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AN ACT
DECLARING THE MOUNTAINS OF BANAHAW AND SAN CRISTOBAL IN THE
PROVINCES OF LAGUNA AND QUEZON AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE
CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE 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 “Mts. Banahaw-San
2 Cristobal Protected Area Act of 2006”.

3 SEC. 2. *Land Classification.* – All lands of the public domain comprising the Mts.
4 Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected Area shall fall under the classification of National Park
5 as provided for in the Philippine Constitution. *However,* Public Lands already classified
6 as agricultural and alienable or disposable prior to the passage of this Act shall remain
7 as such and may be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of Commonwealth Act No.
8 141 or the Public Land Act, as amended.

9 SECTION 3. *Scope.* – The boundaries of the Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal
10 Protected Area, which fall under the category of protected landscape as defined herein,
11 within the provinces of Quezon and Laguna, are as follows:

12 Beginning at a point marked “1” on the DENR NIPAS Map No. RO-4A-4, which is N
13 29°43'E, 10,165.43 meters from BLLM No. 1 of the Municipality of Candelaria, Province
14 of Quezon:

15 Parcel I

16	Thence S 00°20' E	60.36 meters to corner 2;
17	Thence S 13°07' W	36.98 meters to corner 3;
18	Thence S 25°52' E	38.00 meters to corner 4;
19	Thence S 46°20' E	47.54 meters to corner 5;
20	Thence S 73°15' W	35.34 meters to corner 6;

1	Thence S 35°04' W	49.51 meters to corner 7;
2	Thence S 39°16' W	113.11 meters to corner 8;
3	Thence S 08°53' E	54.41 meters to corner 9;
4	Thence S 50°03' E	40.05 meters to corner 10;
5	Thence S 07°34' E	54.51 meters to corner 11;
6	Thence S 45°34' W	53.16 meters to corner 12;
7	Thence S 04°16' W	38.86 meters to corner 13;
8	Thence N 73°02' W	719.04 meters to corner 14;
9	Thence N 15°50' E	2626.35 meters to corner 15;
10	Thence N 80°01' W	287.28 meters to corner 16;
11	Thence S 14°51' W	2592.76 meters to corner 17;
12	Thence N 73°02' W	543.36 meters to corner 18;
13	Thence N 18°44' W	9.16 meters to corner 19;
14	Thence N 40°18' W	171.23 meters to corner 20;
15	Thence N 17°19' W	99.24 meters to corner 21;
16	Thence N 35°22' E	613.16 meters to corner 22;
17	Thence N 26°46' E	682.87 meters to corner 23;
18	Thence N 45°53' E	408.32 meters to corner 24;
19	Thence N 22°49' E	514.71 meters to corner 25;
20	Thence N 30°10' W	236.96 meters to corner 26;
21	Thence N 49°23' W	575.43 meters to corner 27;
22	Thence N 38°10' W	228.62 meters to corner 28;
23	Thence S 13°54' W	227.78 meters to corner 29;
24	Thence S 27°14' E	88.87 meters to corner 30;
25	Thence S 00°52' W	155.04 meters to corner 31;
26	Thence S 07°06' W	301.26 meters to corner 32;
27	Thence S 29°14' W	128.75 meters to corner 33;
28	Thence S 87°05' W	155.03 meters to corner 34;
29	Thence N 49°12' W	289.72 meters to corner 35;
30	Thence S 43°16' W	79.67 meters to corner 36;
31	Thence N 82°15' W	144.96 meters to corner 37;
32	Thence N 16°52' W	78.04 meters to corner 38;
33	Thence S 81°44' W	72.52 meters to corner 39;
34	Thence S 80°20' W	258.92 meters to corner 40;
35	Thence S 53°04' W	103.06 meters to corner 41;
36	Thence S 66°43' W	128.71 meters to corner 42;
37	Thence S 34°47' W	86.70 meters to corner 43;
38	Thence N 61°09' W	80.58 meters to corner 44;

