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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 950

Submitted by the Committees on Natural Resources and Appropriations on May 12, 2021  
Re: House Bill No. 9327  
Recommending its approval, in substitution of House Bill No. 1447  
Sponsors: Representatives Kristine Singson-Meehan, Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr., and Eric Go Yap

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**Mr. Speaker:**

The Committees on Natural Resources and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 1447, introduced by Representative Kristine Singson-Meehan, entitled:

**“AN ACT**

**DECLARING THE TIRAD PASS PROTECTED LANDSCAPE WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GREGORIO DEL PILAR, QUIRINO, SIGAY, CERVANTES, AND SUYO, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 7586 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 11038, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 2018, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9327 entitled:

**“AN ACT**

**DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GREGORIO DEL PILAR, QUIRINO, SIGAY, CERVANTES, AND SUYO, IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, A PROTECTED AREA WITH THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS), TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE TIRAD PASS**

**PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1447, with Representatives Singson-Meehan, Barzaga, and Yap (E.) as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



**REP. ERIC GO YAP**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations



**REP. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA, JR.**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Natural Resources

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
House of Representatives  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 9327**  
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Barzaga Jr. and Eric Go Yap**

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DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE  
MUNICIPALITIES OF GREGORIO DEL PILAR, QUIRINO, SIGAY,  
CERVANTES, AND SUYO, IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, A  
PROTECTED AREA WITH THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED  
LANDSCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED  
PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS), TO BE REFERRED TO AS  
THE TIRAD PASS PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR  
ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

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

1           **SECTION 1. *Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Tirad Pass Protected  
2 Landscape Act”.

3           **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – Cognizant of the profound impact of  
4 human activities on all components of the natural environment, it is hereby  
5 declared the policy of the State to secure for the Filipino people of present and  
6 future generations, the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals  
7 through the declaration of protected areas under the National Integrated  
8 Protected Areas System (NIPAS) within the classification of national park as  
9 provided for in the Constitution.

10           In recognition of the richness of the biological resources, both flora and  
11 fauna, that are native and distinct to the Tirad Pass National Park, as well as  
12 their aesthetic and ecological importance, a parcel of land located in the

1 Municipalities of Gregorio Del Pilar, Quirino, Sigay, Cervantes, and Suyo, in the  
2 Province of Ilocos Sur, is hereby declared a protected area with the category of  
3 protected landscape, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the Tirad Pass  
4 Protected Landscape (TPPL). As such, the State shall ensure the conservation,  
5 protection, management and rehabilitation of the area. It is likewise recognized  
6 that effective administration of this area is possible only through cooperation  
7 among national government, local government units (LGUs), concerned  
8 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), private entities and local communities.  
9 The use and enjoyment of this area must be consistent with the principles of  
10 biological diversity and sustainable development.

11 Towards this end, the State shall ensure the full implementation of this Act,  
12 the mobilization of resources for the institutional mechanisms herein established,  
13 and the full scientific and technical support needed for the conservation of  
14 biodiversity and the integrity of the ecosystems, culture and indigenous practices.

15 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act:

- 16 a. *Buffer zones* refer to identified areas outside the boundaries of and  
17 immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need special  
18 development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected  
19 area;
- 20 b. *Conservation* refers to any act or acts of preservation and sustainable  
21 utilization of wildlife or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of  
22 habitats;
- 23 c. *Indigenous cultural communities (ICCs)/Indigenous peoples (IPs)* refer to  
24 groups of people sharing common bonds of language, customs, traditions,  
25 and other distinctive cultural traits, and who have, since time immemorial  
26 occupied, possessed and utilized a territory;
- 27 d. *National park* refers to land of the public domain classified as such in the  
28 Constitution which includes all areas under the NIPAS, primarily  
29 designated for the conservation of native plants and animals, their  
30 associated habitats and cultural diversity;
- 31 e. *Protected area* refers to an identified portion of land and water set aside by  
32 reason of its unique physical and biological significance, managed to

1 enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human  
2 exploitation;

3 f. *Protected landscape* refers to an area where the interaction of people and  
4 nature over a period of time has produced an area of distinct character with  
5 significant ecological, biological, cultural and scenic value and where the  
6 safeguarding of the integrity of this interaction is vital to protecting and  
7 sustaining the area and its associated nature conservation and other values;  
8 and

9 g. *Tenured migrants* refer to protected area occupants who have been actually,  
10 continuously and presently occupying a portion of the protected area for five  
11 (5) years before the proclamation or law establishing the same as a  
12 protected area, and are solely dependent therein for subsistence.

