

1 legitimate inhabitants; and foster partnerships among government,
2 nongovernment organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations (POs).

3 SEC. 3. *Scope.* - The MIPLS shall cover the islets of Bayangan and
4 Bali-udyong, including the municipal waters thereof, located in the
5 Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, containing a total
6 area of more or less one hundred and point twenty (100.20) hectares,
7 constituting the aggregate land and marine portion of the protected area, and an
8 area of one hundred and point fifty-seven (100.57) hectares of marine portion,
9 as buffer zone.

10 (a) The MIPLS begins at a point marked "1" on the map, which is
11 N. 59°50' W. at 10,665.55 meters from BLLM No. 1, PLS-6;

12	Thence	N. 19°32' W.	272.90 m.	to corner	2;
13	Thence	N. 41°59' W.	247.10 m.	to corner	3;
14	Thence	N. 26°20' W.	108.60 m.	to corner	4;
15	Thence	N. 53°22' E.	108.90 m.	to corner	5;
16	Thence	N. 71°09' E.	137.60 m.	to corner	6;
17	Thence	N. 89°09' E.	115.80 m.	to corner	7;
18	Thence	S. 80°33' E.	968.00 m.	to corner	8;
19	Thence	S. 56°08' E.	222.70 m.	to corner	9;
20	Thence	S. 43°30' E.	189.40 m.	to corner	10;
21	Thence	S. 10°16' E.	144.20 m.	to corner	11;
22	Thence	S. 38°32' W.	271.60 m.	to corner	12;
23	Thence	S. 61°06' W.	285.20 m.	to corner	13;
24	Thence	S. 85°36' W.	225.50 m.	to corner	14;
25	Thence	N. 75°59' W.	291.80 m.	to corner	15;
26	Thence	N. 62°00' W.	444.00 m.	to corner	1, the point of

27 beginning, containing an area of one hundred point twenty (100.20) hectares,
28 more or less.

1 (b) The buffer zone of the MIPLS begins at a point marked "1" on the
2 map which is S. 10°00' W. and 410.00 meters from corner 1 of the MIPLS;

3 Thence S. 48°01' W. 680.20 m. to corner 2;

4 Thence N. 02°02' W. 817.02 m. to corner 3;

5 Thence N. 61°59' E. 259.90 m. to corner 4;

6 Thence S. 84°60' E. 679.70 m. to corner 5;

7 Thence S. 61°59' E. 743.70 m. to corner 6;

8 Thence S. 79°60' E. 519.80 m. to corner 7;

9 Thence S. 01°60' E. 580.00 m. to corner 8;

10 Thence S. 43°01' W. 740.20 m. to corner 9;

11 Thence N. 73°01' W. 208.10 m. to corner 10;

12 Thence S. 76°00' W. 460.20 m. to corner 11;

13 Thence N. 56°01' W. 495.20 m. to corner 1, the point of
14 beginning, containing an area of one hundred and point fifty-seven (100.57)
15 hectares, more or less.

16 The technical descriptions of the MIPLS and its buffer zone shall be
17 subject to actual ground survey.

18 SEC. 4. *Land Classification* – All lands and waters comprising the
19 MIPLS shall fall under the classification of national park as provided for in the
20 Philippine Constitution.

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

23 (a) "Biodiversity or biological diversity" shall refer to the variability
24 among living organisms, including genetic and structural differences, between
25 individuals and within and between species.

26 (b) "Buffer zone" shall refer to identified areas outside the boundaries
27 of and immediately adjacent to designated protected areas pursuant to
28 Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the National

1 Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, that need special
2 development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area.

3 (c) "Conservation" shall refer to the optimum utilization and
4 management of natural resources in order to meet the needs and aspirations of
5 the present and the future.

6 (d) "Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)" shall refer to the
7 various activities undertaken pursuant to the EIA System established under
8 Presidential Decree No. 1586 or supervening legislation.

9 (e) "Habitat management zone" shall refer to areas with significant
10 habitat and species values where management practices are required
11 periodically to maintain specific non-climax habitat types or conditions
12 required by rare, threatened or endangered species. Human habitation and
13 sustainable use may be allowed if they play a habitat management role.

