

1 account the sociocultural, economic, aesthetic and environmental values of the
 2 ecosystem of the Bulusan Volcano and its surrounding areas to the Province of
 3 Sorsogon particularly its crucial watershed function with the presence of hot
 4 and cold springs and lakes, and the diversity of its flora and fauna with some
 5 endemic species; and finally, in pursuit of the duty of the State to protect and
 6 advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord
 7 with the rhythm and harmony of nature, it is hereby declared the policy of the
 8 State to secure for the Filipino people the protection and conservation of the
 9 Bulusan Volcano and its surrounding areas in accordance with Republic Act
 10 No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992
 11 (NIPAS Act) and international conventions to which the Philippines is a
 12 signatory.

13 SEC. 3. *Declaration of Protected Area.* – Pursuant to the above policy
 14 and the NIPAS Act, the Bulusan Volcano and its surrounding vicinities with
 15 boundaries as described below is hereby declared a protected area under the
 16 category of a natural park, to be known as the Bulusan Volcano Natural Park
 17 (BVNP).

18 SEC. 4. *Scope and Coverage.* – The BVNP shall cover parcels of land
 19 located in the municipalities of Barcelona, Bulusan, Casiguran, Irosin and
 20 Juban, all within the Province of Sorsogon, containing an area of three
 21 thousand six hundred seventy-two (3,672) hectares, with the following
 22 technical description, subject to ground survey:

23 Lot 1. – Begins at point “1” on plan, B.F.N.P. or M.B.M. No. 7, to
 24 corner 1;

25	Thence	N. 66° 09' E.,	9.50 meters	to corner 2;
26	Thence	N. 02° 29' E.,	36.30 meters	to corner 3;
27	Thence	N. 26° 40' W.,	32.10 meters	to corner 4;
28	Thence	N. 16° 41' W.,	48.10 meters	to corner 5;

1	Thence	N. 04° 32' E.,	59.80 meters	to corner 6;
2	Thence	N. 05° 00' W.,	67.70 meters	to corner 7;
3	Thence	N. 10° 26' E.,	98.60 meters	to corner 8;
4	Thence	N. 04° 49' E.,	55.20 meters	to corner 9;
5	Thence	N. 31° 56' W.,	85.50 meters	to corner 10;
6	Thence	N. 19° 10' W.,	73.20 meters	to corner 11;
7	Thence	N. 16° 29' W.,	57.90 meters	to corner 12;
8	Thence	N. 21° 51' W.,	98.60 meters	to corner 13;
9	Thence	N. 33° 28' W.,	105.60 meters	to corner 14;
10	Thence	N. 12° 53' W.,	92.70 meters	to corner 15;
11	Thence	N. 11° 05' E.,	44.30 meters	to corner 16;
12	Thence	N. 16° 35' W.,	107.60 meters	to corner 17;
13	Thence	N. 35° 54' W.,	164.50 meters	to corner 18;
14	Thence	N. 28° 02' W.,	29.10 meters	to corner 19;
15	Thence	N. 04° 20' W.,	180.20 meters	to corner 20;
16	Thence	N. 01° 09' E.,	21.30 meters	to corner 21;
17	Thence	N. 36° 10' W.,	13.10 meters	to corner 22;
18	Thence	N. 18° 40' W.,	20.30 meters	to corner 23;
19	Thence	N. 05° 07' W.,	59.90 meters	to corner 24;
20	Thence	N. 34° 59' W.,	82.90 meters	to corner 25;
21	Thence	N. 27° 46' E.,	31.20 meters	to corner 26;
22	Thence	N. 44° 05' E.,	36.70 meters	to corner 27;
23	Thence	N. 23° 31' E.,	15.20 meters	to corner 28;
24	Thence	N. 36° 31' W.,	26.40 meters	to corner 29;
25	Thence	N. 49° 41' W.,	368.20 meters	to corner 30;
26	Thence	N. 81° 33' E.,	132.00 meters	to corner 31;
27	Thence	N. 82° 03' E.,	228.00 meters	to corner 32;
28	Thence	N. 42° 42' W.,	217.70 meters	to corner 33;

1	Thence	N. 46° 34' W.,	270.80 meters	to corner 34;
2	Thence	N. 45° 01' E.,	236.40 meters	to corner 35;
3	Thence	N. 57° 30' E.,	234.50 meters	to corner 36;
4	Thence	N. 50° 25' E.,	275.80 meters	to corner 37;
5	Thence	N. 80° 43' E.,	44.30 meters	to corner 38;
6	Thence	S. 39° 09' E.,	296.10 meters	to corner 39;
7	Thence	S. 04° 17' W.,	63.20 meters	to corner 40;
8	Thence	N. 82° 58' W.,	126.60 meters	to corner 41;
9	Thence	S. 58° 49' W.,	277.50 meters	to corner 42;
10	Thence	S. 04° 55' E.,	131.30 meters	to corner 43;
11	Thence	S. 67° 11' E.,	131.40 meters	to corner 44;
12	Thence	N. 35° 22' E.,	359.10 meters	to corner 45;
13	Thence	S. 88° 07' E.,	239.40 meters	to corner 46;
14	Thence	S. 78° 58' E.,	226.50 meters	to corner 47;
15	Thence	S. 21° 26' E.,	348.50 meters	to corner 48;
16	Thence	S. 12° 19' E.,	285.40 meters	to corner 49;
17	Thence	N. 69° 09' E.,	108.50 meters	to corner 50;
18	Thence	N. 08° 48' E.,	194.10 meters	to corner 51;
19	Thence	N. 17° 39' W.,	50.30 meters	to corner 52;
20	Thence	N. 23° 31' E.,	41.40 meters	to corner 53;
21	Thence	N. 89° 53' E.,	35.20 meters	to corner 54;
22	Thence	N. 14° 06' E.,	79.30 meters	to corner 55;
23	Thence	N. 33° 56' W.,	37.00 meters	to corner 56;
24	Thence	N. 45° 58' E.,	34.40 meters	to corner 57;
25	Thence	N. 16° 48' E.,	21.20 meters	to corner 58;
26	Thence	N. 66° 22' E.,	35.90 meters	to corner 59;
27	Thence	N. 08° 40' E.,	59.80 meters	to corner 60;
28	Thence	N. 22° 03' W.,	49.30 meters	to corner 61;

