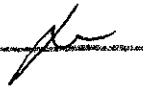


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range in the City of Butuan and in the Municipalities of Remedios T. Romualdez, Cabadbaran and Santiago, Agusan Del Norte as a protected area.

The Mt. Hilong- Hilong range is one of the very few remaining virgin forests and waterfalls in the country. An ecotourism site, Mt. Hilong-Hilong serves as a nesting place of the endangered Philippine Eagle, and the habitat of other wildlife flora and fauna. The range, a proclaimed watershed forest reserve, is the headwater of four major river systems in the Agusan Provinces. Aside from its biological significance, the Mt. Hilong- Hilong range is also the home and source of livelihood of Indigenous Peoples in the area.

This bill, therefore, seeks to declare the Mt. Hilong- Hilong Range as protected in order to protect it from indiscriminate exploitation and to be able to maintain its ecological balance and preserve its source of water supply.

Given the importance of biodiversity, it is deemed crucial that we act on these now to ensure that our children and the succeeding generations will inherit a living earth with all of its bountiful natural resources and vibrant wildlife.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly urged.



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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE MT. HILONG-HILONG RANGE SITUATED IN THE CITY OF
BUTUAN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF REMEDIOS T. ROMUALDEZ,
CABADBARAN AND SANTIAGO IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AS
A PROTECTED AREA, UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE
PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
2 Protected Landscape Act of 2007".

3 SEC. 2. *Land Classification.* – All lands of the public domain comprising the Mt.
4 Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape shall fall under the classification of National
5 Park as provided for in the Philippine Constitution.

6 SEC. 3. *Scope and Coverage.* – The Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected
7 Landscape is hereby declared a protected area and categorized as a protected
8 landscape pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the National
9 Integrated Protected Areas Act of 1992 or the NIPAS Act.

10 The boundaries of Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape, within the City
11 of Butuan and in the Municipalities of Remedios T. Romualdez, Cabadbaran and
12 Santiago in the Province of Agusan Del Norte, are more particularly described as
13 follows:

14 "Beginning at Tie Point AGN 35 of PRS 92 located at Sitio Agay, Barangay Balang-
15 Balang, Municipality of Remedios T. Romualdez, Agusan del Norte, with the
16 coordinates of South 53°38' East with a distance of 7,567.97 meters to a point
17 designated as corner 1 located at the top of the ridge,

- 18 thence from corner 1, N 39°23' W 309.63 meters to corner 2,
- 19 thence from corner 2, N 56°39' E 202.54 meters to corner 3,
- 20 thence from corner 3, N 29°22' E 133.12 meters to corner 4,
- 21 thence from corner 4, N 04°51' E 612.17 meters to corner 5,
- 22 thence from corner 5, N 43°09' E 257.51 meters to corner 6,
- 23 thence from corner 6, N 02°56' W 270.12 meters to corner 7,

1 thence from corner 7, N 52°58' E 282.61 meters to corner 8,
 2 thence from corner 8, N 77°34' E 250.39 meters to corner 9,
 3 thence from corner 9, S 82°25' E 223.65 meters to corner 10,
 4 thence from corner 10, S 87°04' E 334.71 meters to corner 11,
 5 thence from corner 11, N 72°48' E 342.11 meters to corner 12,
 6 thence from corner 12, N 23°43' E 258.07 meters to corner 13,
 7 thence from corner 13, N 59°46' E 281.37 meters to corner 14,
 8 thence from corner 14, N 75°32' E 338.56 meters to corner 15,
 9 thence from corner 15, N 84°00' E 237.77 meters to corner 16,
 10 thence from corner 16, S 85°35' E 496.31 meters to corner 17,
 11 thence from corner 17, S 74°09' E 292.27 meters to corner 18,
 12 thence from corner 18, N 89°20' E 153.26 meters to corner 19,
 13 thence from corner 19, N 36°56' E 285.02 meters to corner 20,
 14 thence from corner 20, N 43°13' E 447.79 meters to corner 21,
 15 thence from corner 21, N 10°01' E 395.13 meters to corner 22,
 16 thence from corner 22, N 41°12' E 365.72 meters to corner 23,
 17 thence from corner 23, N 72°07' E 350.13 meters to corner 24,
 18 thence from corner 24, N 40°38' E 423.84 meters to corner 25,
 19 thence from corner 25, N 42°32' E 185.69 meters to corner 26,
 20 thence from corner 26, N 05°08' E 382.30 meters to corner 27,
 21 thence from corner 27, N 04°01' W 418.07 meters to corner 28,
 22 thence from corner 28, N 04°24' W 313.87 meters to corner 29,
 23 thence from corner 29, N 53°39' E 212.76 meters to corner 30,
 24 thence from corner 30, N 18°47' E 312.59 meters to corner 31,
 25 thence from corner 31, N 24°07' W 252.12 meters to corner 32,
 26 thence from corner 32, N 10°21' W 139.78 meters to corner 33,
 27 thence from corner 33, N 27°43' E 101.27 meters to corner 34,
 28 thence from corner 34, N 53°31' E 365.36 meters to corner 35,
 29 thence from corner 35, N 67°19' E 268.43 meters to corner 36,
 30 thence from corner 36, N 42°34' E 359.64 meters to corner 37,
 31 thence from corner 37, N 83°39' E 442.42 meters to corner 38,
 32 thence from corner 38, N 85°16' E 346.19 meters to corner 39,
 33 thence from corner 39, N 09°55' E 359.02 meters to corner 40,
 34 thence from corner 40, N 19°03' E 982.24 meters to corner 41,
 35 thence from corner 41, N 19°40' W 322.60 meters to corner 42,
 36 thence from corner 42, N 08°46' E 535.08 meters to corner 43,
 37 thence from corner 43, N 18°27' E 176.06 meters to corner 44,
 38 thence from corner 44, N 05°41' W 297.86 meters to corner 45,