13 **SEC. 4. *Classification as a National Park.*** – The TPPL is comprised of  
14 a parcel of land of the public domain located in the Municipalities of Gregorio Del  
15 Pilar, Quirino, Sigay, Cervantes, and Suyo, Province of Ilocos Sur. All lands of the  
16 public domain within the coverage and scope of the TPPL shall fall under the  
17 classification of national park as provided for in Article XII, Section 3 of the  
18 Constitution.

19 **SEC. 5. *Scope and Coverage.*** – The boundaries of the Tirad Pass  
20 Protected Landscape are more particularly described as the area beginning at a  
21 point marked “1” on the Map, which is S 85°43’7” E, 1367.107 meters from PRS92  
22 Control Monument “ILS 27” with geographic coordinates 17°08’59.33395” N,  
23 120°36’31.07504” E located at Brgy. Poblacion, Municipality of Gregorio del Pilar,  
24 Ilocos Sur,

25	thence	N 44-2-32 E	227.818	meters to corner 2;
26	thence	S 59-30-44 E	116.844	meters to corner 3;
27	thence	N 20-46-58 E	125.195	meters to corner 4;
28	thence	N 21-45-27 E	356.678	meters to corner 5;
29	thence	N 52-38-39 E	138.796	meters to corner 6;
30	thence	S 56-7-3 E	1782.278	meters to corner 7;
31	thence	S 52-18-15 E	1210.577	meters to corner 8;
32	thence	S 39-11-3 E	257.259	meters to corner 9;

1	thence	S 44-41-12 E	456.318	meters to corner 10;
2	thence	S 25-54-1 E	335.261	meters to corner 11;
3	thence	S 33-14-14 E	224.950	meters to corner 12;
4	thence	S 6-41-4 W	641.198	meters to corner 13;
5	thence	S 72-0-53 E	362.724	meters to corner 14;
6	thence	S 29-45-56 E	344.445	meters to corner 15;
7	thence	S 66-9-40 E	94.021	meters to corner 16;
8	thence	N 67-6-34 E	97.693	meters to corner 17;
9	thence	S 19-51-19 E	497.579	meters to corner 18;
10	thence	S 41-54-5 E	248.558	meters to corner 19;
11	thence	S 3-51-30 E	430.977	meters to corner 20;
12	thence	N 80-59-29 E	166.048	meters to corner 21;
13	thence	S 22-48-36 W	308.237	meters to corner 22;
14	thence	S 42-40-7 E	140.317	meters to corner 23;
15	thence	S 37-39-54 W	287.745	meters to corner 24;
16	thence	S 88-13-8 W	197.761	meters to corner 25;
17	thence	S 2-33-41 E	194.443	meters to corner 26;
18	thence	N 89-27-30 E	213.683	meters to corner 27;
19	thence	S 25-31-0 W	412.901	meters to corner 28;
20	thence	S 65-33-11 E	125.549	meters to corner 29;
21	thence	S 13-2-14 W	237.568	meters to corner 30;
22	thence	S 82-31-2 W	257.792	meters to corner 31;
23	thence	S 22-16-4 W	385.848	meters to corner 32;
24	thence	N 49-23-45 W	302.030	meters to corner 33;
25	thence	S 40-9-37 W	373.912	meters to corner 34;
26	thence	S 16-45-54 W	146.104	meters to corner 35;
27	thence	N 60-19-54 W	226.473	meters to corner 36;
28	thence	S 23-29-34 W	289.611	meters to corner 37;
29	thence	S 41-37-14 W	253.711	meters to corner 38;
30	thence	S 8-44-48 E	324.396	meters to corner 39;
31	thence	S 43-50-21 W	214.204	meters to corner 40;
32	thence	N 64-47-13 W	437.836	meters to corner 41;

