



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**H. No. 4506**

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BY REPRESENTATIVES MACROHON-NUÑO, MATUGAS AND UNGAB,  
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 263

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AN ACT DECLARING THE PASONANCA WATERSHED FOREST  
RESERVE LOCATED IN ZAMBOANGA CITY AS A PROTECTED  
AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK AND  
PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT

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

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Pasonanca  
Natural Park Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – Considering the importance of the  
Pasonanca Watershed Forest Reserve’s unique biological resources and its  
aesthetic, sociocultural, economic and ecological importance, it is hereby  
declared the policy of the State to further secure its protection and  
conservation, including the people and the communities residing therein as  
well as their way of life. For this reason, the State shall protect and conserve  
its biodiversity; advance, respect and protect the customs and interests of its  
legitimate inhabitants; and foster partnerships among government,  
nongovernment organizations (NGOs) and people’s organizations (POs).

1            SEC. 3. *Scope.* – The Pasonanca Natural Park, including its buffer  
2 zone, covers a total area of about twelve thousand one hundred two and 8/100  
3 hectares (12,102.08 has.).

4            PASONANCA CORE ZONE

5            Beginning at point marked "1" which is S. 10° 11' 34" W., 2,011.749  
6 meters from PRS92 - 1A - ZGC, Zamboanga City with geographic coordinates  
7 of 06° 58' 34.22" North and 122° 04' 30.19" East

8	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE (meters)
9	1-2	N. 34° 36' 09" W.	783.61
10	2-3	N. 36° 52' 11" W.	235.00
11	3-4	N. 36° 37' 00" W.	271.60
12	4-5	N. 36° 04' 55" W.	1,774.37
13	5-6	N. 36° 01' 38" W.	1,074.52
14	6-7	N. 74° 16' 57" W.	1,000.40
15	7-8	N. 14° 41' 31" W.	339.09
16	8-9	N. 38° 19' 18" W.	1,911.51
17	9-10	N. 62° 25' 47" W.	439.90
18	10-11	N. 24° 31' 34" W.	298.23
19	11-12	N. 14° 59' 33" W.	181.75
20	12-13	N. 14° 43' 37" E.	303.73
21	13-14	N. 54° 38' 15" E.	229.56
22	14-15	N. 60° 34' 12" E.	243.18
23	15-16	N. 83° 07' 05" E.	252.00
24	16-17	N. 13° 55' 42" W.	222.21
25	17-18	N. 50° 05' 44" W.	288.47
26	18-19	N. 30° 43' 43" W.	252.41
27	19-20	N. 11° 44' 13" E.	226.89
28	20-21	N. 48° 58' 41" E.	255.00

1	21-22	N. 23° 55' 08" E.	288.32
2	22-23	N. 00° 56' 08" W.	237.71
3	23-24	N. 20° 38' 49" E.	699.75
4	24-25	N. 15° 14' 11" W.	234.71
5	25-26	N. 38° 59' 58" E.	215.92
6	26-27	N. 07° 07' 30" E.	222.58
7	27-28	N. 09° 04' 37" E.	221.47
8	28-29	N. 43° 36' 10" W.	125.09
9	29-30	N. 25° 37' 48" W.	248.31
10	30-31	N. 58° 47' 50" W.	283.93
11	31-32	N. 00° 05' 12" E.	284.27
12	32-33	N. 08° 14' 42" E.	303.80
13	33-34	N. 10° 30' 40" W.	364.14
14	34-35	N. 21° 05' 06" W.	371.70
15	35-36	N. 29° 52' 10" W.	418.35
16	36-37	N. 30° 03' 35" W.	1,033.35
17	37-38	N. 62° 06' 51" E.	1,905.30
18	38-39	N. 03° 34' 34" E.	63.21
19	39-40	N. 64° 19' 45" E.	192.06
20	40-41	N. 54° 57' 02" E.	193.63
21	41-42	N. 39° 50' 59" E.	130.46
22	42-43	N. 32° 21' 02" E.	201.17
23	43-44	N. 15° 17' 26" E.	222.79
24	44-45	N. 74° 46' 27" E.	161.97
25	45-46	N. 76° 30' 56" E.	278.68
26	46-47	N. 09° 57' 45" E.	2,251.35
27	47-48	N. 06° 28' 22" E.	2,557.00
28	48-49	N. 13° 24' 54" W.	2,076.45

1	49-50	S. 89° 52' 27" E.	3,129.75
2	50-51	N. 44° 12' 07" E.	1,929.32
3	51-52	S. 37° 27' 50" E.	341.75
4	52-53	S. 23° 05' 01" E.	612.32
5	53-54	S. 41° 36' 23" E.	275.27
6	54-55	S. 06° 29' 29" E.	911.66
7	55-56	S. 08° 20' 38" W.	212.43
8	56-57	S. 04° 00' 41" W.	240.35
9	57-58	S. 02° 47' 29" W.	390.00
10	58-59	S. 03° 50' 48" E.	362.02
11	59-60	S. 37° 36' 01" E.	307.73
12	60-61	S. 43° 57' 50" E.	243.56
13	61-62	S. 45° 50' 01" E.	211.84
14	62-63	S. 42° 58' 47" E.	249.84
15	63-64	S. 46° 52' 26" E.	215.45
16	64-65	S. 45° 15' 30" E.	292.84
17	65-66	S. 47° 51' 44" E.	238.09
18	66-67	S. 44° 44' 18" E.	192.88
19	67-68	S. 42° 17' 31" E.	65.25
20	68-69	S. 47° 56' 29" E.	223.12
21	69-70	S. 46° 06' 38" E.	272.64
22	70-71	S. 42° 56' 58" E.	184.63
23	71-72	S. 42° 13' 59" E.	237.19
24	72-73	S. 38° 34' 00" E.	239.75
25	73-74	S. 19° 51' 29" E.	317.17
26	74-75	S. 00° 25' 12" W.	254.72
27	75-76	S. 00° 40' 52" W.	235.73
28	76-77	S. 01° 02' 45" W.	307.08