1 thence from corner 45, N 16°36' E 169.01 meters to corner 46,
2 thence from corner 46, S 62°18' W 508.57 meters to corner 47,
3 thence from corner 47, S 38°41' W 201.96 meters to corner 48,
4 thence from corner 48, S 75°45' W 179.11 meters to corner 49,
5 thence from corner 49, S 71°03' W 242.82 meters to corner 50,
6 thence from corner 50, N 59°28' W 415.00 meters to corner 51,
7 thence from corner 51, S 84°18' W 140.97 meters to corner 52,
8 thence from corner 52, S 65°12' W 233.34 meters to corner 53,
9 thence from corner 53, S 55°24' W 206.09 meters to corner 54,
10 thence from corner 54, S 74°40' W 52.93 meters to corner 55,
11 thence from corner 55, N 49°52' W 108.44 meters to corner 56,
12 thence from corner 56, N 75°17' W 399.75 meters to corner 57,
13 thence from corner 57, S 88°11' W 444.22 meters to corner 58,
14 thence from corner 58, N 84°50' W 308.82 meters to corner 59,
15 thence from corner 59, N 65°11' W 369.60 meters to corner 60,
16 thence from corner 60, N 77°04' W 363.94 meters to corner 61,
17 thence from corner 61, N 46°19' W 375.50 meters to corner 62,
18 thence from corner 62, S 88°26' W 321.73 meters to corner 63,
19 thence from corner 63, N 72°00' W 189.11 meters to corner 64,
20 thence from corner 64, N 89°31' W 432.59 meters to corner 65,
21 thence from corner 65, S 75°12' W 662.39 meters to corner 66,
22 thence from corner 66, N 85°46' W 241.81 meters to corner 67,
23 thence from corner 67, N 56°02' W 495.59 meters to corner 68,
24 thence from corner 68, N 80°02' W 469.03 meters to corner 69,
25 thence from corner 69, N 71°26' W 438.80 meters to corner 70,
26 thence from corner 70, N 81°38' W 454.45 meters to corner 71,
27 thence from corner 71, N 13°49' E 282.26 meters to corner 72,
28 thence from corner 72, N 05°43' W 411.35 meters to corner 73,
29 thence from corner 73, N 35°40' W 233.25 meters to corner 74,
30 thence from corner 74, N 30°57' E 195.47 meters to corner 75,
31 thence from corner 75, N 45°41' W 245.13 meters to corner 76,
32 thence from corner 76, N 69°32' W 382.99 meters to corner 77,
33 thence from corner 77, N 61°11' W 147.99 meters to corner 78,
34 thence from corner 78, N 39°13' W 353.49 meters to corner 79,
35 thence from corner 79, N 70°55' W 185.75 meters to corner 80,
36 thence from corner 80, N 60°16' W 292.68 meters to corner 81,
37 thence from corner 81, N 01°58' W 259.61 meters to corner 82,
38 thence from corner 82, N 38°56' E 240.60 meters to corner 83,

1	thence from corner 83,	N 12°14' E 190.43 meters to corner 84,
2	thence from corner 84,	N 52°00' W 359.24 meters to corner 85,
3	thence from corner 85,	S 88°01' E 116.25 meters to corner 86,
4	thence from corner 86,	S 58°03' E 189.34 meters to corner 87,
5	thence from corner 87,	S 73°35' E 196.15 meters to corner 88,
6	thence from corner 88,	N 88°06' E 269.32 meters to corner 89,
7	thence from corner 89,	N 81°47' E 162.32 meters to corner 90,
8	thence from corner 90,	N 57°21' E 698.90 meters to corner 91,
9	thence from corner 91,	N 56°36' E 402.94 meters to corner 92,
10	thence from corner 92,	N 45°30' E 410.87 meters to corner 93,
11	thence from corner 93,	N 41°58' E 303.75 meters to corner 94,
12	thence from corner 94,	N 33°23' E 329.24 meters to corner 95,
13	thence from corner 95,	N 27°19' E 238.42 meters to corner 96,
14	thence from corner 96,	N 39°23' E 309.63 meters to corner 97,
15	thence from corner 97,	N 12°45' E 232.67 meters to corner 98,
16	thence from corner 98,	N 52°21' E 139.23 meters to corner 99,
17	thence from corner 99,	N 70°14' E 251.32 meters to corner 100,
18	thence from corner 100,	N 43°44' E 356.61 meters to corner 101,
19	thence from corner 101,	N 77°34' E 532.09 meters to corner 102,
20	thence from corner 102,	N 63°17' E 213.35 meters to corner 103,
21	thence from corner 103,	N 18°01' E 387.92 meters to corner 104,
22	thence from corner 104,	S 86°56' W 320.62 meters to corner 105,
23	thence from corner 105,	S 67°43' W 295.34 meters to corner 106,
24	thence from corner 106,	N 64°36' W 183.16 meters to corner 107,
25	thence from corner 107,	N 75°32' W 171.85 meters to corner 108,
26	thence from corner 108,	N 14°15' W 340.46 meters to corner 109,
27	thence from corner 109,	S 69°16' W 129.13 meters to corner 110,
28	thence from corner 110,	S 41°19' W 242.66 meters to corner 111,
29	thence from corner 111,	S 39°23' W 309.63 meters to corner 112,
30	thence from corner 112,	S 53°27' W 354.90 meters to corner 113,
31	thence from corner 113,	S 14°43' W 222.88 meters to corner 114,
32	thence from corner 114,	S 15°29' W 304.38 meters to corner 115,
33	thence from corner 115,	S 10°47' W 324.36 meters to corner 116,
34	thence from corner 116,	S 19°43' W 360.72 meters to corner 117,
35	thence from corner 117,	S 57°52' W 211.15 meters to corner 118,
36	thence from corner 118,	N 62°56' W 342.93 meters to corner 119,
37	thence from corner 119,	N 46°50' W 176.75 meters to corner 120,
38	thence from corner 120,	N 26°41' W 194.13 meters to corner 121,

1 thence from corner 121, N 69°18' W 287.71 meters to corner 122,
2 thence from corner 122, N 14°29' W 186.09 meters to corner 123,
3 thence from corner 123, N 50°12' W 318.31 meters to corner 124,
4 thence from corner 124, S 84°39' W 455.92 meters to corner 125,
5 thence from corner 125, S 50°12' W 319.73 meters to corner 126,
6 thence from corner 126, N 88°39' W 154.49 meters to corner 127,
7 thence from corner 127, S 53°08' W 163.15 meters to corner 128,
8 thence from corner 128, 26°38' W 170.25 meters to corner 129,
9 thence from corner 129, 89°48' W 197.88 meters to corner 130,
10 thence from corner 130, 70°56' W 223.53 meters to corner 131,
11 thence from corner 131, 41°46' W 331.44 meters to corner 132,
12 thence from corner 132, 42°06' W 159.76 meters to corner 133,
13 thence from corner 133, 44°40' W 155.89 meters to corner 134,
14 thence from corner 134, 47°37' W 209.27 meters to corner 135,
15 thence from corner 135, N 34°10' W 207.65 meters to corner 136,
16 thence from corner 136, 88°36' E 332.20 meters to corner 137,
17 thence from corner 137, 49°04' E 488.32 meters to corner 138,
18 thence from corner 138, 18°19' E 325.79 meters to corner 139,
19 thence from corner 139, N 60°11' E 98.09 meters to corner 140,
20 thence from corner 140, S 88°21' E 353.61 meters to corner 141,
21 thence from corner 141, 80°20' E 406.84 meters to corner 142,
22 thence from corner 142, 40°47' E 314.74 meters to corner 143,
23 thence from corner 143, N 17°42' E 307.20 meters to corner 144,
24 thence from corner 144, N 28°26' E 494.33 meters to corner 145,
25 thence from corner 145, N 33°34' E 474.59 meters to corner 146,
26 thence from corner 146, N 59°44' E 277.96 meters to corner 147,
27 thence from corner 147, N 08°25' E 307.10 meters to corner 148,
28 thence from corner 148, N 48°07' E 289.30 meters to corner 149,
29 thence from corner 149, N 27°35' E 371.43 meters to corner 150,
30 thence from corner 150, N 09°52' E 278.85 meters to corner 151,
31 thence from corner 151, N 17°55' E 549.37 meters to corner 152,
32 thence from corner 152, N 46°41' E 370.83 meters to corner 153,
33 thence from corner 153, N 02°55' W 468.26 meters to corner 154,
34 thence from corner 154, N 11°39' E 294.49 meters to corner 155,
35 thence from corner 155, N 04°47' W 139.47 meters to corner 156,
36 thence from corner 156, N 46°47' W 691.31 meters to corner 157,
37 thence from corner 157, N 66°07' W 293.69 meters to corner 158,
38 thence from corner 158, N 14°50' W 368.15 meters to corner 159,

