°40'32" W	249.960 meters to corner	352;
6	thence	S 77°04'59" W	377.052 meters to corner	353;
7	thence	S 89°28'40" W	356.391 meters to corner	354;
8	thence	S 78°51'04" W	241.599 meters to corner	355;
9	thence	S 74°53'23" W	658.630 meters to corner	356;
10	thence	N 75°38'51" W	348.538 meters to corner	357;
11	thence	N 54°07'05" W	350.616 meters to corner	358;
12	thence	N 43°58'17" W	316.341 meters to corner	359;
13	thence	N 68°56'07" W	223.374 meters to corner	360;
14	thence	N 51°17'55" W	557.781 meters to corner	361;
15	thence	N 41°05'09" W	792.080 meters to corner	362;
16	thence	N 34°14'37" W	413.754 meters to corner	363;
17	thence	N 61°02'30" W	384.736 meters to corner	364;
18	thence	N 56°50'01" W	360.666 meters to corner	365;
19	thence	N 46°43'45" W	475.454 meters to corner	366;
20	thence	N 67°03'42" W	259.747 meters to corner	367;
21	thence	N 49°37'15" W	143.462 meters to corner	368;
22	thence	N 38°09'48" W	471.388 meters to corner	1,

23 containing an area of sixty-one thousand two hundred four (61,204) hectares more  
24 or less. Bearings and distances of line were derived using the PRS92 Philippine  
25 Zone V coordinate system, subject to ground delineation and demarcation.

26 **SEC. 5. *Establishment of Buffer Zones.*** – The Secretary of the  
27 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon the  
28 recommendation of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) created under  
29 Section 6 of this Act, may designate areas surrounding the PIPS as buffer zones  
30 for the purpose of providing an extra layer of protection where restrictions may be  
31 applied: *Provided*, That in cases where the designated buffer zone would cover  
32 private lands, the owners thereof shall be required to design their development  
33 with due consideration to the protected area management plan.



1 (j) One (1) representative from an academic institution, preferably from a  
2 university or college in the Province of Southern Leyte, with proven track record  
3 in or related to protected area management; and

4 (k) One (1) representative from the private sector, preferably a resident of  
5 the Province of Southern Leyte, who is distinguished in a profession or field of  
6 interest relevant to the protected area management.

7 The terms of office of members of the PAMB, as well as the grounds for  
8 their removal shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act (RA) No.  
9 7586, otherwise known as the "National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of  
10 1992" as amended by RA 11038, otherwise known as the "Expanded National  
11 Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018".

12 **SEC. 7. *Functions of the PAMB.*** – The PAMB shall have the following  
13 powers and functions:

14 (a) Oversee the management of the PIPS;

15 (b) Approve policies, plans and programs, proposals, agreements, and other  
16 related documents for the management of the PIPS;

17 (c) Approve the management plan of the PIPS and ensure its harmonization  
18 with and integration into the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and  
19 Protection Plan, land use plan and other development plans, public or private, and  
20 their implementation;

21 (d) Adopt a manual of operations to include rules of procedures in the conduct  
22 of business, and the creation of committees and their respective terms of reference;

23 (e) Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for the  
24 enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the management of the  
25 PIPS;

26 (f) Allocate financial resources for the implementation of the management plan  
27 and manage the Protected Area Retention Income Account and other funds in  
28 accordance with government accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and  
29 regulations;

30 (g) Set fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines;

31 (h) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through  
32 appropriate and effective means;



1 (i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government  
2 authorities with respect to the management of the PIPS;

3 (j) Monitor and assess the performance of the Protected Area Superintendent  
4 (PASu) and other protected area personnel and compliance of partners with the  
5 terms and conditions of any undertaking, contract or agreement relative to any  
6 project or activity within the PIPS;

7 (k) Recommend from among a shortlist of qualified candidates the designation  
8 or appointment of the PASu; and

9 (l) Assess the effectiveness of the management of the PIPS: *Provided*, That the  
10 members of the PAMB representing the LGUs and national agencies shall inform  
11 their respective constituents, offices or sectors, of PAMB-approved or other  
12 relevant policies, rules, regulations, programs, and projects and shall ensure that  
13 the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations issued to implement it are  
14 complied with and used as reference and framework in their respective plans,  
15 policies, programs, and projects. Failure to comply with the foregoing shall be the  
16 basis for disciplinary action against such member according to administrative  
17 rules and regulations and such penalties as the PAMB may provide: *Provided*,  
18 *further*, That the DENR, through the Regional Director, shall ensure that the  
19 PAMB acts within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of conflict between  
20 the resolutions issued by the PAMB and the existing administrative orders of  
21 national application, the latter shall prevail.

22 **SEC. 8. *The Protected Area Management Office (PAMO).*** – There is  
23 hereby established a Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) to be headed by  
24 a PASu who shall supervise the day to day management, protection, and  
25 administration of the PIPS. The PASu shall hold a permanent plantilla position  
26 and shall be appointed by the DENR Secretary. A sufficient number of support  
27 staff with permanent plantilla positions shall likewise be appointed by the DENR  
28 Secretary to assist the PASu in the management of the PIPS.

29 The PASu shall be primarily accountable to the PAMB and the DENR for  
30 the management and operations of the PIPS. Pursuant thereto, the PASu shall  
31 have the following duties and responsibilities:

32 (a) Prepare the management plan, in consultation with the stakeholders,  
33 including the annual work and financial plan and ensure its implementation;

- 1 (b) Ensure the integration of the PIPS management plans, programs, projects,  
2 and policies with relevant national and LGUs' plans and programs;
- 3 (c) Provide secretariat services to the PAMB and its committees and ensure the  
4 availability of relevant and timely information for decision-making;
- 5 (d) Formulate and recommend to the PAMB proposed policies, rules,  
6 regulations, and programs;
- 7 (e) Establish, operate, and maintain a database management system which  
8 shall be an important basis for decision-making;
- 9 (f) Enforce the laws, rules, and regulations relevant to the PIPS, commence and  
10 institute administrative and legal actions in collaboration with other government  
11 agencies or organizations, and assist in the prosecution of offenses committed in  
12 violation of the provisions of this Act;
- 13 (g) Monitor, evaluate, and report the implementation of management activities  
14 of the PIPS;
- 15 (h) Request for and receive any technical assistance, support or advice from any  
16 agency or instrumentality of the government as well as academic institutions,  
17 NGOs, and the private sector, as may be necessary for the effective management,  
18 protection and administration of the PIPS;
- 19 (i) Issue permits and clearances for activities that implement the management  
20 plan and other permitted activities in accordance with terms, conditions, and  
21 criteria established by the PAMB: *Provided*, That all permits for extraction of  
22 natural resources, including collection of wildlife, and its by-products or  
23 derivatives for research purposes, shall continue to be issued by relevant  
24 authorities, subject to prior clearance from the PAMB, through the PASu, in  
25 accordance with the specific acts to be covered;
- 26 (j) Collect and receive pertinent fees, charges, donations, and other income for  
27 the PIPS: *Provided*, That such fees, charges, donations, and other income collected  
28 and received shall be reported regularly to the PAMB and the DENR in accordance  
29 with existing guidelines;
- 30 (k) Prepare and recommend to the PAMB, approval of the annual work and  
31 financial plans of the PIPS based on the management plan; and
- 32 (l) Perform such other functions as the PAMB and the DENR may assign.