1	Thence S 54°27' W	87.17 meters to corner 45;
2	Thence S 31°03' W	176.71 meters to corner 46;
3	Thence S 86°07' W	574.78 meters to corner 47;
4	Thence S 89°35' W	149.36 meters to corner 48;
5	Thence S 41°39' W	43.75 meters to corner 49;
6	Thence S 84°30' W	4.17 meters to corner 50;
7	Thence N 44°22' W	235.00 meters to corner 51;
8	Thence N 44°22' W	459.00 meters to corner 52;
9	Thence N 45°18' W	158.94 meters to corner 53;
10	Thence N 73°01' E	144.82 meters to corner 54;
11	Thence N 68°56' E	81.65 meters to corner 55;
12	Thence N 10°53' W	117.50 meters to corner 56;
13	Thence N 27°32' W	337.04 meters to corner 57;
14	Thence N 75°31' W	261.49 meters to corner 58;
15	Thence N 27°40' E	566.49 meters to corner 59;
16	Thence N 46°28' E	170.00 meters to corner 60;
17	Thence N 81°07' E	326.66 meters to corner 61;
18	Thence N 39°14' E	162.18 meters to corner 62;
19	Thence N 34°45' E	218.33 meters to corner 63;
20	Thence N 21°13' E	196.92 meters to corner 64;
21	Thence N 18°28' W	171.31 meters to corner 65;
22	Thence N 00°38' E	80.94 meters to corner 66;
23	Thence N 63°54' W	81.77 meters to corner 67;
24	Thence N 81°46' W	135.93 meters to corner 68;
25	Thence N 02°01' W	173.89 meters to corner 69;
26	Thence N 25°39' W	77.31 meters to corner 70;
27	Thence S 80°13' W	165.80 meters to corner 71;
28	Thence S 20°36' W	482.86 meters to corner 72;
29	Thence S 12°43' W	187.47 meters to corner 73;
30	Thence N 82°04' W	149.62 meters to corner 74;
31	Thence S 06°26' E	112.75 meters to corner 75;
32	Thence S 63°01' E	117.49 meters to corner 76;
33	Thence S 30°47' W	121.53 meters to corner 77;
34	Thence S 23°02' W	115.00 meters to corner 78;
35	Thence N 70°02' W	404.82 meters to corner 79;
36	Thence N 35°27' E	143.60 meters to corner 80;
37	Thence N 27°31' E	171.50 meters to corner 81;
38	Thence N 06°42' W	412.40 meters to corner 82;

1	Thence N 17°02' W	412.54 meters to corner 83;
2	Thence N 41°44' W	93.11 meters to corner 84;
3	Thence S 89°03' W	137.94 meters to corner 85;
4	Thence S 01°33' E	71.59 meters to corner 86;
5	Thence S 18°02' W	236.82 meters to corner 87;
6	Thence S 12°12' W	190.25 meters to corner 88;
7	Thence S 78°50' W	176.91 meters to corner 89;
8	Thence N 64°52' W	410.65 meters to corner 90;
9	Thence N 64°47' W	667.43 meters to corner 91;
10	Thence N 74°37' W	567.50 meters to corner 92;
11	Thence N 29°23' W	867.46 meters to corner 93;
12	Thence N 31°02' W	63.20 meters to corner 94;
13	Thence N 61°41' E	162.90 meters to corner 95;
14	Thence N 21°59' W	202.35 meters to corner 96;
15	Thence S 85°07' W	127.98 meters to corner 97;
16	Thence S 60°10' W	74.11 meters to corner 98;
17	Thence N 68°12' W	51.30 meters to corner 99;
18	Thence N 30°31' W	374.77 meters to corner 100;
19	Thence N 74°55' E	290.00 meters to corner 101;
20	Thence N 79°06' W	356.49 meters to corner 102;
21	Thence N 21°12' E	325.61 meters to corner 103;
22	Thence S 83°46' W	131.76 meters to corner 104;
23	Thence N 52°06' W	153.52 meters to corner 105;
24	Thence S 86°24' E	282.67 meters to corner 106;
25	Thence S 83°46' E	300.68 meters to corner 107;
26	Thence S 83°56' E	209.82 meters to corner 108;
27	Thence N 01°31' W	109.49 meters to corner 110;
28	Thence N 67°05' E	92.87 meters to corner 111;
29	Thence S 34°56' E	127.88 meters to corner 112;
30	Thence N 20°54' E	202.45 meters to corner 113;
31	Thence N 19°41' E	116.07 meters to corner 114;
32	Thence N 05°33' E	166.06 meters to corner 115;
33	Thence N 81°35' E	743.97 meters to corner 116;
34	Thence N 37°18' E	317.88 meters to corner 117;
35	Thence N 40°02' E	87.00 meters to corner 118;
36	Thence N 66°43' E	6.00 meters to corner 119;
37	Thence N 66°43' E	508.80 meters to corner 120;
38	Thence N 08°05' E	189.24 meters to corner 121;