14 (f) "Integrated Protected Area Fund" shall refer to a trust fund
15 established for purposes of financing projects of the NIPAS.

16 (g) "Management plan" shall refer to the fundamental plan, strategy
17 and/or scheme, which shall guide all activities relating to the MIPLS in order
18 to attain the objectives of this Act.

19 (h) "Multiple use zone" shall refer to areas where resettlement,
20 traditional and/or sustainable land use, including agriculture, agro-forestry,
21 extraction activities and other income generating or livelihood activities, may
22 be allowed to the extent prescribed in the management plan and where land
23 tenure may be granted to qualified residents.

24 (i) "National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)" shall refer
25 to the classification and administration of all designated protected areas to
26 maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve
27 genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources found therein and to
28 maintain their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible.

1 (j) "PAMB" shall refer to the Protected Area Management Board.

2 (k) "Protected area" shall refer to identified portions of land and water
3 set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance,
4 managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive
5 human exploitation.

6 (l) "*Protected Area Superintendent (PASu)*" shall refer to the chief
7 operating officer of the MIPLS under the Department of Environment and
8 Natural Resources (DENR).

9 (m) "Protected landscape and seascape" shall refer to areas of national
10 significance, which are characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and
11 land while providing opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation and
12 tourism within the normal lifestyle and economic activity of these areas.

13 (n) "Recreational zone" shall refer to an area identified in the
14 management plan wherein recreational, tourism, educational or environmental
15 conservation, education or public awareness activities may be undertaken.

16 (o) "Restoration zone" shall refer to an area of degraded habitat or
17 where the long-term goal will be to restore the natural habitat with its
18 associated biodiversity and to re-zone the area to a more strict protection level.
19 Exotic species shall not be used in the restoration process.

20 (p) "Stakeholders" shall refer to individuals, communities,
21 organizations or aggrupation of specific interest or sectors which have
22 particular interest in the achievement of the objectives of this Act or have a
23 history of dependence, access to, or use of resources within the protected area
24 such as, but not limited to, the local government units (LGUs), indigenous
25 cultural communities (ICCs), the DENR, and other concerned government
26 agencies.

1 (q) "Strict protection zone" shall refer to an area with high biodiversity
2 value, which shall be closed to all human activity except for scientific studies
3 and/or ceremonial or religious use by indigenous communities.

4 (r) "Special land use zone" shall refer to an area identified in the
5 management plan where, upon the approval of the PAMB, tenured migrants
6 and qualified communities may be allowed to collect and utilize natural
7 resources using traditional sustainable methods that are not in conflict with
8 biodiversity conservation requirements, and research, including the
9 reintroduction of indigenous species, may be undertaken and visitors may be
10 allowed limited use.

11 (s) "Tenured migrant communities" shall refer to communities within
12 protected areas, which have been actually and continuously occupying such
13 areas for five (5) years before the designation of such areas as protected, and
14 are solely dependent therein for subsistence.

15 (t) "Trust fund" shall refer to an account maintained in any
16 government depository bank for a specific purpose.

17 CHAPTER II

18 PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

19 SEC. 6. *Management and Institutional Mechanism.* – The management
20 and administration of the MIPLS shall be consultative and participatory. The
21 sole policy-making body is vested with the PAMB, which shall be chaired by
22 the DENR Regional Executive Director (RED). The PAMB may also create
23 committees to which it may delegate specific functions.

24 SEC. 7. *Composition of the Protected Area Management Board*
25 *(PAMB).* – The PAMB shall be composed of the following:

26 (a) The RED of the DENR Region IX, *ex officio*, who shall sit as
27 Chairperson and serve as adviser on matters related to the technical aspects of
28 the management of the area;

1 (b) The municipal mayor of Labason or his/her duly designated
2 permanent representative;

3 (c) The provincial planning and development officer of the Province of
4 Zamboanga del Norte;

5 (d) The barangay chairman whose area of jurisdiction includes the
6 MIPLS;

7 (e) Representatives from nongovernment organizations (NGOs) and
8 community organizations, including people's organizations (POs), and church
9 or civic organizations, whose area are working or have interest in the protected
10 area;

11 (f) Representatives, if necessary, from the other national government
12 agencies that may be involved in protected area management; and

13 (g) Other stakeholders who can potentially assist and contribute in the
14 protection and conservation of the park.

