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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE MOUNTAINS OF BANAHAW AND SAN CRISTOBAL IN THE
PROVINCES OF LAGUNA AND QUEZON 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 “Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal
2 Protected Landscape (MBSCPL) Act of 2008.”

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy** -The importance of the Banahaw and San Cristobal
4 mountains as a major watershed in the provinces of Laguna and Quezon, including its
5 educational, aesthetic, biodiversity, and cultural and religious importance behooves the
6 State to undertake steps for its protection and preservation.

7 It is therefore declared the policy of the State to ensure the protection and
8 conservation of these mountains and their associated forest, biodiversity, cultural and
9 religious importance. In so doing, the State shall ensure the full implementation of this
10 Act, the mobilization of resources for the Institutional mechanisms herein established,
11 and the full scientific and technical support needed for the conservation of biodiversity
12 and the integrity of the ecosystems, culture and religious practices.

13 **SEC. 3. Scope and Coverage.** – The boundaries of the Mts. Banahaw-San
14 Cristobal Protected Landscape (MBSCPL), which falls under the category of protected
15 landscape as defined herein, within the Municipalities of Sariaya, Candelaria, Dolores,

1 Lucban, and Tayabas in the Province of Quezon and the Municipalities of Rizal,
2 Nagcarlan, Liliw, Majayjay and the City of San Pablo in the Province of Laguna, are as
3 follows:

4 *Parcel I*

5 Beginning at a point marked "1" on the DENR NIPAS Map No. RO-4A-4, which is N
6 $29^{\circ}43'E$, 10,165.43 meters from BLLM No. 1 of the Municipality of Candelaria, Province
7 of Quezon:

8	Thence S $00^{\circ}20' E$	60.36 meters to corner 2;
9	Thence S $13^{\circ}07' W$	36.98 meters to corner 3;
10	Thence S $25^{\circ}52' E$	38.00 meters to corner 4;
11	Thence S $46^{\circ}20' E$	47.54 meters to corner 5;
12	Thence S $73^{\circ}15' W$	35.34 meters to corner 6;
13	Thence S $35^{\circ}04' W$	49.51 meters to corner 7;
14	Thence S $39^{\circ}16' W$	113.11 meters to corner 8;
15	Thence S $08^{\circ}53' E$	54.41 meters to corner 9;
16	Thence S $50^{\circ}03' E$	40.05 meters to corner 10;
17	Thence S $07^{\circ}34' E$	54.51 meters to corner 11;
18	Thence S $45^{\circ}34' W$	53.16 meters to corner 12;
19	Thence S $04^{\circ}16' W$	38.86 meters to corner 13;
20	Thence N $73^{\circ}02' W$	719.04 meters to corner 14;
21	Thence N $15^{\circ}50' E$	2626.35 meters to corner 15;
22	Thence N $80^{\circ}01' W$	287.28 meters to corner 16;
23	Thence S $14^{\circ}51' W$	2592.76 meters to corner 17;
24	Thence N $73^{\circ}02' W$	543.36 meters to corner 18;
25	Thence N $18^{\circ}44' W$	9.16 meters to corner 19;
26	Thence N $40^{\circ}18' W$	171.23 meters to corner 20;
27	Thence N $17^{\circ}19' W$	99.24 meters to corner 21;
28	Thence N $35^{\circ}22' E$	613.16 meters to corner 22;

1	Thence N 26°46' E	682.87 meters to corner 23;
2	Thence N 45°53' E	408.32 meters to corner 24;
3	Thence N 22°49' E	514.71 meters to corner 25;
4	Thence N 30°10' W	236.96 meters to corner 26;
5	Thence N 49°23' W	575.43 meters to corner 27;
6	Thence N 38°10' W	228.62 meters to corner 28;
7	Thence S 13°54' W	227.78 meters to corner 29;
8	Thence S 27°14' E	88.87 meters to corner 30;
9	Thence S 00°52' W	155.04 meters to corner 31;
10	Thence S 07°06' W	301.26 meters to corner 32;
11	Thence S 29°14' W	128.75 meters to corner 33;
12	Thence S 87°05' W	155.03 meters to corner 34;
13	Thence N 49°12' W	289.72 meters to corner 35;
14	Thence S 43°16' W	79.67 meters to corner 36;
15	Thence N 82°15' W	144.96 meters to corner 37;
16	Thence N 16°52' W	78.04 meters to corner 38;
17	Thence S 81°44' W	72.52 meters to corner 39;
18	Thence S 80°20' W	258.92 meters to corner 40;
19	Thence S 53°04' W	103.06 meters to corner 41;
20	Thence S 66°43' W	128.71 meters to corner 42;
21	Thence S 34°47' W	86.70 meters to corner 43;
22	Thence N 61°09' W	80.58 meters to corner 44;
23	Thence S 54°27' W	87.17 meters to corner 45;
24	Thence S 31°03' W	176.71 meters to corner 46;
25	Thence S 86°07' W	574.78 meters to corner 47;
26	Thence S 89°35' W	149.36 meters to corner 48;
27	Thence S 41°39' W	43.75 meters to corner 49;
28	Thence S 84°30' W	4.17 meters to corner 50;

