

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3523, June 20, 1963]

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO CARRY OUT A PROGRAM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND
INFORMATION IN FORESTRY AND TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY
FUNDS AND LAND RESOURCES FOR THESE AND OTHER
PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. The College of Forestry, University of the Philippines is hereby authorized to carry out a nationwide program of public education and information in forestry for the purpose of providing for the dissemination of research findings on forestry and to bring about general public appreciation of forest values. The development and implementation of this program should be carried out in close cooperation with established forestry and information organization of the Government, with the College of Forestry, University of the Philippines as the central coordinating agency.

SEC. 2. To effectively carry out the objectives of this act, there is hereby established a Central Forest Experiment Station, including an Experimental and Demonstration Forest under the College of Forestry, University of the Philippines for purposes of carrying on research in protection and multiple-use management of forest strengthening professional education in forestry and fields, and demonstrating to the public the methods results of applied forestry.

SEC. 3. There is hereby also established a Botanical Garden of not less than 200 hectares in size for the purpose of supporting professional instruction and research relating to forestry and plant sciences generally and for serving the needs of tourism as well as the educational and recreational needs of the general public.

SEC. 4. To provide the necessary land resources required for the establishment of the Central Forest Experiment Station and Botanical Garden and for other related purposes, the parcel of public domain known as Mt. Makiling situated in the municipalities of Bay, Los Baños, and Calamba, Province of Laguna, and the Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of Batangas, is hereby disestablished as a national park and in accordance with the limits and boundaries set forth in Proclamations No. 552, series of 1933, 214, series of 1937, and 692, series of 1960, is hereby ceded, transferred and conveyed to the University of the Philippines.

SEC. 5. There shall be collected, in addition to the regular forest charges provided for under the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and those provided for under Republic Act No. 115, as amended, the amount of ten centavos on each cubic meter of timber cut and removed from any public forest and forest reserve for commercial purposes, which shall be collected in the same manner and with the