1	Thence	N. 06° 20' W.,	54.90 meters	to corner 62;
2	Thence	N. 30° 23' E.,	56.80 meters	to corner 63;
3	Thence	N. 72° 40' E.,	31.00 meters	to corner 64;
4	Thence	N. 38° 59' E.,	16.00 meters	to corner 65;
5	Thence	N. 03° 32' E.,	69.00 meters	to corner 66;
6	Thence	N. 17° 27' W.,	51.70 meters	to corner 67;
7	Thence	N. 56° 09' E.,	243.00 meters	to corner 68;
8	Thence	S. 15° 29' E.,	151.20 meters	to corner 69;
9	Thence	S. 21° 50' E.,	280.90 meters	to corner 70;
10	Thence	N. 43° 10' E.,	246.40 meters	to corner 71;
11	Thence	N. 14° 53' W.,	138.00 meters	to corner 72;
12	Thence	N. 68° 24' E.,	125.80 meters	to corner 73;
13	Thence	S. 46° 03' E.,	182.90 meters	to corner 74;
14	Thence	S. 10° 43' E.,	204.70 meters	to corner 75;
15	Thence	S. 45° 41' E.,	273.20 meters	to corner 76;
16	Thence	N. 39° 20' E.,	257.90 meters	to corner 77;
17	Thence	S. 08° 38' E.,	1,407.30 meters	to corner 78;
18	Thence	S. 83° 13' W.,	2,702.90 meters	to corner 79.
19	Lot 2. – Beginning at point "I" on plan, B.F.N.P. or M.B.M. No. 7, to			
20	corner 1;			
21	Thence	N. 08° 37' W.,	1,406.60 meters	to corner 2;
22	Thence	N. 70° 23' E.,	263.90 meters	to corner 3;
23	Thence	N. 08° 03' W.,	177.20 meters	to corner 4;
24	Thence	N. 84° 12' E.,	119.60 meters	to corner 5;
25	Thence	S. 32° 16' E.,	71.10 meters	to corner 6;
26	Thence	N. 44° 36' E.,	372.80 meters	to corner 7;
27	Thence	S. 81° 33' E.,	267.20 meters	to corner 8;
28	Thence	S. 49° 51' E.,	253.50 meters	to corner 9;

1	Thence	S. 72° 34' E.,	213.00 meters	to corner 10;
2	Thence	N. 63° 47' E.,	131.20 meters	to corner 11;
3	Thence	S. 62° 48' E.,	223.90 meters	to corner 12;
4	Thence	N. 65° 22' E.,	256.80 meters	to corner 13;
5	Thence	S. 14° 54' E.,	235.20 meters	to corner 14;
6	Thence	S. 26° 09' E.,	282.10 meters	to corner 15;
7	Thence	S. 19° 25' W.,	358.10 meters	to corner 16;
8	Thence	S. 00° 55' W.,	239.60 meters	to corner 17;
9	Thence	S. 70° 18' W.,	1,811.20 meters	to corner 18.
10	Lot 3. – Beginning at point “1” on plan, B.F.S.P. or M.B.M. No. 7, to			
11	corner 1;			
12	Thence	N. 83° 30' E.,	2,746.90 meters	to corner 2;
13	Thence	N. 72° 04' E.,	1,837.30 meters	to corner 3;
14	Thence	S. 02° 38' E.,	226.50 meters	to corner 4;
15	Thence	S. 19° 16' E.,	230.50 meters	to corner 5;
16	Thence	S. 07° 15' W.,	282.30 meters	to corner 6;
17	Thence	S. 09° 36' E.,	244.10 meters	to corner 7;
18	Thence	S. 39° 20' W.,	220.40 meters	to corner 8;
19	Thence	S. 23° 56' E.,	215.40 meters	to corner 9;
20	Thence	S. 34° 33' W.,	239.80 meters	to corner 10;
21	Thence	S. 70° 10' W.,	262.30 meters	to corner 11;
22	Thence	S. 67° 32' E.,	224.10 meters	to corner 12;
23	Thence	S. 74° 49' E.,	306.10 meters	to corner 13;
24	Thence	N. 46° 44' E.,	103.30 meters	to corner 14;
25	Thence	S. 85° 24' E.,	104.30 meters	to corner 15;
26	Thence	S. 31° 35' E.,	186.70 meters	to corner 16;
27	Thence	S. 31° 35' E.,	187.00 meters	to corner 17;
28	Thence	S. 67° 35' E.,	90.10 meters	to corner 18;

1	Thence	S. 06° 52' E.,	206.10 meters	to corner 19;
2	Thence	S. 73° 06' E.,	222.10 meters	to corner 20;
3	Thence	S. 82° 14' E.,	146.40 meters	to corner 21;
4	Thence	S. 27° 13' E.,	214.80 meters	to corner 22;
5	Thence	S. 12° 19' E.,	310.50 meters	to corner 23;
6	Thence	S. 43° 07' W.,	255.80 meters	to corner 24;
7	Thence	N. 87° 41' W.,	161.90 meters	to corner 25;
8	Thence	S. 63° 36' W.,	215.90 meters	to corner 26;
9	Thence	N. 69° 54' W.,	16.90 meters	to corner 27;
10	Thence	S. 25° 04' E.,	124.90 meters	to corner 28;
11	Thence	S. 57° 32' E.,	49.70 meters	to corner 29;
12	Thence	S. 80° 55' E.,	51.10 meters	to corner 30;
13	Thence	S. 05° 45' E.,	209.50 meters	to corner 31;
14	Thence	N. 62° 58' E.,	67.70 meters	to corner 32;
15	Thence	N. 39° 30' E.,	160.00 meters	to corner 33;
16	Thence	N. 44° 16' E.,	154.50 meters	to corner 34;
17	Thence	S. 58° 45' E.,	183.80 meters	to corner 35;
18	Thence	S. 23° 11' W.,	158.10 meters	to corner 36;
19	Thence	S. 22° 02' E.,	120.30 meters	to corner 37;
20	Thence	S. 49° 49' W.,	118.70 meters	to corner 38;
21	Thence	S. 68° 28' W.,	282.10 meters	to corner 39;
22	Thence	S. 02° 31' W.,	186.10 meters	to corner 40;
23	Thence	S. 68° 32' W.,	362.30 meters	to corner 41;
24	Thence	N. 86° 58' E.,	176.20 meters	to corner 42;
25	Thence	S. 63° 13' E.,	397.90 meters	to corner 43;
26	Thence	S. 84° 34' E.,	153.70 meters	to corner 44;
27	Thence	S. 47° 26' E.,	122.60 meters	to corner 45;
28	Thence	S. 27° 24' W.,	188.10 meters	to corner 46;

