



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8994

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BY REPRESENTATIVES KHO AND SY-ALVARADO, PER COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 1172

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AN ACT DECLARING THE DANA O MARSH LOCATED IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE  
AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

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

1           SECTION 1. It is declared the policy of the State to promote a  
2 safe and sustainable ecotourism industry consistent with the  
3 protection and preservation of the environment.

4           SEC. 2. The Danao Marsh located in the Municipality of  
5 Balud, Province of Masbate is declared an ecotourism zone. As such,  
6 its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism  
7 (DOT) and other concerned agencies, and shall be subject to the  
8 rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism  
9 zones.

10          SEC. 3. Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act,  
11 the DOT, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

1 (DENR), and the Provincial Government of Masbate shall prepare a  
2 master plan for the Danao Marsh.

3         Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the  
4 DOT, the DENR, and the Provincial Government of Masbate, in  
5 coordination with other concerned agencies of the government, shall  
6 likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the  
7 proper implementation of this Act.

8         SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the  
9 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding  
10 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act  
11 and internally generated funds of the DOT.

12         SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
13 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general  
14 circulation.

Approved,

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