1	thence	S 87-39-46 W 98.082	meters to corner 42;
2	thence	S 57-5-41 W 141.739	meters to corner 43;
3	thence	S 58-7-29 W 140.132	meters to corner 44;
4	thence	S 79-39-48 W 161.623	meters to corner 45;
5	thence	N 45-44-47 W 434.200	meters to corner 46;
6	thence	N 64-30-21 W 239.301	meters to corner 47;
7	thence	S 19-52-9 W 214.786	meters to corner 48;
8	thence	S 6-20-25 W 226.385	meters to corner 49;
9	thence	S 33-33-24 W 595.195	meters to corner 50;
10	thence	S 9-12-15 E 130.737	meters to corner 51;
11	thence	S 9-12-15 E 88.080	meters to corner 52;
12	thence	S 69-30-27 E 317.065	meters to corner 53;
13	thence	N 79-20-2 E 226.921	meters to corner 54;
14	thence	S 8-38-26 E 206.342	meters to corner 55;
15	thence	S 31-31-37 E 139.607	meters to corner 56;
16	thence	S 0-0-0 E 405.000	meters to corner 57;
17	thence	S 90-0-0 E 111.000	meters to corner 58;
18	thence	S 11-23-51 E 965.919	meters to corner 59;
19	thence	S 4-14-32 W 1822.195	meters to corner 60;
20	thence	S 41-9-46 W 710.772	meters to corner 61;
21	thence	S 7-0-41 E 531.548	meters to corner 62;
22	thence	S 3-32-19 W 8.616	meters to corner 63;
23	thence	S 33-2-23 W 611.722	meters to corner 64;
24	thence	S 30-50-20 E 743.392	meters to corner 65;
25	thence	S 17-23-45 E 641.781	meters to corner 66;
26	thence	S 36-36-32 W 568.094	meters to corner 67;
27	thence	S 23-26-6 W 621.528	meters to corner 68;
28	thence	S 29-3-33 E 707.831	meters to corner 69;
29	thence	S 39-48-20 E 429.564	meters to corner 70;
30	thence	S 46-50-22 E 638.847	meters to corner 71;
31	thence	S 30-54-8 E 319.331	meters to corner 72;
32	thence	S 59-47-9 E 681.594	meters to corner 73;

1	thence	S 13-41-48 E 654.615	meters to corner 74;
2	thence	S 2-36-51 E 1082.909	meters to corner 75;
3	thence	S 65-34-4 W 683.643	meters to corner 76;
4	thence	S 23-13-11 W 509.740	meters to corner 77;
5	thence	N 76-18-25 W 403.840	meters to corner 78;
6	thence	S 45-20-29 W 230.699	meters to corner 79;
7	thence	N 54-35-37 W 93.133	meters to corner 80;
8	thence	N 65-10-33 W 196.743	meters to corner 81;
9	thence	N 28-29-2 W 150.628	meters to corner 82;
10	thence	N 40-0-53 W 67.820	meters to corner 83;
11	thence	S 27-19-10 W 155.820	meters to corner 84;
12	thence	S 1-23-4 W 173.446	meters to corner 85;
13	thence	S 42-12-8 E 163.916	meters to corner 86;
14	thence	S 0-5-35 E 190.863	meters to corner 87;
15	thence	S 10-14-59 E 134.626	meters to corner 88;
16	thence	N 60-43-40 W 227.650	meters to corner 89;
17	thence	N 40-3-39 W 152.107	meters to corner 90;
18	thence	S 52-0-43 W 67.246	meters to corner 91;
19	thence	N 53-50-35 W 100.671	meters to corner 92;
20	thence	S 46-40-7 W 95.516	meters to corner 93;
21	thence	S 16-53-49 E 104.093	meters to corner 94;
22	thence	S 52-8-24 W 118.715	meters to corner 95;
23	thence	N 4-39-11 E 242.859	meters to corner 96;
24	thence	N 19-15-35 E 175.268	meters to corner 97;
25	thence	N 61-21-28 W 144.058	meters to corner 98;
26	thence	N 44-41-21 W 121.142	meters to corner 99;
27	thence	N 35-6-6 W 88.861	meters to corner 100;
28	thence	N 21-10-52 W 112.354	meters to corner 101;
29	thence	N 32-6-2 W 83.828	meters to corner 102;
30	thence	N 24-0-29 E 96.783	meters to corner 103;
31	thence	N 85-54-14 W 176.315	meters to corner 104;
32	thence	N 58-39-42 W 142.133	meters to corner 105;