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

1	Thence N 70°02' W	404.82 meters to corner 79;
2	Thence N 35°27' E	143.60 meters to corner 80;
3	Thence N 27°31' E	171.50 meters to corner 81;
4	Thence N 06°42' W	412.40 meters to corner 82;
5	Thence N 17°02' W	412.54 meters to corner 83;
6	Thence N 41°44' W	93.11 meters to corner 84;
7	Thence S 89°03' W	137.94 meters to corner 85;
8	Thence S 01°33' E	71.59 meters to corner 86;
9	Thence S 18°02' W	236.82 meters to corner 87;
10	Thence S 12°12' W	190.25 meters to corner 88;
11	Thence S 78°50' W	176.91 meters to corner 89;
12	Thence N 64°52' W	410.65 meters to corner 90;
13	Thence N 64°47' W	667.43 meters to corner 91;
14	Thence N 74°37' W	567.50 meters to corner 92;
15	Thence N 29°23' W	867.46 meters to corner 93;
16	Thence N 31°02' W	63.20 meters to corner 94;
17	Thence N 61°41' E	162.90 meters to corner 95;
18	Thence N 21°59' W	202.35 meters to corner 96;
19	Thence S 85°07' W	127.98 meters to corner 97;
20	Thence S 60°10' W	74.11 meters to corner 98;
21	Thence N 68°12' W	51.30 meters to corner 99;
22	Thence N 30°31' W	374.77 meters to corner 100;
23	Thence N 74°55' E	290.00 meters to corner 101;
24	Thence N 79°06' W	356.49 meters to corner 102;
25	Thence N 21°12' E	325.61 meters to corner 103;
26	Thence S 83°46' W	131.76 meters to corner 104;
27	Thence N 52°06' W	153.52 meters to corner 105;
28	Thence S 86°24' E	282.67 meters to corner 106;

1	Thence S 83°46' E	300.68 meters to corner 107;
2	Thence S 83°56' E	209.82 meters to corner 108;
3	Thence N 01°31' W	109.49 meters to corner 109;
4	Thence N 67°05' E	92.87 meters to corner 110;
5	Thence S 34°56' E	127.88 meters to corner 111;
6	Thence N 20°54' E	202.45 meters to corner 112;
7	Thence N 19°41' E	116.07 meters to corner 113;
8	Thence N 05°33' E	166 .06 meters to corner 114;
9	Thence N 81°35' E	743.97 meters to corner 115;
10	Thence N 37°18' E	317.88 meters to corner 116;
11	Thence N 40°02' E	87.00 meters to corner 117;
12	Thence N 66°43' E	6.00 meters to corner 118;
13	Thence N 66°43' E	508.80 meters to corner 119;
14	Thence N 08°05' E	189.24 meters to corner 120;
15	Thence N 77°33' E	246.98 meters to corner 121;
16	Thence N 78°01' E	441.86 meters to corner 122;
17	Thence S 47°02' E	305.14 meters to corner 123;
18	Thence S 65°54' E	253.21 meters to corner 124;
19	Thence N 51°00' E	214.30 meters to corner 125;
20	Thence S 57°07' E	498.72 meters to corner 126;
21	Thence S 08°53' W	86.66 meters to corner 127;
22	Thence S 88°01' E	192.38 meters to corner 128;
23	Thence S 61°40' E	300.34 meters to corner 129;
24	Thence S 12°37' W	276.60 meters to corner 130;
25	Thence S 12°14' E	150.87 meters to corner 131;
26	Thence N 38°36' E	174.15 meters to corner 132;
27	Thence N 65°47' E	247.83 meters to corner 133;
28	Thence S 53°34' E	225.90 meters to corner 134;