1 thence from corner 159, N 22°20' W 339.99 meters to corner 160,
 2 thence from corner 160, N 23°08' E 619.58 meters to corner 161,
 3 thence from corner 161, N 31°07' E 447.70 meters to corner 162,
 4 thence from corner 162, N 19°15' E 291.48 meters to corner 163,
 5 thence from corner 163, N 32°26' E 252.95 meters to corner 164,
 6 thence from corner 164, N 18°17' E 529.18 meters to corner 165,
 7 thence from corner 165, N 44°16' E 150.09 meters to corner 166,
 8 thence from corner 166, N 22°29' E 276.93 meters to corner 167,
 9 *thence from corner 167,* N 14°26' W 539.89 meters to corner 168,
 10 thence from corner 168, N 18°12' E 137.00 meters to corner 169,
 11 thence from corner 169, N 66°43' E 197.73 meters to corner 170,
 12 thence from corner 170, N 42°54' E 433.23 meters to corner 171,
 13 thence from corner 171, N 17°18' E 185.23 meters to corner 172,
 14 thence from corner 172 N 26°12' W 219.75 meters to corner 173,
 15 thence from corner 173, N 02°10' E 246.39 meters to corner 174,
 16 thence from corner 174, N 30°51' E 433.39 meters to corner 175,
 17 thence from corner 175, N 18°02' E 203.13 meters to corner 176,
 18 thence from corner 176, N 49°56' E 195.19 meters to corner 177,
 19 thence from corner 177, N 64°04' E 925.49 meters to corner 178,
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 24 thence from corner 182, N 07°24' W 261.69 meters to corner 183,
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 26 thence from corner 184, N 04°08' W 243.44 meters to corner 185,
 27 thence from corner 185, N 29°42' E 676.13 meters to corner 186,
 28 thence from corner 186, N 53°35' E 108.69 meters to corner 187,
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 30 thence from corner 188, N 59°24' E 372.34 meters to corner 189,
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 8 thence from corner 204, S 41°12' E 417.95 meters to corner 205,
 9 thence from corner 205, S 01°19' E 201.86 meters to corner 206,
 10 thence from corner 206, S 10°55' E 719.33 meters to corner 207,
 11 thence from corner 207, S 11°34' E 521.48 meters to corner 208,
 12 thence from corner 208, S 16°37' E 378.22 meters to corner 209,
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 14 thence from corner 210, S 73°11' E 451.34 meters to corner 211,
 15 thence from corner 211, S 57°01' E 483.65 meters to corner 212,
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 18 thence from corner 214, S 10°30' E 715.18 meters to corner 215,
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 20 thence from corner 216, S 29°39' W 562.17 meters to corner 217,
 21 thence from corner 217, S 07°59' E 146.49 meters to corner 218,
 22 thence from corner 218, S 29°13' E 424.51 meters to corner 219,
 23 thence from corner 219, S 36°42' E 800.26 meters to corner 220,
 24 thence from corner 220, S 78°48' E 264.43 meters to corner 221,
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7	thence from corner 279,	S 28°37' W 133.68 meters to corner 280,
8	thence from corner 280,	S 16°03' W 597.16 meters to corner 281,
9	thence from corner 281,	S 57°31' W 145.38 meters to corner 282,
10	thence from corner 282,	S 19°24' W 200.36 meters to corner 283,
11	thence from corner 283,	S 07°34' W 406.83 meters to corner 284,
12	thence from corner 284,	S 06°29' W 172.96 meters to corner 285,
13	thence from corner 285,	S 21°56' W 291.81 meters to corner 286,
14	thence from corner 286,	S 55°15' W 445.15 meters to corner 287,
15	thence from corner 287,	S 16°21' W 449.90 meters to corner 288,
16	thence from corner 288,	S 61°21' W 377.99 meters to corner 289,
17	thence from corner 289,	S 26°51' W 301.36 meters to corner 290,
18	thence from corner 290,	S 64°41' W 468.77 meters to corner 291,
19	thence from corner 291,	S 25°29' W 325.97 meters to corner 292,
20	thence from corner 292,	S 63°56' W 174.41 meters to corner 293,
21	thence from corner 293,	S 82°18' W 354.84 meters to corner 294,
22	thence from corner 294,	S 64°29' W 313.10 meters to corner 295,
23	thence from corner 295,	S 22°06' W 406.53 meters to corner 296,
24	thence from corner 296,	S 11°30' W 614.22 meters to corner 297,
25	thence from corner 297,	S 40°32' W 547.81 meters to corner 298,
26	thence from corner 298,	S 09°17' W 212.83 meters to corner 299,
27	thence from corner 299,	S 53°47' W 202.82 meters to corner 300,
28	thence from corner 300,	S 85°12' W 342.42 meters to corner 301,
29	thence from corner 301,	S 66°51' W 457.85 meters to corner 302,
30	thence from corner 302,	S 52°00' W 267.61 meters to corner 303,
31	thence from corner 303,	S 82°01' W 125.31 meters to corner 304,
32	thence from corner 304,	S 85°08' W 369.85 meters to corner 305,
33	thence from corner 305,	S 61°30' W 514.79 meters to corner 306,
34	thence from corner 306,	S 79°58' W 271.64 meters to corner 307,
35	thence from corner 307,	S 54°55' W 188.92 meters to corner 308,
36	thence from corner 308,	S 10°51' W 182.82 meters to corner 309,
37	thence from corner 309,	S 39°11' W 568.41 meters to corner 310,
38	thence from corner 310,	S 53°29' W 246.64 meters to corner 311,