15 The representatives from POs and NGOs should have a record of active
16 involvement in the ecological conservation, preservation, rehabilitation and
17 protection of the park; community organizing and other development work;
18 favorable track record in community work; and duly accredited by the LGU
19 concerned and the DENR.

20 *SEC. 8. Term of Office of the PAMB Members.* – Every member of the
21 PAMB shall be appointed by the DENR Secretary and shall serve for a term of
22 five (5) years without compensation: *Provided*, That he/she remains connected
23 with the institution being represented. Whenever a vacancy occurs during the
24 term of a nongovernment PAMB member, a new member shall be chosen in
25 the same manner as the original selection process: *Provided*, That he/she shall
26 only serve for the remaining term.

1 The members of the Board shall not receive any compensation but shall
2 be entitled to reasonable *per diem* in accordance with existing accounting and
3 auditing rules and regulations.

4 SEC. 9. *Duties and Functions of the PAMB.* – The PAMB shall, by
5 consensus or majority vote, approve or take necessary actions based on the
6 approved management plan related to planning and resource protection;
7 approve proposals, work/guidelines/action plans; conduct the delineation and
8 demarcation activities of protected area boundaries, buffer zones, ancestral
9 domains and recognition of rights and privileges; promulgate rules and
10 regulations; ensure the implementation of programs; control and regulate the
11 construction, operation and maintenance of roads, trails, waterworks,
12 sewerage, fire protection and sanitation systems and other public utilities
13 within the protected area; and monitor and evaluate the performance of
14 protected area personnel, NGOs and communities involved in conservation and
15 development.

16 The DENR, through the RED, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within
17 the scope of its powers and functions. In case of conflict between
18 administrative orders issued by the DENR pursuant to the NIPAS Act and the
19 rules and regulations or resolutions issued by the PAMB, the DENR Secretary
20 shall decide whether to apply the rule or withdraw its application.

21 SEC. 10. *The Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office.* – There is
22 hereby established a protected area superintendent's office in charge of the
23 management, protection and administration of the protected area. The PASu
24 shall be supported by the existing personnel of the DENR. The head of office
25 shall be the chief operating officer of the MIPLS and shall be accountable to
26 the RED of the DENR-IX and the PAMB.

1 SEC. 11. *Management Plan.* – Within one (1) year from the effectivity
2 of this Act, the PASu shall prepare a management plan in accordance with the
3 General Management Planning Strategy (GMPS), in coordination with the
4 appropriate offices of the DENR, local communities, the LGUs, the NGOs,
5 other government agencies and those with expertise in socio-environmental,
6 economics and ecological matters. The plan shall contain, among others, the
7 following:

8 (a) The preferred period of applicability, for at least ten (10) years,
9 subject to periodic review as determined necessary by the Board;

10 (b) The analysis of key management issues and problems considered as
11 threats to conservation, management and maintenance and their impacts on the
12 important features of the area;

13 (c) Broad, long-term vision through a “vision statement”, including
14 guiding policies for management, sets of objectives, and specific statements on
15 what management can achieve in the time frame of the plan;

16 (d) Site management strategies;

17 (e) Zoning plan to delineate the boundaries, classification and
18 management and other activities allowed or prohibited for each zone;

19 (f) Management programs to include enforcement of laws, habitat and
20 wildlife management, eco-tourism, sustainable use of resources, infrastructure
21 development and maintenance, fire prevention and pest control;

22 (g) Mechanisms for protection of tenured migrants in the exercise of
23 their rights;

24 (h) Sustainable and non-destructive livelihood activities; and

25 (i) Regulations in furtherance of the preservation and conservation
26 objectives such as schemes in the issuance of permits and rules on the
27 restrictions of resource use.

