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SAN LUIS, MENDOZA (J.), PADILLA, GULLAS, PARAS, VERGARA,  
BATOCABE AND PLAZA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2448

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AURORA INTEGRATED PROTECTED  
LANDSCAPE LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA AS A  
PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED  
LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Aurora  
2 Integrated Protected Landscape (AIPL) Act of 2012”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – Considering the diversity of the  
4 unique biological resources of the Province of Aurora and its aesthetic,  
5 socio-cultural, economic and ecological importance to the Island of Luzon, it is  
6 hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure its protection and  
7 conservation, including the local communities therein and their culture and  
8 way of life insofar as they are in harmony with nature. The protection and  
9 conservation of Aurora’s unique biodiversity shall be pursued through

1 sustainable and participatory development, advancing and protecting the  
 2 interests of its legitimate inhabitants, and respecting customary laws in  
 3 accordance with Republic Act No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected  
 4 Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, Republic Act No. 8371 or the Indigenous  
 5 People's Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997, and international conventions to which  
 6 the Philippines is a signatory.

7       SEC. 3 *Scope and Coverage.* – Pursuant to and in accordance with  
 8 the NIPAS Act, the following are hereby declared and established as a  
 9 protected area and part of the NIPAS under the category of Protected  
 10 Landscape as defined herein and shall therefore be referred to as the Aurora  
 11 Integrated Protected Landscape (AIPL):

12       Beginning at a point marked "1" which is S. 66° 18' 08" W.,  
 13 10,993.652 meters from BLLM 1, CAD 956-D, San Luis Cadastre, Aurora  
 14 with geographic coordinates of 15° 43' 10.93" North and 121° 23' 39.16" East

| 15 | LINE  | BEARING           | DISTANCE (meters) |
|----|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 16 | 1-2   | N. 62° 37' 47" E. | 1,321.46          |
| 17 | 2-3   | N. 45° 30' 12" E. | 1,018.39          |
| 18 | 3-4   | N. 86° 20' 51" E. | 203.41            |
| 19 | 4-5   | S. 86° 07' 17" E. | 255.41            |
| 20 | 5-6   | N. 25° 30' 50" W. | 210.57            |
| 21 | 6-7   | N. 39° 59' 12" E. | 174.75            |
| 22 | 7-8   | N. 06° 39' 16" E. | 260.90            |
| 23 | 8-9   | N. 10° 53' 07" E. | 228.70            |
| 24 | 9-10  | N. 49° 58' 11" E. | 141.01            |
| 25 | 10-11 | N. 23° 55' 02" W. | 920.05            |
| 26 | 11-12 | N. 00° 21' 31" E. | 1,165.29          |
| 27 | 12-13 | S. 47° 04' 57" E. | 1,068.24          |
| 28 | 13-14 | S. 87° 18' 58" E. | 276.72            |

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| 1  | 14-15 | S. 13° 17' 05" W. | 319.52 |
| 2  | 15-16 | S. 31° 36' 27" E. | 263.71 |
| 3  | 16-17 | S. 83° 53' 04" E. | 121.62 |
| 4  | 17-18 | S. 87° 40' 19" E. | 265.84 |
| 5  | 18-19 | S. 83° 07' 05" E. | 252.32 |
| 6  | 19-20 | S. 85° 18' 50" E. | 264.34 |
| 7  | 20-21 | N. 37° 54' 18" E. | 786.64 |
| 8  | 21-22 | N. 85° 11' 31" E. | 231.88 |
| 9  | 22-23 | S. 86° 31' 54" E. | 142.79 |
| 10 | 23-24 | S. 50° 35' 57" E. | 466.03 |
| 11 | 24-25 | N. 84° 10' 25" E. | 212.73 |
| 12 | 25-26 | N. 88° 21' 48" E. | 378.07 |
| 13 | 26-27 | N. 84° 02' 07" E. | 290.95 |
| 14 | 27-28 | N. 75° 22' 44" E. | 307.99 |
| 15 | 28-29 | N. 70° 45' 01" E. | 288.21 |
| 16 | 29-30 | N. 67° 53' 26" E. | 298.36 |
| 17 | 30-31 | N. 80° 55' 22" E. | 369.58 |
| 18 | 31-32 | N. 87° 33' 48" E. | 203.18 |
| 19 | 32-33 | S. 56° 06' 46" E. | 348.58 |
| 20 | 33-34 | S. 89° 17' 33" E. | 174.93 |
| 21 | 34-35 | S. 86° 32' 36" E. | 322.35 |
| 22 | 35-36 | S. 74° 54' 30" E. | 398.12 |
| 23 | 36-37 | S. 79° 35' 32" E. | 322.76 |
| 24 | 37-38 | N. 86° 56' 00" E. | 242.21 |
| 25 | 38-39 | N. 51° 42' 35" E. | 104.55 |
| 26 | 39-40 | S. 49° 45' 49" E. | 220.65 |
| 27 | 40-41 | S. 73° 33' 05" E. | 236.42 |
| 28 | 41-42 | S. 66° 22' 14" E. | 226.29 |