1	Thence N 62°14' E	490.82 meters to corner 135;
2	Thence N 41°35' E	1585.41 meters to corner 136;
3	Thence N 14°14' E	500.31 meters to corner 137;
4	Thence S 53°34' E	177.65 meters to corner 138;
5	Thence N 09°37' E	396.41 meters to corner 139;
6	Thence N 15°33' E	186.44 meters to corner 140;
7	Thence N 66°00' E	233.17 meters to corner 141;
8	Thence N 07°02' E	326.65 meters to corner 142;
9	Thence N 82°28' E	1017.98 meters to corner 143;
10	Thence N 46°24' E	83.41 meters to corner 144;
11	Thence S 44°33' E	173.51 meters to corner 145;
12	Thence N 35°16' E	97.36 meters to corner 146;
13	Thence N 38°09' W	157.81 meters to corner 147;
14	Thence N 47°03' E	307.85 meters to corner 148;
15	Thence N 45°32' E	293.59 meters to corner 149;
16	Thence S 40°53' E	97.35 meters to corner 150;
17	Thence N 49°43' E	110.54 meters to corner 151;
18	Thence S 78°23' E	68.34 meters to corner 152;
19	Thence N 58° 07' E	176.50 meters to corner 153;
20	Thence N 30° 30' E	147.27 meters to corner 154;
21	Thence N 56° 51' W	175.15 meters to corner 155;
22	Thence N 47°19' E	297.37 meters to corner 156;
23	Thence N 47°14' E	330.98 meters to corner 157;
24	Thence N 85°01' E	191.96 meters to corner 158;
25	Thence S 04°19' E	267.27 meters to corner 159;
26	Thence S 77°46' E	102.24 meters to corner 160;
27	Thence S 04°50' E	290.45 meters to corner 161;
28	Thence S 79°05' E	58.54 meters to corner 162;

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

1	Thence S 22°57' E	496.32 meters to corner 191;
2	Thence S 46°52' W	70.22 meters to corner 192;
3	Thence S 31°00' E	115.95 meters to corner 193;
4	Thence N 56°19' E	50.87 meters to corner 194;
5	Thence S 22°53' E	818.88 meters to corner 195;
6	Thence S 23°03' E	971.35 meters to corner 196;
7	Thence S 43°24' W	199.83 meters to corner 197;
8	Thence N 65°47' W	902.90 meters to corner 198;
9	Thence S 13°55' W	330.65 meters to corner 199;
10	Thence S 64°46' E	728.42 meters to corner 200;
11	Thence S 42°57' W	269 .06 meters to corner 201;
12	Thence S 43°04' W	292.64 meters to corner 202;
13	Thence N 81°38' W	53.92 meters to corner 203;
14	Thence N 27°56' W	262.48 meters to corner 204;
15	Thence S 09°33' E	292.62 meters to corner 205;
16	Thence N 61°59' W	119.26 meters to corner 206;
17	Thence S 04°44' W	358.42 meters to corner 207;
18	Thence S 43°04' W	280.70 meters to corner 208;
19	Thence S 23°14' E	1488.76 meters to corner 209;
20	Thence S 75°45' W	43.27 meters to corner 210;
21	Thence N 76° 20' W	160.48 meters to corner 211;
22	Thence N 84°08' W	51.89 meters to corner 212;
23	Thence N 61°03' W	93.10 meters to corner 213;
24	Thence N 75°27' W	153.34 meters to corner 214;
25	Thence N 17°55' E	233.12 meters to corner 215;
26	Thence N 59°34' W	69.44 meters to corner 216;
27	Thence N 78°24' W	98.99 meters to corner 217;
28	Thence N 67° 30' W	103.72 meters to corner 218;

1	Thence S 68°10' W	126.46 meters to corner 219;
2	Thence S 62°53' W	410.68 meters to corner 220;
3	Thence S 01°09' E	129.14 meters to corner 221;
4	Thence S 03°19' E	2.98 meters to corner 222;
5	Thence S 08°28' E	250.51 meters to corner 223;
6	Thence S 82°55' E	321.78 meters to corner 224;
7	Thence S 05°46' E	180.03 meters to corner 225;
8	Thence S 67°10' E	53.71 meters to corner 226;
9	Thence N 51°09' E	80.62 meters to corner 227;
10	Thence S 77°01' E	60.96 meters to corner 228;
11	Thence S 81°29' E	73.79 meters to corner 229;
12	Thence S 68°03' E	57.36 meters to corner 230;
13	Thence S 36°53' E	49.96 meters to corner 231;
14	Thence S 70°22' E	23.19 meters to corner 232;
15	Thence N 85°58' E	96.57 meters to corner 233;
16	Thence S 51°58' E	41.95 meters to corner 234;
17	Thence S 53°43' E	101.23 meters to corner 235;
18	Thence N 73°45' E	44.29 meters to corner 236;
19	Thence N 79°40' E	74.83 meters to corner 237;
20	Thence S 64°09' E	61.76 meters to corner 238;
21	Thence N 85°58' E	167.64 meters to corner 239;
22	Thence S 28°14' E	126.41 meters to corner 240;
23	Thence S 28°14' E	143.38 meters to corner 241;
24	Thence S 61°58' W	2396.00 meters to corner 242;
25	Thence N 77°58' W	5.47 meters to corner 243;
26	Thence S 75°42' W	62.66 meters to corner 244;
27	Thence S 21°25' W	28.31 meters to corner 245;
28	Thence S 61°58' W	50.60 meters to corner 246;