1	Thence	S. 02° 17' E.,	151.40 meters	to corner 47;
2	Thence	S. 70° 13' W.,	384.90 meters	to corner 48;
3	Thence	S. 78° 20' W.,	363.50 meters	to corner 49;
4	Thence	N. 80° 50' W.,	243.80 meters	to corner 50;
5	Thence	N. 39° 35' W.,	127.90 meters	to corner 51;
6	Thence	S. 89° 35' W.,	159.70 meters	to corner 52;
7	Thence	N. 48° 26' W.,	102.90 meters	to corner 53;
8	Thence	N. 52° 19' W.,	223.20 meters	to corner 54;
9	Thence	N. 79° 20' W.,	307.10 meters	to corner 55;
10	Thence	N. 74° 09' W.,	223.50 meters	to corner 56;
11	Thence	N. 65° 24' E.,	340.30 meters	to corner 57;
12	Thence	N. 17° 60' W.,	210.40 meters	to corner 58;
13	Thence	N. 47° 56' W.,	316.20 meters	to corner 59;
14	Thence	N. 62° 12' W.,	157.60 meters	to corner 60;
15	Thence	N. 13° 18' W.,	186.80 meters	to corner 61;
16	Thence	N. 80° 48' W.,	218.80 meters	to corner 62;
17	Thence	S. 60° 45' W.,	192.00 meters	to corner 63;
18	Thence	N. 76° 48' W.,	211.80 meters	to corner 64;
19	Thence	S. 84° 11' W.,	307.10 meters	to corner 65;
20	Thence	S. 14° 26' W.,	263.60 meters	to corner 66;
21	Thence	S. 39° 23' W.,	170.40 meters	to corner 67;
22	Thence	N. 43° 44' W.,	298.00 meters	to corner 68;
23	Thence	N. 37° 42' W.,	268.40 meters	to corner 69;
24	Thence	S. 57° 02' W.,	397.60 meters	to corner 70;
25	Thence	N. 29° 47' W.,	3,336.40 meters	to corner 71.
26	Lot 4. – Beginning at point “1” on plan, B.F.N.P. or M.B.M. No. 7, to			
27	corner 1;			
28	Thence	S. 28° 27' E.,	3,351.70 meters	to corner 2;

1	Thence	S. 33° 26' E.,	42.50 meters	to corner 3;
2	Thence	S. 74° 13' W.,	138.50 meters	to corner 4;
3	Thence	S. 13° 39' W.,	244.30 meters	to corner 5;
4	Thence	S. 68° 15' W.,	149.30 meters	to corner 6;
5	Thence	N. 01° 09' W.,	306.60 meters	to corner 7;
6	Thence	N. 36° 48' W.,	105.70 meters	to corner 8;
7	Thence	S. 82° 09' W.,	95.50 meters	to corner 9;
8	Thence	N. 62° 38' W.,	21.80 meters	to corner 10;
9	Thence	S. 47° 47' W.,	177.20 meters	to corner 11;
10	Thence	S. 18° 39' E.,	94.50 meters	to corner 12;
11	Thence	N. 83° 52' E.,	64.00 meters	to corner 13;
12	Thence	S. 73° 40' E.,	267.90 meters	to corner 14;
13	Thence	S. 11° 25' E.,	165.90 meters	to corner 15;
14	Thence	S. 46° 04' W.,	222.40 meters	to corner 16;
15	Thence	S. 12° 37' E.,	188.30 meters	to corner 17;
16	Thence	N. 80° 07' W.,	390.10 meters	to corner 18;
17	Thence	S. 77° 04' W.,	263.10 meters	to corner 19;
18	Thence	N. 68° 08' W.,	191.90 meters	to corner 20;
19	Thence	N. 58° 17' W.,	303.50 meters	to corner 21;
20	Thence	N. 78° 11' W.,	253.10 meters	to corner 22;
21	Thence	S. 89° 55' W.,	420.30 meters	to corner 23;
22	Thence	N. 75° 34' W.,	214.50 meters	to corner 24;
23	Thence	N. 38° 57' E.,	314.70 meters	to corner 25;
24	Thence	N. 82° 23' E.,	203.60 meters	to corner 26;
25	Thence	N. 84° 10' W.,	344.80 meters	to corner 27;
26	Thence	N. 73° 32' W.,	162.00 meters	to corner 28;
27	Thence	N. 74° 47' W.,	152.80 meters	to corner 29;
28	Thence	S. 25° 53' W.,	242.90 meters	to corner 30;

1	Thence	S. 37° 52' W.,	325.00 meters	to corner 31;
2	Thence	S. 38° 56' W.,	200.60 meters	to corner 32;
3	Thence	S. 64° 56' W.,	336.40 meters	to corner 33;
4	Thence	S. 86° 51' W.,	198.20 meters	to corner 34;
5	Thence	N. 77° 19' W.,	370.60 meters	to corner 35;
6	Thence	S. 71° 22' W.,	223.70 meters	to corner 36;
7	Thence	S. 66° 17' W.,	253.40 meters	to corner 37;
8	Thence	N. 27° 10' W.,	140.60 meters	to corner 38;
9	Thence	N. 53° 22' W.,	143.20 meters	to corner 39;
10	Thence	N. 53° 49' W.,	352.00 meters	to corner 40;
11	Thence	N. 26° 26' E.,	166.80 meters	to corner 41;
12	Thence	N. 80° 12' E.,	270.90 meters	to corner 42;
13	Thence	S. 85° 14' E.,	181.20 meters	to corner 43;
14	Thence	N. 70° 46' E.,	201.70 meters	to corner 44;
15	Thence	N. 62° 11' E.,	310.90 meters	to corner 45;
16	Thence	N. 33° 16' E.,	175.60 meters	to corner 46;
17	Thence	N. 30° 54' E.,	368.40 meters	to corner 47;
18	Thence	N. 19° 15' E.,	467.00 meters	to corner 48;
19	Thence	N. 16° 07' W.,	363.60 meters	to corner 49;
20	Thence	N. 48° 38' W.,	277.70 meters	to corner 50;
21	Thence	N. 55° 28' W.,	53.80 meters	to corner 51;
22	Thence	S. 48° 12' W.,	278.00 meters	to corner 52;
23	Thence	N. 89° 29' W.,	230.10 meters	to corner 53;
24	Thence	N. 76° 59' W.,	172.90 meters	to corner 54;
25	Thence	N. 70° 57' E.,	118.50 meters	to corner 55;
26	Thence	N. 30° 29' E.,	174.60 meters	to corner 56;
27	Thence	N. 02° 23' W.,	177.00 meters	to corner 57;
28	Thence	N. 13° 52' E.,	258.40 meters	to corner 58;