1	77-78	S. 11° 09' 16" W.	356.07
2	78-79	S. 45° 44' 32" W.	321.18
3	79-80	S. 57° 22' 41" W.	372.11
4	80-81	S. 82° 49' 16" W.	259.04
5	81-82	S. 22° 20' 15" W.	360.04
6	82-83	S. 25° 09' 40" W.	188.03
7	83-84	S. 33° 34' 56" W.	217.24
8	84-85	S. 32° 50' 42" W.	322.84
9	85-86	S. 34° 22' 15" W.	263.24
10	86-87	S. 44° 30' 02" W.	318.39
11	87-88	S. 46° 17' 47" W.	337.19
12	88-89	S. 05° 47' 11" W.	257.83
13	89-90	S. 23° 53' 16" W.	267.67
14	90-91	S. 02° 41' 47" E.	625.55
15	91-92	S. 52° 25' 12" W.	2,111.22
16	92-93	S. 58° 17' 58" E.	806.43
17	93-94	S. 74° 02' 56" E.	822.59
18	94-95	S. 15° 53' 52" E.	1,247.38
19	95-96	S. 38° 46' 29" W.	742.70
20	96-97	S. 01° 43' 09" W.	1,389.21
21	97-98	S. 00° 00' 00" W.	868.00
22	98-99	S. 55° 36' 09" W.	292.07
23	99-100	S. 36° 41' 23" E.	63.60
24	100-101	S. 49° 39' 38" W.	1,209.62
25	101-102	S. 37° 44' 12" W.	145.42
26	102-103	S. 05° 10' 26" E.	255.04
27	103-104	S. 75° 15' 47" E.	436.35
28	104-105	S. 74° 03' 16" E.	123.76

1	105-106	S. 12° 03' 33" E.	224.96
2	106-107	S. 12° 20' 20" E.	327.57
3	107-108	S. 08° 13' 09" W.	181.87
4	108-109	N. 20° 37' 47" W.	181.65
5	109-110	N. 34° 29' 36" W.	197.77
6	110-111	N. 13° 06' 59" W.	211.52
7	111-112	N. 64° 14' 58" W.	377.49
8	112-113	S. 89° 30' 06" W.	345.01
9	113-114	S. 26° 09' 15" W.	374.33
10	114-115	S. 20° 16' 08" W.	256.91
11	115-116	S. 06° 28' 44" W.	319.04
12	116-117	S. 09° 30' 39" W.	387.32
13	117-118	S. 24° 11' 01" E.	236.78
14	118-119	S. 30° 14' 18" E.	460.68
15	119-120	S. 06° 06' 55" E.	140.80
16	120-121	S. 24° 09' 47" W.	1,131.10
17	121-1	S. 13° 43' 36" W.	1,976.45

18 PASONANCA BUFFER ZONE I

19 Beginning at point marked "1" which is N. 62° 44' 42" W., 4,308.321  
 20 meters from PRS92 - 1A - ZGC, Zamboanga City with geographic coordinates  
 21 of 06° 58' 34.22" North and 122° 04' 30.19" East

22	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE (meters)
23	1-2	N. 52° 0' 52" W.	862.76
24	2-3	S. 77° 52' 1" W.	314.02
25	3-4	N. 51° 58' 6" W.	256.45
26	4-5	N. 87° 51' 22" W.	187.13
27	5-6	S. 35° 9' 32" W.	281.33
28	6-7	S. 51° 57' 11" E.	146.03

1	7-8	S. 39° 15' 44" E.	148.53
2	8-9	S. 12° 45' 27" W.	163.03
3	9-10	S. 75° 42' 42" W.	275.52
4	10-11	S. 56° 41' 52" W.	163.92
5	11-12	S. 47° 2' 43" E.	158.49
6	12-13	S. 49° 48' 42" W.	210.75
7	13-14	N. 79° 9' 55" W.	212.79
8	14-15	N. 72° 32' 42" W.	203.36
9	15-16	S. 55° 6' 18" W.	145.09
10	16-17	S. 29° 28' 34" W.	132.10
11	17-18	S. 47° 16' 5" E.	142.95
12	18-19	S. 23° 4' 25" E.	301.09
13	19-20	S. 40° 36' 5" W.	304.25
14	20-21	N. 84° 43' 49" W.	413.75
15	21-22	N. 9° 8' 41" W.	207.64
16	22-23	S. 40° 24' 34" W.	194.37
17	23-24	S. 63° 26' 6" W.	161.00
18	24-25	N. 49° 34' 26" W.	283.75
19	25-26	N. 32° 39' 22" E.	261.31
20	26-27	N. 58° 38' 34" E.	74.95
21	27-28	N. 56° 26' 14" W.	124.81
22	28-29	N. 82° 36' 50" W.	108.90
23	29-30	N. 20° 2' 43" E.	157.54
24	30-31	N. 22° 13' 47" W.	124.23
25	31-32	N. 4° 49' 50" E.	213.76
26	32-33	N. 56° 31' 51" E.	215.78
27	33-34	N. 5° 50' 6" W.	137.71
28	34-35	N. 48° 28' 35" W.	303.20