1	Thence N 36°04' W	684.77 meters to corner 247;
2	Thence S 39°12' W	810.84 meters to corner 248;
3	Thence N 42°42' W	3.70 meters to corner 249;
4	Thence S 60°28' W	59.43 meters to corner 250;
5	Thence N 33°37' W	14.23 meters to corner 251;
6	Thence S 55°32' W	93.27 meters to corner 252;
7	Thence S 44°07' E	65.50 meters to corner 253;
8	Thence S 39°12' W	754.14 meters to corner 254;
9	Thence N 50°54' W	184.10 meters to corner 255;
10	Thence S 39°18' W	189.76 meters to corner 256;
11	Thence S 50°49' E	181.74 meters to corner 257;
12	Thence S 30°17' E	2.90 meters to corner 258;
13	Thence S 39°18' W	339.66 meters to corner 259;
14	Thence S 10°45' W	1450.63 meters to corner 260;
15	Thence N 89°39' W	388.69 meters to corner 261;
16	Thence N 07°13' W	41.33 meters to corner 262;
17	Thence N 33°57' E	51.73 meters to corner 263;
18	Thence N 49 °56' E	41.43 meters to corner 264;
19	Thence N 09°35' E	51.01 meters to corner 265;
20	Thence N 45°12' W	61.80 meters to corner 266;
21	Thence N 05°15' W	39.76 meters to corner 267;
22	Thence N 10°53' E	41.34meters to corner 268;
23	Thence N 53°14' E	64.94 meters to corner 269;
24	Thence N 01°44' E	85.65 meters to corner 270;
25	Thence N 08°37' W	49.62 meters to corner 271;
26	Thence N 54°32' W	52.75 meters to corner 272;
27	Thence N 23°48' W	41.75 meters to corner 273;
28	Thence N 22°34' W	67.52 meters to corner 274;

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

1	Thence N 49°08' W	92.68 meters to corner 303;
2	Thence S 76°58' W	203.99 meters to corner 304;
3	Thence N 73°52' W	27.67 meters to corner 305;
4	Thence S 54°55' W	875.62 meters to corner 306;
5	Thence S 18°57' W	73.79 meters to corner 307;
6	Thence S 36°53' E	50.32 meters to corner 308;
7	Thence S 29°02' E	203.36 meters to corner 309;
8	Thence S 23°02' E	62.44 meters to corner 310;
9	Thence S 64°39' W	9.02 meters to corner 311;
10	Thence S 52°47' W	262.81 meters to corner 312;
11	Thence S 18°55' E	198.12 meters to corner 313;
12	Thence S 21°01' E	29.51 meters to corner 314;
13	Thence N 89°39' W	75.78 meters to corner 315;
14	Thence N 26°05' W	423.49 meters to corner 316;
15	Thence N 09°20' W	159.16 meters to corner 317;
16	Thence N 19°01' W	246.96 meters to corner 318;
17	Thence S 78°53' W	77.93 meters to corner 319;
18	Thence S 18°34' E	155.83 meters to corner 320;
19	Thence S 21°48' E	80.67 meters to corner 321;
20	Thence S 14°59' E	124.31 meters to corner 322;
21	Thence S 30°07' E	74.43 meters to corner 323;
22	Thence S 07°20' E	183.73 meters to corner 324;
23	Thence S 06°36' E	156.88 meters to corner 325;
24	Thence N 86°15' W	677.37 meters to corner 326;
25	Thence N 09°50' E	211.76 meters to corner 327;
26	Thence N 65°04' W	265.95 meters to corner 328;
27	Thence N 59°22' W	365.37 meters to corner 329;
28	Thence N 14°28' W	342.62 meters to corner 330;

1 Thence S 79°03' W 758.47 meters to corner 1; which is the point of
2 beginning, containing an area of eleven thousand sixty-four and 35/100 (11,064.35)
3 hectares.