1	Thence	N. 26° 12' W.,	223.80 meters	to corner 59;
2	Thence	N. 12° 36' W.,	193.30 meters	to corner 60;
3	Thence	N. 74° 10' E.,	2,684.00 meters	to corner 61.
4	Lot 5. – Beginning at point “1” on plan, B.F.N.P. or M.B.M. No. 7, to			
5	corner 1;			
6	Thence	S. 75° 16' W.,	2,984.50 meters	to corner 2;
7	Thence	N. 48° 50' E.,	16.10 meters	to corner 3;
8	Thence	N. 22° 09' E.,	85.70 meters	to corner 4;
9	Thence	N. 37° 34' W.,	150.80 meters	to corner 5;
10	Thence	N. 78° 11' W.,	70.00 meters	to corner 6;
11	Thence	N. 30° 40' W.,	75.90 meters	to corner 7;
12	Thence	N. 01° 32' W.,	95.40 meters	to corner 8;
13	Thence	N. 48° 14' E.,	56.20 meters	to corner 9;
14	Thence	N. 47° 48' E.,	164.70 meters	to corner 10;
15	Thence	N. 89° 24' E.,	72.20 meters	to corner 11;
16	Thence	N. 15° 07' E.,	76.70 meters	to corner 12;
17	Thence	N. 28° 48' W.,	41.20 meters	to corner 13;
18	Thence	N. 69° 36' W.,	214.10 meters	to corner 14;
19	Thence	N. 17° 59' E.,	185.80 meters	to corner 15;
20	Thence	N. 11° 38' W.,	170.60 meters	to corner 16;
21	Thence	N. 29° 04' W.,	105.20 meters	to corner 17;
22	Thence	N. 22° 51' W.,	44.80 meters	to corner 18;
23	Thence	N. 43° 06' W.,	11.10 meters	to corner 19;
24	Thence	N. 75° 15' E.,	60.40 meters	to corner 20;
25	Thence	N. 70° 25' E.,	36.90 meters	to corner 21;
26	Thence	N. 15° 17' W.,	36.90 meters	to corner 22;
27	Thence	N. 12° 49' W.,	40.10 meters	to corner 23;
28	Thence	N. 58° 50' E.,	20.70 meters	to corner 24;

1	Thence	N. 01° 42' W.,	32.60 meters	to corner 25;
2	Thence	N. 58° 56' W.,	63.40 meters	to corner 26;
3	Thence	N. 17° 16' W.,	77.20 meters	to corner 27;
4	Thence	S. 62° 42' E.,	50.90 meters	to corner 28;
5	Thence	S. 48° 11' E.,	37.80 meters	to corner 29;
6	Thence	S. 47° 31' E.,	81.70 meters	to corner 30;
7	Thence	S. 08° 26' E.,	29.20 meters	to corner 31;
8	Thence	S. 27° 16' E.,	55.40 meters	to corner 32;
9	Thence	S. 46° 52' E.,	68.90 meters	to corner 33;
10	Thence	S. 65° 03' E.,	29.90 meters	to corner 34;
11	Thence	S. 58° 43' E.,	34.30 meters	to corner 35;
12	Thence	S. 39° 01' E.,	43.60 meters	to corner 36;
13	Thence	S. 82° 11' E.,	66.10 meters	to corner 37;
14	Thence	S. 42° 35' E.,	38.40 meters	to corner 38;
15	Thence	S. 39° 37' E.,	37.50 meters	to corner 39;
16	Thence	S. 55° 30' E.,	12.60 meters	to corner 40;
17	Thence	S. 10° 01' E.,	29.00 meters	to corner 41;
18	Thence	S. 21° 18' E.,	56.00 meters	to corner 42;
19	Thence	S. 62° 43' E.,	189.40 meters	to corner 43;
20	Thence	S. 70° 41' E.,	178.20 meters	to corner 44;
21	Thence	N. 44° 45' E.,	77.40 meters	to corner 45;
22	Thence	N. 67° 24' W.,	96.60 meters	to corner 46;
23	Thence	N. 33° 06' W.,	31.20 meters	to corner 47;
24	Thence	N. 60° 45' W.,	33.50 meters	to corner 48;
25	Thence	N. 49° 08' E.,	37.90 meters	to corner 49;
26	Thence	N. 50° 14' E.,	73.80 meters	to corner 50;
27	Thence	N. 17° 37' W.,	35.10 meters	to corner 51;
28	Thence	N. 60° 31' W.,	82.80 meters	to corner 52;

