

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9154, August 11, 2001]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MT. KANLA-ON LOCATED IN THE CITIES OF BAGO, LA CARLOTA, AND SAN CARLOS AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LA CASTELLANA AND MURCIA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND IN THE CITY OF CANLAON AND MUNICIPALITY OF VALLEHERMOSO, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, AS A PROTECTED AREA AND A PERIPHERAL AREA AS BUFFER ZONE PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

ARTICLE I

TITLE, POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. *Title.* — This Act shall be known as the Mt. Kanla-on Natural Park (MKNP) Act of 2001.

SEC. 2. *Statement of Policy.* — Considering the diversity of Mt. Kanla-on's biological resources and its aesthetic, socio-cultural, economic and ecological importance to the Island of Negros, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure its protection and conservation including its communities of people and their culture and way of life insofar as they are in harmony with nature. The protection and conservation of MKNP shall be pursued through sustainable and participatory development, advancing and protecting the interests of its legitimate inhabitants, and honoring customary laws in accordance with Republic Act No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, Republic Act No. 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997, and international conventions to which the Philippines is a signatory.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*— The following terms are hereby defined for purposes of this Act:

- a. "Bioprospecting" shall refer to the research, collection, and utilization of biological and genetic resources for purposes of applying the knowledge derived therefrom for scientific and/or commercial purposes.
- b. "Commercial" shall mean involving market sale in volume or value in excess of that required to maintain basic subsistence for workers and their dependents.
- c. "DENR" shall refer to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- d. "Exotic Species" shall refer to species or subspecies that do not naturally occur within the biogeographic region of the MKNP at present or in historical time.
- e. "Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs)" shall refer to the indigenous peoples as defined in the IPRA, specifically, the Atis and

Bukidnons of the MKNP.

- f. "Natural Park" is a relatively large area not materially altered by human activity, where extractive resource uses are not allowed, and maintained to protect outstanding natural and scenic areas of national or international significance for scientific, educational, and recreational use.
- g. "Nongovernment Organization (NGO)" shall refer to any civic, developmental, environmental or philanthropic nonstock, non-profit organization, duly registered, having by-laws, democratically-elected representation, and multi-sectoral in character.
- h. "Non-Renewable Resources" shall refer to those resources found within the MKNP, the natural replenishment rate of which is not known.
- i. "PAMB" shall refer to the Protected Area Management Board, as provided herein.
- j. "PASu" shall refer to the Protected Area Superintendent, as provided herein.
- k. "People's Organization (PO)" shall refer to any group of people formed to advance the interests of the sector they represent.
- l. "Protected Species" shall refer to any plant or animal declared protected under Philippine laws. These shall include all species listed under the Convention of International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) and all its Annexes, the Bonn Convention on Migratory Animals, those specified under the red-list categories of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), or any plant or animal which the PAMB may deem necessary for conservation and preservation in the MKNP.
- m. "Tenured Migrant" shall refer to any person who has actually and continuously occupied an area for five (5) years prior to its designation as part of a protected area and is solely dependent on that area for subsistence.

SEC. 4. *Declaration and Scope.* — Pursuant to and in accordance with the NIPAS Act, Mt. Kanla-on in the Island of Negros is hereby declared and established as a protected area under the category of a natural park.

The boundaries of the Mt. Kanla-on Natural Park are hereby described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked "1" on the map which is marked on plan N.P. or P.B.M. No. 4 between Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental under Pontevedra Cadastre No. 60, B.L. Case No. 2 of Negros Oriental;

Thence, S 61° 40' W	277.22 m to point 2;
Thence, S 61° 40' W	2,199.89 m to point 3;
Thence, N 19° 37' E	49.42 m to point 4;
Thence, N 09° 02' E	84.76 m to point 5;
Thence, N 20° 15' E	194.68 m to point 6;
Thence, N 17° 00' E	67.10 m to point 7;
Thence, N 24° 16' E	141.43 m to point 8;
Thence, N 01° 45' W	144.13 m to point 9;
Thence, N 33° 32' E	63.25 m to point 10, an old corner;
Thence, N 74° 15' E	102.25 m to point 11;
Thence, N 08° 16' E	147.10 m to point 12;
Thence, N 74° 16' E	157.88 m to point 13
Thence, N 17° 04' E	112.39 m to point 14;
Thence, S 68° 37' E	45.40 m to point 15;