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| 1  | 42-43 | S. 61° 01' 56" E. | 276.45   |
| 2  | 43-44 | S. 74° 13' 09" E. | 206.46   |
| 3  | 44-45 | N. 34° 17' 12" E. | 345.01   |
| 4  | 45-46 | S. 81° 12' 09" E. | 367.12   |
| 5  | 46-47 | N. 62° 19' 26" E. | 348.71   |
| 6  | 47-48 | N. 83° 51' 12" E. | 282.36   |
| 7  | 48-49 | S. 39° 29' 58" E. | 251.20   |
| 8  | 49-50 | S. 46° 20' 11" E. | 555.81   |
| 9  | 50-51 | S. 51° 21' 34" E. | 601.97   |
| 10 | 51-52 | S. 44° 07' 37" E. | 972.52   |
| 11 | 52-53 | S. 59° 41' 19" W. | 1,380.56 |
| 12 | 53-54 | N. 69° 16' 27" W. | 207.25   |
| 13 | 54-55 | N. 25° 09' 19" W. | 523.79   |
| 14 | 55-56 | N. 60° 04' 06" W. | 199.49   |
| 15 | 56-57 | S. 12° 37' 09" W. | 629.46   |
| 16 | 57-58 | S. 56° 35' 31" W. | 147.48   |
| 17 | 58-59 | S. 22° 32' 34" W. | 150.31   |
| 18 | 59-60 | S. 42° 48' 51" E. | 242.82   |
| 19 | 60-61 | S. 18° 06' 47" W. | 294.89   |
| 20 | 61-62 | S. 51° 06' 55" E. | 208.63   |
| 21 | 62-63 | N. 50° 34' 57" E. | 247.52   |
| 22 | 63-64 | S. 55° 03' 15" E. | 265.23   |
| 23 | 64-65 | N. 64° 56' 32" E. | 222.65   |
| 24 | 65-66 | S. 12° 53' 20" W. | 745.67   |
| 25 | 66-67 | S. 66° 24' 26" W. | 350.14   |
| 26 | 67-68 | S. 82° 09' 19" W. | 594.93   |
| 27 | 68-69 | N. 89° 01' 17" W. | 102.56   |
| 28 | 69-70 | N. 61° 26' 55" W. | 1,915.59 |

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| 1  | 70-71 | N. 63° 47' 59" W. | 643.72   |
| 2  | 71-72 | S. 74° 02' 40" W. | 1,033.89 |
| 3  | 72-73 | S. 10° 47' 03" W. | 223.99   |
| 4  | 73-74 | S. 16° 25' 02" W. | 305.84   |
| 5  | 74-75 | N. 83° 39' 35" W. | 237.20   |
| 6  | 75-76 | N. 17° 48' 47" W. | 916.19   |
| 7  | 76-77 | N. 83° 52' 21" W. | 3,306.45 |
| 8  | 77-78 | N. 71° 02' 47" W. | 1,225.00 |
| 9  | 78-79 | N. 00° 48' 42" W. | 82.36    |
| 10 | 79-80 | N. 00° 48' 43" W. | 133.99   |
| 11 | 80-81 | S. 70° 23' 57" W. | 1,852.94 |
| 12 | 81-82 | S. 60° 04' 06" W. | 122.45   |
| 13 | 82-83 | N. 65° 34' 57" W. | 26.80    |
| 14 | 83-84 | N. 72° 33' 10" W. | 192.20   |
| 15 | 84-85 | S. 80° 25' 13" W. | 294.85   |
| 16 | 85-86 | N. 59° 49' 53" W. | 283.39   |
| 17 | 86-87 | S. 68° 57' 44" W. | 176.17   |
| 18 | 87-88 | S. 66° 51' 05" W. | 316.38   |
| 19 | 88-89 | S. 63° 40' 12" W. | 344.58   |
| 20 | 89-90 | N. 77° 44' 06" W. | 297.71   |
| 21 | 90-91 | N. 09° 51' 56" W. | 196.85   |
| 22 | 91-92 | N. 62° 30' 10" W. | 344.92   |
| 23 | 92-93 | S. 14° 02' 22" W. | 230.66   |
| 24 | 93-94 | S. 37° 02' 22" W. | 230.66   |
| 25 | 94-95 | S. 15° 02' 22" W. | 252.62   |
| 26 | 95-96 | S. 30° 02' 22" W. | 219.67   |
| 27 | 96-97 | S. 76° 02' 22" W. | 450.33   |
| 28 | 97-98 | S. 64° 02' 22" W. | 263.61   |

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| 1  | 98-99   | S. 59° 02' 22" W. | 241.64   |
| 2  | 99-100  | S. 11° 57' 37" E. | 307.54   |
| 3  | 100-101 | S. 11° 57' 37" E. | 241.64   |
| 4  | 101-102 | S. 39° 57' 37" E. | 98.85    |
| 5  | 102-103 | S. 36° 02' 22" W. | 197.71   |
| 6  | 103-104 | S. 00° 02' 22" W. | 230.66   |
| 7  | 104-105 | S. 00° 57' 37" E. | 153.77   |
| 8  | 105-106 | S. 80° 02' 22" W. | 274.59   |
| 9  | 106-107 | S. 32° 02' 22" W. | 219.67   |
| 10 | 107-108 | S. 38° 02' 22" W. | 186.72   |
| 11 | 108-109 | S. 50° 57' 37" E. | 208.69   |
| 12 | 109-110 | S. 00° 57' 37" E. | 230.66   |
| 13 | 110-111 | S. 03° 02' 22" W. | 219.67   |
| 14 | 111-112 | S. 17° 02' 22" W. | 87.87    |
| 15 | 112-113 | N. 82° 57' 37" W. | 186.72   |
| 16 | 113-114 | N. 86° 57' 37" W. | 186.72   |
| 17 | 114-115 | S. 20° 02' 22" W. | 549.18   |
| 18 | 115-116 | S. 20° 02' 22" W. | 395.41   |
| 19 | 116-117 | S. 06° 02' 22" W. | 395.41   |
| 20 | 117-118 | S. 18° 02' 22" W. | 395.41   |
| 21 | 118-119 | S. 57° 02' 22" W. | 219.67   |
| 22 | 119-120 | S. 28° 02' 22" W. | 98.85    |
| 23 | 120-121 | S. 46° 02' 22" W. | 219.67   |
| 24 | 121-122 | S. 18° 02' 22" W. | 296.56   |
| 25 | 122-123 | N. 15° 34' 34" W. | 1,035.03 |
| 26 | 123-124 | N. 24° 38' 21" W. | 178.16   |
| 27 | 124-125 | N. 87° 59' 59" W. | 210.00   |
| 28 | 125-126 | S. 29° 00' 00" W. | 280.00   |