1 thence from corner 311, S 32°58' W 484.08 meters to corner 312,
 2 thence from corner 312, S 02°44' W 62.47 meters to corner 313,
 3 thence from corner 313, S 45°01' W 1017.83 meters to corner 314,
 4 thence from corner 314, S 08°15' W 307.78 meters to corner 315,
 5 thence from corner 315, S 27°55' W 263.42 meters to corner 316,
 6 thence from corner 316, S 03°36' W 182.35 meters to corner 317,
 7 thence from corner 317, S 43°57' W 160.41 meters to corner 318,
 8 thence from corner 318, S 05°24' W 307.63 meters to corner 319,
 9 thence from corner 319, S 22°55' W 291.20 meters to corner 320,
 10 thence from corner 320, S 16°03' W 486.45 meters to corner 321,
 11 thence from corner 321, S 28°51' W 564.97 meters to corner 322,
 12 thence from corner 322, S 16°34' W 552.02 meters to corner 323,
 13 thence from corner 323, S 22°22' W 547.77 meters to corner 324,
 14 thence from corner 324, S 76°50' W 176.00 meters to corner 325,
 15 thence from corner 325, S 70°08' W 449.70 meters to corner 326,
 16 thence from corner 326, S 79°14' W 485.60 meters to corner 327,
 17 thence from corner 327, S 58°02' W 317.04 meters to corner 328,
 18 thence from corner 328, S 85°37' W 646.85 meters to corner 329,
 19 thence from corner 329, N 29°43' W 273.48 meters to corner 330,
 20 thence from corner 330, N 07°29' W 838.64 meters to corner 331,
 21 thence from corner 331, N 09°30' W 574.42 meters to corner 332,
 22 thence from corner 332, N 39°11' W 373.14 meters to corner 333,
 23 thence from corner 333, N 12°29' W 392.40 meters to corner 334,
 24 thence from corner 334, N 26°51' W 264.99 meters to corner 335,
 25 thence from corner 335, N 28°14' W 423.96 meters to corner 336,
 26 thence from corner 336, N 71°42' W 311.37 meters to corner 337,
 27 thence from corner 337, N 78°44' W 425.65 meters to corner 338,
 28 thence from corner 338, S 72°50' W 204.91 meters to corner 339,
 29 thence from corner 339, N 41°58' W 311.57 meters to corner 340,
 30 thence from corner 340, N 56°35' W 469.73 meters to corner 341,
 31 thence from corner 341, N 44°15' W 272.10 meters to corner 342,
 32 thence from corner 342, S 56°22' W 444.90 meters to corner 343,
 33 thence from corner 343, N 54°22' W 258.86 meters to corner 344,
 34 thence from corner 344, S 58°13' W 488.38 meters to corner 345,
 35 thence from corner 345, N 77°11' W 466.33 meters to corner 346,
 36 thence from corner 346, N 68°39' W 259.79 meters to corner 347,
 37 thence from corner 347, N 32°15' W 292.70 meters to corner 348,
 38 thence from corner 348, N 39°44' W 315.87 meters to corner 349,

1	thence from corner 349,	N 19°18' W 341.43 meters to corner 350,
2	thence from corner 350,	N 11°41' W 164.88 meters to corner 351,
3	thence from corner 351,	N 89°21' W 452.86 meters to corner 352,
4	thence from corner 352,	N 08°18' E 165.48 meters to corner 353,
5	thence from corner 353,	N 07°03' E 287.08 meters to corner 354,
6	thence from corner 354,	N 44°22' W 177.71 meters to corner 355,
7	thence from corner 355,	S 77°03' W 448.16 meters to corner 356,
8	thence from corner 356,	N 19°04' W 649.79 meters to corner 357,
9	thence from corner 357,	S 88°49' E 239.85 meters to corner 358,
10	thence from corner 358,	N 54°17' E 237.28 meters to corner 359,
11	thence from corner 359,	N 33°31' E 263.21 meters to corner 360,
12	thence from corner 360,	N 34°51' W 291.57 meters to corner 361,
13	thence from corner 361,	N 34°52' E 350.13 meters to corner 362,
14	thence from corner 362,	N 34°51' E 443.10 meters to corner 363,
15	<i>thence from corner 363,</i>	<i>N 02°03' W 348.64 meters to corner 364,</i>
16	thence from corner 364,	N 84°57' E 372.67 meters to corner 365,
17	thence from corner 365,	S 70°34' E 372.33 meters to corner 366,
18	thence from corner 366,	S 59°40' E 200.87 meters to corner 367,
19	thence from corner 367,	N 21°16' E 264.51 meters to corner 368,
20	thence from corner 368,	S 70°01' E 246.75 meters to corner 369,
21	thence from corner 369,	N 26°19' E 299.39 meters to corner 370,
22	thence from corner 370,	N 58°42' E 338.57 meters to corner 371,
23	thence from corner 371,	N 29°33' W 168.63 meters to corner 372,
24	thence from corner 372,	N 83°11' W 218.83 meters to corner 373,
25	<i>thence from corner 373,</i>	<i>N 59°02' W 148.35 meters to corner 374,</i>
26	thence from corner 374,	S 34°54' W 327.96 meters to corner 375,
27	thence from corner 375,	S 73°27' W 332.06 meters to corner 376,
28	thence from corner 376,	S 68°32' W 153.15 meters to corner 377,
29	thence from corner 377,	N 75°37' W 409.69 meters to corner 378,
30	thence from corner 378,	S 55°01' W 382.28 meters to corner 379,
31	thence from corner 379,	N 17°49' W 292.96 meters to corner 380,
32	thence from corner 380,	N 15°00' W 210.19 meters to corner 381,
33	thence from corner 381,	N 16°52' E 327.39 meters to corner 382,
34	thence from corner 382,	N 13°09' W 187.78 meters to corner 383,
35	<i>thence from corner 383,</i>	<i>N 63°49' W 240.20 meters to corner 384,</i>
36	thence from corner 384,	S 69°59' W 213.84 meters to corner 385,
37	thence from corner 385,	S 19°01' W 301.31 meters to corner 386,
38	thence from corner 386,	S 12°38' E 360.31 meters to corner 387,

1 thence from corner 387, S 39°55' W 713.92 meters to corner 1.

2 The foregoing boundaries cover an area of twenty-five thousand eight hundred
3 thirty-three (25,833) hectares.

4 The technical descriptions provided in this Act will be subject to ground survey and
5 verification to be conducted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
6 (DENR). Any modification of the coverage of this Act due to such factors as changing
7 ecological situations, new scientific or archeological findings, or discovery of traditional
8 boundaries not previously taken into account shall be made through an act of Congress,
9 after consultation with the affected public and concerned government agencies.