1 The management plan shall be reviewed and adopted by the PAMB and
2 certified to by the DENR Secretary that it conforms to all laws, rules and
3 regulations issued by the DENR. It shall not be revised nor modified without
4 prior consultation with the PAMB and in accordance with the procedures
5 herein set forth.

6 Before the expiration of the management plan, the office of the PASu
7 shall prepare its successor plan in the same manner as the procedures and
8 principles herein set forth and in accordance with the GMPS. One (1) year
9 before the expiration of the current plan, the PASu shall cause the publication
10 of notices for comments and suggestions on the successor plan in a newspaper
11 of local circulation and the posting of such notices in the municipal and
12 barangay halls comprising the MIPLS, and in three (3) other conspicuous areas
13 frequented by the public within the protected area. A public hearing may be
14 conducted on the successor plan upon the written request of any interested
15 party. The proposed management plan shall be made available for public
16 perusal at the office of the PASu.

17 The management plan shall be prepared in a language understandable in
18 the area, plainly written and available for public perusal at the office of the
19 PASu.

20 SEC. 12. *Management Zoning.* – Management zones shall be
21 established in the MIPLS to provide protection for critical or representative
22 habitats within which similar management emphasis is applied and comparable
23 level of use permitted while different uses segregated. Each management zone
24 shall be demarcated on the ground and indicated on the maps after undertaking
25 such steps as community, land and resource use mapping and dialogues with
26 the communities, the LGUs concerned and other stakeholders. Within each

1 zone, the management prescriptions should be reasonably uniform but may
2 differ in type or intensity from those in other zones in order to accommodate
3 multiple objectives.

4 CHAPTER III

5 TENURED MIGRANTS

6 SEC. 13. *Tenured Migrants.* – Any person who has actually and
7 continuously occupied an area for five (5) years prior to the issuance of
8 Proclamation No. 281, establishing the MIPLS, dated April 23, 2000, and is
9 solely dependent on the area for subsistence shall be considered a tenured
10 migrant.

11 A tenured migrant shall be eligible to become a steward of a portion of
12 land within the sustainable use, multiple use or buffer zones from which he
13 may derive subsistence: *Provided, however,* That occupants who would not
14 qualify as tenured migrants shall be resettled outside the protected area.

15 The PAMB shall review all tenure instruments, land claims, permits
16 issued for resource use within the protected area, if any, and recommend the
17 issuance of appropriate tenure instruments pursuant to DENR Administrative
18 Order No. 2002-02 dated April 3, 2002, as amended.

19 SEC. 14. *Existing Rights.* – All property and private rights existing
20 prior to the effectivity of this Act shall be respected, subject to reasonable
21 regulation in accordance with existing laws and this Act.

22 CHAPTER IV

23 PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES

24 SEC. 15. *Special Prosecutor.* – Within thirty (30) days from the
25 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall appoint a special
26 prosecutor to whom all cases of violation of laws, rules and regulations in the
27 MIPLS shall be assigned. Such special prosecutor shall coordinate with the
28 PAMB and the PASu in the performance of his/her duties and assist in the

1 training of park personnel in conducting arrest and criminal procedure. The
2 PAMB shall periodically submit an evaluation of the performance of the
3 special prosecutor to the DOJ.

4 *SEC. 16. Prohibited Acts.* -- Except as may be allowed by the nature of
5 their categories and pursuant to the rules and regulations governing the same,
6 the following acts are prohibited within the MIPLS:

7 (a) Hunting, destroying, disturbing or mere possession of any plant or
8 animal and by-products derived therefrom without a permit from the PAMB;

9 (b) *Dumping of any waste product or introduction of activities*
10 *detrimental to the protected area or to the plants and animals or inhabitants*
11 *therein.*

12 (c) Use of any vehicle or equipment within prohibited areas without a
13 permit from the PAMB;

14 (d) Mutilating, defacing or destroying objects of natural beauty or
15 objects of interests to cultural communities;

16 (e) Damaging and leaving roads and trails in a damaged condition;

17 (f) Squatting, mineral exploration or otherwise occupying any land;

18 (g) *Constructing or maintaining any kind of structure, fence or*
19 *enclosure or conducting any business enterprise without a prior permit from*
20 *the PAMB; and*

21 (h) Altering, removing or destroying or defacing boundary marks or
22 signs.