1	Thence N 77°33' E	246.98 meters to corner 122;
2	Thence N 78°01' E	441.86 meters to corner 123;
3	Thence S 47°02' E	305.14 meters to corner 124;
4	Thence S 65°54' E	253.21 meters to corner 125;
5	Thence N 51°00' E	214.30 meters to corner 126;
6	Thence S 57°07' E	498.72 meters to corner 127;
7	Thence S 08°53' W	86.66 meters to corner 128;
8	Thence S 88°01' E	192.38 meters to corner 129;
9	Thence S 61°40' E	300.34 meters to corner 130;
10	Thence S 12°37' W	276.60 meters to corner 131;
11	Thence S 12°14' E	150.87 meters to corner 132;
12	Thence N 38°36' E	174.15 meters to corner 133;
13	Thence N 65°47' E	247.83 meters to corner 134;
14	Thence S 53°34' E	225.90 meters to corner 135;
15	Thence N 62°14' E	490.82 meters to corner 136;
16	Thence N 41°35' E	1585.41 meters to corner 137;
17	Thence N 14°14' E	500.31 meters to corner 138;
18	Thence S 53°34' E	177.65 meters to corner 139;
19	Thence N 09°37' E	396.41 meters to corner 140;
20	Thence N 15°33' E	186.44 meters to corner 141;
21	Thence N 66°00' E	233.17 meters to corner 142;
22	Thence N 07°02' E	326.65 meters to corner 143;
23	Thence N 82°28' E	1017.98 meters to corner 144;
24	Thence N 46°24' E	83.41 meters to corner 145;
25	Thence S 44°33' E	173.51 meters to corner 146;
26	Thence N 35°16' E	97.36 meters to corner 147;
27	Thence N 38°09' W	157.81 meters to corner 148;
28	Thence N 47°03' E	307.85 meters to corner 149;
29	Thence N 45°32' E	293.59 meters to corner 150;
30	Thence S 40°53' E	97.35 meters to corner 151;
31	Thence N 49°43' E	110.54 meters to corner 152;
32	Thence S 78°23' E	68.34 meters to corner 153;
33	Thence N 58° 07' E	176.50 meters to corner 154;
34	Thence N 30° 30' E	147.27 meters to corner 155;
35	Thence N 56° 51' W	175.15 meters to corner 156;
36	Thence N 47°19' E	297.37 meters to corner 157;
37	Thence N 47°14' E	330.98 meters to corner 158;
38	Thence N 85°01' E	191.96 meters to corner 159;

1	Thence S 04°19' E	267.27 meters to corner	160;
2	Thence S 77°46' E	102.24 meters to corner	161;
3	Thence S 04°50' E	290.45 meters to corner	162;
4	Thence S 79°05' E	58.54 meters to corner	163;
5	Thence N 03°05' E	217.16 meters to corner	164;
6	Thence N 48°21' E	185.22 meters to corner	165;
7	Thence S 27°17' E	186.52 meters to corner	166;
8	Thence S 55°12' E	111.47 meters to corner	167;
9	Thence N 50°34' E	258.78 meters to corner	168;
10	Thence S 51°01' E	56.24 meters to corner	169;
11	Thence N 19°37' E	163.18 meters to corner	170;
12	Thence N 60°38' E	192.88 meters to corner	171;
13	Thence N 07°08' E	130.10 meters to corner	172;
14	Thence N 52°30' E	224.00 meters to corner	173;
15	Thence S 39°39' E	243.08 meters to corner	174;
16	Thence N 76°39' E	156.05 meters to corner	175;
17	Thence S 62°27' E	488.87 meters to corner	176;
18	Thence S 62°42' E	912.98 meters to corner	177;
19	Thence S 57°35' E	434.56 meters to corner	178;
20	Thence S 62°16' E	616.11 meters to corner	179;
21	Thence S 62°26' E	500.91 meters to corner	180;
22	Thence S 48°34' E	677.31 meters to corner	181;
23	Thence S 62°32' W	552.94 meters to corner	182;
24	Thence S 71°14' W	449.60 meters to corner	183;
25	Thence S 17°45' E	446.62 meters to corner	184;
26	Thence N 83°11' E	250.96 meters to corner	185;
27	Thence N 34°29' E	818.24 meters to corner	186;
28	Thence N 83°23' E	254.87 meters to corner	187;
29	Thence S 69°19' E	249.07 meters to corner	188;
30	Thence S 48°49' W	393.32 meters to corner	189;
31	Thence S 08°52' E	548.04 meters to corner	190;
32	Thence N 71°03' E	669.88 meters to corner	191;
33	Thence S 22°57' E	496.32 meters to corner	192;
34	Thence S 46°52' W	70.22 meters to corner	193;
35	Thence S 31°00' E	115.95 meters to corner	194;
36	Thence N 56°19' E	50.87 meters to corner	195;
37	Thence S 22°53' E	818.88 meters to corner	196;
38	Thence S 23°03' E	971.35 meters to corner	197;