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| 1  | 126-127 | N. 84° 59' 59" W. | 260.00 |
| 2  | 127-128 | N. 13° 00' 00" W. | 130.00 |
| 3  | 128-129 | S. 70° 59' 59" W. | 300.00 |
| 4  | 129-130 | N. 90° 00' 00" W. | 15.91  |
| 5  | 130-131 | N. 50° 13' 37" W. | 12.63  |
| 6  | 131-132 | N. 46° 38' 46" W. | 10.81  |
| 7  | 132-133 | N. 36° 02' 06" W. | 11.88  |
| 8  | 133-134 | N. 25° 34' 05" W. | 11.13  |
| 9  | 134-135 | N. 04° 15' 42" W. | 7.05   |
| 10 | 135-136 | N. 83° 57' 47" W. | 156.64 |
| 11 | 136-137 | N. 89° 57' 47" W. | 19.30  |
| 12 | 137-138 | S. 86° 02' 12" W. | 250.63 |
| 13 | 138-139 | N. 04° 12' 49" E. | 42.33  |
| 14 | 139-140 | N. 00° 34' 38" W. | 104.13 |
| 15 | 140-141 | N. 04° 21' 45" E. | 124.47 |
| 16 | 141-142 | N. 16° 42' 14" E. | 54.90  |
| 17 | 142-143 | N. 43° 44' 22" E. | 33.48  |
| 18 | 143-144 | N. 19° 11' 19" E. | 265.55 |
| 19 | 144-145 | N. 82° 12' 13" W. | 180.79 |
| 20 | 145-146 | S. 85° 47' 46" W. | 180.79 |
| 21 | 146-147 | S. 85° 47' 46" W. | 180.79 |
| 22 | 147-148 | S. 85° 47' 46" W. | 47.58  |
| 23 | 148-149 | N. 63° 12' 13" W. | 209.33 |
| 24 | 149-150 | N. 49° 12' 13" W. | 209.33 |
| 25 | 150-151 | N. 48° 12' 13" W. | 190.30 |
| 26 | 151-152 | S. 65° 47' 46" W. | 114.18 |
| 27 | 152-153 | N. 47° 12' 13" W. | 95.15  |
| 28 | 153-154 | N. 70° 12' 13" W. | 209.33 |

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| 1  | 154-155 | N. 59° 12' 13" W. | 95.15    |
| 2  | 155-156 | N. 55° 12' 13" W. | 152.24   |
| 3  | 156-157 | N. 89° 12' 13" W. | 285.45   |
| 4  | 157-158 | S. 58° 47' 46" W. | 218.85   |
| 5  | 158-159 | S. 37° 47' 46" W. | 190.30   |
| 6  | 159-160 | S. 61° 47' 46" W. | 85.64    |
| 7  | 160-161 | N. 64° 12' 13" W. | 180.79   |
| 8  | 161-162 | N. 54° 12' 13" W. | 323.51   |
| 9  | 162-163 | N. 83° 12' 13" W. | 199.82   |
| 10 | 163-164 | N. 82° 12' 13" W. | 209.33   |
| 11 | 164-165 | N. 84° 12' 13" W. | 199.82   |
| 12 | 165-166 | N. 82° 12' 13" W. | 123.70   |
| 13 | 166-167 | N. 81° 12' 13" W. | 180.79   |
| 14 | 167-168 | N. 26° 02' 48" E. | 2,129.21 |
| 15 | 168-169 | S. 77° 00' 00" E. | 280.00   |
| 16 | 169-170 | N. 80° 59' 59" E. | 370.00   |
| 17 | 170-171 | S. 81° 00' 00" E. | 195.00   |
| 18 | 171-172 | N. 41° 11' 00" W. | 65.18    |
| 19 | 172-173 | N. 21° 46' 26" W. | 100.41   |
| 20 | 173-174 | N. 75° 00' 00" E. | 190.00   |
| 21 | 174-175 | S. 02° 01' 08" W. | 67.72    |
| 22 | 175-176 | S. 21° 27' 16" E. | 67.62    |
| 23 | 176-177 | N. 87° 47' 48" E. | 58.51    |
| 24 | 177-178 | S. 90° 00' 00" E. | 87.69    |
| 25 | 178-179 | S. 90° 00' 00" E. | 67.46    |
| 26 | 179-180 | S. 79° 20' 53" E. | 56.06    |
| 27 | 180-181 | S. 85° 16' 27" E. | 112.03   |
| 28 | 181-182 | N. 29° 09' 47" E. | 259.47   |