10 SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be
11 defined as follows:

12 (a) “Ancestral Domain” refers to all areas generally belonging to Indigenous
13 Cultural Communities or Indigenous People (ICCs/IPs) comprising lands, inland waters,
14 *coastal areas, and natural resources therein, held under a claim of ownership, occupied*
15 *or possessed by the ICCs/IPs, by themselves or thru their ancestors, communally or*
16 *individually since time immemorial, continuously to the present except if interrupted by*
17 *war, force majeure or displacement by force, deceit, stealth or as a consequence of*
18 *government projects or any other voluntary dealings entered into by government or*
19 *public individuals/corporations, and which are necessary to ensure their economic,*
20 *social and cultural welfare. It shall include ancestral lands, forests, pasture, residential,*
21 *agricultural, and other lands individually owned whether alienable and disposable or*
22 *otherwise, hunting grounds, burial grounds, worship areas, bodies of water, mineral and*
23 *other natural resources, and lands which may no longer be exclusively occupied by*
24 *ICCs/IPs but from which they traditionally had access to for their subsistence and*
25 *traditional activities, particularly the home ranges of ICCs/IPs who are still nomadic*
26 *and/or shifting cultivators.*

27 (b) “Biodiversity” refers to the variety and variability among living organisms and the
28 *ecological complexes in which said organisms occur.*

29 (c) “Biological resources” includes genetic resources, organisms or parts thereof,
30 *population, or any other biotic component of ecosystems with actual or potential use or*
31 *value for humanity.*

32 (d) “Bioprospecting” means the research, collection and utilization of biological and
33 genetic resources for purposes of applying the knowledge derived therefrom solely for
34 commercial purposes.

35 (e) “Buffer zones” refers to identified areas outside the boundaries of and
36 immediately adjacent to designated protected areas pursuant to Section 8 of the NIPAS
37 Act that need special development and control in order to provide an extra layer around
38 the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape where restrictions may apply and

1 managed according to the management plan and applicable rules and regulations as
2 provided for in this Act and related statutes.

3 (f) "By-products or derivatives" means any part taken or substance extracted from
4 wildlife, in raw or in processed form. This includes stuffed animals and herbarium
5 specimens.

6 (g) "Collection or collecting" is the act of gathering or harvesting wildlife, its by-
7 products or derivatives.

8 (h) "Conservation" means sustainable utilization of wildlife, and/or maintenance,
9 restoration and enhancement of the habitat.

10 (i) "Ecosystem" means the dynamic complex of plant, animal and micro-organism
11 communities and their non-living environment interacting as a functional unit.

12 (j) "Endangered species" refers to species or subspecies of flora and fauna that is
13 not critically endangered but whose survival in the wild is unlikely if the causal factors
14 continue operating.

15 (k) "Endemic species" means species or subspecies of flora and fauna which is
16 naturally occurring and found only within specific areas in the country.

17 (l) "Exotic species" means species or subspecies of flora and fauna which do not
18 naturally occur within the protected area at present or in historical time.

19 (m) "Habitat" means a place or type of environment where a species or subspecies
20 naturally occurs or has naturally established its population.

21 (n) "Hunting" refers to collection of wild fauna for food and/or recreational purposes
22 with the use of weapons such as guns, bow and arrow, spear and the like.

23 (o) "Indigenous Cultural Communities or Indigenous People (ICCs/IPs)" refers to a
24 group of people or homogenous societies identified by self-ascription and ascription by
25 others, who have continuously lived as *organized community on communally bounded*
26 *and defined territory*, and who have, under claims of ownership since time immemorial,
27 *occupied, possessed and utilized such territories, sharing common bonds of language,*
28 *customs, traditions and other distinctive cultural traits*, or who have, through resistance
29 *to political, social and cultural inroads of colonization, non-indigenous religions and*
30 *cultures, became historically differentiated from the majority of Filipinos. IPs shall*
31 *likewise include peoples who are regarded as indigenous on account of their descent*
32 *from the populations which inhabited the country, at the time of conquest or*
33 *colonization, or at the time of inroads of non-indigenous religions and cultures, or the*
34 *establishment of present state boundaries, who retain some or all of their own social,*
35 *economic, cultural and political institutions, but who may have been displaced from their*
36 *traditional domains or who may have resettled outside their ancestral domains.*

37 (p) "Management Plan" refers to the fundamental plan, strategy and/or scheme
38 which shall guide all activities relating to the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected

1 Landscape in order to attain the objectives of this Act.

2 (q) "Mineral" refers to all naturally occurring inorganic substance in solid, gas,
3 liquid, or any intermediate state including energy materials such as coal, petroleum,
4 natural gas, radioactive materials, and geothermal energy.

5 (r) "Multiple-Use Zone" refers to an area where settlement, traditional and/or
6 sustainable land use, including agriculture, agro-forestry, extraction activities and other
7 income generating or livelihood activities, may be allowed to the extent prescribed in the
8 management plan.

9 (s) "National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)" is the classification and
10 administration of all designated protected areas to maintain essential ecological
11 processes and life-support systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable
12 use of resources found therein, and to maintain their natural conditions to the greatest
13 extent possible.

14 (t) "National Park" refers to the land of the public domain classified as such in the
15 1987 Constitution which include all areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas
16 System (NIPAS) pursuant to R.A. 7586 primarily designated for the conservation of
17 native plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural diversity.

18 (u) "NIPAS Act" refers to the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act
19 (NIPAS) of 1992 or Republic Act No. 7586, and its Implementing Rules and
20 Regulations.

21 (v) "Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)" refers to an agency, institution,
22 foundation or a group of persons whose purpose is to assist people's
23 organizations/associations in various ways including, but not limited to, organizing,
24 education, training, research and/or resource accessing.

25 (w) "People's Organization (PO)" refers to a group of organized migrant communities
26 and/or interested indigenous peoples which may be an association, cooperative,
27 federation, or other legal entity, established to undertake collective action to address
28 community concerns and needs, and mutually share the benefits of the endeavor.

29 (x) "Protected Area (PA)" refers to identified portions of land and/or water set aside
30 by reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance
31 biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation.

32 (y) "Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)" refers to a multi-sectoral policy-
33 making body for protected areas created in accordance with RA 7586 or the NIPAS Act
34 of 1992.

35 (z) "Protected Landscape" refers to an area of national significance which are
36 characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and land while providing
37 opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation and tourism within the normal
38 lifestyle and economic activity of these areas.

1 (aa) "Quarrying" means the process of extracting, removing and disposing quarry
2 resources found on or underneath the surface of private or public land.

3 (bb) "Strict protection zone" is a natural area with high biodiversity value which
4 shall be closed to all human activity, except for scientific studies and/or ceremonial or
5 religious use by the indigenous cultural communities/indigenous peoples; may include
6 habitats of threatened species, or degraded areas that have been designated for
7 restoration and subsequent protection, even if these areas are still in various stages of
8 regeneration.