1	Thence	N. 23° 22' E.,	66.60 meters	to corner 53;
2	Thence	S. 76° 37' E.,	40.30 meters	to corner 54;
3	Thence	S. 39° 28' E.,	145.60 meters	to corner 55;
4	Thence	N. 69° 12' E.,	125.50 meters	to corner 56;
5	Thence	N. 44° 30' E.,	249.80 meters	to corner 57;
6	Thence	N. 49° 51' E.,	136.80 meters	to corner 58;
7	Thence	N. 33° 08' E.,	266.20 meters	to corner 59;
8	Thence	N. 69° 39' E.,	217.80 meters	to corner 60;
9	Thence	N. 33° 25' E.,	153.40 meters	to corner 61;
10	Thence	N. 32° 00' E.,	63.00 meters	to corner 62;
11	Thence	N. 68° 03' E.,	105.00 meters	to corner 63;
12	Thence	N. 61° 18' E.,	131.60 meters	to corner 64;
13	Thence	N. 14° 14' E.,	52.20 meters	to corner 65;
14	Thence	N. 66° 28' W.,	115.80 meters	to corner 66;
15	Thence	N. 42° 29' E.,	186.60 meters	to corner 67;
16	Thence	S. 63° 47' E.,	34.60 meters	to corner 68;
17	Thence	S. 71° 20' E.,	101.50 meters	to corner 69;
18	Thence	S. 15° 29' E.,	269.40 meters	to corner 70;
19	Thence	S. 54° 35' E.,	165.20 meters	to corner 71;
20	Thence	S. 27° 22' E.,	17.40 meters	to corner 72;
21	Thence	N. 25° 09' E.,	101.40 meters	to corner 73;
22	Thence	N. 28° 09' E.,	101.40 meters	to corner 74;
23	Thence	N. 10° 02' W.,	21.70 meters	to corner 75;
24	Thence	N. 11° 35' W.,	16.90 meters	to corner 76;
25	Thence	N. 27° 28' E.,	35.00 meters	to corner 77;
26	Thence	N. 28° 52' E.,	21.10 meters	to corner 78;
27	Thence	N. 67° 03' E.,	40.30 meters	to corner 79;
28	Thence	N. 49° 50' E.,	44.90 meters	to corner 80;

1	Thence	N. 40° 37' E.,	32.30 meters	to corner	81;
2	Thence	N. 23° 40' E.,	26.30 meters	to corner	82;
3	Thence	N. 28° 17' E.,	38.00 meters	to corner	83;
4	Thence	N. 71° 02' E.,	11.70 meters	to corner	84;
5	Thence	N. 86° 56' E.,	60.70 meters	to corner	85;
6	Thence	N. 55° 42' E.,	19.00 meters	to corner	86;
7	Thence	N. 21° 17' E.,	9.50 meters	to corner	87;
8	Thence	S. 01° 10' W.,	22.30 meters	to corner	88;
9	Thence	S. 03° 55' E.,	187.60 meters	to corner	89;
10	Thence	S. 25° 42' E.,	131.70 meters	to corner	90;
11	Thence	S. 71° 13' E.,	156.40 meters	to corner	91;
12	Thence	S. 15° 04' E.,	111.30 meters	to corner	92;
13	Thence	S. 10° 03' E.,	45.90 meters	to corner	93;
14	Thence	S. 11° 41' E.,	96.20 meters	to corner	94;
15	Thence	S. 30° 52' E.,	107.00 meters	to corner	95;
16	Thence	S. 19° 56' E.,	101.40 meters	to corner	96;
17	Thence	S. 14° 59' E.,	59.80 meters	to corner	97;
18	Thence	S. 17° 26' E.,	75.50 meters	to corner	98;
19	Thence	S. 29° 20' E.,	86.70 meters	to corner	99;
20	Thence	S. 04° 60' W.,	88.80 meters	to corner	100;
21	Thence	S. 10° 36' W.,	102.80 meters	to corner	101;
22	Thence	S. 04° 32' E.,	70.40 meters	to corner	102;
23	Thence	S. 04° 36' W.,	62.40 meters	to corner	103;
24	Thence	S. 14° 51' E.,	49.70 meters	to corner	104;
25	Thence	S. 24° 25' E.,	32.90 meters	to corner	105;
26	Thence	S. 02° 31' W.,	37.80 meters	to corner	106;
27	Thence	S. 66° 30' W.,	9.90 meters	to corner	1,
28	the point of beginning.				

1 SEC. 5. *Land Classification.* – All lands of the public domain within the
2 coverage and scope of this Act described in Section 4 shall fall under the
3 classification of national park pursuant to the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

4 SEC. 6. *Definition of Terms.* –

5 (a) “BVNP” refers to the Bulusan Volcano Natural Park.

6 (b) “Genetically modified organism (GMO)” refers to any living
7 organism that possesses a novel combination of genetic material obtained
8 through the use of modern biotechnology through *in vitro* nucleic acid
9 techniques, including recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and direct
10 injection of nucleic acid into cells or organelles, or fusion of cells beyond the
11 taxonomic family, that overcome natural physiological reproductive or
12 recombination barriers that are not techniques used in traditional breeding and
13 selection.

14 (c) “LGU” refers to any of the local government units within the
15 BVNP.

16 (d) “PAMB” refers to the BVNP Protected Area Management Board.

17 (e) “PASu” refers to the Protected Area Superintendent.

18 (f) “Protected species” refers to any plant or animal declared protected
19 under Philippine laws and international conventions, including species listed
20 under the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES)
21 and all its Annexes, the Bonn Convention on Migratory Species, the Red-list of
22 Categories of the World Conservation Union (IUCN), or any plant or animal
23 which the PAMB may deem critical for the conservation and preservation of
24 the BVNP.

25 (g) “Natural park” refers to a relatively large area not materially altered
26 by human activity where extractive resource uses are not allowed and
27 maintained to protect outstanding natural and scenic areas of national or
28 international significance for scientific, educational and recreational use.

1 (h) "Secretary" refers to the Secretary of the Department of
2 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

3 ARTICLE II

4 MANAGEMENT, MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ZONING

5 SEC. 7. *Management of the BVNP.* – The BVNP shall be under the
6 administrative jurisdiction of the DENR and shall be administered in
7 accordance with the provisions of this Act: *Provided,* That the identification
8 and management of zones to be established within the BVNP shall be
9 consultative and participatory.

10 The PAMB shall be responsible for the planning, resource protection
11 and general administration of the BVNP in accordance with the approved
12 management plan.

13 SEC. 8. *Management Plan.* – A management plan shall be adopted
14 which shall serve as the long-term basic framework for the management of the
15 BVNP, govern all activities within the BVNP and guide the preparation of the
16 annual operations plan and budget. The management plan shall be consistent
17 with this Act and the nature of the BVNP as a protected area under the
18 category of a natural park. A management manual containing the management
19 plan and other supporting data shall be prepared in accordance with the
20 implementing rules of the NIPAS Act.