1	thence	N 17-42-33 W 143.368	meters to corner 106;
2	thence	S 75-50-18 W 200.043	meters to corner 107;
3	thence	S 40-13-29 W 213.705	meters to corner 108;
4	thence	N 80-39-20 W 146.263	meters to corner 109;
5	thence	S 12-33-17 E 171.398	meters to corner 110;
6	thence	S 63-45-7 W 89.223	meters to corner 111;
7	thence	N 73-30-58 W 220.298	meters to corner 112;
8	thence	S 48-15-39 W 149.828	meters to corner 113;
9	thence	N 12-33-20 W 144.711	meters to corner 114;
10	thence	N 59-39-48 W 439.027	meters to corner 115;
11	thence	S 63-51-50 W 171.012	meters to corner 116;
12	thence	N 79-47-3 W 606.216	meters to corner 117;
13	thence	N 18-32-17 E 266.403	meters to corner 118;
14	thence	N 53-40-33 W 196.582	meters to corner 119;
15	thence	N 44-10-45 W 243.443	meters to corner 120;
16	thence	N 71-50-52 W 122.725	meters to corner 121;
17	thence	N 89-58-46 W 180.060	meters to corner 122;
18	thence	N 21-31-3 W 324.763	meters to corner 123;
19	thence	N 49-13-4 W 240.360	meters to corner 124;
20	thence	N 18-6-30 W 221.996	meters to corner 125;
21	thence	N 10-23-51 W 221.639	meters to corner 126;
22	thence	N 2-56-36 W 564.745	meters to corner 127;
23	thence	N 37-14-5 W 219.804	meters to corner 128;
24	thence	N 28-12-15 W 281.412	meters to corner 129;
25	thence	N 26-11-26 W 342.126	meters to corner 130;
26	thence	N 47-1-32 W 220.048	meters to corner 131;
27	thence	N 31-13-55 W 219.864	meters to corner 132;
28	thence	N 29-47-3 W 541.536	meters to corner 133;
29	thence	N 9-23-54 E 382.712	meters to corner 134;
30	thence	N 46-38-38 E 618.216	meters to corner 135;
31	thence	N 28-39-28 E 804.854	meters to corner 136;
32	thence	N 28-4-48 E 853.572	meters to corner 137;

1	thence	N 51-8-33 E	1719.691	meters to corner 138;
2	thence	S 83-42-13 E	377.488	meters to corner 139;
3	thence	N 60-12-49 E	342.212	meters to corner 140;
4	thence	N 20-8-58 E	676.398	meters to corner 141;
5	thence	N 15-12-32 W	588.137	meters to corner 142;
6	thence	N 5-38-7 W	629.634	meters to corner 143;
7	thence	N 2-21-58 W	363.310	meters to corner 144;
8	thence	N 15-19-17 W	302.761	meters to corner 145;
9	thence	N 7-18-4 W	9.262	meters to corner 146;
10	thence	N 7-18-4 W	313.354	meters to corner 147;
11	thence	N 13-23-7 W	362.857	meters to corner 148;
12	thence	N 13-33-9 E	431.001	meters to corner 149;
13	thence	N 28-27-1 W	762.473	meters to corner 150;
14	thence	N 52-32-39 E	133.981	meters to corner 151;
15	thence	N 37-32-21 E	160.295	meters to corner 152;
16	thence	N 84-35-15 E	120.048	meters to corner 153;
17	thence	N 0-24-51 W	240.098	meters to corner 154;
18	thence	N 74-24-49 W	280.119	meters to corner 155;
19	thence	N 21-35-11 E	130.060	meters to corner 156;
20	thence	N 18-24-42 W	130.056	meters to corner 157;
21	thence	N 3-24-48 W	240.106	meters to corner 158;
22	thence	N 3-24-48 W	320.135	meters to corner 159;
23	thence	N 14-1-18 W	437.673	meters to corner 160;
24	thence	N 21-9-6 W	180.136	meters to corner 161;
25	thence	N 12-16-33 W	663.163	meters to corner 162;
26	thence	N 14-31-19 E	240.785	meters to corner 163;
27	thence	N 9-53-37 W	531.817	meters to corner 164;
28	thence	N 20-46-6 W	473.786	meters to corner 165;
29	thence	N 57-4-38 E	263.715	meters to corner 166;
30	thence	N 4-44-48 W	922.833	meters to corner 167;
31	thence	N 37-6-1 E	326.504	meters to corner 168;
32	thence	N 32-52-17 E	143.364	meters to corner 169;