4 Parcel II

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

7 Thence N 38°45' E 229.9 meters to corner 2;
8 Thence N 47°18' E 137.0 meters to corner 3;
9 Thence N 16°42' W 188.8 meters to corner 4;
10 Thence N 02°20' W 202.7 meters to corner 5;
11 Thence N 55°26' E 327.5 meters to corner 6;
12 Thence N 59°29' E 120.8 meters to corner 7;
13 Thence N 59°29' E 218.8 meters to corner 8;
14 Thence N 35°20' E 466.81 meters to corner 9;
15 Thence S 29°12' E 160.3 meters to corner 10;
16 Thence S 07°24' W 327.2 meters to corner 11;
17 Thence S 07°45' E 140.1 meters to corner 12;
18 Thence S 43°47' E 47.71 meters to corner 13;
19 Thence N 86°04' E 272.5 meters to corner 14;
20 Thence S 64°38' W 83.7 meters to corner 15;
21 Thence S 37°41' W 178.3 meters to corner 16;
22 Thence S 32°56' E 226.4 meters to corner 17;
23 Thence S 21°36' W 104.3 meters to corner 18;
24 Thence S 02°35' W 72.9 meters to corner 19;
25 Thence S 58°00' W 166.2 meters to corner 20;
26 Thence S 40°54' W 228.3 meters to corner 21;
27 Thence S 05°14' E 49.3 meters to corner 22;
28 Thence S 81°03' W 919.0 meters to corner 23;

1 Thence N 19°51' W 227.31 meters to corner 1; which is the point of
2 beginning, containing an area of one hundred thirteen and 46/100 (113.46) hectares.

3 Parcels I & II contains a total area of eleven thousand one hundred seventy-seven
4 and 81/100 (11,177.81) hectares.

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

11 **SEC. 4. Land Classification.** – All lands of the public domain comprising the
12 Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected Landscape (MBSCPL) shall fall under the
13 classification of National Park as provided for in the Philippine Constitution.

14 However, public lands already classified as agricultural and alienable or disposable
15 prior to the passage of this Act shall remain as such and may be disposed of pursuant to
16 the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 141 or the Public Land Act, as amended.

17 **SEC. 5. Definition of Terms.** – For purposes of this Act, the following terms
18 are defined as follows:

19 (a) "Biodiversity" refers to variety and variability among living organisms and the
20 ecological complexes in which said organisms occur.

21 (b) "Biological resources" includes genetic resources, organisms or parts thereof,
22 population, or any other biotic component of ecosystems with actual or potential use or
23 value for humanity.

24 (c) "Bioprospecting" means the research, collection and utilization of biological and
25 genetic resources for purposes of applying the knowledge derived therefrom solely for
26 commercial purposes.

1 (d) "Buffer Zones" refers to identified areas outside the boundaries of and
2 immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need special development
3 control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area.

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

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

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

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

13 (i) "Endangered species" refers to species or subspecies that is not critically
14 endangered but whose survival in the wild is unlikely if the causal factors continue
15 operating.

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

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

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

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

24 (n) "Management Plan" refers to the fundamental plan, strategy and/or scheme
25 which shall guide all activities relating to the MBSCPL in order to attain the objectives of
26 this Act.

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

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

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

13 (r) "NIPAS Act" refers to the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act
14 (NIPAS) of 1992 or Republic Act No. 7586, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

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

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

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

1 (v) "Protected Area" refers to identified portions of land and/or water set aside by
2 reasons of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance
3 biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation.

4 (w) "Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)" refers to a multi-sectoral policy-
5 making body created in accordance with RA 7586 or the NIPAS Act of 1992.

6 (x) "Protected Landscape" refers to an area of national significance which is
7 characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and land while providing
8 opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation and tourism within the normal
9 lifestyle and economic activity of the area.

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

12 (z) "Special use zone" is an area containing existing installations of national
13 significance, such as telecommunication facilities, irrigation canals or electric power
14 lines.

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

20 (bb) "Tenured Migrants" refers to forest occupants who have actually and
21 continuously occupied a portion of the protected area and is solely dependent therein for
22 subsistence, as of the passage of the NIPAS Act. A protected area occupant is
23 understood to be "solely dependent for subsistence" when everything indispensable for
24 survival for the household, including food, clothing, shelter and health, comes only from
25 the utilization of resources from the protected area.

26 (cc) "Wildlife" means wild forms and varieties of flora and fauna, in all
27 developmental stages, including those which are in captivity or are being bred or
28 propagated.

1 **SEC. 6. Management of the Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected**
2 **Landscape (MBSCPL)** – There is hereby created a PAMB which shall have jurisdiction,
3 power and authority over the MBSCPL for all matters that may affect biodiversity
4 conservation, protection and sustainable development. It shall be composed of:

5 (1) The Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR Region IV-A as, chairperson;
6 (2) The Provincial Planning and Development Officer (PPDO) of the Province of
7 Quezon;

8 (3) The Provincial Planning and Development Officer (PPDO) of the Province of
9 Laguna;

10 (4) The Municipal Mayors of Sariaya, Candelaria, Dolores, Lucban and Tayabas in
11 the Province of Quezon, or their duly designated representatives;