Thence, N 31° 51' E	283.07 m to point 16;
Thence, N 35° 52' E	133.47 m to point 17;
Thence, N 53° 28' E	60.50 m to point 18;
Thence, N 20° 46' E	231.62 m to point 19;
Thence, N 27° 51' E	134.43 m to point 20;
Thence, N 23° 18' E	93.26 m to point 21;
Thence, N 34° 12' E	205.86 m to point 22;
Thence, N 07° 37' W	50.05 m to point 23;
Thence, N 02° 57' E	231.63 m to point 24;
Thence, N 84° 47' E	144.74 m to point 25;
Thence, N 04° 29' E	177.03 m to point 26;
Thence, N 50° 59' E	52.86 m to point 27;
Thence, S 01° 37' W	193.01 m to point 28;
Thence, S 26° 57' W	116.23 m to point 29;
Thence, S 10° 17' W	96.45 m to point 30;
Thence, S 89° 12' E	110.45 m to point 31;
Thence, N 76° 12' E	90.83 m to point 32, an old corner;
Thence, N 87° 15' E	40.76 m to point 33, an old corner;
Thence, S 35° 56' E	28.39 m to point 34;
Thence, N 00° 02' E	77.39 m to point 35;
Thence, N 22° 17' W	456.63 m to point 36;
Thence, N 83° 24' W	37.01 m to point 37;
Thence, S 66° 45' W	80.83 m to point 38;
Thence, S 55° 18' W	276.92 m to point 39;
Thence, S 48° 43' W	70.25 m to point 40;
Thence, S 76° 13' W	393.06 m to point 41;
Thence, N 69° 12' W	101.39 m to point 42;
Thence, S 26° 49' W	224.42 m to point 43;
Thence, S 65° 17' W	129.26 m to point 44;
Thence, N 82° 49' W	127.98 m to point 45;
Thence, S 03° 11' E	311.03 m to point 46;
Thence, S 40° 02' W	93.85 m to point 47;
Thence, S 61° 24' W	351.83 m to point 48;
Thence, S 35° 58' W	240.39 m to point 49;
Thence, S 18° 24' W	154.32 m to point 50;
Thence, S 45° 06' W	37.47 m to point 51, an old corner;
Thence, N 85° 12' W	34.27 m to point 52, an old corner;
Thence, N 65° 50' W	45.67 m to point 53, P.L.S./B.L. on a rock;
Thence, N 46° 39' W	1,513.80 m to point 54;
Thence, N 20° 08' W	466.66 m to point 55;
Thence, S 58° 21' W	328.30 m to point 56;
Thence, N 49° 44' W	646.11 m to point 57, P.L.S./B.L. on a rock;
Thence, N 41° 34' E	167.92 m to point 58;
Thence, N 18° 58' E	131.50 m to point 59;