1	Thence S 43°24' W	199.83 meters to corner 198;
2	Thence N 65°47' W	902.90 meters to corner 199;
3	Thence S 13°55' W	330.65 meters to corner 200;
4	Thence S 64°46' E	728.42 meters to corner 201;
5	Thence S 42°57' W	269 .06 meters to corner 202;
6	Thence S 43°04' W	292.64 meters to corner 203;
7	Thence N 81°38' W	53.92 meters to corner 204;
8	Thence N 27°56' W	262.48 meters to corner 205;
9	Thence S 09°33' E	292.62 meters to corner 206;
10	Thence N 61°59' W	119.26 meters to corner 207;
11	Thence S 04°44' W	358.42 meters to corner 208;
12	Thence S 43°04' W	280.70 meters to corner 209;
13	Thence S 23°14' E	1488.76 meters to corner 210;
14	Thence S 75°45' W	43.27 meters to corner 211;
15	Thence N 76° 20' W	160.48 meters to corner 212;
16	Thence N 84°08' W	51.89 meters to corner 213;
17	Thence N 61°03' W	93.10 meters to corner 214;
18	Thence N 75°27' W	153.34 meters to corner 215;
19	Thence N 17°55' E	233.12 meters to corner 216;
20	Thence N 59°34' W	69.44 meters to corner 217;
21	Thence N 78°24' W	98.99 meters to corner 218;
22	Thence N 67° 30' W	103.72 meters to corner 219;
23	Thence S 68°10' W	126.46 meters to corner 220;
24	Thence S 62°53' W	410.68 meters to corner 221;
25	Thence S 01°09' E	129.14 meters to corner 222;
26	Thence S 03°19' E	2.98 meters to corner 223;
27	Thence S 08°28' E	250.51 meters to corner 224;
28	Thence S 82°55' E	321.78 meters to corner 225;
29	Thence S 05°46' E	180.03 meters to corner 226;
30	Thence S 67°10' E	53.71 meters to corner 227;
31	Thence N 51°09' E	80.62 meters to corner 228;
32	Thence S 77°01' E	60.96 meters to corner 229;
33	Thence S 81°29' E	73.79 meters to corner 230;
34	Thence S 68°03' E	57.36 meters to corner 231;
35	Thence S 36°53' E	49.96 meters to corner 232;
36	Thence S 70°22' E	23.19 meters to corner 233;
37	Thence N 85°58' E	96.57 meters to corner 234;
38	Thence S 51°58' E	41.95 meters to corner 235;

1	Thence S 53°43' E	101.23 meters to corner 236;
2	Thence N 73°45' E	44.29 meters to corner 237;
3	Thence N 79°40' E	74.83 meters to corner 238;
4	Thence S 64°09' E	61.76 meters to corner 239;
5	Thence N 85°58' E	167.64 meters to corner 240;
6	Thence S 28°14' E	126.41 meters to corner 241;
7	Thence S 28°14' E	143.38 meters to corner 242;
8	Thence S 61°58' W	2396.00 meters to corner 243;
9	Thence N 77°58' W	5.47 meters to corner 244;
10	Thence S 75°42' W	62.66 meters to corner 245;
11	Thence S 21°25' W	28.31 meters to corner 246;
12	Thence S 61°58' W	50.60 meters to corner 247;
13	Thence N 36°04' W	684.77 meters to corner 248;
14	Thence S 39°12' W	810.84 meters to corner 249;
15	Thence N 42°42' W	3.70 meters to corner 250;
16	Thence S 60°28' W	59.43 meters to corner 251;
17	Thence N 33°37' W	14.23 meters to corner 252;
18	Thence S 55°32' W	93.27 meters to corner 253;
19	Thence S 44°07' E	65.50 meters to corner 254;
20	Thence S 39°12' W	754.14 meters to corner 255;
21	Thence N 50°54' W	184.10 meters to corner 256;
22	Thence S 39°18' W	189.76 meters to corner 257;
23	Thence S 50°49' E	181.74 meters to corner 258;
24	Thence S 30°17' E	2.90 meters to corner 259;
25	Thence S 39°18' W	339.66 meters to corner 260;
26	Thence S 10°45' W	1450.63 meters to corner 261;
27	Thence N 89°39' W	388.69 meters to corner 262;
28	Thence N 07°13' W	41.33 meters to corner 263;
29	Thence N 33°57' E	51.73 meters to corner 264;
30	Thence N 49°56' E	41.43 meters to corner 265;
31	Thence N 09°35' E	51.01 meters to corner 266;
32	Thence N 45°12' W	61.80 meters to corner 267;
33	Thence N 05°15' W	39.76 meters to corner 268;
34	Thence N 10°53' E	41.34 meters to corner 269;
35	Thence N 53°14' E	64.94 meters to corner 270;
36	Thence N 01°44' E	85.65 meters to corner 271;
37	Thence N 08°37' W	49.62 meters to corner 272;
38	Thence N 54°32' W	52.75 meters to corner 273;