21 Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the PASu office
22 shall prepare the management plan in accordance with the General
23 Management Planning Strategy as provided for in the implementing rules of
24 the NIPAS Act. It shall contain, among others, the following:

25 (a) A period of applicability for ten (10) years subject to review every
26 five (5) years;

27 (b) Key management issues;

28 (c) Goals and objectives of management in support of Section 2;

1 (d) Zoning in accordance with Section 9;

2 (e) Management programs to include enforcement of laws, habitat and
3 wildlife management, ecotourism, sustainable use, management, infrastructure
4 development and maintenance, fire prevention and pest control;

5 (f) Sustainable and non-destructive livelihood activities;

6 (g) Regulations in furtherance of the preservation and conservation
7 aims of the BVNP such as allowable activities, resource-use restrictions,
8 among others; and

9 (h) Other relevant conservation matters.

10 The management plan shall be reviewed and adopted by the PAMB and
11 certified to by the DENR Secretary. It shall not be revised nor modified
12 without prior consultation with the PAMB. The PAMB shall review and
13 update the management plan every five (5) years.

14 Within two (2) years prior to the expiration of the management plan, the
15 PASu shall cause the publication of notices for comments and suggestions on
16 the successor management plan in a newspaper of general circulation and the
17 posting thereof in the provincial, municipal and barangay halls of the LGUs
18 comprising the BVNP, and in three (3) other conspicuous areas frequented by
19 the public. The successor plan shall be made available for public perusal at the
20 PASu office.

21 The management plan and all its successor plans shall be prepared in
22 English, Filipino and Bicol, plainly written and made accessible to the public
23 at the PASu office.

24 SEC. 9. *Zoning.* – Management zones shall be established within the
25 BVNP, giving primary consideration to its protection and conservation.
26 Zoning shall also take into account tenurial and livelihood concerns of
27 communities to ensure the efficient protection of habitats, fragile ecosystems
28 and unique areas.

1 The establishment and management of zones shall involve the
2 communities concerned by undertaking such steps as dialogues, consultations
3 and land- and resource-use mapping. Zones shall be demarcated on the ground
4 and indicated on maps with the participation of communities, LGUs and other
5 stakeholders.

6 Multiple-use zones shall be established within the peripheral areas of the
7 BVNP in accordance with the management plan to serve as a social fence,
8 where tenurial and sustainable resource-use rights may be granted to qualified
9 groups and individuals.

10 ARTICLE III

11 INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS, ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

12 SEC. 10. *The Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)*. – There is
13 hereby created a PAMB, which shall serve as the highest policy-making body
14 of the BVNP. It shall be composed of the following:

15 (a) The DENR Regional Executive Director (RED) for Region V, as
16 PAMB chairperson;

17 (b) The Provincial Governor of Sorsogon as co-chairperson;

18 (c) The provincial planning and development officer of Sorsogon;

19 (d) The environment and natural resources officer of the Province of
20 Sorsogon;

21 (e) The respective mayors of the municipalities of Barcelona, Bulusan,
22 Casiguran, Irosin and Juban;

23 (f) The Representative of the First District of the Province of Sorsogon
24 to the Philippine Congress or his/her designated representative;

25 (g) The Representative of the Second District of the Province of
26 Sorsogon to the Philippine Congress or his/her designated representative;

27 (h) One (1) regular representative from each barangay with territory
28 within the BVNP;

1 (i) One (1) regular representative each from the nongovernment
2 organizations (NGOs), people's organizations, church or civil organizations but
3 not to exceed five (5), all of whom must be based in or near the BVNP, to be
4 chosen by their respective organizations in an election duly called for the
5 purpose;

6 (j) One (1) representative from the Department of Tourism (DOT),
7 Region V;

8 (k) One (1) representative from the Department of Agriculture (DA),
9 Region V;

10 (l) One (1) representative from other government agencies with direct
11 interest or involvement in BVNP management, to be appointed by the Secretary
12 upon the recommendation of the respective heads of offices; and

13 (m) One (1) representative from academic institutions with direct
14 interest or involvement in protected area management, to be appointed by the
15 Secretary from among the respective nominees of these institutions.

16 Every member of the PAMB shall serve for a term of five (5) years,
17 which is renewable for another five (5) years for as long as such member
18 remains connected with the office or sector being represented: *Provided*, That
19 LGU representatives must present the necessary endorsements from their
20 respective legislative councils. Whenever a vacancy occurs during the term of
21 a nongovernment PAMB member, a new member shall be chosen in the same
22 manner as the original selection process and only for the remaining term.

23 SEC. 11. *Powers and Functions of the PAMB.* – The PAMB shall
24 decide by majority vote and shall have the following powers and functions:

25 (a) Issue rules and regulations to control, prohibit and regulate all acts
26 that may be prejudicial to the BVNP pursuant to the policy declarations set
27 forth, including the imposition of fines to a maximum of Twenty thousand

1 pesos (P20,000.00) and the issuance of cease and desist orders, whenever
2 justified;

3 (b) Regulate, control and issue permits in accordance with the
4 management plan and pertinent environmental laws and regulations
5 particularly with regard to infrastructure activities, public utilities, waste
6 management, business enterprises and research activities within the BVNP,
7 including the power to prescribe appropriate fees and charges;

8 (c) Cause the preparation of and review, approve and adopt a
9 management plan for the BVNP;

10 (d) Adopt and enforce a land-use scheme and zoning plan in adjoining
11 areas for the preservation and control of activities that may threaten the
12 ecological balance in the BVNP;

13 (e) Conduct studies on various characteristics, features and conditions
14 of the BVNP and prescribe permissible or prohibited human activities in the
15 area;

16 (f) Recommend individuals or groups to the Secretary who may be
17 deputized to augment the protection of personnel of the BVNP for the
18 enforcement of laws, rules and regulations, and prescribe qualifications
19 thereof;

20 (g) Enter into contracts and agreements with private entities or other
21 government agencies as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act;

22 (h) Fix and prescribe reasonable fees to be collected from government
23 agencies or any person, firm or corporation deriving benefits from the BVNP;

24 (i) Exact administrative fees and fines as authorized in Section 18 for
25 violation of guidelines, rules and regulations issued pursuant to this Act as
26 would endanger the viability of the BVNP;

1 (j) Determine the specification of the class, type and style of building
2 and other structures to be constructed in the BVNP and the materials to be
3 used thereon;

4 (k) Control the construction, operation and maintenance of roads, trails,
5 waterworks, sewerage, fire protection and sanitation systems and other public
6 utilities within the BVNP;

7 (l) To accept, in the name of the Philippine government funds,
8 donations, gifts or bequests of money for immediate disbursement or other
9 property in the interest of the BVNP, its activities or its services;

10 (m) Review and approve proposals for funding, financial and work
11 plans and exercise accountability over all funds that may accrue to the BVNP;

12 (n) Promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of its business;

13 (o) Monitor and evaluate the performance of all PASu office personnel;

14 (p) Call on any agency or instrumentality of the Philippine government
15 as well as academic institutions, NGOs and the private sector as may be
16 necessary to accomplish the objectives and activities of the BVNP;

17 (q) Retain legal counsel to defend cases against the PAMB, the staff of
18 the PASu office and deputized individuals whenever they are sued in
19 connection with the performance of their duties and functions under this Act,
20 and to assist in resolving other PAMB legal matters; and

21 (r) Initiate and file suits against persons or entities whose businesses or
22 activities are detrimental to the BVNP.