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| 1  | 182-183 | N. 35° 59' 11" E. | 81.54    |
| 2  | 183-184 | N. 54° 52' 35" E. | 75.22    |
| 3  | 184-185 | N. 67° 50' 29" E. | 66.42    |
| 4  | 185-186 | N. 85° 36' 10" E. | 118.83   |
| 5  | 186-187 | N. 86° 03' 22" E. | 66.23    |
| 6  | 187-188 | S. 90° 00' 00" E. | 93.42    |
| 7  | 188-189 | N. 68° 37' 36" E. | 206.52   |
| 8  | 189-190 | N. 27° 46' 45" E. | 47.41    |
| 9  | 190-191 | N. 40° 43' 42" E. | 51.36    |
| 10 | 191-192 | N. 51° 33' 02" E. | 90.74    |
| 11 | 192-193 | S. 24° 55' 41" E. | 1,170.44 |
| 12 | 193-194 | N. 65° 08' 42" E. | 1,505.21 |
| 13 | 194-195 | N. 75° 50' 17" E. | 745.48   |
| 14 | 196-197 | N. 32° 02' 10" E. | 45.72    |
| 15 | 197-198 | N. 22° 42' 24" E. | 82.13    |
| 16 | 198-199 | N. 32° 55' 01" E. | 71.96    |
| 17 | 199-200 | N. 19° 20' 32" E. | 71.55    |
| 18 | 200-201 | N. 27° 50' 44" E. | 119.23   |
| 19 | 201-202 | N. 33° 13' 33" E. | 118.94   |
| 20 | 202-203 | N. 29° 15' 27" E. | 169.71   |
| 21 | 203-204 | N. 13° 37' 55" E. | 85.91    |
| 22 | 204-205 | N. 42° 57' 56" E. | 46.94    |
| 23 | 205-206 | N. 47° 04' 43" E. | 69.58    |
| 24 | 206-207 | N. 51° 10' 59" E. | 62.35    |
| 25 | 207-208 | N. 40° 04' 16" E. | 68.11    |
| 26 | 208-209 | N. 21° 33' 59" E. | 103.16   |
| 27 | 209-210 | N. 28° 08' 56" E. | 57.77    |
| 28 | 210-211 | N. 48° 49' 16" E. | 50.37    |

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| 1  | 211-212 | N. 19° 45' 15" E. | 301.47 |
| 2  | 212-213 | N. 38° 32' 16" E. | 339.69 |
| 3  | 213-214 | N. 42° 32' 16" E. | 339.69 |
| 4  | 214-215 | N. 54° 32' 16" E. | 352.75 |
| 5  | 215-216 | S. 79° 27' 43" E. | 313.56 |
| 6  | 216-217 | S. 42° 27' 43" E. | 274.36 |
| 7  | 217-218 | N. 84° 32' 16" E. | 248.23 |
| 8  | 218-219 | N. 54° 32' 16" E. | 326.62 |
| 9  | 219-220 | S. 47° 28' 53" E. | 43.25  |
| 10 | 220-221 | S. 70° 39' 49" E. | 107.14 |
| 11 | 221-222 | S. 70° 39' 49" E. | 115.82 |
| 12 | 222-1   | S. 70° 39' 49" E. | 92.08  |

13           The AIPL shall cover a total land area of six thousand five hundred  
14 sixteen and eight hundred eighty-two (6,516.882) hectares.

15           The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall  
16 appropriately mark on the ground the technical descriptions provided in this  
17 Act with clearly visible markers and shall prepare appropriate maps therefor.  
18 Any modification of the coverage of this Act due to such factors as changing  
19 ecological situations, new scientific or archaeological findings, or discovery of  
20 traditional boundaries not previously taken into account shall be made through  
21 an act of Congress, after consultation with the affected public and concerned  
22 government agencies.

23           SEC. 4. *Land Classification.* – All lands of the public domain  
24 comprising the AIPL shall fall under the classification of National Park as  
25 provided for in the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

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

1 (a) *Biodiversity* shall refer to variety and variability among all living  
2 organisms and the ecological complexities in which they occur.

3 (b) *Biological resources* shall refer to genetic resources, organisms or  
4 parts thereof, population, or any other biotic component of ecosystems with  
5 actual or potential use or value for humanity.

6 (c) *Buffer zones* shall refer to the identified areas outside the  
7 boundaries of and immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need  
8 special development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the  
9 protected area.

10 (d) *Byproducts* or *derivatives* shall refer to parts taken or substances  
11 extracted from wildlife, in raw or in processed form. These include stuffed  
12 animals and herbarium specimens.

13 (e) *Collection* or *collecting* shall refer to the act of gathering or  
14 harvesting wildlife, its byproducts or derivatives.

15 (f) *Conservation* shall refer to the preservation and sustainable  
16 utilization of wildlife, and/or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of the  
17 habitat.

18 (g) *Consultation* shall refer to the meeting or dialogue with concerned  
19 or affected individual and groups within and outside the AIPL, designated to  
20 identify and resolve issues and problems affecting them in relation to the  
21 protection, conservation and sustainable development of the protected area.

22 (h) *Endemic species* shall refer to species or subspecies of flora and  
23 fauna, which are naturally occurring and found only within specific areas in the  
24 country.

25 (i) *Exotic species* shall refer to species or subspecies of flora and  
26 fauna, which do not naturally occur within the protected area at present or in  
27 historical time.

1 (j) *Exploration* shall refer to searching or prospecting for mineral  
2 resources, as defined by law, by geological, geo-chemical or geophysical  
3 surveys, remote sensing, rest pitting, trenching, drilling, shaft sinking,  
4 tunneling or any other means for the purpose of determining the existence,  
5 extent, quantity and quality thereof and the feasibility of mining them for  
6 profit.

7 (k) *Exploitation* shall refer to any mode of use, extraction,  
8 development, utilization or disposition of resources, for whatever purpose,  
9 whether commercial or otherwise.

10 (l) *Habitat* shall refer to a place or type of environment where species  
11 or subspecies naturally occur or have naturally established its population.

12 (m) *National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)* shall refer to  
13 the classification and administration of all designated protected areas to  
14 maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve  
15 genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable-use of resources found therein, and to  
16 maintain their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible.

17 (n) *NIPAS Act* shall refer to the National Integrated Protected Areas  
18 System (NIPAS) Act of 1992 or Republic Act No. 7586, and its implementing  
19 rules and regulations.

20 (o) *National Park* shall refer to the land of the public domain classified  
21 as such in the 1987 Philippine Constitution which includes all areas under the  
22 NIPAS pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586 primarily designated for the  
23 conservation of native plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural  
24 diversity.

25 (p) *Nongovernment organization (NGO)* shall refer to an agency,  
26 institution, a foundation or a group of persons whose purpose is to assist  
27 people's organizations/associations in various ways including, but not limited  
28 to, organizing, education, training, research and/or secure accessing.