1	35-36	N. 6° 5' 29" E.	254.44
2	36-37	N. 39° 36' 14" E.	218.05
3	37-38	S. 76° 44' 34" E.	196.23
4	38-39	N. 79° 45' 55" E.	292.66
5	39-40	N. 35° 6' 43" E.	156.47
6	40-41	N. 45° 0' 0" E.	243.25
7	41-42	N. 5° 35' 57" W.	153.73
8	42-43	N. 53° 20' 20" W.	219.40
9	43-44	N. 64° 22' 18" E.	328.30
10	44-45	N. 8° 54' 37" E.	238.88
11	45-46	S. 47° 52' 19" W.	211.69
12	46-47	N. 47° 4' 45" W.	214.40
13	47-48	N. 15° 0' 32" E.	142.87
14	48-49	N. 53° 47' 26" W.	69.41
15	49-50	N. 22° 6' 33" E.	69.08
16	50-51	N. 46° 23' 19" E.	233.41
17	51-52	N. 18° 57' 29" W.	138.51
18	52-53	N. 35° 14' 51" W.	91.84
19	53-54	N. 14° 6' 35" E.	682.49
20	54-55	N. 56° 41' 37" W.	572.69
21	55-56	N. 85° 9' 42" E.	1,093.54
22	56-57	N. 1° 46' 13" W.	860.25
23	57-58	N. 46° 18' 22" E.	339.46
24	58-59	N. 77° 47' 59" E.	177.54
25	59-60	N. 36° 58' 22" E.	261.23
26	60-61	N. 80° 46' 20" E.	390.04
27	61-62	S. 20° 38' 48" W.	699.75
28	62-63	S. 0° 56' 9" E.	237.71



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2	64-65	S. 48° 58' 42" W.	255.00
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11	73-74	S. 14° 59' 34" E.	181.75
12	74-75	S. 24° 31' 35" E.	298.24
13	75-76	S. 62° 25' 47" E.	439.90
14	76-1	S. 38° 19' 18" E.	1,911.51

15 PASONANCA BUFFER ZONE 2

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23	4-5	N. 74° 2' 57" W.	822.59
24	5-6	N. 58° 17' 58" W.	806.43
25	6-7	N. 52° 25' 13" E.	2,111.22
26	7-8	N. 2° 41' 47" W.	625.55
27	8-9	N. 23° 53' 16" E.	267.67
28	9-10	N. 5° 47' 12" E.	257.83

1	10-11	N. 46° 17' 48" E.	337.19
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3	12-13	N. 34° 22' 16" E.	263.24
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5	14-15	N. 33° 34' 57" E.	217.24
6	15-16	N. 25° 9' 41" E.	188.03
7	16-17	N. 22° 20' 16" E.	360.05
8	17-18	N. 82° 49' 16" E.	259.04
9	18-19	N. 57° 22' 42" E.	372.11
10	19-20	N. 45° 44' 33" E.	321.18
11	20-21	N. 11° 9' 16" E.	356.07
12	21-22	N. 1° 2' 45" E.	307.08
13	22-23	N. 0° 40' 52" E.	235.73
14	23-24	N. 0° 25' 13" E.	254.72
15	24-25	N. 19° 51' 29" W.	317.17
16	25-26	N. 38° 34' 1" W.	239.75
17	26-27	N. 42° 14' 0" W.	237.19
18	27-28	N. 42° 56' 59" W.	184.63
19	28-29	N. 46° 6' 38" W.	272.64
20	29-30	N. 47° 56' 29" W.	148.12
21	30-31	N. 47° 56' 30" W.	75.00
22	31-32	N. 42° 17' 32" W.	65.25
23	32-33	N. 44° 44' 18" W.	192.88
24	33-34	N. 47° 51' 45" W.	238.09
25	34-35	N. 45° 15' 31" W.	292.84
26	35-36	N. 46° 52' 27" W.	215.45
27	36-37	N. 42° 58' 47" W.	249.84
28	37-38	N. 45° 50' 1" W.	211.84

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2	39-40	N. 37° 36' 2" W.	307.73
3	40-41	N. 3° 50' 49" W.	362.02
4	41-42	N. 2° 47' 30" E.	390.00
5	42-43	N. 4° 0' 42" E.	240.36
6	43-44	N. 8° 20' 38" E.	212.43
7	44-45	N. 6° 29' 29" W.	911.66
8	45-46	N. 41° 36' 24" W.	275.27
9	46-47	N. 23° 5' 2" W.	612.32
10	47-48	N. 37° 27' 50" W.	341.75
11	48-49	N. 42° 55' 51" E.	2,513.17
12	49-50	S. 69° 37' 25" E.	2,199.38
13	50-51	S. 13° 46' 40" E.	673.63
14	51-52	S. 50° 0' 37" W.	649.44
15	52-53	S. 18° 37' 26" E.	961.53
16	53-54	S. 38° 40' 45" W.	579.59
17	54-55	S. 41° 1' 17" W.	117.20
18	55-56	S. 7° 25' 53" W.	88.16
19	56-57	S. 69° 15' 14" W.	268.26
20	57-58	S. 28° 29' 44" W.	151.37
21	58-59	S. 14° 55' 53" E.	118.01
22	59-60	N. 86° 33' 59" W.	190.39
23	60-61	S. 39° 17' 22" W.	108.04
24	61-62	S. 39° 1' 10" E.	283.75
25	62-63	S. 13° 14' 26" W.	66.38
26	63-64	S. 62° 47' 2" W.	149.59
27	64-65	S. 2° 7' 16" W.	102.70
28	65-66	S. 60° 31' 27" E.	100.42

