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BY REPRESENTATIVES DIMAPORO (M.K.), DIMAPORO (A.),
VILLANUEVA AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT
NO. 763

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ARBORETUM IN THE PREMISES
OF THE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES OFFICE (CENRO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF KOLAMBUGAN, LANA O DEL NORTE TO BE
KNOWN AS THE KOLAMBUGAN ARBORETUM AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION. 1. There is hereby established an arboretum in the
2 premises of the Community Environment and Natural Resources
3 Office (CENRO) in the Municipality of Kolambugan, Lanao del
4 Norte to be known as the Arboretum.

5 As used in this Act, Arboretum refers to a reserved area which
6 is essentially for a well-grown and representative collection of trees
7 or shrubs species planted and maintained for the purpose of
8 reference, scientific studies and as a convenient source of seeds and
9 herbarium materials.

1 SEC. 2. The Arboretum shall serve the following purposes:

2 (a) To aid in the scientific study and teaching of dendrology,
3 phenology, botany, environmental studies, the reproductive biology
4 of species and other related fields of study by being utilized as an
5 outdoor laboratory by both the faculty and students of nearby
6 schools;

7 (b) To serve as a sanctuary for the preservation and
8 conservation of genetic resources of trees and shrubs, and as a
9 model for environmentally sound landscape management;

10 (c) To be an area within which the best species of indigenous
11 woody plants can be propagated and where new species that can
12 thrive in the locality be introduced;

13 (d) To provide a healthy and conducive area for recreation
14 while at the same time enhancing the environmental consciousness
15 of the community to preserve the natural beauty and ambience of
16 the Arboretum's protection zone; and

17 (e) To serve as a habitat for a variety of amphibians, reptiles,
18 birds, small mammals, and other wildlife in the area.

19 SEC. 3. The layout and design of the Arboretum shall
20 conform to the following considerations:

21 (a) Trees shall be planted in rows following the contour of the
22 land area;

23 (b) At least five (5) replicates of each species shall be planted
24 to ensure the preservation of the species; and

25 (c) Each tree species shall be numbered, labeled and tagged
26 with scientific name, common or local name, and the date and place

1 of collection. In case of mortality, the appropriate species should be
2 replanted.

3 SEC. 4. To ensure the growth of the species to be planted:

4 (a) Each tree species should be of high quality materials, the
5 selection of which should be made at least twelve (12) months prior
6 to planting, in consultation with the nearest office of the
7 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);

8 (b) Proper site preparation should be done prior to planting,
9 to include brushing/slashing, staking, digging of hole, plowing
10 and/or cultivation; and

11 (c) Planting should be done at the onset of the rainy season.

12 SEC. 5. The Arboretum shall be placed under the overall
13 management and supervision of the DENR. The DENR Secretary
14 shall appoint a Superintendent of the Arboretum who, together with
15 a staff to be selected by the DENR from among its staff, shall ensure
16 the proper management of the Arboretum.

17 SEC. 6. An Oversight Committee is hereby created to oversee
18 and monitor the development and operation of the Arboretum
19 composed of the following:

20 (a) The DENR Secretary or a duly designated representative,
21 as Chairperson;

22 (b) The Provincial Governor of the Province of Lanao del
23 Norte or a duly designated representative, as Cochairperson;

24 (c) The Mayor of the Municipality of Kolambugan, Lanao del
25 Norte, as Vice Chairperson;

1 (d) The President of the League of Municipal Mayors of Lanao
2 del Norte or the Vice President thereof if the Mayor of Kolambugan
3 is the President of the League, as member; and

4 (e) One (1) member to be appointed by the DENR Secretary
5 from among three (3) recommendees of the Provincial Governor.

6 SEC. 7. The Arboretum may accept donations from
7 government agencies or local and foreign private entities.

8 SEC. 8. The amount necessary to implement initially the
9 provisions of this Act shall be taken from the available savings of
10 the DENR System. Such sums as may be necessary for the
11 continued operation of the Arboretum shall be included in the
12 annual General Appropriations Act.

13 SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
15 circulation.

Approved,

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