1	Thence N 23°48' W	41.75 meters to corner 274;
2	Thence N 22°34' W	67.52 meters to corner 275;
3	Thence N 23°39' W	17.55 meters to corner 276;
4	Thence N 35°13' E	52.45 meters to corner 277;
5	Thence N 45°24' E	46.27 meters to corner 278;
6	Thence N 16°31' E	40.73 meters to corner 279;
7	Thence N 28°32' E	31.66 meters to corner 280;
8	Thence N 25°26' E	19.53 meters to corner 281;
9	Thence N 57°22' E	21.79 meters to corner 282;
10	Thence N 05°28' W	13.23 meters to corner 283;
11	Thence S 41°56' W	24.86 meters to corner 284;
12	Thence S 23°03' W	28.61 meters to corner 285;
13	Thence N 85°30' W	29.26 meters to corner 286;
14	Thence N 65°54' W	43.97 meters to corner 287;
15	Thence N 46°33' W	57.07 meters to corner 288;
16	Thence N 77°34' W	28.11 meters to corner 289;
17	Thence S 80°07' W	46.44 meters to corner 290;
18	Thence S 87°03' W	57.85 meters to corner 291;
19	Thence N 54°37' W	52.53 meters to corner 292;
20	Thence N 23°12' W	31.28 meters to corner 293;
21	Thence N 03°36' W	45.68 meters to corner 294;
22	Thence N 39°40' E	42.85 meters to corner 295;
23	Thence N 10°40' E	34.67 meters to corner 296;
24	Thence N 80°20' W	49.89 meters to corner 297;
25	Thence N 51°19' W	24.54 meters to corner 298;
26	Thence N 36°49' W	121.29 meters to corner 299;
27	Thence N 03°19' W	36.32 meters to corner 300;
28	Thence N 61°19' E	58.33 meters to corner 301;
29	Thence N 29°10' W	35.79 meters to corner 302;
30	Thence N 62°14' W	33.08 meters to corner 303;
31	Thence N 49°08' W	92.68 meters to corner 304;
32	Thence S 76°58' W	203.99 meters to corner 305;
33	Thence N 73°52' W	27.67 meters to corner 306;
34	Thence S 54°55' W	875.62 meters to corner 307;
35	Thence S 18°57' W	73.79 meters to corner 308;
36	Thence S 36°53' E	50.32 meters to corner 309;
37	Thence S 29°02' E	203.36 meters to corner 310;
38	Thence S 23°02' E	62.44 meters to corner 311;

1	Thence S 64°39' W	9.02 meters to corner 312;
2	Thence S 52°47' W	262.81 meters to corner 313;
3	Thence S 18°55' E	198.12 meters to corner 314;
4	Thence S 21°01' E	29.51 meters to corner 315;
5	Thence N 89°39' W	75.78 meters to corner 316;
6	Thence N 26°05' W	423.49 meters to corner 317;
7	Thence N 09°20' W	159.16 meters to corner 318;
8	Thence N 19°01' W	246.96 meters to corner 319;
9	Thence S 78°53' W	77.93 meters to corner 320;
10	Thence S 18°34' E	155.83 meters to corner 321;
11	Thence S 21°48' E	80.67 meters to corner 322;
12	Thence S 14°59' E	124.31 meters to corner 323;
13	Thence S 30°07' E	74.43 meters to corner 324;
14	Thence S 07°20' E	183.73 meters to corner 325;
15	Thence S 06°36' E	156.88 meters to corner 326;
16	Thence N 86°15' W	677.37 meters to corner 327;
17	Thence N 09°50' E	211.76 meters to corner 328;
18	Thence N 65°04' W	265.95 meters to corner 329;
19	Thence N 59°22' W	365.37 meters to corner 330;
20	Thence N 14°28' W	342.62 meters to corner 331;
21	Thence S 79°03' W	758.47 meters to corner 1;