12 (5) The Municipal Mayors of Rizal, Nagcarlan, Liliw, Majayjay, and City Mayor of
13 San Pablo City in the Province of Laguna, or their duly designated representatives;

14 (6) One representative from each barangay covering the MBSCPL;

15 (7) One representative from each department or national government agency
16 directly involved in the MBSCPL or has long term projects or permanent facility located
17 therein;

18 (8) One representative of the National Power Corporation (NPC);

19 (9) At least one (1) representative from an accredited NGO operating in the
20 MBSCPL, which has been existing for five (5) years with track records related to the
21 protection and management of the MBSCPL;

22 (10) At least one (1) representative from an accredited PO operating in the
23 MBSCPL, which has been existing for five (5) years with track records related to the
24 protection and management of the MBSCPL;

25 (11) One representative from academic institutions directly involved in the protection
26 and management of the MBSCPL;

27 (12) At least one (1) representative from the various religious groups whose
28 religious practices are directly linked with the MBSCPL and which have been existing for

1 five (5) years with track records related to the protection and management of the
2 MBSCPL.

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

7 The members of the PAMB shall be appointed by the Secretary of the DENR in
8 conformity with the provisions of the NIPAS Act. As a transitory provision, the initial
9 members of the PAMB shall be nominated from the current members of the interim
10 PAMB of the MBSCPL. Their nominations shall be conducted in a joint meeting of the
11 current members of the interim PAMB duly called for the purpose: *Provided*, That the
12 members shall include a number of women.

13 In the selection of the representatives of POs and NGOs, preference shall be
14 accorded to those organizations that are involved in the conservation, protection and
15 development of the MBSCPL. Representation shall be by institution and shall aim to
16 achieve balance in representation by geographic location or areas.

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

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

28 **SEC. 7. Powers and Functions of the PAMB.** - The PAMB of the Mts.

1 Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected Landscape (MBSCPL), which shall decide by
2 consensus or majority vote, shall have the following powers and functions in addition to
3 those provided under RA 7586 or the NIPAS Act of 1992 and its implementing rules and
4 regulations:

5 (1) Issue rules and regulations to prohibit acts that may be prejudicial to the
6 MBSCPL and to the declaration of policy set forth under the NIPAS;

7 (2) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through appropriate and
8 effective means;

9 (3) Adopt rules and procedures in the conduct of business, including the creation of
10 committees to which its powers may be delegated;

11 (4) Approve the management plan and oversee the office of the Protected Area
12 Superintendent (PASu);

13 (5) Establish criteria and set fees for the issuance of permits for activities regulated
14 by this Act or the management plan;

15 (6) Recommend the deputization of appropriate individuals for the enforcement of
16 the laws, rules and regulations governing the conduct or management of the MBSCPL;

17 (7) Approve fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines and raise
18 funds for the MBSCPL;

19 (8) Manage the allocation of the Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected Landscape
20 Fund, and other funds for the MBSCPL, ensure their proper administration and render
21 accounting; and

22 (9) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government
23 authorities.

24 The DENR, through the RED, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within the scope of
25 its powers and functions. In case of a conflict between administrative orders of national
26 application issued by the DENR pursuant to the NIPAS Act and the resolutions issued by
27 the PAMB, the PAMB shall notify the DENR Secretary who shall decide whether to apply
28 the rule or withdraw its application in MBSCPL.

1 **SEC. 8. *The Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office.*** – There is
2 hereby established a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office within the DENR
3 Regional Office to be in charge of the management, protection and administration of the
4 MBSCPL. The PASu shall be supported by the existing personnel of the DENR. The
5 head of office shall be the chief operating officer of the MBSCPL and shall be directly
6 accountable to the PAMB.

7 The PASu shall have full responsibility for the protection of land, water, wildlife and
8 other natural physical and biological resources within the MBSCPL. As such, the PASu
9 shall have the following duties and responsibilities in addition to those provided under
10 the NIPAS and its Implementing Rules and Regulations:

11 (1) Establish, operate and maintain a database management system as decision
12 support tool;

13 (2) Prepare the management plans as herein defined;

14 (3) Provide a secretariat for the PAMB and supply the PAMB with all the necessary
15 information to make appropriate decisions for the implementation of this Act;

16 (4) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the MBSCPL, institute and
17 file legal action independently or in collaboration with other government agencies or
18 organizations and assist in the prosecution of offenses committed in violation of this Act;

19 (5) Monitor all activities within the MBSCPL to ensure its conformity with the
20 management plan;

21 (6) Recommend the issuance of permits based on terms, conditions and criteria
22 established by the PAMB;

23 (7) Ensure the integration of the MBSCPL management policies, regulations,
24 programs and projects at all the concerned national and Local Government Unit levels;
25 and

26 (8) Perform such other functions as the PAMB may delegate.