1 (q) *People's organization (PO)* shall refer to a group of organized  
2 migrant communities and/or interested indigenous peoples which may be an  
3 association, cooperative, federation or other legal entity, established to  
4 undertake collective action to address community concerns and needs, and  
5 mutually share the benefits of the endeavor.

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

10 (s) *Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)* shall refer to a  
11 multisectoral policy-making body for protected areas created in accordance  
12 with Republic Act No. 7586 or the NIPAS Act of 1992.

13 (t) *Protected Area Superintendent (PASu)* shall refer to the chief  
14 operating DENR officer of the AIPL.

15 (u) *Protected landscape/seascape* shall refer to an area of national  
16 significance, which is characterized by the harmonious interaction of man and  
17 land while providing opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation and  
18 tourism within the normal lifestyle and economic activity of the area.

19 (v) *Quarrying* shall refer to the process of extracting, removing and  
20 disposing quarry resources found on or underneath the surface of private or  
21 public land.

22 (w) *Special-use zones* shall refer to areas containing existing  
23 installations of national and local significance, such as telecommunication  
24 facilities, irrigation canals, water supply infrastructure or electric power lines.

25 (x) *Sustainable* shall refer to the use of components of biological  
26 diversity in a way and rate that does not lead to the long-term decline of  
27 biological diversity, thereby maintaining its potential to meet the needs and  
28 aspirations of present and future generations.

1           (y) *Strict protection zone* shall refer to a natural area with high  
2 biodiversity value which shall be closed to all human activity except for  
3 scientific studies and/or ceremonial or religious use by the indigenous cultural  
4 communities/indigenous peoples; may include habitats of threatened species,  
5 or degraded areas that have been designated for restoration and subsequent  
6 protection, even if these areas are still in various stages of regeneration.

7           (z) *Tenured migrants* shall refer to forest occupants who have actually  
8 and continuously occupied a portion of the protected area for at least five (5)  
9 years, and are solely dependent therein for subsistence, as of the passage of this  
10 Act. A protected area occupant is understood to be solely dependent therein  
11 for subsistence when everything indispensable for survival for the household,  
12 including food, clothing, shelter and health, comes only from the utilization of  
13 resources from the protected area.

14           (aa) *Wildlife* shall refer to wild forms and varieties of flora and fauna,  
15 in all developmental stages, including those which are in captivity or are being  
16 bred or propagated.

17           (bb) *Zones* shall refer to the divisions within the protected area  
18 consisting of levels of protection and permitted use of natural resources such as  
19 strict protection zone, sustainable-use zone, restoration zone, multiple-use zone  
20 and special-use zone, as provided under existing rules and regulations of the  
21 NIPAS.

22           SEC. 6. *Management Plan.* -- There shall be a Management Plan  
23 promulgated for the AIPL that shall serve as the basic long-term framework  
24 plan in the management of the protected area and guide in the preparation of its  
25 annual operations plan and budget.

26           Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the Management  
27 Plan shall have been put into effect following the general management

1 planning strategy provided for under the NIPAS Act and according to the  
2 procedure herein set forth. It shall contain, among others, the following:

3 (a) The category of the protected area;

4 (b) Period of applicability of the plan;

5 (c) Key management issues;

6 (d) Goals and objectives of management in support of Section 2 hereof;

7 (e) Site management strategy;

8 (f) Major management activities such as, but not limited to,  
9 enforcement of laws, habitat and wildlife management, sustainable-use  
10 management, infrastructure development and maintenance, and fire and pest  
11 control;

12 (g) Zoning; and

13 (h) Visitor management programs.

14 The management plan shall be prepared by the Protected Area  
15 Superintendent (PASu), in coordination with the appropriate offices of the  
16 department, local communities and the NGOs. It shall be reviewed and  
17 approved by the PAMB and certified by the Secretary of the DENR. Such  
18 certification shall be mandatory to ensure that the plan conforms with all laws  
19 and the applicable rules and regulations issued by the DENR: *Provided,*  
20 *however,* That the Secretary of the DENR may revise and modify the  
21 protection and conservation plan, after consultation with the PAMB, prior to  
22 certification to ensure conformity with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

23 A year before the expiration of the period of the applicability of the plan  
24 in effect, the PASu shall cause publication of notices for comments and  
25 suggestions on the successor plan in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
26 concerned municipalities. Notices shall also be posted in the respective  
27 provincial and municipal halls of the concerned provinces and municipalities  
28 as well as in the barangay halls bounding or immediately adjacent to the

1 protected landscape. The proposed plan shall be made available to the public  
2 during the period for comment and a final plan shall likewise be made  
3 available for public perusal at the office of the PASu upon the approval of the  
4 PAMB: *Provided*, That the plans shall be plainly written in a language  
5 understandable in the area.

6       SEC. 7. *The Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)*. – There is  
7 hereby created a PAMB which shall have jurisdiction, power and authority  
8 over the AIPL for all matters that may affect biodiversity conservation,  
9 protection and sustainable development. It shall be composed of:

10       (a) The Regional Executive Director (RED) of the DENR Region III as  
11 Chairperson;

12       (b) The Provincial Planning and Development Officer (PPDO) of the  
13 Province of Aurora or Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
14 (PENRO) subject to the designation of the Provincial Governor;

15       (c) One (1) representative for each municipal government covered by  
16 the protected area to be appointed by a majority vote of the respective  
17 Sangguniang Bayan;

18       (d) One (1) representative from each of the barangay within the AIPL  
19 to be appointed by the Sangguniang Barangay;

20       (e) One (1) representative from each of the tribal community within the  
21 AIPL, if any;

22       (f) The president of the Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) from  
23 each municipality/city covering the AIPL;

24       (g) One (1) representative from the Aurora Special Economic Zone  
25 Authority;

26       (h) One (1) representative from academic institutions directly involved  
27 in the protection and management of the AIPL;



1 (i) At least three (3) representatives from local NGOs based in or near  
2 the AIPL which has been existing for five (5) years with track records related  
3 to the protection and management of the AIPL;

4 (j) One (1) representative from people's organizations (POs) from  
5 each municipality with territory within the AIPL chosen from among  
6 themselves: *Provided*, That the POs are accredited with the DENR and the  
7 LGU and with tangible projects at the time of their membership in the PAMB;  
8 and

9 (k) One (1) representative from other national government  
10 departments, if necessary, that may be involved in the management of the  
11 AIPL.