22 Which is the point of beginning, containing an area of ELEVEN THOUSAND SIXTY
23 FOUR and 35/100 (11,064.35) Hectares.

24 Parcel II

25 "Beginning at a point marked "1" which is N 07°57' E, 8,766.30 meters from BLLM
26 No. 1 of the Municipality of Candelaria, Province of Quezon:

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28	Thence N 38°45' E	229.9 meters to corner 2;
29	Thence N 47°18' E	137.0 meters to corner 3;
30	Thence N 16°42' W	188.8 meters to corner 4;
31	Thence N 02°20' W	202.7 meters to corner 5;
32	Thence N 55°26' E	327.5 meters to corner 6;
33	Thence N 59°29' E	120.8 meters to corner 7;
34	Thence N 59°29' E	218.8 meters to corner 8;
35	Thence N 35°20' E	466.81 meters to corner 9;
36	Thence S 29°12' E	160.3 meters to corner 10;
37	Thence S 07°24' W	327.2 meters to corner 11;
38	Thence S 07°45' E	140.1 meters to corner 12;

1 Thence S 43°47' E 47.71 meters to corner 13;
 2 Thence N 86°04' E 272.5 meters to corner 14;
 3 Thence S 64°38' W 83.7 meters to corner 15;
 4 Thence S 37°41' W 178.3 meters to corner 16;
 5 Thence S 32°56' E 226.4 meters to corner 17;
 6 Thence S 21°36' W 104.3 meters to corner 18;
 7 Thence S 02°35' W 72.9 meters to corner 19;
 8 Thence S 58°00' W 166.2 meters to corner 20;
 9 Thence S 40°54' W 228.3 meters to corner 21;
 10 Thence S 05°14' E 49.3 meters to corner 22;
 11 Thence S 81°03' W 919.0 meters to corner 23;
 12 Thence N 19°51' W 227.31 meters to corner 1; containing an area of one
 13 hundred thirteen and 46/100 (113.46) hectares.

14 Parcels I & II contain eleven thousand one hundred seventy seven and 81/100
 15 (11,177.81) hectares, more or less.

16 The bearings and distances are based on UTM-GRID PRS 92 Datum.

17 Any modification of the coverage of this Act due to such factors as changing
 18 ecological situations, new scientific or archeological findings, or discovery of traditional
 19 boundaries not previously taken into account shall be made through an Act of Congress,
 20 after consultation with the affected public and concerned government agencies.

21 **SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.*** – For purposes of this Act, the following terms are
 22 defined as follows:

23 (a) “Biological Diversity or Biodiversity” refers to the wealth of life forms found on
 24 earth, the millions of different plants, animals and microorganisms, the genes they
 25 contain, and the intricate ecosystem they form.

26 (b) “Buffer Zones” refers to identified areas outside the boundaries of and
 27 immediately adjacent to designated PAs pursuant to Section 8 that need special
 28 development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the PA.

29 (c) “National Park” refers to a forest reservation essentially of natural wilderness
 30 character which has been withdrawn from settlement, occupancy or any form of
 31 exploitation except in conformity with approved management plan and set aside as such
 32 exclusively to conserve the area or preserve the scenery, the natural and historical
 33 objects, wild animals and plants therein and to provide enjoyment of these features in
 34 such area.

35 (d) “Protected Area (PA)” refers to identified portions of land and water set aside by
 36 reasons of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance
 37 biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation.

1 (e) "Protected Landscape" refers to an area of national significance which is
2 characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and land while providing
3 opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation and tourism within the normal
4 lifestyle and economic activity of the area.

5 (f) "Secretary" refers to the Secretary of the Department of Environment and
6 Natural Resources (DENR).