1	66-67	S. 67° 45' 4" W.	90.35
2	67-68	S. 6° 44' 47" E.	136.51
3	68-69	S. 84° 15' 3" E.	316.24
4	69-70	S. 45° 0' 0" E.	80.63
5	70-71	N. 64° 47' 56" E.	71.41
6	71-72	S. 14° 25' 15" E.	274.72
7	72-73	N. 70° 20' 46" E.	113.01
8	73-74	S. 76° 45' 34" E.	132.76
9	74-75	S. 25° 1' 1" W.	377.50
10	75-76	S. 19° 17' 24" E.	161.08
11	76-77	S. 47° 38' 33" W.	174.88
12	77-78	S. 2° 51' 45" E.	152.23
13	78-79	S. 63° 48' 0" E.	266.88
14	79-80	S. 21° 19' 4" E.	501.85
15	80-81	N. 72° 53' 50" E.	155.10
16	81-82	S. 30° 31' 47" E.	172.09
17	82-83	S. 30° 57' 50" W.	265.96
18	83-84	S. 85° 54' 52" W.	106.70
19	84-85	S. 9° 27' 44" E.	115.60
20	85-86	Due east	186.25
21	86-87	S. 62° 24' 10" W.	188.71
22	87-88	S. 18° 42' 42" W.	248.81
23	88-89	N. 75° 27' 56" E.	212.04
24	89-90	S. 76° 36' 27" E.	82.05
25	90-91	S. 42° 30' 38" W.	123.75
26	91-92	S. 57° 39' 9" E.	134.97
27	92-93	N. 70° 15' 11" E.	157.50
28	93-94	N. 83° 55' 39" E.	179.65

1	94-95	S. 8° 7' 48" W.	80.63
2	95-96	S. 37° 31' 42" E.	330.70
3	96-97	S. 4° 11' 52" E.	415.42
4	97-98	S. 60° 38' 32" E.	139.55
5	98-99	S. 18° 0' 15" W.	159.87
6	99-100	S. 54° 27' 44" E.	163.48
7	100-101	N. 36° 23' 4" E.	89.71
8	101-102	N. 8° 7' 48" E.	80.63
9	102-103	N. 61° 36' 25" E.	159.87
10	103-104	S. 59° 2' 10" E.	132.98
11	104-105	S. 58° 40' 17" W.	204.69
12	105-106	S. 45° 0' 0" E.	112.88
13	106-107	N. 65° 22' 35" E.	100.35
14	107-108	S. 33° 41' 24" E.	82.23
15	108-109	N. 78° 18' 38" E.	112.56
16	109-110	S. 40° 18' 51" W.	164.50
17	110-111	S. 67° 14' 56" E.	127.77
18	111-112	N. 53° 7' 48" E.	133.03
19	112-113	N. 6° 10' 13" E.	141.45
20	113-114	Due east	57.01
21	114-115	S. 34° 12' 57" E.	114.91
22	115-116	S. 77° 19' 11" E.	155.84
23	116-117	S. 81° 52' 12" W.	241.89
24	117-118	S. 22° 37' 12" W.	98.82
25	118-119	S. 28° 8' 30" E.	185.35
26	119-120	S. 41° 43' 46" W.	188.44
27	120-121	S. 21° 22' 14" E.	187.75
28	121-122	N. 65° 46' 20" W.	166.72

1	122-123	N. 25° 42' 36" W.	113.90
2	123-124	N. 57° 7' 25" W.	371.11
3	124-125	S. 86° 3' 17" W.	110.49
4	125-126	S. 11° 55' 46" E.	275.82
5	126-127	S. 42° 36' 51" E.	129.12
6	127-128	S. 46° 50' 51" W.	166.72
7	128-129	S. 37° 8' 48" E.	157.36
8	129-130	S. 10° 29' 29" E.	104.37
9	130-131	S. 60° 27' 40" E.	131.06
10	131-132	N. 42° 30' 38" E.	123.75
11	132-133	S. 59° 37' 15" E.	127.77
12	133-134	S. 46° 2' 30" W.	295.69
13	134-135	Due south	117.83
14	135-136	S. 60° 31' 27" W.	100.42
15	136-137	S. 15° 56' 43" E.	166.03
16	137-138	S. 5° 51' 22" E.	149.01
17	138-139	S. 88° 48' 23" W.	182.48
18	139-140	S. 1° 42' 35" W.	254.78
19	140-141	S. 43° 12' 36" E.	172.09
20	141-142	N. 85° 36' 5" E.	148.67
21	142-143	S. 32° 58' 10" E.	167.63
22	143-144	S. 54° 55' 34" E.	218.28
23	144-145	S. 21° 44' 56" E.	193.43
24	145-146	S. 44° 14' 27" W.	2,696.11
25	146-147	S. 32° 52' 20" E.	1,085.56
26	147-148	S. 68° 15' 2" W.	410.20
27	148-149	S. 6° 49' 16" E.	570.25
28	149-150	S. 12° 39' 21" E.	923.22

1	150-151	S. 38° 30' 39" W.	300.32
2	151-152	S. 89° 27' 40" W.	319.01
3	152-153	S. 86° 8' 4" W.	148.34
4	153-154	S. 42° 9' 51" W.	457.35
5	154-155	S. 34° 14' 42" W.	257.67
6	155-156	N. 56° 14' 25" W.	228.54
7	156-157	N. 87° 2' 21" W.	174.23
8	157-158	S. 30° 53' 51" W.	148.00
9	158-159	S. 4° 55' 37" W.	349.29
10	159-160	S. 78° 41' 24" W.	168.27
11	160-161	S. 49° 22' 1" W.	195.02
12	161-162	S. 71° 42' 46" W.	245.39
13	162-163	S. 2° 53' 4" E.	258.33
14	163-164	S. 9° 27' 44" W.	231.15
15	164-165	S. 33° 21' 59" W.	147.28
16	165-166	S. 29° 32' 10" E.	233.31
17	166-167	S. 56° 28' 36" E.	195.55
18	167-168	S. 31° 2' 58" E.	114.39
19	168-169	S. 35° 15' 40" W.	102.19
20	169-170	S. 15° 28' 31" E.	251.10
21	170-171	S. 61° 4' 25" W.	130.25
22	171-172	S. 88° 14' 23" W.	423.20
23	172-173	N. 71° 57' 1" W.	329.20
24	173-174	N. 21° 35' 9" W.	345.21
25	174-175	N. 53° 27' 46" W.	206.60
26	175-176	N. 54° 38' 59" W.	248.89
27	176-1	N. 54° 17' 36" W.	275.86

1           **SEC. 4. *Land Classification.*** – Subject to private rights if there be  
2 any, all lands of the public domain declared within the coverage and scope of  
3 the Pasonanca Natural Park shall fall under the land classification of national  
4 park: *Provided, however,* That the present land classification of any area  
5 within its buffer zone, as defined and delimited herein, shall be retained and is  
6 hereby respected.

