

1 biodiversity; advance, respect and protect the customs and interests of its
 2 legitimate inhabitants; and foster partnerships among government,
 3 nongovernment organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations (POs).

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

11 The MIPLS begins at a point marked “1” on the map which is N. 59°
 12 50' 00" W. at 10,665.55 meters from BLLM No. 1, PLS-6. Approximate Area
 13 = 98.26 Has.

14	CORNER	BEARING	DISTANCE (m.)
15	2	N. 19° 32.00' 00.00" W.	272.90
16	3	N. 41° 59.00' 00.00" W.	247.10
17	4	N. 26° 20.00' 00.00" W.	108.60
18	5	N. 53° 22.00' 00.00" E.	108.90
19	6	N. 71° 09.00' 00.00" E.	137.60
20	7	N. 89° 09.00' 00.00" E.	115.80
21	8	S. 80° 33.00' 00.00" E.	968.00
22	9	S. 56° 08.00' 00.00" E.	222.70
23	10	S. 43° 30.00' 00.00" E.	189.40
24	11	S. 10° 16.00' 00.00" E.	144.20
25	12	S. 38° 32.00' 00.00" W.	271.60
26	13	S. 61° 06.00' 00.00" W.	285.20
27	14	S. 85° 36.00' 00.00" W.	225.50

1	15	N. 75° 59.00' 00.00" W.	297.80
2	1	N. 65° 39.00' 46.00" W.	430.11

3 The buffer zone of the MIPLS begins at a point marked "1" on the map
4 which is S. 10° 00' 00" W. at 414.00 meters from corner 1 of the MIPLS.

5 Approximate Area = 153.37 Has.

6	CORNER	BEARING	DISTANCE (m.)
7	2	N. 48° 01.00' 0.00" W.	680.20
8	3	N. 02° 00.00' 0.00" W.	817.00
9	4	N. 61° 59.00' 0.00" E.	59.90
10	5	S. 84° 59.00' 0.00" E.	679.70
11	6	S. 61° 59.00' 0.00" E.	743.70
12	7	S. 79° 59.00' 0.00" E.	519.80
13	8	S. 01° 59.00' 0.00" E.	580.00
14	9	S. 43° 01.00' 0.00" W.	740.20
15	10	N. 73° 01.00' 0.00" W.	208.10
16	11	S. 76° 00.00' 0.00" W.	460.20
17	1	N. 56° 01.00' 0.00" W.	495.20

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

20 SEC. 4. *Land Classification.* – All lands and waters comprising the
21 MIPLS shall fall under the classification of national park as provided for in the
22 1987 Philippine Constitution.

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

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

1 (b) *Buffer zone* shall refer to identified areas outside the boundaries of
2 and immediately adjacent to designated protected areas pursuant to Section 8
3 of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the “National Integrated
4 Protected Areas System Act of 1992”, that need special development control in
5 order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area.

6 (c) *Conservation* shall refer to the optimum utilization and
7 management of natural resources in order to meet the needs and aspirations of
8 *present and future generations*.

9 (d) *Environmental impact assessment (EIA)* shall refer to the various
10 activities undertaken pursuant to the EIA System established under Presidential
11 Decree No. 1586.

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

17 (f) *Integrated Protected Area Fund* shall refer to a trust fund
18 established for purposes of financing projects of the National Integrated
19 Protected Areas System.

20 (g) *Management plan* shall refer to the fundamental plan, strategy
21 and/or scheme, which shall guide all activities relating to the MIPLS in order
22 to attain the objectives of this Act.

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

1 (i) *National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)* shall refer to
2 the classification and administration of all designated protected areas to
3 maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve
4 genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources found therein and to
5 maintain their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible.

6 (j) *PAMB* shall refer to the Protected Area Management Board.

7 (k) *Protected area* shall refer to identified portions of land and water
8 set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance,
9 managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive
10 human exploitation.