7 **SEC. 5. Institutional Mechanisms.** – The following administrative and policy-making
8 mechanisms shall apply:

9 (A) There shall be a PAMB which shall be the policy making body of the PA. It shall
10 be composed of:

11 (1) The Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR Region IV-A as chairperson;

12 (2) The Provincial Planning and Development Officer (PPDO) of the Province of
13 Quezon;

14 (3) The Provincial Planning and Development Officer (PPDO) of the Province of
15 Laguna;

16 (4) One representative from each of the municipal governments with territorial
17 jurisdiction within the protected landscape to be appointed by their respective
18 sangguniang bayan and endorsed by the municipal mayors;

19 (5) One representative of the National Power Corporation (NPC);

20 (6) One representative from other departments or national government agencies
21 directly involved in the protected landscape or has long term projects or permanent
22 facility located therein;

23 (7) Three representatives from accredited NGOs operating in the protected
24 landscape chosen from among themselves in a meeting duly called for the purpose;

25 (8) Three representatives from accredited peoples organization (PO) operating
26 within the PA chosen from among themselves in a meeting duly called for the purpose;
27 and

28 (9) One representative from academic institutions directly involved in the
29 conservation of the PA, chosen from among themselves in a meeting duly called for the
30 purpose.

31 Every member of the PAMB shall serve for a term of five years and shall be
32 considered to represent his or her sector and deemed to carry the vote of such sector in
33 all matters. In the case of members who are government officials, the term of office shall
34 be attached to the office held.

35 In the selection of the representatives of POs and NGOs, preference shall be
36 accorded to those organizations that are involved in the conservation, protection and
37 development of the PA. Representation shall be by institution and shall aim to achieve
38 balance in representation by geographic location or areas.

1 The representatives from the LGUs and national agencies in the PAMB shall
2 include among their duty to appraise their respective constituents, office or sector, to
3 ensure that the provisions of this Act is consistent with the

4 Local Government Code of 1991 (R. A. No. 7160), other relevant statutes and
5 ordinances, and local and national development plans and projects. Failure to comply
6 with the foregoing shall subject such representative to disciplinary action as the PAMB
7 may provide.

8 The members of the Board shall not receive any salary but shall be entitled to
9 reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either in their attendance
10 in meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by a
11 resolution of the Board, subject to existing rules and regulations.

12 (B) The PAMB of the Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected Landscape shall have
13 the following powers and functions:

14 (1) Decide matters relating to planning, resources protection and general
15 administration of the area in accordance with the approved protection and conservation
16 plan;

17 (2) Approve proposals, work plans, action plans and guidelines for management of
18 the PA in accordance with the approved protection and conservation plan;

19 (3) Delineate and demarcate protected landscape boundaries buffer zones,
20 ancestral domains and recognize the rights and privileges of indigenous communities
21 under the provisions of this Act;

22 (4) Promulgate rules and regulations to promote development programs and
23 projects on biodiversity conservation and sustainable development consistent with the
24 Management Manual of the protected landscape;

25 (5) Ensure the implementation of programs as prescribed in the Protection and
26 Conservation Plan in order to provide employment to the people dwelling in and around
27 the protected landscape; and

28 (6) Control and regulate the construction, operation and maintenance of roads,
29 trails, waterworks, sewerage, fire protection and sanitation systems and other public
30 utilities within the PA.

31 The DENR, through the RED, shall exercise authority to oversee the PAMB to
32 ensure that it is acting within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of a conflict
33 between administrative orders of national application issued by the DENR pursuant to
34 the NIPAS Act and the rules and regulations issued by the PAMB, the PAMB shall notify
35 the DENR Secretary who shall decide whether to apply the rule or withdraw its
36 application in the site.

37 (C) The Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office. – There is hereby
38 established a PASu Office in charge of the management, protection and administration

1 of the PA. The PASu shall be supported by the existing personnel of the DENR. The
2 head of office shall be the chief operating officer of the Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal
3 Protected Landscape and shall be accountable to the RED of the DENR-Region IV-A
4 and the PAMB. The PASu shall have the following powers and functions:

5 (1) Prepare the Protection and Conservation Plan and successor plans as herein
6 provided and executes it;

7 (2) Serve as the secretariat for the PAMB with duty to provide the PAMB with all
8 information necessary for it to make appropriate decisions when necessary;

9 (3) Establish a productive partnership with the local community, including groups
10 interested in the achievement of the herein goals and objectives, in the planning,
11 protection and management thereof;

12 (4) Develop and implement a park information, education and visitor program;

13 (5) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the PA and assist in the
14 prosecution of offenses;

15 (6) Supervise all activities within the PA for conformity with the Protection and
16 Conservation Plan; and

17 (7) Perform such other functions as the PAMB may assign.