7           **SEC. 5. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act:

8           (a) *Biodiversity or biological diversity* refers to the variability among  
9 living organisms, including genetic and structural differences, including the  
10 variability within and between species, and within and between ecosystems;

11           (b) *Buffer zone* refers to identified areas outside the boundaries of and  
12 immediately adjacent to designated protected areas pursuant to Section 8 of  
13 Republic Act No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System  
14 (NIPAS) Act of 1992 that need special development control in order to avoid  
15 or minimize harm to the protected area;

16           (c) *Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)* refers to the procedures  
17 undertaken pursuant to the Environmental Impact Statement System  
18 established under Presidential Decree No. 1586 or supervening legislation;

19           (d) *Management plan* refers to the fundamental plan, strategy and/or  
20 scheme which shall guide all activities relating to the Pasonanca Natural Park  
21 in order to attain the objectives of this Act as stated in Section 2 hereof;

22           (e) *Multiple-use zone* refers to area identified in a plan or map where  
23 settlement, traditional and/or sustainable land use, including agriculture,  
24 agro-forestry, extraction activities and other income-generating or livelihood  
25 activities, may be allowed to the extent prescribed in the management plan.  
26 Within multiple-use zones, land tenure may be granted to actual residents,  
27 whether members of indigenous communities or migrants residing or



1 occupying any land within the protected area and acknowledged as members  
2 of the local community;

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

8 (g) *National park* refers to one (1) of the four (4) classifications of  
9 lands of the public domain, the others being agricultural, forest or timber and  
10 mineral lands, pursuant to the Philippine Constitution;

11 (h) *Natural park* refers to a relatively large area not materially altered  
12 by human activity where extractive resource uses are not allowed, and  
13 maintained to protect outstanding natural and scenic areas of national or  
14 international significance for scientific, educational and recreational use;

15 (i) *Protected area* refers to identified portions of land and water set  
16 aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance managed  
17 to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human  
18 exploitation;

19 (j) *Recreation zone* refers to an area of high recreational, tourism,  
20 educational or environmental awareness value where ecotourism, recreational,  
21 conservation, education or public awareness activities may be allowed;

22 (k) *Restoration zone* refers to an area of degraded habitat or where the  
23 long-term goal is to restore natural habitat with its associated biodiversity and  
24 to rezone the area to a more strict protection level, and excludes the use or  
25 introduction of exotic species in the restoration process; and

26 (l) *Strict protection zone* refers to an area with a high biodiversity  
27 value, which shall be closed to all human activity except for scientific studies  
28 and/or ceremonial or religious use by indigenous communities.

## CHAPTER II

## PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

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3       SEC. 6. *Management Mechanism.* – The management and  
4 administration of the Pasonanca Natural Park shall be consultative and  
5 participatory. The sole policy-making authority is vested in the Protected Area  
6 Management Board (PAMB), which shall be chaired by the Department of  
7 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Executive Director  
8 (RED) for Region IX. From time to time, the PAMB may also create  
9 committees to which it may delegate some of its powers and functions.

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

12       (a) The DENR RED for Region IX, who shall sit as PAMB  
13 Chairperson;

14       (b) The Mayor of Zamboanga City or a duly designated representative,  
15 as vice chairperson;

16       (c) The Chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources and  
17 Environmental Protection of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Zamboanga City,  
18 as member;

19       (d) The General Manager of the Zamboanga City Water District  
20 (ZCWD) or a duly designated representative, as member;

21       (e) The planning and development officer of Zamboanga City, as  
22 member;

23       (f) The barangay chairpersons in Zamboanga City whose areas of  
24 jurisdiction are within the protected area, as members;

25       (g) Three (3) representatives from Zamboanga City-based NGOs and  
26 community organizations, including POs, church or civic organizations, with  
27 interests within the protected area;

1           (h) Three (3) representatives from national government agencies with  
2 offices in Zamboanga City involved in protected area management or whose  
3 mandate affects the protection and conservation of the park, to be appointed  
4 by the DENR Secretary, upon the recommendation of their respective heads of  
5 office; and

6           (i) Three (3) representatives from local stakeholders who can assist  
7 and contribute in the protection and conservation of the park, to be appointed  
8 by the DENR Secretary.

9           In selecting the representatives from the POs and the NGOs, the  
10 following criteria shall be primarily considered:

11           (1) Active involvement in the ecological conservation, preservation,  
12 rehabilitation and protection of the park;

13           (2) Good potential in community organizing and other development  
14 works;

15           (3) Favorable track record in community work; and

16           (4) Duly accredited by the local government of Zamboanga City and  
17 the DENR.

18           **SEC. 8. *Term of Office of PAMB Members.*** – Except for government  
19 officials who shall serve *ex officio* and whose term of office as PAMB  
20 members are *coterminous* with their employment in the agency being  
21 represented, the members of the PAMB shall be appointed by the DENR  
22 Secretary and shall serve for a term of five (5) years: *Provided*, That said  
23 PAMB members remain connected with the organization being represented.  
24 Whenever a vacancy occurs during the term of a PAMB member who is not a  
25 government agency representative, a new member shall be chosen in the same  
26 manner as the original selection process: *Provided, further*, That the substitute  
27 shall only serve for the remaining term.

1           The members of the PAMB shall not receive any compensation but  
2 shall be entitled to reasonable *per diem* in accordance with existing accounting  
3 and auditing rules and regulations.