11 (l) *Protected Area Superintendent (PASu)* shall refer to the chief
12 operating officer of the MIPLS under the Department of Environment and
13 Natural Resources (DENR).

14 (m) *Protected landscape and seascape* shall refer to areas of national
15 significance which are characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and
16 land while providing opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation and
17 tourism within the normal lifestyle and economic activity of these areas.

18 (n) *Recreational zone* shall refer to an area identified in the
19 management plan wherein recreational, tourism, educational or environmental
20 conservation, education or public awareness activities may be undertaken.

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

25 (p) *Stakeholders* shall refer to individuals, communities, organizations
26 or aggregation of specific interest or sectors which have particular interest in
27 the achievement of the objectives of this Act or have a history of dependence,
28 access to, or use of resources within the protected area such as, but not

1 limited to, the local government units (LGUs), indigenous cultural
2 communities (ICCs), the DENR and other concerned government agencies.

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

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

13 (s) *Tenured migrant communities* shall refer to communities which are
14 actually and continuously occupying portions of protected areas for at least
15 five (5) years prior to the designation of the area as protected and are solely
16 dependent therein for their subsistence.

17 (t) *Trust fund* shall refer to an account maintained in any government
18 depository bank for a specific purpose.

19 CHAPTER II

20 PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

4 (b) The mayor of the Municipality of Labason or the person's duly
5 designated permanent representative;

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

8 (d) The barangay chairman whose area of jurisdiction includes the
9 MIPLS;

10 (e) Representatives from NGOs and community organizations,
11 including POs, and church or civic organizations, who are working or have
12 interest in the protected area;

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

15 (g) Other stakeholders who can potentially assist and contribute in the
16 protection and conservation of the protected area.

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

22 *SEC. 8. Term of Office of the PAMB Members.* – Every member of the
23 PAMB shall be appointed by the DENR Secretary and shall serve for a term of
24 five (5) years without compensation: *Provided*, That the person remains
25 connected with the institution being represented. In the case of elective
26 officials, their membership in the PAMB shall be coterminous with their term
27 of office.

1 Whenever a vacancy occurs during the term of a nongovernment PAMB
2 member, a new member shall be chosen in the same manner as the original
3 selection process: *Provided*, That the person shall only serve for the remaining
4 term.

5 The members of the board shall not receive any compensation but shall
6 be entitled to reasonable *per diem* in accordance with existing accounting and
7 auditing rules and regulations.

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

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

25 SEC. 10. *The Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office.* – There
26 is hereby established a PASu office in charge of the management, protection
27 and administration of the protected area. The PASu shall be supported by the
28 existing personnel of the DENR. The head of office shall be the chief

1 operating officer of the MIPLS and shall be accountable to the RED of the
2 DENR Region IX and the PAMB.

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

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

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

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

18 (d) Site management strategies;

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

21 (f) Management programs to include enforcement of laws, habitat and
22 wildlife management, ecotourism, sustainable use of resources, infrastructure
23 development and maintenance, fire prevention and pest control;

24 (g) Mechanisms for protection of tenured migrants in the exercise of
25 their rights;

26 (h) Sustainable and nondestructive livelihood activities; and

1 (i) Regulations in furtherance of the preservation and conservation
2 objectives such as schemes in the issuance of permits and rules on the
3 restrictions of resource use.

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

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

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

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

1 the communities, the LGUs concerned and other stakeholders. Within each
2 zone, the management prescriptions should be reasonably uniform but may
3 differ in type or intensity from those in other zones in order to accommodate
4 multiple objectives.

5 CHAPTER III

6 TENURED MIGRANTS

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

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

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

20 SEC. 14. *Indigenous Peoples' Rights.* -- The rights of the indigenous
21 communities to their ancestral domains and other customary rights and interest
22 within the MILPS shall be accorded due recognition. The preservation and
23 protection of ancestral domains and customary rights shall be considered as
24 one of the management objectives.