23 SEC. 12. *The Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office.* – There is
24 hereby established a PASu office in charge of the management, protection and
25 administration of the BVNP. The PASu office shall be supported by the
26 existing personnel of the DENR. The head of office shall be the chief

1 operating officer of the BVNP and shall be accountable to the RED of the
2 DENR-Region V and the PAMB.

3 SEC. 13. *Local Government Units (LGUs)*. – LGUs shall be represented
4 in the PAMB and shall have the following functions:

5 (a) Apprise their respective constituents, office and sector on activities
6 and programs for the BVNP;

7 (b) Ensure consistency in the implementation of all activities in the
8 BVNP;

9 (c) Retain their ordinance-making powers over the BVNP: *Provided,*
10 That on matters relating to biodiversity conservation, protection and
11 sustainable development, local government ordinances shall be consistent with
12 the management plan;

13 (d) Consider the BVNP Management Plan in the formulation of their
14 respective development plans;

15 (e) Assist the PAMB in the implementation of the overall park
16 programs including, but not limited to, the imposition, collection and
17 utilization of park fees, enforcement of policies, rules and regulations, and
18 other similar park activities;

19 (f) Accredite people’s organizations, NGOs and other entities and
20 groups involved in activities within the BVNP; and

21 (g) Provide the PAMB with relevant information and data for the
22 effective management of the BVNP.

23 ARTICLE IV

24 UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES

25 SEC. 14. *Tenured Migrants*. – Tenured migrants are members of
26 households who have actually and continuously occupied a portion of the
27 BVNP on or before June 1, 1987 and are substantially dependent thereon for
28 subsistence. The PAMB shall certify the occupants who shall qualify as

1 tenured migrants. On the basis of this certification, the DENR shall issue the
2 appropriate tenurial instruments over such areas as have been occupied or
3 cultivated by them but not to exceed three (3) hectares per household. Despite
4 consideration to current practices, in areas occupied by tenured migrants that
5 are designated as zones in which no occupation or other human activities shall
6 be allowed, the occupants in these areas shall be transferred to suitable zones,
7 to be accomplished through just and humane means.

8 Any transfer, sale, donation, disposition, lease, encumbrance or use as
9 collateral, security or capital of the tenurial instrument or the rights and
10 interests arising over the instrument shall be void. Said rights can only be
11 transferred by way of succession to compulsory heirs who are also actual
12 occupants of the BVNP. Any violation of the terms and conditions of a
13 tenurial instrument or any provision of this Act or abandonment by the tenured
14 migrants shall constitute sufficient ground for the revocation of the tenurial
15 instrument.

16 Upon termination of an occupant's tenurial rights for cause or by
17 voluntary surrender of rights, the PASu shall take immediate steps to
18 rehabilitate the area in order to return it to its approximate natural state prior to
19 the cultivation or improvement by the tenured migrant.

20 The PAMB shall provide appropriate measures for those who do not
21 qualify as tenured migrants or those living outside the BVNP but who depend
22 substantially on the resources of the BVNP for their subsistence to ensure that
23 their livelihood activities are in accordance with the objectives of this law and
24 consistent with the management plan.

25 SEC. 15. *Existing Facilities within the BVNP.* – Within one (1) year
26 from the approval of this Act, all existing commercial facilities within the
27 BVNP with capitalization of not less than One hundred thousand pesos
28 (P100,000.00), or which relies heavily from resources within the BVNP, shall

1 submit to the PASu office a sworn statement containing the following
2 information:

- 3 (a) Potential for disturbances of protected species and their habitats;
- 4 (b) Emissions and effluents at all stages of the operation;
- 5 (c) Energy requirements and sources of energy;
- 6 (d) Water supply requirements and sources of water;
- 7 (e) Volume of resources extracted from the BVNP;
- 8 (f) Future plans for the next five (5) years; and
- 9 (g) Other data that may be deemed relevant to the conservation
10 objectives of the BVNP.

11 Based on these submissions, the PAMB shall determine whether the
12 continued operation and future plans of these facilities are detrimental to the
13 BVNP or require their operations to undergo the Environmental Impact
14 Statement (EIS) System. The PAMB may prescribe conditions or charge
15 reasonable fees for the continued operation of facilities that rely heavily on
16 resources within the BVNP to ensure that it does not impair the conservation
17 objectives of the BVNP. Without prejudice to the filing of the necessary
18 criminal charges, in case of violation of the PAMB conditions or nonpayment
19 of charges, the PAMB may impose an administrative fine of Five thousand
20 pesos (P5,000.00). Whenever necessary, through the PASu and other
21 government entities, the PAMB shall cause the cessation and demolition of the
22 said facility at the owner's cost. The failure to submit the required information
23 shall constitute a violation of this Act and be subject to the penalties imposed
24 under Section 18(b).

25 SEC. 16. *Utilization of Resources.* – Except upon prior approval of the
26 PAMB and consistent with the management plan, the use of natural resources
27 within the BVNP shall not be allowed. However, the sustainable use of
28 resources by tenured migrants for their domestic needs or for subsistence shall

1 not be restricted unless involving protected species or such use is deemed
2 highly detrimental to the ecosystem.

3 SEC. 17. *Public Agricultural Lands.* – Upon the passage of this Act, no
4 land within the BVNP shall be released from the public domain as agricultural
5 lands and any sale, transfer, alienation or disposition thereof shall be null and
6 void.