4           **SEC. 9. Duties and Functions of the PAMB.** – As the highest  
5 policy-making body for the protected area, the PAMB shall exercise the  
6 following powers and functions:

7           (a) Approve or decide on all matters related to or based on the  
8 approved management plan, proposals, work and action plans, resource  
9 protection, delineation and demarcation of protected area boundaries, buffer  
10 zones, ancestral domains, recognition of rights and privileges, and guidelines  
11 and policies for the management and conservation of the protected area;

12           (b) Review and adopt the management plan and development program  
13 and their implementing rules and regulations, and ensure strict compliance  
14 therewith;

15           (c) Control and regulate the construction and maintenance of roads,  
16 trails, waterworks, sewerage, fire protection and sanitation systems and other  
17 utilities within the park;

18           (d) Control and supervise the Office of the Protected Area  
19 Superintendent (PASu) and monitor and evaluate the performance of the  
20 protected area personnel, NGOs and communities involved in conservation  
21 and development work;

22           (e) Issue all necessary permits within the park, including its buffer  
23 zones, and collect reasonable fees therefor in accordance with the management  
24 plan and consistent with the conservation and protection of the park. The  
25 PAMB may delegate this authority to the PASu under proper guidelines;

26           (f) Deputize, through the PASu, individuals for the enforcement of all  
27 laws, rules and regulations governing conduct within the park and its buffer  
28 zones, and prescribe the qualifications therefor;

1 (g) Accept donations and grants and approve proposals for funding  
2 and budget allocation, and exercise accountability over all funds that may  
3 accrue;

4 (h) Coordinate with the appropriate agencies of the government, local  
5 or national, on all matters related to the protection and conservation of the  
6 protected area and its buffer zones, and request their assistance for the same  
7 purpose;

8 (i) Retain a legal counsel, either on permanent, temporary or part-time  
9 basis, to defend cases against the PAMB, the PASu Office and staff, and  
10 deputized individuals whenever they are sued in connection with the  
11 performance of their duties under this Act, and to assist the PAMB on all legal  
12 matters; and

13 (j) Adopt rules and procedures for the conduct of business, including  
14 the creation of committees to which certain powers of the PAMB may be  
15 delegated.

16 The DENR, through the RED for Region IX, shall ensure that the  
17 PAMB acts within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of conflict  
18 between administrative orders issued by the DENR pursuant to Republic Act  
19 No. 7586, otherwise known as the "National Integrated Protected Areas  
20 System Act of 1992", the rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto and  
21 other relevant laws on environmental protection and natural resources  
22 management and the resolutions and issuances of the PAMB, the DENR  
23 Secretary shall decide as to which rule, regulation or resolution shall prevail.

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

1 the DENR RED for Region IX and the PAMB. The PASu shall have the  
2 following powers and functions:

3 (a) Prepare the management plan and its successor plans as herein  
4 provided;

5 (b) Serve as secretariat to the PAMB with the duty to provide the  
6 PAMB with all information necessary to make appropriate decisions for the  
7 implementation of this Act;

8 (c) Supervise the necessary personnel to support operations as the  
9 budget may allow;

10 (d) Establish a productive partnership with local communities,  
11 including groups supporting the achievement of the goals and objectives of  
12 this Act;

13 (e) Develop and implement park information, education and visitor  
14 programs;

15 (f) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations and PAMB resolutions  
16 relevant to the protected area and its buffer zones, and assist in the prosecution  
17 of offenses;

18 (g) Monitor all activities within the protected area and its buffer zones  
19 in conformity with the management plan; and

20 (h) Perform such other functions as the PAMB may assign.

21 SEC. 11. *Management Plan.* – Within one (1) year from the  
22 effectivity of this Act, the PASu shall prepare a *management plan* in  
23 accordance with the General Management Planning Strategy (GMPS) and in  
24 coordination with the appropriate offices of the DENR, local communities, the  
25 City Government of Zamboanga, NGOs, other government agencies and  
26 available experts with socio-environmental, economic and ecological  
27 experience in the area. The plan shall contain, among others, the following:

1 (a) The period of its applicability, at least for ten (10) years, subject to  
2 review anytime as may be determined necessary by the Board;

3 (b) The analysis of key management issues and problems considered as  
4 threats to conservation, management and maintenance, including impacts on  
5 the important features of the area;

6 (c) Broad and long-term vision in the form of goals, a "vision  
7 statement", guiding policies for management, set of objectives and specific  
8 statements on what management can achieve within the timeframe of the plan;

9 (d) Site management strategies;

10 (e) Zoning plan, illustrating the boundaries, classification and  
11 management of specific zones and other activities allowed or prohibited for  
12 each zone;

13 (f) Management programs to include the enforcement of laws, habitat  
14 and wildlife management, ecotourism, sustainable use of resources,  
15 infrastructure development and maintenance, fire prevention and pest control;

16 (g) Mechanisms for the protection of tenured migrants in the exercise  
17 of their rights;

18 (h) Sustainable and nondestructive livelihood activities; and

19 (i) Regulations in the furtherance of the preservation and conservation  
20 objectives, such as the scheme in the issuance of permits and rules on the  
21 restrictions of resource-use.

22 The management plan shall be reviewed and adopted by the PAMB and  
23 certified to by the DENR Secretary that it conforms to all laws, rules and  
24 regulations issued by the DENR. In no case shall the management plan be  
25 revised or modified without the prior approval of the PAMB and in  
26 accordance with the procedures herein set forth.

1           One (1) year before the expiration of the management plan, the Office  
 2           of the PASu shall prepare a successor management plan which shall be done in  
 3           the same manner as the procedure and principles herein set forth and in  
 4           accordance with the GMPS. In the same period, the PASu shall cause the  
 5           publication of notices for comments and suggestions on the successor plan in a  
 6           newspaper of local circulation and the posting of such notices in the city and  
 7           barangay halls of the barangay units comprising the protected area and in three  
 8           (3) other conspicuous places frequented by the public within the protected  
 9           area. At least two (2) public hearings shall be conducted on the successor  
 10          plan.

