



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES MITRA, ALVAREZ (A.) AND ARROYO (I), PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2345

AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN
LOCATED IN MAKESI ISLAND, BARANGAY MANALO,
PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PALAWAN PROVINCE AN
AGRICULTURAL LAND

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Agricultural Land.* – A parcel of land of
2 the public domain located in Makesi Island, Barangay Manalo, Puerto Princesa
3 City, Palawan Province is hereby declared an agricultural land. The said parcel
4 of land is more particularly described as follows:

5 Beginning at corner marked "1" which is N. 25°13' E., 16,298.75
6 meters from BLLM 1, Cad 800D, Puerto Prinsesa City;

7	Thence	S. 76°00' W.	40.00 m. to corner 2;
8	Thence	N. 84°30' W.	57.00 m. to corner 3;
9	Thence	N. 77°00' W.	182.00 m. to corner 4;
10	Thence	N. 31°30' W.	205.00 m. to corner 5;
11	Thence	N. 07°00' W.	37.00 m. to corner 6;

1	Thence	N. 41°05' W.	195.00 m. to corner 7;
2	Thence	N. 17°00' W.	40.00 m. to corner 8;
3	Thence	N. 22°10' W.	45.00 m. to corner 9;
4	Thence	N. 32°30' E.	180.00 m to corner 10;
5	Thence	N. 80°00' E.	65.00 m. to corner 11;
6	Thence	S. 41°00' E.	120.00 m. to corner 12;
7	Thence	S. 50°30' E.	47.00 m. to corner 13;
8	Thence	S. 32°30' E.	307.00 m. to corner 14;
9	Thence	S. 30°00' E.	100.00 m. to corner 15;
10	Thence	S. 29°30' E.	40.00 m. to corner 16;
11	Thence	S. 18°00' E.	59.00 m. to corner 17;
12	Thence	S. 24°00' E.	52.00 m. to corner 18,
13	Thence	S. 12°30' W.	45.00 m. to corner 1, the point
14	of beginning, containing an area consisting of seventeen and five-tenths (17.5)		
15	hectares.		

16 The area described above is hereby excluded from the coverage of the
17 following: Presidential Decree No. 705, otherwise known as the Revised
18 Forestry Code of the Philippines, as amended, more particularly Section 16
19 thereof, defining the areas needed for forest purposes; Proclamation No. 219
20 dated July 2, 1967, declaring the entire Province of Palawan as game refuge
21 and bird sanctuary, and the small islands off Palawan as national reserves; and
22 Proclamation No. 2151 dated December 29, 1981, declaring the entire
23 Province of Palawan and certain parcels of the public domain and/or parts of
24 the country as mangrove swamp forest reserves.

25 SEC. 2. *Disposition of the Agricultural Land.* – To promote economic
26 development and create livelihood opportunities for the local community, any
27 provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the Department of
28 *Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)* shall alienate the declared

1 agricultural land described in Section 1 hereof, to qualified applicants in
2 accordance with the pertinent provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 141,
3 otherwise known as the Public Land Act, as amended, and other public land
4 laws, subject to the limitations provided herein.

5 SEC. 3. *Promotion of Ecological Balance.* – The DENR shall ensure
6 that any development in the area shall include the promotion of ecological
7 conservation and conform with existing environmental protection laws, rules
8 and regulations. Moreover, the twenty (20)-meter protection zone along the
9 banks of any river or stream, which has a width of at least five (5) meters, shall
10 retain their classification as forestland and shall be surveyed and delineated by
11 the DENR on the ground prior to disposition of any lot to private applicants.

12 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within three (3)
13 months following the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall
14 issue the necessary implementing orders, rules and regulations and circulars to
15 implement the provisions of this Act.

16 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
17 invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts of
18 this Act.

19 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, acts, presidential decrees,
20 executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations and other
21 issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are deemed amended,
22 modified or repealed accordingly.

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

Approved,