12 Each member of the PAMB shall serve for a term of five (5) years and  
13 shall be considered to represent one's sector and deemed to carry the vote of  
14 such sector in all matters. In the case of members who are government  
15 officials, their appointment shall be coterminous with their term of office.

16 The members of the PAMB shall be appointed by the Secretary of the  
17 DENR in conformity with the provisions of the NIPAS Act. As a transitory  
18 provision, the initial members of the PAMB shall be nominated from the  
19 current members of the interim PAMB of the AIPL: *Provided*, That the  
20 PAMB shall include women as members.

21 The representatives from the LGUs and national agencies in the PAMB  
22 shall include among their duties the duty to inform their respective  
23 constituents, office or sector of the PAMB, of the approved or other relevant  
24 policies, rules, regulations, programs and projects, and to ensure that the  
25 provisions of this Act, the NIPAS Act and its implementing rules and  
26 regulations are observed, complied with, and used as reference and framework  
27 in their respective plans, policies, programs and projects. Failure to comply

1 with the foregoing shall subject such representative to disciplinary action as the  
2 PAMB may provide.

3 The members of the PAMB shall not receive any salary but shall be  
4 entitled to reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either in  
5 their attendance in meetings of the PAMB or in connection with other official  
6 business authorized by a resolution of the PAMB, subject to existing rules and  
7 regulations.

8 SEC. 8. *Powers and Functions of the PAMB.* – The PAMB of the  
9 AIPL, which shall decide by consensus or majority vote of the members  
10 present constituting a quorum of majority of all the members, shall have the  
11 following powers and functions in addition to those provided under Republic  
12 Act No. 7586 or the NIPAS Act of 1992 and its implementing rules and  
13 regulations:

14 (a) Issue rules and regulations to prohibit acts that may be prejudicial  
15 to the AIPL and to the declaration of policy set forth under the NIPAS;

16 (b) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through  
17 appropriate and effective means;

18 (c) Adopt rules and procedures in the conduct of business, including  
19 the creation of committees to which its powers may be delegated;

20 (d) Approve the management plan and oversee the office of the PASu;

21 (e) Establish criteria and set fees for the issuance of permits or  
22 activities regulated by this Act or the management plan;

23 (f) Recommend the deputization of appropriate individuals for the  
24 enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the conduct or  
25 management of the AIPL;

26 (g) Approve fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines  
27 and raise funds for the AIPL;

1 (h) Manage the allocation of the AIPL Fund, and other funds for the  
2 AIPL, ensure their proper administration and render accounting; and

3 (i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other  
4 government authorities.

5 The DENR, through the RED, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within  
6 the scope of its powers and functions. In case of a conflict between  
7 administrative orders of national application issued by the DENR pursuant to  
8 the NIPAS Act and the resolutions issued by the PAMB, the PAMB shall  
9 notify the DENR Secretary who shall decide whether to apply the rules or  
10 withdraw its application in the AIPL.

11 SEC. 9. *The Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Office.* – There is  
12 hereby established a PASu Office within the DENR Regional Office to be in  
13 charge of the management, protection and administration of the AIPL. The  
14 PASu shall be supported by the existing personnel of the DENR. The head of  
15 office shall be the chief operating officer of the AIPL and shall be directly  
16 accountable to the RED of the DENR Region III and the PAMB.

17 The PASu shall have full responsibility for the protection of land, water,  
18 wildlife and other natural, physical and biological resources within the AIPL.  
19 As such, the PASu shall have the following duties and responsibilities in  
20 addition to those provided under the NIPAS Act and its implementing rules  
21 and regulations:

22 (a) Establish, operate and maintain a database management system as  
23 decision support tool;

24 (b) Prepare the management plans as herein defined;

25 (c) Provide a secretariat for the PAMB and supply the PAMB with all  
26 the necessary information to make appropriate decisions for the  
27 implementation of this Act;

1 (d) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the AIPL,  
2 institute and file legal action independently or in collaboration with other  
3 government agencies or organizations and assist in the prosecution of offenses  
4 committed in violation of this Act;

5 (e) Monitor all activities within the AIPL to ensure its conformity with  
6 the management plan;

7 (f) Recommend the issuance of permits based on terms, conditions and  
8 criteria established by the PAMB;

9 (g) Ensure the integration of the AIPL management policies,  
10 regulations, programs and projects at all the concerned national and LGU  
11 levels; and

12 (h) Perform such other functions as the PAMB may delegate.

13 The PASu shall be supported by a sufficient number of personnel who  
14 shall be performing day-to-day management, protection and administration of  
15 the AIPL. Upon the recommendation of the PAMB, the RED of the DENR  
16 Region III shall deputize local community leaders and environment and natural  
17 resources officers.

18 *SEC. 10. Aurora Integrated Protected Landscape (AIPL) Fund. --*

19 There is hereby established a revolving fund to be known as the AIPL Fund for  
20 purposes of financing projects in the AIPL.