9 (cc) "Sustainable use" means the use of components of biological diversity in a
10 way and rate that does not lead to the long-term decline of biological diversity, thereby
11 maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future
12 generations.

13 (dd) "Tenured migrants" refers to occupants who have actually and continuously
14 occupied a portion of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape and are solely
15 dependent therein for subsistence. A Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape
16 occupant is understood to be solely dependent for subsistence when everything
17 indispensable for survival for the household, including food, clothing, shelter and health,
18 comes only from the utilization of resources from the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected
19 Landscape.

20 (ee) "Wildlife" means wild forms and varieties of flora and fauna, in all
21 developmental stages, including those which are in captivity or are being bred or
22 propagated.

23 *SEC. 5. Management of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape*— There
24 is hereby created a PAMB which shall have jurisdiction, power and authority over the
25 Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape for all matters that may affect
26 biodiversity conservation, protection and sustainable development. It shall be composed
27 of:

28 (1) the Regional Executive Director (RED) of the DENR Region XIII, as
29 Chairperson;

30 (2) the Provincial Planning and Development Officer (PPDO) of the Province of
31 Agusan del Norte, as member;

32 (3) the City Mayor of Butuan City, and the Municipal Mayors of the Municipalities of
33 Remedios T. Romualdez, Cabadbaran and Santiago, Province of Agusan del Norte, or
34 their duly designated representatives, as members;

35 (4) one representative from each barangay covering the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
36 Protected Landscape, as members;

37 (5) one representative from each tribal community residing within the Mt. Hilong-
38 Hilong Range Protected Landscape, as members;

1 (6) at least three (3) representatives from local NGOs with stakes in the Mt. Hilong-
2 Hilong Range Protected Landscape, chosen from among themselves, as members;

3 (7) at least two (2) representatives from local POs with stakes in the Mt. Hilong-
4 Hilong Range Protected Landscape, chosen from among themselves, as members;

5 (8) One representative from each government agency involved in the Mt. Hilong-
6 Hilong Range Protected Landscape management, as members;

7 Each member of the PAMB shall serve for a term of five (5) years and shall be
8 considered to represent his or her sector and deemed to carry the vote of such sector in
9 all matters. In the case of members who are government officials, their appointment
10 shall be co-terminus with their term of office.

11 The members of the PAMB shall be appointed by the Secretary of the DENR in
12 conformity with the provisions of the NIPAS Act. As a transitory provision, the initial
13 members of the PAMB shall be nominated from the current members of the interim
14 PAMBs of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape. Their nominations shall
15 be conducted in a joint meeting of the current members of the interim PAMBs duly
16 called for the purpose: *Provided*, That at least one- third (1/3) of the members shall be
17 women.

18 In the selection of the representatives of POs and NGOs, preference shall be
19 accorded to those organizations that are involved in the conservation, protection and
20 development of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape. Representation
21 shall be by institution and shall aim to achieve balance in representation by geographic
22 location or areas.

23 The representatives from the Local Government Units (LGUs) and national
24 agencies in the PAMB shall include among their duty to inform their respective
25 constituents, office or sector, of PAMB approved or other relevant policies, rules,
26 regulations, programs, and projects, and to ensure that the provisions of this Act are
27 observed, complied with, and used as reference and framework in their respective
28 plans, policies, programs and projects. Failure to comply with the foregoing shall subject
29 such representative to disciplinary action as the PAMB may provide.

30 The members of the Board shall not receive any salary but shall be entitled to
31 reimbursements to actual and necessary expenses incurred, either in their attendance
32 in meeting of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by a
33 resolution of the Board, subject to existing rules and regulations.

34 SEC. 6. *Powers and Functions of the PAMB.* – The PAMB of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong
35 Range Protected Landscape, which shall decide by consensus or majority vote, shall
36 have the following powers and functions in addition to those provided in the NIPAS Act
37 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations:

38 (a) Issue rules and regulations to prohibit acts that may be prejudicial to the Mt.

1 Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape and to the declaration of policy set forth
2 under the NIPAS;

3 (b) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through appropriate
4 and effective means;

5 (c) Adopt rules and procedures in the conduct of business, including the creation of
6 committees to which its powers may be delegated;

7 (d) Approve the management plan and oversee the office of the Protected Area
8 Superintendent (PASu);

9 (e) Establish criteria and set fees for the issuance of permits for activities regulated
10 by this Act or the management plan;

11 (f) Recommend the deputation of appropriate individuals, including local
12 community leaders, for the enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the
13 conduct or management of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape;

14 (g) Approve fees and charges in accordance with DAO 51, Series of 2000 and
15 raise funds for the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape;

16 (h) Manage the allocation of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape
17 Fund, and other funds for the protected landscape, ensure their proper administration
18 and render accounting; and

19 (i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government
20 authorities.

21 The DENR, through the Regional Executive Director (RED), shall ensure that the
22 PAMB acts within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of conflict between
23 Administrative Orders issued by the DENR pursuant to the NIPAS Act and the
24 resolutions issued by the PAMB, such conflict shall be referred by PAMB to the
25 Secretary of the DENR who shall decide whether to apply the rule or withdraw its
26 application in the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape.

27 *SEC. 7. Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office.* – There is hereby
28 established a PASu office in charge of the implementation of the projects, programs and
29 policies for the management, protection and administration of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong
30 Range Protected Landscape. It will be headed by a Protected Area Superintendent
31 (PASu) and shall be supported by the existing personnel of the DENR. The PASu shall
32 be the Chief Operating DENR Officer of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected
33 Landscape and shall be accountable to the RED of the DENR-Region XII and the
34 PAMB.

35 The PASu shall have full responsibility for the protection of land, water, wildlife and
36 other natural physical and biological resources within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
37 Protected Landscape. As such, the PASu shall have the following duties and
38 responsibilities in addition to those provided under the NIPAS Act and its Implementing

1 Rules and Regulations:

- 2 (1) Establish, operate, and maintain a database management system as a decision
3 support tool;
- 4 (2) Prepare the management plan as herein defined;
- 5 (3) Provide a secretariat for the PAMB and supply the PAMB with all the necessary
6 information to make appropriate decisions for the implementation of this Act;
- 7 (4) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
8 Protected Landscape, institute and file legal action independently or in collaboration
9 with other government agencies or organizations and assist in the prosecution of
10 offenses committed in violation of this Act;
- 11 (5) Monitor all activities within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape to
12 ensure its conformity with the management plan;
- 13 (6) Ensure the integration of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape
14 management policies, regulations, programs and projects in all concerned national and
15 local government unit levels;
- 16 (7) Recommend the issuance of permits based on terms, conditions and criteria
17 established by the PAMB; and
- 18 (8) Perform such other functions as the PAMB may delegate.