7 ARTICLE V

8 PROHIBITED ACTS

9 SEC. 18. *Prohibited Acts.* – The following are prohibited acts within the
10 BVNP with their respective penalties:

11 (a) A fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but not
12 more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) and imprisonment of
13 not less than six (6) years and one (1) day to not more than twelve (12) years
14 shall be imposed upon any person who:

15 (1) Hunts, collects, takes, destroys, traps, disturbs or otherwise
16 possesses any wild plant, animals or product, including genetic resources,
17 derived from the BVNP without prior PAMB permit: *Provided*, That such
18 permit can only be given for scientific purposes and necessary for the BVNP
19 management;

20 (2) Cuts, gathers, collects, removes or otherwise possesses timber or
21 other forest products within the BVNP without prior PAMB permit: *Provided*,
22 That such permit can only be given for scientific purposes and necessary for
23 the BVNP management: *Provided, further*, That no permit shall be issued for
24 timber or other forest products within strict protection zones;

25 (3) *Engages in slash-and-burn farming or kaingin*, or otherwise
26 intentionally or negligently causes a forest fire inside the BVNP;

27 (4) *Engages in mineral or energy exploration activities within the*
28 BVNP;

- 1 (5) Engages in treasure-hunting within the BVNP;
- 2 (6) Introduces exotic species or genetically modified organisms within
3 the BVNP; and
- 4 (7) Discharges, leaves or dumps any waste product or substance
5 deleterious to the BVNP ecosystem or to any of the flora and fauna;
- 6 (b) A fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but not
7 more than Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00) and imprisonment
8 of not less than six (6) months and one (1) day to not more than six (6) years
9 shall be imposed upon any person who:
- 10 (1) Occupies, settles or possesses any portion of land inside the BVNP
11 without the necessary permit. Any act of clearing, construction of residence or
12 introduction of improvements shall constitute *prima facie* evidence of such
13 occupation or settlement;
- 14 (2) Vandalizes, mutilates, destroys, excavates, defaces or otherwise
15 intentionally damages any natural formation or object of natural beauty inside
16 the BVNP;
- 17 (3) Uses or possesses motorized equipment, explosives or any noxious
18 substance anywhere within the strict protection zones of the BVNP as
19 delineated by the PAMB;
- 20 (4) Constructs or maintains any kind of road, structure, fence or
21 enclosure without prior PAMB permit; and
- 22 (5) Obstructs or hinders the enforcement of this Act, the management
23 plan and its pertinent rules and regulations;
- 24 (c) A fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but not
25 more than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than
26 one (1) month and one (1) day to not more than six (6) months, or both, shall
27 be imposed upon any person who:

1 (1) Except as otherwise provided, violates the management plan or any
2 of the rules or resolutions promulgated by the PAMB;

3 (2) Alters, removes, destroys or deface boundaries, marks or signs;

4 (3) Enters the BVNP without prior PAMB permit for purposes of
5 trekking, mountain climbing, spelunking and other recreational activities; and

6 (4) Dumps, litters or otherwise leaves debris, refuse or garbage within
7 the BVNP;

8 (d) Any provision to the contrary notwithstanding, the commission of
9 any unlawful act under Section 18(a) shall carry the penalty of imprisonment of
10 not less than twelve (12) years and one (1) day to not more than twenty (20)
11 years and a fine of not less than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) to
12 not more than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00), whenever the species
13 involved is a protected species. Any citizen may institute the necessary charge
14 against an offender for the commission of the acts enumerated under this
15 section;

16 (e) A conviction under this section shall carry the accessory penalties
17 of eviction from the BVNP, payment of damages for rehabilitation and
18 restoration, and the forfeiture of all conveyances, equipment, device,
19 instrument, tool or weapon used in the commission of the offense as well as
20 flora, fauna and resources caught in the possession of the accused. If the
21 offender is an association, partnership or corporation, the president or manager
22 of the said corporation shall be held liable for the act of his/her employees or
23 workers;

24 (f) The DENR, through the PASu, may impose administrative
25 sanctions against the offender for violations committed under this Act. The
26 PASu may confiscate all conveyances, equipment, device, instrument, tool or
27 weapon used in the commission of the offense caught *en flagrante*, including

1 the animals, plants and other resources from the BVNP found in the possession
2 of the offender; and

3 (g) In case of conviction, the penalty consisting of fines and damages
4 shall directly accrue to the Bulusan Volcano Natural Park Fund (BVNPF).

5 ARTICLE VI

6 PROCEEDS AND FEES

7 SEC. 19. *The Bulusan Volcano Natural Park Fund.* – There is hereby
8 established a trust fund to be known as the Bulusan Volcano Natural Park Fund
9 (BVNPF) for purposes of financing projects of the BVNP. All income
10 generated from the operation of the BVNP or the management of its wild flora
11 and fauna shall accrue to the BVNPF. These income shall be derived from
12 fees from permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other resources from
13 the BVNP, proceeds from the lease of multiple-use areas, contributions from
14 industries and facilities directly benefiting from the BVNP, and such other fees
15 and income derived from the operation of the BVNP.

16 The BVNPF may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from
17 various sources, domestic or foreign: *Provided*, That the BVNPF shall be
18 deposited as a special account in the National Treasury and disbursements
19 therefrom shall be made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration
20 and management of the BVNP, and duly approved projects endorsed by the
21 PAMB in accordance with existing accounting and budgeting rules and
22 regulations: *Provided, further*, That the BVNPF shall not be used to cover
23 personal services expenditures.

24 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not
25 enumerated herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business
26 permits, property tax and rentals of LGUs' facilities. Furthermore, LGUs may
27 charge add-ons to fees imposed by the PAMB: *Provided*, That such add-ons

1 shall be determined based on the contribution of the LGUs in the maintenance
2 and protection of the protected area.

3 All donations, grants and endowments accruing to the BVNPF shall be
4 exempted from income or gift taxes and all other taxes, charges or fees
5 imposed by the government or any political subdivision or instrumentality
6 thereof.

7 Current sources of revenue of LGUs such as business permits and real
8 property taxes shall be excluded from the BVNPF.

9 SEC. 20. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DENR shall
10 immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this
11 Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
12 Appropriations Act.

13 ARTICLE VII

14 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

15 SEC. 21. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or section of this Act is
16 declared unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect in any manner the
17 other parts or sections hereof.

18 SEC. 22. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, proclamations, rules and
19 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
20 accordingly.

21 SEC. 23. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
22 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
23 circulation.

Approved,