1           thence       N 9-38-44 E 172.210       meters to corner 170;  
 2           thence       N 39-51-58 E 177.680       meters to corner 171;  
 3           thence       N 13-34-31 W 178.922       meters to corner 172;  
 4           thence       N 55-9-5 W 304.805       meters to corner 173;  
 5           thence       N 25-30-40 E 356.712       meters to corner 174;  
 6           thence       N 39-20-6 E 265.045       meters to corner 175;  
 7           thence       N 76-28-50 E 188.215       meters to corner 176;  
 8           thence       N 6-48-7 E 278.989       meters to corner 177;  
 9           thence       N 2-28-24 E 300.255       meters to corner 178;  
 10          thence       N 17-56-15 E 234.398       meters to corner 179;  
 11          thence       S 61-59-30 E 74.047       meters to corner 180;  
 12          thence       N 9-52-54 E 156.732       meters to corner 181;  
 13          thence       N 42-33-5 W 115.593       meters to corner 182;  
 14          thence       N 67-59-5 E 70.070       meters to corner 183;  
 15          thence       S 62-37-2 E 90.479       meters to corner 184;  
 16          thence       S 33-30-35 E 109.046       meters to corner 185;  
 17          thence       S 69-46-14 E 218.818       meters to corner 186;  
 18          thence       N 51-45-6 E 95.208       meters to corner 187;  
 19          thence       N 13-6-4 W 203.545       meters to corner 188;  
 20          thence       N 16-33-0 W 109.182       meters to corner 189;  
 21          thence       N 55-7-53 W 106.944       meters to corner 190;  
 22          thence       N 83-54-46 W 74.333       meters to corner 191;  
 23          thence       N 34-10-45 W 201.260       meters to corner 1,

24   and comprises seven thousand five hundred seven and 60/100 (7,507.60) hectares,  
 25   more or less.

26           **SEC. 6. *Establishment of Buffer Zones.*** – The DENR Secretary, upon the  
 27   recommendation of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) created under  
 28   Section 7 of this Act, may designate areas surrounding the TPPL as buffer zones  
 29   for the purpose of providing an extra layer of protection where restrictions may be  
 30   applied: *Provided*, That, in cases where the designated buffer zone would cover  
 31   private lands, the owners thereof shall be required to design their development  
 32   with due consideration to the protected area management plan.

1 **ARTICLE II**

2 **MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS**

3 **SEC. 7. Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)** – Within ninety  
4 (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, a Protected Area Management Board  
5 (PAMB) shall be created to oversee the management of the TPPL. The PAMB shall  
6 be composed of the following:

- 7 a. DENR Regional Director for Region I, as Chairperson;
- 8 b. Governor of the Province of Ilocos Sur or a duly authorized  
9 representative;
- 10 c. Senators of the Republic of the Philippines who are duly registered  
11 residents of Ilocos Sur, or their duly designated representatives, unless  
12 the Senators decline the membership in the PAMB;
- 13 d. District Representatives of the Congressional Districts where the TPPL  
14 is located, or their duly designated representatives, unless the District  
15 Representatives decline the membership in the PAMB;
- 16 e. Mayors of the Municipalities of Gregorio Del Pilar, Quirino, Sigay,  
17 Cervantes, and Suyo, in the Province of Ilocos Sur or their duly  
18 authorized representatives;
- 19 f. Chairpersons of the all the *barangays* with territorial jurisdiction over  
20 the TPPL;
- 21 g. Regional Directors of the following government agencies, namely: the  
22 Department of Agriculture (DA), the National Economic and  
23 Development Authority (NEDA), the Department of Science and  
24 Technology (DOST), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the  
25 Department of National Defense (DND);
- 26 h. Three (3) representatives from NGOs or people's organizations (POs)  
27 based in the Province of Ilocos Sur, duly accredited both by the DENR  
28 and the provincial government. The NGOs or POs represented should  
29 have been in existence for at least five (5) years and must have a record  
30 of accomplishments in the field of protected area management;
- 31 i. At least one (1) but not more than three (3) representatives from all the  
32 ICCs/IPs present in the area and recognized by the National

1 Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP);

- 2 j. One (1) representative from an academic institution, preferably from a  
3 university or college in the Province of Ilocos Sur, with a record of  
4 accomplishments in or related to protected area management; and  
5 k. One (1) representative from the private sector, preferably a resident of  
6 the Province of Ilocos Sur, who is distinguished in a profession or field of  
7 interest relevant to the protected area management.