23 *SEC. 17. Penalties.* -- Any person found guilty of any of the offenses
24 enumerated above shall be fined the amount of not less than Five thousand
25 pesos (P5,000.00) nor more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00),
26 exclusive of the value of the thing damaged, or imposed the penalty of
27 imprisonment for *not less than one (1) year* but not more than six (6) years, or
28 both fine and imprisonment as determined by the court: *Provided, That if the*

1 area requires rehabilitation or restoration as determined by the court, the
2 offender shall also be required to restore or compensate for the restoration of
3 the damage: *Provided, further*, That the court shall order the eviction of the
4 offender from the area, the forfeiture in favor of the government of all mineral,
5 timber or any species collected or removed including all equipment, devices
6 and firearms used in connection therewith and any construction or
7 improvement made thereon by the offender. If the offender is an association or
8 corporation, the president or manager shall be deemed directly responsible for
9 the act or acts of his/her employees and laborers: *Provided, finally*, That the
10 DENR may impose administrative fines and penalties consistent with this Act.

11 CHAPTER V

12 PROTECTED AREA FUND

13 SEC. 18. *The Murcielagos Islands Protected Landscape and Seascape*
14 *(MIPLS) Fund*. – There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the
15 MIPLS Fund for purposes of financing projects of the MIPLS. All income
16 generated from the operation of the system or management of wild flora and
17 fauna in the MIPLS shall accrue to the fund. These income shall be derived
18 from fees from permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other resources
19 from the protected area, proceeds from lease of multiple-use areas,
20 contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting from the
21 protected area; and such other fees and income derived from the operation of
22 the protected area.

23 The fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from
24 various sources, domestic or foreign, for purposes related to their functions:
25 *Provided*, That the fund shall be deposited as a special account in the national
26 treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be made solely for the protection,
27 maintenance, administration, and management of the MIPLS, and duly
28 approved projects endorsed by the PAMB, in accordance with existing

1 accounting and budgeting rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, That the
2 fund shall not be used to cover personal services expenditures.

3 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not
4 enumerated herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business
5 permits, property tax and rentals of LGU facilities. Furthermore, LGUs may
6 charge add-ons to fees imposed by the PAMB: *Provided*, That such add-ons
7 shall be determined based on the contribution of the LGUs in the maintenance
8 and protection of the MIPLS.

9 CHAPTER VI

10 EXISTING FACILITIES, UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES, 11 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

12 SEC. 19. *Existing Facilities within the Protected Area*. – Existing
13 facilities, if any, within the MIPLS shall be inventoried and assessed by the
14 PAMB in accordance with the objectives of this Act. Within thirty (30) days
15 from the effectivity of this Act, unless extended by the PAMB, all commercial
16 facilities existing within the boundaries of the protected area with a total
17 capitalization of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) shall
18 submit to the PAMB, through the PASu, a sworn statement containing the
19 following information:

20 (a) Environmental impact assessment and/or environmental
21 management plan;

22 (b) *Environmental compliance certificate*; and

23 (c) Development plan.

24 Failure to submit the required information shall constitute a violation of
25 this Act. Based on these submissions, the PAMB, with the assistance of the
26 DENR, shall determine whether the existence of such facilities and its future
27 plans and operations are not detrimental to the objective of protecting and
28 *conserving the resources of the MIPLS*.

1 The PAMB may prescribe conditions for the operation of the facilities
2 to ensure harmony with the management objectives. If any of such conditions
3 are violated, a fine shall be imposed based on existing policy. The PAMB,
4 through the PASu or other deputized government entities, shall cause the
5 cessation and demolition of the facility at the cost of its owners: *Provided,*
6 That the removal of existing facilities, which provide basic services and
7 amenities to the public, shall require the concurrence of the LGU consistent
8 with the responsibility of the latter to its constituents.