18 **SEC. 6. Seasonal Pilgrimage.** – People who enter the PA seasonally for cultural
19 and religious pilgrimage and other activities that have a benign impact on the
20 sustainability and biodiversity of the area shall be regulated by the PAMB. For such
21 purpose, the PAMB shall designate parts of the PA where pilgrimage is allowed under
22 such terms and conditions as the PAMB may deem fit.

23 **SEC. 7. Prohibited Acts.** – The following shall be the prohibitions and penalties
24 applicable to the Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected Landscape:

25 (A) The penalties in Articles 309 and 310 of the Revised Penal Code, depending on
26 the value of the resources taken, damaged or destroyed shall be imposed upon any
27 person who:

28 (1) Hunts, destroys, collects, disturbs or possesses anywhere within the PA any
29 plants or animals, sand, rocks or products derived therefrom without a permit;

30 (2) Possesses outside the PA any wild plant or animal or product derived therefrom
31 which came from the PA;

32 (3) Undertakes mineral exploration or extraction within the PA; or

33 (4) Hunts, collects, removes or destroys any endangered or protected species.

34 (B) A fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) nor more than Two
35 hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00) and/or imprisonment from three years to
36 five years shall be imposed upon any person who:

1 (1) Violates any rules and regulations in the Protection and Conservation Plan or by
2 the PAMB or agreements reached before the PAMB in the exercise of adjudicative
3 functions;

4 (2) Erects any permanent structure on land or on water for any purposes outside
5 the Protection and Conservation Plan, duly allowed by the PAMB;

6 (3) Possesses a chainsaw, hacksaw and other mechanized equipment within the
7 PA without a permit issued by the PAMB;

8 (4) Throws, dumps or causes to be dumped into the PA any nonbiodegradable
9 material or waste whether liquid, solid or gas;

10 (5) Uses, dumps, places or causes to be placed into the PA toxic chemicals,
11 including pesticides and other hazardous substances, unless the same is expressly
12 allowed in the protection and conservation plan; or

13 (6) Prospects, hunts or otherwise locate hidden treasures.

14 SEC. 8. *Special Prosecutor and Retained Counsel.* – Within thirty (30) days from
15 the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall appoint a special
16 prosecutor to whom all cases of violation of laws, rules and regulations in the PA shall
17 be assigned. Such Special Prosecutor shall coordinate with the PAMB and the PASu in
18 the performance of his/her duties and assist in the training of wardens and rangers in
19 arrest and criminal procedures. The PAMB may retain the services of a counsel to
20 prosecute and/or assist in the prosecution of cases under the direct control and
21 supervision of the regular or special prosecutor and to defend the members of the
22 PAMB, the PASu and the staff, or any person assisting in the protection, conservation
23 and sustainable development of the PA, against any legal action related to their powers,
24 functions and responsibilities as provided in this Act or as delegated or tasked by the
25 PAMB.

26 SEC. 9. *Utilization of Resources.* – Any exploitation of or utilization of
27 nonrenewable resources within the PA shall not be allowed. Energy projects, whether
28 renewable or otherwise, shall be permitted only through an Act of Congress, *Provided,*
29 that the exploitation of renewable energy up to three megawatts capacity shall be
30 exempt from such requirement.

31 SEC. 10. *Reporting Responsibility.* – The PASu, through the PAMB, shall
32 submit an annual accomplishment report to the Secretary of the DENR on the activities
33 undertaken in the PA.

34 SEC. 11. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary shall immediately include in the
35 DENR's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in
36 the annual General Appropriations Act.

37 SEC. 12. *Construction and Suppletory Application of Existing Laws.* The
38 provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of achieving biodiversity

1 conservation, protection and sustainable development Provisions of Republic Act No.
2 7586, otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas Management Act of
3 1992 and existing forestry laws, and their corresponding rules and regulations not
4 inconsistent hereto shall have the suppletory effect in the implementation of this Act.

5 SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.* – For the purpose of this Act, Sections 11, 15, 20
6 and 21 of Republic Act No. 7586 or the NIPAS Act are hereby modified. All other laws,
7 rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
8 accordingly. The prohibition and penalties under the NIPAS Act are hereby superseded
9 for the entire area covered by this Act.

10 SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or section of this Act is declared by
11 the courts as unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or
12 sections hereof.

13 SEC. 15. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general
15 circulation available in the PA. This Act shall be translated in a dialect or dialects known
16 in the PA by the DENR within thirty (30) days from approval hereof and shall be posted
17 for three consecutive weeks in conspicuous place in the provincial, municipal and
18 barangay halls within the PA as well as in three other public places frequented by the
19 public.

Approved,