8 The terms of office of members of the PAMB, as well as the grounds for  
9 their removal shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7586,  
10 otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992”,  
11 as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, otherwise known as the “Expanded  
12 National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018”.

13 **SEC. 8. *Functions of the PAMB.*** – The PAMB shall have the following  
14 powers and functions:

- 15 a. Oversee the management of the protected area;  
16 b. Approve policies, plans and programs, proposals, agreements, and other  
17 related documents for the management of the protected areas;  
18 c. Approve the management plan of the protected area and ensure its  
19 harmonization with and integration into the Ancestral Domain Sustainable  
20 Development and Protection Plan, land use plan and other development  
21 plans, public or private, and their implementation;  
22 d. Adopt a manual of operations to include rules of procedures in the conduct  
23 of business, and the creation of committees and their respective terms of  
24 reference;  
25 e. Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for the  
26 enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the management  
27 of the protected area;  
28 f. Allocate financial resources for the implementation of the management plan  
29 and manage the Protected Area Retention Income Account and other funds  
30 in accordance with government accounting, budgeting and auditing rules  
31 and regulations;  
32 g. Set fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines;

- 1 h. Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through  
2 appropriate and effective means;
- 3 i. Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government  
4 authorities with respect to the management of the TPPL;
- 5 j. Monitor and assess the performance of the Protected Area Superintendent  
6 (PASu) and other protected area personnel and compliance of partners with  
7 the terms and conditions of any undertaking, contract or agreement relative  
8 to any project or activity within the TPPL;
- 9 k. Recommend from among a shortlist of qualified candidates, the designation  
10 or appointment of the PASu; and
- 11 l. Assess the effectiveness of the management of the protected area: *Provided,*  
12 That the members of the PAMB representing the LGUs and national  
13 agencies shall inform their respective constituents, offices or sectors, of  
14 PAMB-approved or other relevant policies, rules, regulations, programs,  
15 and projects and shall ensure that the provisions of this Act and the rules  
16 and regulations issued to implement are complied with and used as  
17 reference and framework in their respective plans, policies, programs, and  
18 projects. Failure to comply with the foregoing shall be the basis for  
19 disciplinary action against such member according to administrative rules  
20 and regulations and such penalties as the PAMB may provide: *Provided,*  
21 *further,* That the DENR, through the Regional Director, shall ensure that  
22 the PAMB acts within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of  
23 conflict between the resolutions issued by the PAMB and the existing  
24 administrative orders of national application, the latter shall prevail.

25 **SEC. 9. *The Protected Area Management Office (PAMO).*** — There is  
26 hereby established a Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) to be headed by  
27 a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) who shall supervise the day to day  
28 management, protection, and administration of the TPPL. The PASu shall hold a  
29 permanent plantilla position and shall be appointed by the DENR Secretary. A  
30 sufficient number of support staff with permanent plantilla positions shall  
31 likewise be appointed by the DENR Secretary to assist the PASu in the  
32 management of the protected area.

1           The PASu shall be primarily accountable to the PAMB and the DENR for  
2 the management and operations of the TPPL. Pursuant thereto, the PASu shall  
3 have the following duties and responsibilities:

- 4       a. Prepare the management plan, in consultation with the stakeholders,  
5       including the annual work and financial plan and ensure its  
6       implementation;
- 7       b. Ensure the integration of the protected area management plans, programs,  
8       projects, and policies with relevant national and LGUs' plans and programs;
- 9       c. Provide secretariat services to the PAMB and its committees and ensure the  
10      availability of relevant and timely information for decision-making;
- 11     d. Formulate and recommend to the PAMB proposed policies, rules,  
12      regulations, and programs;
- 13     e. Establish, operate, and maintain a database management system which  
14      shall be an important basis for decision-making;
- 15     f. Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the protected area,  
16      commence and institute administrative and legal actions in collaboration  
17      with other government agencies or organizations, and assist in the  
18      prosecution of offenses committed in violation of the provisions of this Act;
- 19     g. Monitor, evaluate, and report the implementation of management activities  
20      of the protected area;
- 21     h. Request for and receive any technical assistance, support or advice from any  
22      agency or instrumentality of the government as well as academic  
23      institutions, NGOs, and the private sector, as may be necessary for the  
24      effective management, protection and administration of the protected area;
- 25     i. Issue permits and clearances for activities that implement the management  
26      plan and other permitted activities in accordance with terms, conditions,  
27      and criteria established by the PAMB: *Provided*, That all permits for  
28      extraction of natural resources, including collection of wildlife, and its by-  
29      products or derivatives for research purposes, shall continue to be issued by  
30      relevant authorities, subject to prior clearance from the PAMB, through the  
31      PASu, in accordance with the specific acts to be covered;

- 1 j. Collect and receive pertinent fees, charges, donations, and other income for
- 2 the protected area: *Provided*, That such fees, charges, donations, and other
- 3 income collected and received shall be reported regularly to the PAMB and
- 4 the DENR in accordance with existing guidelines;
- 5 k. Prepare and recommend to the PAMB, approval of the annual work and
- 6 financial plans of the protected area based on the management plan; and
- 7 l. Perform such other functions as the PAMB and the DENR may assign.

8 The PAMO may be augmented by the deputized local environment and  
9 natural resources officers upon the recommendation of the PAMB and approval of  
10 the DENR.

11 **ARTICLE III**  
12 **PROCEEDS AND FEES**

13 **SEC. 10. *The Tirad Pass Protected Landscape Fund.*** – There is hereby  
14 established a trust fund to be known as the Tirad Pass Protected Landscape Fund  
15 for purposes of financing projects of the TPPL and the NIPAS. All income  
16 generated from the operation and management of wild flora and fauna in the  
17 TPPL shall accrue to the fund. The income shall be derived from fees from  
18 permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other resources from the TPPL,  
19 proceeds from lease of multiple-use areas, contributions from industries and  
20 facilities directly benefiting from the TPPL, and such other fees and income  
21 derived from the operation of the TPPL.

22 The PAMB shall retain seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenues raised  
23 through the above means, which shall be deposited in the Protected Area-Retained  
24 Income Account (PA-RIA) in any authorized government depository bank within  
25 the locality: *Provided*, That disbursements out of such deposits shall be used solely  
26 for the protection, maintenance, administration, and management of the protected  
27 area and implementation of duly approved projects of the PAMB. The remaining  
28 twenty-five percent (25%) of revenues shall be deposited as a special account in  
29 the general fund in the National Treasury for purposes of financing the programs  
30 and projects of the NIPAS.

31 The fund may be augmented by grants, donations, endowment from various  
32 sources, domestic or foreign: *Provided*, That the fund shall be deposited in full as



1 a special account in the National Treasury and disbursements therefrom shall be  
2 made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration, and management of  
3 the NIPAS and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMB in accordance with  
4 existing accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations: *Provided,*  
5 *further,* That the fund shall not be used to cover personal services expenditures.

6 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated  
7 herein which they have traditionally collected, such as business permits, property  
8 tax and rentals of LGUs' facilities.

#### 9 ARTICLE IV

#### 10 TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

11 **SEC. 11. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately  
12 include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding  
13 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

14 **SEC. 12. Suppletory Application of the NIPAS Law.** – The provisions  
15 of Republic Act No. 7586, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, shall have  
16 suppletory application to this Act.

17 **SEC. 13. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90)  
18 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall, in  
19 consultation with the local governments of the Municipalities of Gregorio Del  
20 Pilar, Quirino, Sigay, Cervantes, and Suyo, the provincial government of Ilocos  
21 Sur, and concerned national government agencies, issue the corresponding rules  
22 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

23 **SEC. 14. Separability Clause.** – If any section or provision of this Act is  
24 held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections or provisions with the  
25 provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

26 **SEC. 15. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, letters of instruction,  
27 executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof  
28 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

29 **SEC. 16. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
30 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation

31 Approved,