9 Existing facilities remaining within the MIPLS may be charged
10 reasonable fees by the PAMB subject to the DENR approval based on the
11 extent of its impact on the environment and biodiversity. All income derived
12 from such fees shall accrue to the MIPLS Fund.

13 SEC. 20. *Utilization of Nonrenewable Resources.* -- Any exploration,
14 exploitation or utilization of nonrenewable resources within the MIPLS shall
15 not be allowed.

16 SEC. 21. *Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) System.* – Existing
17 laws, rules and regulations relating to the implementation of the EIA System
18 shall be applicable to projects and activities intended in the MIPLS. The
19 issuance of the environmental compliance certificate (ECC) or its exemptions
20 shall be coordinated with the PAMB.

21 SEC. 22. *Partnership Among Government, Nongovernment*
22 *Organizations (NGOs) and People's Organizations (POs).* – For the purpose
23 of attaining the objectives of this Act, all government agencies, NGOs and POs
24 and their personnel shall continuously foster and develop a strong and true
25 partnership.

26 All NGOs, POs and private entities intending to implement any
27 conservation, protection and development program within the MIPLS must be
28 accredited by the concerned LGUs and the DENR.

1 SEC. 23. *Roles of the Local Government Units (LGUs) and National*
2 *Agencies in the Protected Area* -- The LGUs and relevant national agencies
3 being represented in the PAMB shall perform the following:

4 (a) Apprise their respective constituents, office or sector on activities
5 and programs;

6 (b) Ensure consistency in the implementation of all activities;

7 (c) Retain their ordinance-making powers over the MIPLS and shall
8 consider the management plan and the rules and regulations adopted by the
9 PAMB in their legislative agenda relating to biodiversity, conservation,
10 protection and sustainable development;

11 (d) Consider the management plan for the MIPLS in the formulation of
12 agency or sectoral development plans;

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

17 (f) Accredit POs, NGOs and other entities and groups involved in the
18 activities within the MIPLS; and

19 (g) Provide the PAMB with relevant information and data for the
20 effective management of the MIPLS.

21 SEC. 24. *Public Service Utilities and Projects* -- All existing and future
22 development projects of public service utilities involving water services,
23 communication facilities, power and energy generation, public security, health
24 and education services and similar activities which will promote public
25 welfare, shall be implemented within areas designated and approved by the
26 PAMB.

CHAPTER VII

TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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3 SEC. 25. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Environment and Natural
4 Resources shall immediately include in the Department’s program the
5 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
6 *annual General Appropriations Act*

7 SEC. 26. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - Ninety (90) days after
8 the effectivity of this Act, the DENR, in consultation with the Senate
9 Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, the House of
10 Representatives Committee on Natural Resources and the PAMB, shall
11 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to effectively implement the
12 provisions of this Act.

13 SEC. 27. *Construction.* – The provisions of this Act shall be construed
14 liberally in favor of tenured migrants, with due consideration to the prior
15 property rights of stakeholders, to sustainable development and the
16 conservation and protection of biodiversity. The provisions of Presidential
17 Decree No. 705, otherwise known as the Forestry Reform Code of the
18 Philippines, as amended; Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the
19 National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992;
20 Republic Act No. 8550, otherwise known as the Philippine Fisheries Code of
21 1998; Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources
22 Conservation Act; Presidential Decree No. 979, otherwise known as the
23 Marine Pollution Decree of 1976; Republic Act No. 9072, otherwise known as
24 the National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act; and
25 their corresponding rules and regulations not inconsistent hereto shall have
26 suppletory effect in the implementation of this Act.

1 SEC. 28. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared
2 unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections
3 hereof

4 SEC. 29. *Repealing Clause* – All other existing laws, rules and
5 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
6 accordingly.

7 SEC. 30. *Effectivity Clause* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
8 days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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