11          The management plan shall be written in English and Chabacano,  
 12          plainly written and available for public perusal at the Office of the PASu.

13          SEC. 12. *Management Zoning.* – Management zones shall be  
 14          established in the protected area to provide protection for critical or  
 15          representative habitats. Within each management zone, similar management  
 16          emphasis shall be applied, comparable levels of use shall be permitted and  
 17          different uses shall be segregated. Each management zone shall be demarcated  
 18          on the ground and indicated on the maps after undertaking such steps as land  
 19          and resource-use mapping and dialogue with the communities, the City  
 20          Government of Zamboanga and other stakeholders. Within each zone,  
 21          management prescriptions shall be reasonably uniform but may differ in type  
 22          or intensity from those in other zones in order to accommodate multiple  
 23          objectives.

### 24                                    CHAPTER III

#### 25                                    TENURED MIGRANTS

26          SEC. 13. *Tenured Migrants.* – Any person who has been actually and  
 27          continuously occupying an area within the Pasonanca Natural Park for a  
 28          period of five (5) years prior to the issuance of Proclamation No. 199,



1 dated December 17, 1987, proclaiming the Pasonanca Watershed Forest  
2 Reservation, and is solely dependent on the protected area for subsistence  
3 shall be considered a tenured migrant.

4 A tenured migrant shall be eligible to become a steward of a reasonable  
5 portion of land within the multiple-use or buffer zones of the Pasonanca  
6 Natural Park from which the tenured migrant may derive subsistence:  
7 *Provided, however,* That current occupants who do not qualify as tenured  
8 migrants shall be resettled outside the protected area.

9 The PAMB shall review all tenure instruments, land claims or permits  
10 issued for resource-use within the protected area, if any, and recommend the  
11 issuance of appropriate tenure instrument consistent with the management or  
12 subsequent plans. Those who have been cultivating land within the protected  
13 area shall be considered to be occupying such lands and shall be entitled to a  
14 tenure instrument limited to cultivation and residence: *Provided,* That the  
15 rights accruing under such tenure instrument can only be transferred to direct  
16 descendants.

17 Nothing herein shall be construed to mean any diminution of accrued  
18 rights earned by tenured migrants. If areas occupied by tenured migrants are  
19 designated as zones in which no occupation or other activities are allowed,  
20 they shall be transferred to multiple-use areas or to the buffer zones under just  
21 and humane conditions.

22 In the event of termination of a tenure instrument for cause or by  
23 voluntary surrender of rights, the PASu shall take immediate steps to  
24 rehabilitate the area in order to return it to its approximate natural state prior  
25 to cultivation or other acts by the tenured migrant.

1           SEC. 14. *Existing Rights.* – All prior property and private rights  
2 within the protected area and its buffer zones and ancestral domains already  
3 existing and/or vested prior to the effectivity of this Act shall be protected and  
4 respected in accordance with existing laws.

5   CHAPTER IV

6   PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES

7           SEC. 15. *Special Prosecutor.* – Within thirty (30) days from the  
8 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall appoint a special  
9 prosecutor to whom all cases of violation of laws, rules and regulations in the  
10 Pasonanca Natural Park shall be assigned. Such special prosecutor shall  
11 coordinate with the PAMB and the PASu in the performance of one's duties  
12 and assist in the training of park personnel in arrest and criminal procedures.  
13 The PAMB shall periodically submit an evaluation of the performance of the  
14 special prosecutor of the DOJ.

15           SEC. 16. *Prohibited Acts.* – The following acts are prohibited within  
16 the Pasonanca Natural Park:

17                   (a) Hunting, destroying, disturbing or mere possession of any plant or  
18 animal and any product derived therefrom without a permit from the PAMB;

19                   (b) Dumping of any waste product or any form of activity detrimental  
20 to the protected area, or to the plants and animals or inhabitants therein;

21                   (c) Use of any vehicle or equipment within the protected area without  
22 a permit from the PAMB;

23                   (d) Mutilating, defacing or destroying objects of natural beauty or  
24 objects of interest to cultural communities;

25                   (e) Damaging or leaving roads and trails in a damaged condition;

26                   (f) Squatting, undertaking mineral exploration or otherwise  
27 occupying any portion of land;

1 (g) Constructing or maintaining any kind of structure, fence or  
2 enclosure, or conducting any business enterprise without a permit duly issued  
3 by the PAMB; and

4 (h) Altering, removing, destroying or defacing boundary marks or  
5 signs.

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

## 23 CHAPTER V

### 24 PROTECTED AREA FUND

25 SEC. 18. *The Pasonanca Natural Park Fund.* – There is hereby  
26 established a trust fund to be known as the Pasonanca Natural Park Fund  
27 (PNPF) for purposes of financing projects of the system. All income  
28 generated from the operation of the system or the management of its wild flora

1 and fauna in the protected area shall accrue to the PNPF. These income shall  
2 be derived from visitors/tourists fee, fees from permitted sale and export of  
3 flora and fauna and other resources from the protected area, proceeds from the  
4 registration and lease of multiple-use areas, including tourism concessions,  
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, endowments from  
9 various sources, domestic or foreign, and such endowments shall be exempted  
10 from income or gift taxes, and all other taxes, charges or fees imposed by the  
11 government or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof: *Provided,*  
12 That the PAMB shall retain seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenues raised,  
13 to be deposited in any government bank within the locality; and that  
14 disbursements shall be made solely for the protection, maintenance,  
15 administration and management of the area and implementation of duly  
16 approved projects endorsed by it in accordance with existing accounting,  
17 budgeting and auditing rules and regulations: *Provided, further,* That the fund  
18 shall not be used to cover personal services expenditures.