25 The PASu office shall identify the location of indigenous cultural
26 communities within or near the site, which is identifiable by the tribal leaders.

27 The evaluation of ancestral domain claims within the MILPS shall be
28 conducted by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)

1 pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 8371, otherwise known as “The
2 Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997” or the IPRA law, and its
3 *implementing rules and regulations*, in coordination with the PAMB.

4 SEC. 15. *Existing Rights.* – All property and private rights existing
5 prior to the effectivity of this Act shall be respected, subject to reasonable
6 regulation, in accordance with existing laws and this Act.

7 CHAPTER IV

8 PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES

9 SEC. 16. *Special Prosecutor.* – Within thirty (30) days from the
10 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall appoint a special
11 prosecutor to whom all cases of violation of laws, rules and regulations
12 in the MIPLS shall be assigned. Such special prosecutor shall coordinate with
13 the PAMB and the PASu in the performance of the person’s duties and assist
14 in the training of protected area personnel in conducting arrest and criminal
15 procedure. The PAMB shall periodically submit an evaluation on the
16 performance of the special prosecutor to the DOJ.

17 SEC. 17. *Prohibited Acts.* – Except as may be allowed by the nature of
18 their categories and pursuant to the rules and regulations governing the same,
19 the following acts are prohibited within the MIPLS:

20 (a) *Hunting, destroying, disturbing or mere possession of any plant or*
21 *animal and byproducts derived therefrom without a permit from the PAMB;*

22 (b) *Dumping of any waste product or introduction of activities*
23 *detrimental to the protected area or to the plants and animals or inhabitants*
24 *therein;*

25 (c) *Use of any vehicle or equipment within prohibited areas without a*
26 *permit from the PAMB;*

27 (d) *Mutilating, defacing or destroying objects of natural beauty or*
28 *objects of interest to cultural communities;*

- 1 (e) Damaging and leaving roads and trails in a damaged condition;
2 (f) Squatting, mineral exploration or otherwise occupying any land;
3 (g) Constructing or maintaining any kind of structure, fence or
4 enclosure or conducting any business enterprise without a prior permit from
5 the PAMB; and
6 (h) Altering, removing or destroying or defacing boundary marks or
7 signs.

8 SEC. 18. *Penalties.* – Any person found guilty of any of the offenses
9 enumerated above shall be fined the amount of not less than Five thousand
10 pesos (P5,000.00) nor more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00),
11 exclusive of the value of the thing damaged, or imposed the penalty of
12 imprisonment of not less than one (1) year but not more than six (6) years, or
13 both fine and imprisonment as determined by the court: *Provided,* That if the
14 area requires rehabilitation or restoration as determined by the court, the
15 offender shall also be required to restore or compensate for its restoration:
16 *Provided, further,* That the court shall order the eviction of the offender from
17 the area, the forfeiture in favor of the government of all mineral, timber or any
18 species collected or removed including all equipment, devices and firearms
19 used in connection therewith and any construction or improvement made
20 thereon by the offender. If the offender is an association or a corporation, the
21 president or manager shall be deemed directly responsible for the act or acts of
22 his/her employees and laborers: *Provided, finally,* That the DENR may impose
23 administrative fines and penalties consistent with this Act.

24 CHAPTER V

25 PROTECTED AREA FUND

26 SEC. 19. *The Murcielagos Islands Protected Landscape and Seascape*
27 *(MIPLS) Fund.* – There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the
28 MIPLS Fund for purposes of financing projects of the MIPLS. All income

1 generated from the operation of the system or management of wild flora and
2 fauna in the MIPLS shall accrue to the Fund. These income shall be derived
3 from fees from permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other resources
4 from the protected area; proceeds from lease of multiple-use areas;
5 contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting from the
6 protected area; and such other fees and income derived from the operation of
7 the protected area.