27 The PASu shall be supported by sufficient number of personnel who shall be
28 performing day to day management, protection and administration of the MBSCPL. Upon

1 the recommendation of the PAMB, the DENR Regional Director shall deputize local
2 community leaders and environment and natural resource officers.

3 **SEC. 9. Seasonal Pilgrimage Management Plan.** – People who enter the
4 MBSCPL seasonally for cultural and religious pilgrimage and other activities that have a
5 benign impact on the sustainability and biodiversity of the area shall be regulated by the
6 PAMB. For such purpose, the PAMB shall designate parts of the MBSCPL where
7 pilgrimage is allowed under such terms and conditions as the PAMB may see fit.

8 **SEC. 10. Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected Landscape Fund.** – There is
9 hereby established a trust fund to be known as the MBSCPL Fund for purposes of
10 financing projects in the MBSCPL. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the income generated
11 from the operation of the MBSCPL and/or management of wild flora and fauna in the
12 MBSCPL shall accrue to the MBSCPL Fund while the remaining twenty-five percent
13 (25%) shall go to the Integrated Protected Areas Fund (IPAF) as established in the
14 NIPAS Act of 1992. *Provided, however,* That the seventy-five (75%) percent shall be set
15 aside and retained by the PAMB of MBSCPL which shall appropriate the same
16 exclusively for the management and operation of the MBSCPL. *Provided, further,* that
17 the remaining twenty-five (25%) shall be remitted to the National Treasury.

18 Income shall be derived from fees from visitors/tourists, fees from permitted sale
19 and export of flora and fauna and other resources from the MBSCPL, proceeds from the
20 registration and lease of multiple-use areas, including tourism concessions, fees,
21 proceeds, and contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting from the
22 MBSCPL, and such other fees and income derived from the operation of the MBSCPL.

23 The MBSCPL Fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from
24 various sources, domestic or foreign, for purposes related to their functions: *Provided,*
25 That disbursements therefrom shall be made solely for the protection, maintenance,
26 administration and management of the system, and duly approved projects endorsed by
27 the PAMB in accordance with existing accounting and budgeting rules and regulations:
28 *Provided, Further,* That the Fund shall not be used to cover personal services

1 expenditures.

2 **SEC. 11. Tenured Migrants and Other MBSCPL Stakeholders.** – Tenured
3 migrants shall be eligible to become stewards of portions of lands within allowable zones.
4 The PAMB shall identify, verify and review all tenorial instruments, land claims, and
5 issuances of permits for resource use within the MBSCPL and recommend the issuance
6 of the appropriate tenure instrument consistent with the zoning provided in the
7 management plan.

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

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

15 **SEC. 12. Existing Facilities Within the MBSCPL.** – Within sixty (60) days from
16 the effectivity of this Act, existing facilities such as roads, buildings, water systems,
17 transmission lines, communication facilities, heavy equipment, and irrigation facilities
18 existing within the boundaries of the MBSCPL shall submit project descriptions to the
19 PAMB through the PASu.

20 The PAMB, with the assistance of the DENR, shall determine whether the existence
21 of such facility and its future plan and operations will be detrimental to the MBSCPL or
22 whether conditions for its operation shall be imposed. If any such conditions are violated,
23 the owner of the facility shall be liable to pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00)
24 for every violation. Upon reaching a total fine of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos
25 (P500,000.00), the PAMB through the PASu and deputizing other government entities,
26 shall cause the cessation and demolition of the facility at the cost of its owner.

27 Existing facilities allowed to remain within the MBSCPL may be charged a
28 reasonable royalty by the PAMB. All income from such royalty shall accrue to the Mts.

1 Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected Landscape Fund.

2 **SEC. 13. Utilization of Resources.** – Any exploitation of or utilization of
3 nonrenewable resources within the MBSCPL shall not be allowed. Energy projects within
4 the MBSCPL shall be permitted only through an act of Congress except energy from
5 wind, sun and water sources and not more than one (1) megawatt capacity for mini-
6 hydro power: *Provided*, That these renewable energy projects are outside the strict
7 protection zone, adopt reduced impact technologies, and undergo the Environmental
8 Impact Assessment (EIA) system as provided by law and: *Provided, Further*, that the
9 PAMB has endorsed the project.

