



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7358

BY REPRESENTATIVES RODRIGUEZ (R.), BULUT-BEGTANG AND CO (E.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 353

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY FORESTS IN BARANGAYS BALUBAL, CUGMAN,
F.S. CATANICO, INDAHAG, TABLON, AND AGUSAN, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT
OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of
2 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), community forests in Barangays Balubal,
3 Cugman, F.S. Catanico, Indahag, Tablon, and Agusan, in the Second District of Cagayan de Oro
4 City, Province of Misamis Oriental.

5 The DENR shall determine the size and specific forest limits of the community forest to
6 be established within each of the barangay concerned.

7 Each established community forest shall be identified in accordance with a Forest Land
8 Use Plan, consistent with the city's land use plan, and all existing and related plans, programs
9 and projects of the city and national government.

10 **SEC. 2.** The DENR shall, within two (2) years after the determination and establishment
11 of the community forests, transfer the management of the same to the local government unit
12 (LGU) concerned, under the direct supervision of the City and Local Environment and Natural
13 Resources Office, through a memorandum of agreement. It shall implement a training and
14 phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management, utilization and
15 conservation of the community forests.

1 The DENR shall, in coordination with the concerned LGU, undertake a forest resource
2 inventory in each of the barangays, determine the sustainable level of forest resource utilization
3 and provide the LGU technical assistance in all facets of forest management planning. To ensure
4 the sustainability of the community forests, the management plan shall include provision for
5 replanting by the communities and the LGUs.

6 **SEC. 3.** The DENR Secretary shall include in the Department's program the
7 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
8 Appropriations Act.

9 The LGU concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount
10 deemed appropriate for the management, utilization, and conservation of the community forests.

11 **SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DENR Secretary
12 shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,