21 Income shall be derived from fees from visitors/tourists, fees from  
22 permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other resources from the  
23 AIPL, proceeds from the registration and lease of multiple-use areas, including  
24 tourism concessions, fees, proceeds, and contributions from industries and  
25 facilities directly benefiting the AIPL, and such other fees and income derived  
26 from the operation the AIPL: *Provided*, That the seventy-five percent (75%)  
27 shall be set aside and retained by the PAMB which shall appropriate the same  
28 exclusively for the management and operation of the AIPL: *Provided, further*,

1 That the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) shall be remitted to the central  
2 Integrated Protected Areas Fund (IPAF).

3 The AIPL Fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment  
4 from various sources, domestic or foreign, for purposes related to their  
5 functions: *Provided*, That disbursements therefrom shall be made solely for  
6 the protection, maintenance, administration and management of the system,  
7 and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with existing  
8 accounting and budgeting rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, That the  
9 fund shall not be used to cover personal services expenditures.

10 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not  
11 enumerated herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business  
12 permits and rentals of LGU facilities: *Provided*, That the LGUs shall not  
13 impose property tax and issue new tax declaration for areas covered by the  
14 AIPL. Furthermore, LGUs may charge add-ons to fees imposed by the PAMB:  
15 *Provided, further*, That such add-ons shall be based on the contribution of the  
16 LGUs in the maintenance and protection of the AIPL.

17 *SEC. 11. Ancestral Lands and Domains.* – The prior and existing  
18 rights of indigenous cultural communities or indigenous peoples (ICCs/IPs)  
19 over their ancestral lands and domains of the protected areas shall be  
20 recognized. Traditional property regimes exercised by the ICCs/IPs in  
21 accordance with their customary laws shall govern the relationship of all  
22 individuals within their communities with respect to all their lands and other  
23 resources found within their ancestral lands and domains.

24 The provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of the  
25 ICCs/IPs in accordance with the preservation and conservation objectives of  
26 the AIPL. Nothing herein shall be construed to impair, diminish or derogate  
27 any prior existing right currently enjoyed by the ICCs/IPs under existing laws.

1           SEC. 12. *Tenured Migrants and Other Occupants.* – Tenured  
2 migrants shall be eligible to become steward of a portion of land within  
3 allowable zones. The PAMB shall identify, verify and review all tenure  
4 instruments, land claims and issuances of permits for resource-use within the  
5 *protected areas and recommend the issuance of the appropriate tenure*  
6 *instrument consistent with the zoning provided in the management plan and its*  
7 *successor plans.*

8           Should areas occupied by tenured migrants be designated as zones in  
9 which no occupation or other activities are allowed pursuant to the attainment  
10 of sustainable development, provision for the transfer of said tenured migrants  
11 to multiple-use zones or buffer zones shall be accomplished through just and  
12 humane means.

13           In the event of termination of a tenure instrument for cause or by  
14 *voluntary surrender of rights, the PASu shall take immediate steps to*  
15 *rehabilitate the area in order to return it to its natural state prior to the*  
16 *cultivation or other acts by the tenured migrant.*

17           Within three (3) months from the passage of this Act, the PASu shall  
18 submit to the PAMB the complete list of tenured migrants which list shall be  
19 final upon approval of the PAMB.

20           SEC. 13. *Utilization of Resources.* – Any exploitation of or utilization  
21 of nonrenewable resources within the protected area shall not be allowed.  
22 Energy projects within the protected area shall be allowed only through an act  
23 of Congress, *except energy from wind, sun and water resources of not more*  
24 *than one (1) megawatt capacity for mini-hydro power plant: Provided, That*  
25 *these renewable energy projects are established outside the strict protection*  
26 *zone, adopt reduced impact technologies and undergo the Environmental*  
27 *Impact Assessment (EIA) as provided by law: Provided, further, That the*  
28 *PAMB endorsement has been obtained.*

1           SEC. 14. *Prohibited Acts and Penalties.* – The following shall be the  
2 prohibitions and penalties applicable to the AIPL, in addition to the prohibited  
3 acts as provided in the NIPAS Act and its pertinent rules and regulations:

4           (a) The penalties in Articles 309 and 310 of the Revised Penal Code,  
5 depending on the value of the resources involved in connection with the  
6 prohibited act, shall be imposed upon any person who:

7           (1) Takes, destroys, collects, disturbs or possesses any wild terrestrial  
8 or aquatic plants or animals, flora and fauna, sand, rocks or byproducts derived  
9 therefrom, within particularly identified regulated or prohibited zones in the  
10 protected areas including private lands without the necessary permit,  
11 authorization or exemption: *Provided,* That hunting of animals shall be  
12 absolutely prohibited except for scientific research;

13           (2) Cuts, gathers, removes or collects timber or any forest products,  
14 within particularly identified regulated or prohibited areas or zones in the  
15 protected areas including private lands without the necessary permit,  
16 authorization or exemption;

17           (3) Possesses or transports, within or outside the protected area any  
18 timber, forest products, wild terrestrial plants, animals, flora and fauna, or  
19 byproducts derived therefrom which is ascertained to have been taken from the  
20 protected areas;

21           (4) Undertakes mineral exploration or extraction within the protected  
22 areas;

23           (5) Engages in quarrying of sand, gravel, guano, limestone or any  
24 material within the protected areas;

25           (6) Hunts, collects, removes or destroys any endangered or protected  
26 species, except when collection or removal is for scientific research and  
27 exempted from the prohibition by the PAMB;

1 (7) Conducts bio-prospecting within protected areas without prior  
2 PAMB approval in accordance with existing guidelines; or

3 (8) Establishes or introduces exotic species within the protected areas  
4 which are detrimental to endemic species or without prior PAMB approval.