19 The PASu shall be supported by a sufficient number of personnel who shall be
20 performing day to day management, protection and administration of Mt. Hilong-Hilong
21 Range Protected Landscape. Upon the recommendation of the PAMB, the DENR-RED
22 shall deputize local community leaders and environment and natural resource officers.

23 **SEC. 8. *Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape Fund.*** – There is hereby
24 established a trust fund to be known as the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected
25 Landscape Fund for purposes of financing projects of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
26 Protected Landscape. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the income generated from the
27 operation of the protected landscape and/or management of wild flora and fauna in the
28 protected landscape shall accrue to the Fund. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%)
29 shall be deposited to the Integrated Protected Areas Fund (IPAF) as established in the
30 NIPAS Act of 1992.

31 Income shall be derived from visitor/tourist fees, fees from permitted sale and
32 export of flora and fauna and other resources from the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
33 Protected Landscape, proceeds from registration and lease of multiple-use areas,
34 including tourism concessions, fees, proceeds and contributions from industries and
35 facilities directly benefiting from the protected landscape, and such other fees and
36 income derived from the operation of the protected landscape.

37 The Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape Fund may be augmented by
38 grants, donations, endowment from various sources, domestic or foreign, for purposes

1 related to their functions: *Provided*, That disbursements therefrom shall be made solely
2 for the protection, maintenance, administration and management of the system, and
3 duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with existing accounting
4 and budgeting rules and regulations: *Provided, Further*, That the Fund shall not be
5 used to cover personal services expenditures.

6 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated
7 herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business permits, and rentals of
8 LGUs' facilities: *Provided*, That the LGUs shall not impose property tax and issue tax
9 declaration for areas or properties located in timberland areas or areas previously
10 classified as national parks. *Furthermore*, LGUs may charge add-ons to fees imposed
11 by the PAMB: *Provided*, That such add-ons shall be determined based on the
12 contribution of the LGUs in the maintenance and protection of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong
13 Range Protected Landscape.

14 *SEC. 9. Tenured Migrants and Other Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected*
15 *Landscape Occupants.* – Tenured migrants shall be eligible become stewards of
16 portions of lands within allowable zones. The PAMB shall identify, verify and review all
17 tenurial instruments, land claims, and issuances of permits for resource use within the
18 Mt.Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape and recommend the issuance of the
19 appropriate tenurial instrument consistent with the zoning provided in the management.

20 Should areas occupied by tenured migrants be designated as zones in which no
21 occupation or other activities are allowed pursuant to the attainment of sustainable
22 development, provision for the transfer of said tenured migrants to multiple-use zones or
23 buffer zones shall be accomplished through just and humane means.

24 In the event of termination of a tenurial instrument for cause or by voluntary
25 surrender of rights, the PASu shall take immediate steps to rehabilitate the area in order
26 to return it to its natural state prior to the cultivation or other act by the tenured migrant.

27 Other Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape occupants who do not qualify
28 as tenured migrants shall be resettled outside the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected
29 Landscape as determined by the PAMB. The PAMB shall determine, plan and
30 implement a definite schedule for resettling them outside of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
31 Protected Landscape following the procedures set forth by existing law.

32 *SEC. 10. Indigenous People's Rights.* – Ancestral domain and other customary
33 rights and interests of indigenous communities within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
34 Protected Landscape shall be accorded due recognition. The preservation of ancestral
35 domain and customary rights shall be considered as one of the management objectives.
36 The maintenance, management and development of ancestral domains which are found
37 to be necessary for protected areas will be pursuant to Section 58 of Republic Act No.
38 8371, otherwise known as the "The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA)".

1 The identification, delineation and recognition of ancestral domain claims within the
2 Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape shall be conducted by the National
3 Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) pursuant to the provisions, the IPRA, and
4 its Implementing Rules and Regulations, in coordination with the PAMB.

5 SEC. 11. *Existing Facilities Within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected*
6 *Landscape.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, existing facilities
7 such as roads, buildings, water systems, transmission lines, communication facilities,
8 heavy equipment, and irrigation facilities existing within the boundaries of the Mt.
9 Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape shall submit project description to the PAMB
10 through the PASu.

11 The PAMB, with the assistance of the DENR, shall determine whether the
12 existence of such facility and its future plan and operations will be detrimental to the Mt.
13 Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape or whether conditions for its operation shall
14 be imposed. *If any such conditions are violated, the owner of the facility shall be liable*
15 *to pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) for every violation. Upon reaching a*
16 *total fine of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00), the PAMB through the PASu*
17 *and deputizing other government entities, shall cause the cessation and demolition of*
18 *the facility at the cost of its owner.*

19 Existing facilities allowed to remain within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected
20 Landscape may be charged a reasonable royalty by the PAMB. All income from such
21 *royalty shall accrue to the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape Fund.*

22 SEC. 12. *Utilization of Resources.* – Any exploitation of or utilization of
23 nonrenewable resources within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape shall
24 not be allowed. Energy projects, within the protected landscape shall be permitted only
25 through an act of Congress except energy from wind, sun, and water sources and not
26 more than one (1) megawatt capacity for mini-hydro power: *Provided, That these*
27 *renewal energy projects are established outside the strict protection zone, adopt*
28 *reduced impact technologies, and undergo the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)*
29 *system as provided by law: Provided, Further, that the PAMB endorsement has been*
30 *obtained.*

31 SEC. 13. *Special Prosecutor and Retained Counsel.* – Within thirty (30) days from
32 the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall appoint a special
33 prosecutor to whom all cases of violation of laws, rules and regulations in the Mt.
34 Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape shall be assigned. Such Special Prosecutor
35 shall coordinate with the PAMB and the PASu in the performance of his/her duties and
36 assist in the training of wardens and rangers in arrest and criminal procedures. The
37 PAMB may retain the services of a counsel to prosecute and/or assist in the
38 prosecution of cases under the direct control and supervision of the regular or special

1 prosecutor and to defend the members of the PAMB, the PASu and the staff, or any
2 person assisting in the protection, conservation and sustainable development of the Mt.
3 Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape, against any legal action related to their
4 powers, functions and responsibilities as provided in this Act or as delegated or tasked
5 by the PAMB.