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

22 **SEC. 15. Prohibited Acts and Penalties.** – The following shall be the
23 prohibitions and penalties applicable to the Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected
24 Landscape, in addition to the prohibited acts as provided in the NIPAS Act and its
25 Implementing Rules and Regulations:

26 (A) The penalties and qualifications prescribed in Articles 309 and 310 of the
27 Revised Penal Code, depending on the value of the resources involved in connection
28 with the prohibited act shall be imposed upon any person who:

1 (1) Takes, destroys, collects, disturbs or possesses any wild
2 terrestrial or aquatic plants or animals, flora or fauna, sand, rocks or by-
3 products derived therefrom, within particularly identified regulated or
4 prohibited areas zones in the MBSCPL including private lands without the
5 necessary permit, authorization or exemption: *Provided*, That hunting of
6 animals shall be absolutely prohibited except for scientific research;

7 (2) Cuts, gathers, removes or collects timber or any forest products,
8 within particularly identified regulated or prohibited areas or zones in the
9 MBSCPL including private lands without the necessary permit,
10 authorization or exemption;

11 (3) Possesses or transports, within or outside the MBSCPL any
12 timber, forest products, wild terrestrial or aquatic plants, animals, or by-
13 products derived therefrom which is ascertained to have been taken from
14 the MBSCPL;

15 (4) Undertakes mineral exploration or extraction within the MBSCPL;

16 (5) Engages in quarrying of sand, gravel, guano, limestone or any
17 material within the MBSCPL;

18 (6) Hunts, collects, removes or destroys any endangered or
19 protected species, except when collection or removal is for scientific
20 research and exempted from the prohibition by the PAMB;

21 (7) Conducts bioprospecting within the MBSCPL without prior PAMB
22 approval in accordance with existing guidelines; or

23 (8) Establishes or introduces any exotic species, within the
24 MBSCPL, which are detrimental to endemic and the ecosystem therein.

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

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

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

11 (3) Possesses a chainsaw, hacksaw and other mechanized
12 equipment within the MBSCPL without a permit;

13 (4) Throws, dumps or causes to be dumped into the MBSCPL any
14 non-biodegradable material or waste whether liquid, solid or gas;

15 (5) Uses, dumps, places or causes to be placed into the MBSCPL
16 toxic chemicals, including pesticides and other hazardous substances,
17 unless the same is expressly allowed in the management plan;

18 (6) Prospects, hunts or otherwise locates hidden treasures within
19 the MBSCPL;

20 (7) Informally occupies or dwells in any land within the MBSCPL
21 without clearance from the PAMB;

22 (8) Possesses or uses blasting caps or explosives anywhere within
23 the MBSCPL;

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

27 (10) Alters, removes or destroys boundary marks or signs; or

1 (11) Engages in *kaingin*, or, in any manner, causing forest fires inside
2 the MBSCPL.

3 (12) Purchases, or sells, mortgages or leases lands or other portions
4 of the MBSCPL which are covered by any tenurial instrument.

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

9 Any person who shall induce another or conspire to commit any of the illegal acts
10 prohibited in this Act or suffer their workers to commit any of the same shall be liable in
11 *the same manner as the one actually performing the act.*

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

25 The penalties specified in this Section will be in addition to the penalties contained
26 in RA 9072 (National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act), RA.
27 9147 (Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act), and other related laws.

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

3 **SEC. 16. Reporting Responsibility.** – The PASu, through the PAMB, shall
4 submit an annual accomplishment report to the Secretary of the DENR on the activities
5 undertaken in the MBSCPL.

6 **SEC. 17. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately
7 include in the DENR's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
8 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

9 **SEC. 18. Construction and Suppletory Application of Existing Laws.** – The
10 provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of the protection and
11 rehabilitation of the MBSCPL and the conservation and restoration of its biological
12 diversity, taking into account the needs and interests of qualified tenured migrants, for
13 present and future Filipino generations.

14 The NIPAS Act shall have suppletory effect in the implementation of this Act.

15 **SEC. 19. Transitory Provision.** – In order to ensure the recovery and
16 restoration of biological diversity and to develop sustainable livelihood opportunities for
17 tenured migrants, the DENR shall henceforth cease to issue concessions, licenses,
18 permits, clearances, compliance documents or any other instrument that allows
19 exploitation and utilization of resources within the MBSPL until the management plan
20 shall have been put into effect.

21 All existing land use and resource use permits within the MBSCPL shall be
22 reviewed and shall not be renewed upon their expiration unless consistent with the
23 management plan and approved by the PAMB.

24 **SEC. 20. Repealing Clause.** – For the purpose of this Act, the provisions of
25 Republic Act No. 7586 or the NIPAS Act are hereby modified in accordance with the
26 provisions herein. All other laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are
27 hereby repealed or modified accordingly. The prohibitions and penalties under the
28 NIPAS Act are hereby superseded for the entire area covered by this Act.

1 **SEC. 21. Separability Clause.** – If any part or section of this Act is declared by
2 the courts as unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections
3 hereof.

4 **SEC. 22. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
5 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general
6 circulation available in the MBSCPL.

7 *Approved,*