8 The Fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from
9 various sources, domestic or foreign, for purposes related to their functions:
10 *Provided*, That the Fund shall be deposited as a special account in the National
11 Treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be made solely for the protection,
12 maintenance, administration and management of the MIPLS, and duly
13 approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with existing
14 accounting and budgeting rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, That the
15 Fund shall not be used to cover personal services expenditures.

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

22 CHAPTER VI

23 EXISTING FACILITIES, UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES, 24 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

25 SEC. 20. *Existing Facilities Within the Protected Area.* – Existing
26 facilities, if any, within the MIPLS shall be inventoried and assessed by the
27 PAMB in accordance with the objectives of this Act. Within thirty (30) days
28 from the effectivity of this Act, unless extended by the PAMB, all commercial

1 facilities existing within the boundaries of the protected area with a total
2 capitalization of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) shall
3 submit to the PAMB, through the PASu, a sworn statement containing the
4 following information:

- 5 (a) EIA and/or Environmental Management Plan;
- 6 (b) Environmental Compliance Certificate; and
- 7 (c) Development Plan.

8 Failure to submit the required information shall constitute a violation of
9 this Act. Based on these submissions, the PAMB, with the assistance of the
10 DENR, shall determine whether the existence of such facilities and its future
11 plans and operations are not detrimental to the objective of protecting and
12 conserving the resources of the MIPLS.

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

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

25 **SEC. 21. *Utilization of Nonrenewable Resources.*** – Any exploration,
26 exploitation or utilization of nonrenewable resources within the MIPLS shall
27 not be allowed.

1 SEC. 22. *Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) System.* – Existing
2 laws, rules and regulations relating to the implementation of the EIA System
3 shall be applicable to projects and activities intended in the MIPLS. The
4 issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) or its exemptions
5 shall be coordinated with the PAMB.

6 SEC. 23. *Partnership Among Government, Nongovernment*
7 *Organizations and People's Organizations.* – For the purpose of attaining the
8 objectives of this Act, all government agencies, NGOs and POs and their
9 personnel shall continuously foster and develop a strong and true partnership.

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

13 SEC. 24. *Roles of the Local Government Units and National Agencies*
14 *in the Protected Area.* – The LGUs and relevant national agencies being
15 represented in the PAMB shall perform the following:

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

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

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

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

25 (e) Assist the PAMB in the implementation of the overall protected
26 area programs including, but not limited to, the imposition, collection and
27 utilization of park fees, enforcement of policies, rules and regulations and other
28 similar activities;

1 (f) Accredite POs, NGOs and other entities and groups involved in the
2 activities within the MIPLS; and

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

5 SEC. 25. *Public Service Utilities and Projects.* – All existing and
6 future development projects of public service utilities involving water services,
7 communication facilities, power and energy generation, public security, health
8 and education services and similar activities which will promote public
9 welfare, shall be implemented within the areas designated and approved by the
10 PAMB.

11 CHAPTER VII

12 TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

13 SEC. 26. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DENR shall
14 immediately include in the Department's program the implementation of this
15 Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
16 Appropriations Act.

17 SEC. 27. *Construction.* – The provisions of this Act shall be construed
18 liberally in favor of tenured migrants, with due consideration to the prior
19 property rights of stakeholders, to sustainable development and the
20 conservation and protection of biodiversity. The provisions of Presidential
21 Decree No. 705, otherwise known as the Forestry Reform Code of the
22 Philippines, as amended; Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the
23 "National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992"; Republic Act No.
24 8550, otherwise known as "The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998"; Republic
25 Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation Act;
26 Presidential Decree No. 979, otherwise known as the Marine Pollution Decree
27 of 1976; Republic Act No. 9072, otherwise known as the National Caves and
28 Cave Resources Management and Protection Act, and their corresponding

1 rules and regulations not inconsistent hereto shall have supplementary effect in the
2 implementation of this Act.

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

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

8 SEC. 30. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
9 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
10 circulation.

Approved,

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