6 SEC. 14. *Prohibited Acts and Penalties.* – The following shall be the prohibitions
7 and penalties applicable to the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape, in
8 addition to the prohibited acts as provided in the NIPAS Act and its Implementing Rules
9 and Regulations:

10 (1) The penalties and qualifications prescribed in Articles 309 and 310 of the
11 Revised Penal Code depending on the value of the resources involved in connection
12 with the prohibited act shall be imposed on any person who:

13 (a) Takes, destroys, collects, disturbs or possesses any wild terrestrial or aquatic
14 plants, animals, flora or fauna, sand, rocks or by-products derived therefrom, within
15 particularly identified regulated or prohibited areas zones in the Mt. Hilong-Hilong
16 Range Protected Landscape including private lands without the necessary permit,
17 authorization or exemption, *Provided*, That the hunting of animals shall be absolutely
18 prohibited except for scientific research and for traditional hunting by the IPs/ICCs;

19 (b) Cuts, gathers, removes or collects timber or any forest products, within
20 particularly identified regulated or prohibited areas or zones in the Mt. Hilong-Hilong
21 Range Protected Landscape including private lands without the necessary permit,
22 authorization or exemption;

23 (c) Possesses or transports, within or outside the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
24 Protected Landscape any timber, forest products, wild terrestrial or aquatic plants,
25 animals, or by-products derived therefrom which is ascertained to have been taken from
26 the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape;

27 (d) Undertakes mineral exploration or extraction within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong
28 Range Protected Landscape;

29 (e) Engages in quarrying of sand, gravel, guano, limestone or any material within
30 the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape;

31 (f) Hunts, collects, removes or destroys endangered or protected species, except
32 when collection or removal is for scientific research and exempted from the prohibition
33 by the PAMB;

34 (g) Conducts bioprospecting within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected
35 Landscape without the necessary permit; or

36 (h) Establishes or introduces any exotic species, within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong
37 Range Protected Landscape, which are detrimental to endemic species and the
38 ecosystem therein.

1 (2) A fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) but not more than
2 Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) and/or imprisonment of not less than one
3 year nor more than six (6) years shall be imposed upon any person who:

4 (a) Violates any rules and regulations in the management plan or by the PAMB or
5 agreements reached before the PAMB in the exercise of adjudicative functions;

6 (b) Erects any permanent structure on land or on water for any purposes outside
7 the management plan, duly allowed by the PAMB: *Provided*, That large-scale private
8 infrastructure and other projects such as medium to high density residential
9 subdivisions, medium to large commercial and industrial establishments, golf-courses,
10 heavily mechanized commercial and non-traditional farming, and other activities that
11 cause increased in-migration and resource degradation are absolutely prohibited;

12 (c) Possesses a chainsaw, hacksaw and other mechanized equipment within the
13 Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape without a permit;

14 (d) Throws, dumps or causes to be dumped into the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
15 Protected Landscape any non-biodegradable material or waste whether liquid, solid or
16 gas;

17 (e) Uses, dumps, places or causes to be placed into the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
18 Protected Landscape toxic chemicals, including pesticides and other hazardous
19 substances, unless the same is expressly allowed in the management plan;

20 (f) Prospects, hunts or otherwise locates hidden treasures within the Mt. Hilong-
21 Hilong Range Protected Landscape;

22 (g) Informally occupies or dwells in any land within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
23 Protected Landscape;

24 (h) Possesses or uses blasting caps or explosives anywhere within the Mt. Hilong-
25 Hilong Range Protected Landscape;

26 (i) Destroys, excavates, vandalizes or, in any manner, damages any natural
27 formation on land, religious, spiritual, historical sites, artifacts and other objects of
28 natural or scenic value;

29 (j) Alters, removes or destroys boundary marks or signs;

30 (k) Engages in *kaingin*, or, in any manner, causing forest fires inside the Mt.
31 Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape; or

32 (l) Purchases, sells, mortgages or leases lands or other portions of the Mt. Hilong-
33 Hilong Range Protected Landscape which are covered by any tenurial instrument.

34 Valuation of the damage for this Act shall take into account biodiversity and
35 conservation considerations as well as aesthetic and scenic value. Valuation assessed
36 by the DENR or the concerned government agency shall be presumed correct unless
37 otherwise proven by *preponderant evidence*.

38 Any person who shall induce another or conspire to commit any of the illegal acts

1 prohibited in this Act or suffer their workers to commit any of the same shall be liable in
2 the same manner as the one actually performing the act.

3 All conveyances, vessels, equipments, paraphernalia, implements, gears, tools
4 and similar devices shall be subject to immediate and administrative confiscation,
5 independent of the judicial proceedings by the PASu Office upon apprehension, subject
6 however to due process and substantial evidence requirements. When legal action is
7 however filed in the regular courts, the said conveyances, vessels, equipments,
8 paraphernalia, implements, gears, tools and similar devices, independent of the
9 administrative proceedings, shall not be released until after judgment has been
10 rendered. Proceeds of the sale of all objects administratively or judicially confiscated
11 pursuant hereto shall accrue to the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape
12 Fund. Procedure for the sale thereof shall be promulgated by the PAMB. However, in no
13 case shall any confiscated or rescued protected animal species be sold or in any
14 manner disposed of but shall be immediately turned over to the PASu Office for release
15 in its natural habitat, subject to existing regulations.

16 The penalties specified in this Section will be in addition to the penalties contained
17 in RA 9072 (National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act), RA
18 9147 (Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act), and other related laws.

19 Conviction for any offense under this Act, of a public officer or officer of the law
20 shall carry the accessory penalty of perpetual disqualification from public office.

21 SEC. 15. *Reporting Responsibility.* – The PASu, through the PAMB, shall submit
22 an annual accomplishment report to the Secretary of the DENR on the activities
23 undertaken in the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape.

24 SEC. 16. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately include
25 in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
26 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

27 SEC. 17. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or section of this Act is
28 declared unconstitutional or invalid, such other parts not affected thereby shall remain in
29 full force and effect.

30 SEC. 18. *Construction and Suppletory Application of Existing Laws.* The provisions
31 of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of achieving biodiversity conservation,
32 protection and sustainable development Provisions of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise
33 known as the National Integrated Protected Areas Management Act of 1992 and
34 existing forestry laws, and their corresponding rules and regulations not inconsistent
35 hereto shall have the suppletory effect in the implementation of this Act.

36 SEC. 19. *Transitory Provision.* – In order to ensure the recovery and restoration of
37 biological diversity and to develop sustainable livelihood opportunities for tenured
38 migrants, the DENR shall henceforth cease to issue concessions, licenses, permits,

1 clearances, compliance documents or any other instrument that allows exploitation and
2 utilization of resources within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape until
3 the management plan shall have been put into effect.

4 All existing land use and resource use permits within the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range
5 Protected Landscape shall be reviewed and shall not be renewed upon their expiration
6 unless consistent with the management plan and approved by the PAMB.

7 SEC. 20. *Repealing Clause.* –All laws, decrees, proclamations, rules and
8 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

9 SEC. 21. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general
11 circulation available in the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Range Protected Landscape.

12 Approved,