19 The remaining twenty-five (25%) of the revenues shall be deposited as a  
20 special account in the National Treasury as share in the Integrated Protected  
21 Area Fund (IPAF) created pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586.

22 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not  
23 enumerated herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business  
24 permits, property tax and rentals of local government units' facilities.  
25 Furthermore, LGUs may charge add-ons to fees imposed by the PAMB:  
26 *Provided,* That such add-ons shall be determined based on the contribution of  
27 the LGUs in the maintenance and protection of the Pasonanca Natural Park.

## CHAPTER VI

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

SEC. 19. *Existing Facilities Within the Protected Area.* – Existing facilities, if any, within the Pasonanca Natural Park shall be inventoried and assessed by the PAMB in accordance with the objectives of this Act. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, unless extended by the PAMB, all commercial facilities existing within the boundaries of the protected area with a total capitalization of not less than one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) shall submit to the PAMB, through the PASu, a sworn statement containing the following information:

- (a) Environmental impact assessment and/or environmental management plan;
- (b) Environmental compliance certificate; and
- (c) Development plan.

Based on these submissions, the PAMB, with the assistance of the DENR, shall determine whether the existence of such facilities and their future plans and operations are detrimental to the Pasonanca Natural Park. Failure to submit the required information shall constitute a violation of this Act punishable, after proper administrative proceedings, by expulsion from the area.

The PAMB may prescribe conditions for the operation of the facilities to ensure that these do not conflict with the management objectives. If any of such conditions are violated, a fine shall be imposed as prescribed by the PAMB. The PAMB, through the PASu or other deputized government entities, is hereby authorized to cause the immediate cessation and demolition of any facility within the Pasonanca Natural Park whose continued operation is

1 deemed detrimental to the area. The cost of the demolition shall be borne by  
2 the owners or operators of these facilities.

3 The removal of existing facilities which provide basic services and  
4 amenities to the public shall require the concurrence of the City Government  
5 of Zamboanga, consistent with the responsibility of the local government to  
6 secure the welfare of its constituents.

7 Existing facilities within the Pasonanca Natural Park may be charged  
8 reasonable fees by the PAMB, subject to the DENR approval, pursuant to  
9 Section 10(f) of the NIPAS Act of 1992, based on the extent of their impact on  
10 the environment and its biodiversity. All income derived from such fees shall  
11 accrue to the PNPF.

12 SEC. 20. *Utilization of Nonrenewable Resources.* – Any exploration  
13 for or exploitation or utilization of nonrenewable resources within the  
14 Pasonanca Natural Park shall not be allowed.

15 SEC. 21. *Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).* – Existing laws,  
16 rules and regulations relating to EIA shall apply to all projects and activities  
17 intended in the Pasonanca Natural Park. The issuance of the environmental  
18 compliance certificate or its exemptions shall be undertaken in coordination  
19 with the PAMB.

20 SEC. 22. *Partnerships.* – For the purpose of attaining the objectives  
21 of this Act, other government agencies or offices, NGOs and POs and their  
22 personnel shall continuously foster and develop a strong and true partnership.

23 All NGOs, POs and private entities implementing any park  
24 conservation, protection and development program must be accredited by the  
25 City Government of Zamboanga and the DENR.

26 SEC. 23. *Roles of the Local Government Unit and National Agencies.*  
27 – The City Government of Zamboanga and relevant national agencies  
28 represented in the PAMB shall have the following roles:

1           (a) Apprise their respective constituents, office or sector on activities  
2 and programs for the protected area;

3           (b) Ensure consistency in the implementation of all activities in the  
4 protected area;

5           (c) In the exercise of its ordinance-making power over any area within  
6 the protected area, the City Council of Zamboanga shall consider the  
7 management plan and the rules and regulations adopted by the PAMB in the  
8 legislative agenda relating to biodiversity, conservation, protection and  
9 sustainable development;

10          (d) In the formulation of its development plan, the City Government of  
11 Zamboanga shall consult the PAMB for the Pasonanca Natural Park;

12          (e) Assist the PAMB in the implementation of the overall park  
13 programs including, but not limited to, the imposition, collection and  
14 utilization of park fees, enforcement of policies, rules and regulations and  
15 other similar activities;

16          (f) Accredite NGOs, POs and other entities and groups involved in the  
17 activities within the protected area;

18          (g) Provide the PAMB with relevant information and data for the  
19 effective management of the protected area; and

20          (h) The City Government of Zamboanga may provide financial  
21 assistance for the protection and enhancement of the protected area.

22           SEC. 24. *Public Service Utilities and Projects.* – All existing and  
23 future development projects of public service utilities involving water  
24 services, communication facilities, power and energy generation, public  
25 security, health and education services and others which will promote public  
26 welfare shall be implemented within areas designated and approved by the  
27 PAMB.

## CHAPTER VII

## TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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3       **SEC. 25. Appropriations.** – The DENR Secretary shall immediately  
4 include in the Department’s program the implementation of this Act, the  
5 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

6       **SEC. 26. Construction.** – The provisions of this Act shall be  
7 construed liberally in favor of tenured migrants, with due consideration to the  
8 prior property rights of the stakeholders to sustainable development, and the  
9 conservation and protection of biodiversity. Existing forestry laws and their  
10 corresponding rules and regulations not inconsistent herewith shall have  
11 suppletory effect in the implementation of this Act.

12       **SEC. 27. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is  
13 declared unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or  
14 sections hereof.

15       **SEC. 28. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, rules and regulations  
16 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

17       **SEC. 29. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
18 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general  
19 circulation readily available in and around the scope specified herein. It shall  
20 likewise be posted in a conspicuous place at the City Hall of Zamboanga and in  
21 the barangay halls concerned where the protected area is located and in other  
22 places frequented by the public.

Approved,

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