5 (b) A fine of not less than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but not  
6 more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) and/or imprisonment  
7 for one (1) year but not more than six (6) years shall be imposed upon any  
8 person who:

9 (1) Violates any rules and regulations in the management plan or by the  
10 PAMB or agreements reached before the PAMB in the exercise of adjudicative  
11 functions;

12 (2) Erects any structure on land or on water for any purpose outside the  
13 management plan: *Provided*, That large-scale private infrastructure and other  
14 projects such as medium to high density residential subdivisions, medium to  
15 large commercial and industrial establishments, golf courses, heavily  
16 mechanized commercial and nontraditional farming, and other activities that  
17 cause increased in-migration, pollution and resources degradation are  
18 absolutely prohibited;

19 (3) Possesses a chainsaw, backsaw and other mechanized equipment  
20 within the protected areas without a permit;

21 (4) Throws, dumps or causes to be dumped into the protected areas any  
22 nonbiodegradable material or waste whether liquid, solid or gas;

23 (5) Uses, dumps, places or causes to be placed into the protected areas  
24 toxic chemicals, including pesticides and other hazardous substances, unless  
25 the same is expressly allowed in the protection and conservation plan;

26 (6) Prospects, hunts or otherwise locates hidden treasures within the  
27 protected area;



1 (7) Informally occupies or dwells in any land within the protected area  
2 without clearance from the PAMB;

3 (8) Possesses or uses blasting caps or explosives anywhere within the  
4 protected area;

5 (9) Destroys, excavates, vandalizes or, in any manner, damages any  
6 natural formation on land, religious, spiritual, historical sites, artifacts and  
7 other objects of natural or scenic value;

8 (10) Alters, removes or destroys boundary marks or signs;

9 (11) Engages in *kaingin* or in any manner, causing forest fires inside  
10 the protected areas; or

11 (12) Purchases or sells mortgages or leases lands or other portions of  
12 the protected area which are by any tenurial instrument.

13 Valuation of the damage for this Act shall take into account biodiversity  
14 and conservation consideration as well as aesthetic and scenic value.  
15 Valuation assessed by the DENR or the concerned government agency shall be  
16 presumed correct unless otherwise proven by preponderant evidence.

17 Any person who shall induce another or conspire to commit any of the  
18 illegal acts prohibited in this Act or suffer their workers to commit any of the  
19 same shall be liable in the same manner as the one actually performing the act.

20 All conveyances, vessels, equipment, paraphernalia, implements, gear,  
21 tools and similar devices shall be subject to immediate and administrative  
22 confiscation, independent of the judicial proceedings by the PASu Office upon  
23 apprehension, subject however, to due process and substantial evidence  
24 requirements. When legal action is however filed in the regular courts, the said  
25 conveyances, vessels, equipment, paraphernalia, implements, gear, tools and  
26 similar devices, independent of the administrative proceedings, shall not be  
27 released until after judgment has been rendered. Proceeds of the sale of all  
28 objects administratively or judicially confiscated pursuant hereto shall accrue

1 to the AIPL Fund. Procedure for the sale thereof shall be promulgated by the  
2 PAMB. However, in no case shall any confiscated or rescued protected animal  
3 species be sold or in any manner dispose of and shall, instead be immediately  
4 turned over to the PASu Office for release in its natural habitat, subject to the  
5 existing regulations.

6 The penalties specified in this section will be in addition to the penalties  
7 contained in Republic Act No. 9072 (National Caves and Cave Resources  
8 Management and Protection Act), Republic Act No. 9147 (Wildlife Resources  
9 Conservation and Protection Act) and other related laws.

10 Conviction for any offense under this Act of a public officer or officer  
11 of the law shall carry the accessory penalty of perpetual disqualification from  
12 public office.

13 SEC. 15. *Special Prosecutor and Retained Counsel.* – Within thirty  
14 (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ)  
15 shall appoint a special prosecutor to whom all cases of violation of laws, rules  
16 and regulations in the protected area shall be assigned. Such special prosecutor  
17 shall coordinate with the AIPL Management Board and through the PASu in  
18 the performance of the duties and assist in the training of wardens and rangers  
19 in arrest and criminal procedures. The AIPL Management Board may retain  
20 the services of counsel to prosecute and/or assist in the prosecution of cases  
21 arising from any legal action brought against the PASu and the staff, or any  
22 person assisting in the protection, conservation and sustainable development of  
23 the protected area, for acts related to their powers, functions and  
24 responsibilities as provided for in this Act or as delegated or tasked by the  
25 AIPL Management Board.

26 SEC. 16. *Appropriations.* – The DENR Secretary shall include in its  
27 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be charged  
28 to the annual General Appropriations Act.

1           SEC. 17. *Reporting Responsibility.* – The PASu, through the PAMB,  
2 shall submit an annual accomplishment report to the Secretary of the DENR on  
3 the activities undertaken in the AIPL.

4           SEC. 18. *Construction and Suppletory Application of Existing Laws.* –  
5 The provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally in favor of achieving  
6 biodiversity conservation, watershed and environmental protection and  
7 sustainable development. The provisions of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise  
8 known as the “National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of  
9 1992” and existing forestry laws, and their corresponding rules and regulations  
10 not inconsistent hereto shall have suppletory effect in the implementation of  
11 this Act.

12           SEC. 19. *Transitory Provision.* – In order to ensure the sustainability  
13 and integrity of the watersheds and water resources, the recovery and  
14 restoration of biological diversity and to develop sustainable livelihood  
15 opportunities for tenured migrants, the DENR shall henceforth cease to issue  
16 concessions, licenses, permits clearance compliance documents or any other  
17 instrument that allows exploitation and utilization of resources within the AIPL  
18 until the management plan shall have been put into effect.

19           All existing land use and resource use permits within the AIPL shall be  
20 reviewed and shall not be renewed upon their expiration unless consistent with  
21 the management plan and approved by the PAMB.

22           SEC. 20. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, proclamations, rules and  
23 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
24 accordingly.

25           SEC. 21. *Separability Clause.* – Any portion or provision of this Act  
26 that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of  
27 nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portion  
28 or provision can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

1           SEC. 22. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
2 days from the date of publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2)  
3 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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