Thence, N 09° 04' W	85.69 m to point 60;
Thence, N 54° 15' E	164.47 m to point 61;
Thence, N 61° 56' W	161.18 m to point 62, P.L.S./B.L.;
Thence, N 35° 16' E	556.61 m to point 63, P.L.S./B.L.;
Thence, S 84° 33' W	141.22 m to point 64, P.L.S./B.L.;
Thence, S 58° 26' W	388.04 m to point 65;
Thence, N 67° 46' W	42.33 m to point 66;
Thence, N 09° 35' E	49.11 m to point 67;
Thence, N 00° 30' W	49.72 m to point 68;
Thence, N 35° 07' E	56.31 m to point 69;
Thence, N 22° 11' E	199.35 m to point 70;
Thence, N 02° 09' E	65.80 m to point 71;
Thence, N 31° 51' E	95.29 m to point 72;
Thence, N 00° 58' W	36.28 m to point 73;
Thence, N 59° 17' W	412.90 m to point 74;
Thence, N 82° 46' W	216.49 m to point 75;
Thence, N 18° 49' E	121.00 m to point 76;
Thence, N 86° 30' W	46.96 m to point 77;
Thence, S 59° 01' W	251.07 m to point 78, intersection;
Thence, S 40° 00' W	102.02 m to point 79;
Thence, S 50° 00' W	142.03 m to point 80;
Thence, S 63° 18' W	156.21 m to point 81;
Thence, S 79° 10' W	47.06 m to point 82;
Thence, S 54° 02' W	165.97 m to point 83;
Thence, S 09° 27' W	83.97 m to point 84;
Thence, S 14° 28' W	215.62 m to point 85;
Thence, S 03° 34' E	353.99 m to point 86;
Thence, S 52° 01' W	280.62 m to point 87;
Thence, S 26° 26' W	194.94 m to point 88;
Thence, S 14° 09' W	38.04 m to point 89;
Thence, N 13° 52' W	35.36 m to point 90;
Thence, N 17° 37' E	430.38 m to point 91;
Thence, N 05° 28' E	323.85 m to point 92;
Thence, N 18° 56' W	75.56 m to point 93;
Thence, N 03° 41' E	133.04 m to point 94;
Thence, N 47° 08' E	361.26 m to point 95, B.L. on a concrete monument;
Thence, N 31° 03' W	6.69 m to point 96;
Thence, S 78° 39' W	335.40 m to point 97, B.L. on a concrete monument;
Thence, S 24° 54' W	288.30 m to point 98;
Thence, S 41° 23' W	655.76 m to point 99, a monument;
Thence, S 42° 55' W	161.60 m to point 100;

Thence, N 67° 40' W	178.90 m to point 101;
Thence, S 82° 04' W	84.26 m to point 102;
Thence, N 30° 12' W	21.27 m to point 103;
Thence, N 47° 23' E	99.14 m to point 104;
Thence, N 81° 03' W	610.92 m to point 105, P.L.S./B.L. on a rock;
Thence, N 18° 01' E	290.52 m to point 106, P.L.S./B.L. on a rock;
Thence, N 60° 39' E	1,066.10 m to point 107, a monument;
Thence, S 69° 40' E	369.00 m to point 108, P.L.S./B.L.;
Thence, N 48° 52' E	480.61 m to point 109, a monument;
Thence, N 67° 52' W	371.08 m to point 110, a monument;
Thence, N 58° 06' E	89.57 m to point 111, P.L.S./B.L.;
Thence, S 72° 25' W	781.45 m to point 112;
Thence, N 29° 39' W	832.51 m to point 113;
Thence, N 64° 57' W	440.33 m to point 114, a monument;
Thence, N 14° 53' W	529.75 m to point 115, a monument;
Thence, S 43° 33' W	274.46 m to point 116;
Thence, N 85° 57' W	596.27 m to point 117, a monument;
Thence, N 79° 10' W	39.72 m to point 118;
Thence, N 45° 44' W	106.41 m to point 119, a monument;
Thence, N 06° 22' W	17.95 m to point 120;
Thence, S 83° 53' W	629.50 m to point 121;
Thence, S 82° 52' W	178.78 m to point 122, M.B.M. #12;
Thence, S 71° 45' W	276.41 m to point 123;
Thence, N 72° 33' W	157.83 m to point 124;
Thence, N 50° 31' E	177.10 m to point 125, P.L.S./B.L.;
Thence, S 87° 59' E	275.20 m to point 126;
Thence, N 28° 05' E	321.56 m to point 127, P.L.S./B.L.;
Thence, N 53° 46' E	412.63 m to point 128;
Thence, N 61° 22' E	360.08 m to point 129, P.L.S./B.L. on a rock;
Thence, S 74° 14' E	435.24 m to point 130;
Thence, N 54° 21' E	407.58 m to point 131;
Thence, N 86° 40' W	494.60 m to point 132, P.L.S./B.L.;
Thence, S 60° 00' W	295.94 m to point 133, P.L.S./B.L. on a rock;