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BY REPRESENTATIVES FUENTEBELLA, ARAGONES, BASCUG, UY (J.), VIOLAGO, GATO, CABREDO,  
CELESTE AND SAULOG, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 841

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE QUINALASAG GROUP OF ISLANDS AND THE LAMIT**  
**GROUP OF ISLANDS, ALL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF**  
**GARCHITORENA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AS ECOTOURISM ZONES,**  
**TO BE COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS THE SISIRAN ECOTOURISM ZONE**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Quinalasag Group of Islands, consisting of Quinalasag main island  
2 and Baticorao Islands, and the Lamit Group of Islands, consisting of Binagasbasan, Sumaoy,  
3 Bani, Sibanban, Piglocaban, Pighaluban and Monteverde Islands, all located in the  
4 Municipality of Garchitorena, Province of Camarines Sur, are hereby declared as ecotourism  
5 zones, to be collectively known as the Sisiran Ecotourism Zone.

6           **Sec. 2.** The geodetic coordinates in the World Geodetic System 1984 of the areas to be  
7 declared as the Sisiran Ecotourism Zone are as follows:

8           1. Quinalasag Group of Islands, consisting of Quinalasag main island and Baticorao  
9 Islands:

10           a) 14°00.0'N, 123°35.0'E

1            b) 14°00.0'N, 123°41.0'E

2            c) 13°54.5'N, 123°41.0'E

3            d) 14°5.2'N, 123°35.0'E

4            2. Lamit Group of Islands, consisting of Binagasbasan, Sumaoy, Bani, Sibanban, Piglocaban  
5            Pighaluban and Monteverde Islands:

6            a) 14°00.0'N, 123°30.0'E

7            b) 14°00.0'N, 123°35.0'E

8            c) 13°56.0'N, 123°35.5'E

9            d) 13°56.0'N, 123°30.0'E

10           Sec. 3. The Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the Tourism  
11           Infrastructure and Enterprise Authority (TIEZA), Partido Development Administration  
12           (PDA), Partido State University (PSU) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall  
13           consolidate all tourism development plans for the area and prepare a comprehensive  
14           ecotourism development plan for the Sisiran Ecotourism Zone, consistent with the national  
15           tourism master plan. The development plan shall include the construction, installation and  
16           maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance ecotourism in  
17           the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the cultural  
18           heritage of the area and the conservation of its biophysical assets, and incorporate strategies  
19           and programs to promote sustainable economic opportunities for the local communities.

20           Sec. 4. The DOT shall incorporate the ecotourism development plan in the National  
21           Tourism Development Plan, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the  
22           "Tourism Act of 2009", and shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan  
23           for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Sisiran Ecotourism Zone in all its  
24           national, regional and local promotion program.

1           The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall also provide the necessary  
2 technical and financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure and the  
3 conduct of skills development in concerned local government units (LGUs) and their  
4 respective local communities.

5           **Sec. 5.** Upon the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Public Works and  
6 Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the PDA and the District Office of the  
7 Representative of the Fourth District of the Province of Camarines Sur, shall implement and  
8 fast-track the construction and improvement of roads, bridges and other infrastructure  
9 necessary in the development of the Sisiran Ecotourism Zone and shall prioritize the same in  
10 the DPWH's infrastructure program.

11           The DOT, DPWH, and the Department of Transportation shall promote the  
12 progressive development of civil aviation, land and sea transportation infrastructures in the  
13 Sisiran Ecotourism Zone to improve accessibility and connectivity of the ecotourism zones.

14           **Sec. 6.** The DOT, PDA, PSU and concerned LGUs shall ensure the involvement of  
15 the private sector, non-government organizations and other interest groups in encouraging  
16 investment and developing a culture of tourism in the area.

17           **Sec. 7.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in  
18 consultation with PDA, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper  
19 implementation of this Act.

20           **Sec. 8.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees and other  
21 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or  
22 amended accordingly.

23           **Sec. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
24 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

25           Approved,