

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3082, June 17, 1961]

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A FIVE-YEAR SOIL SURVEY AND
CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Five-year Soil Survey and Conservation Act."

SEC. 2. *Statement of Policy.*—It is the policy of the State to survey, protect and conserve soil and promote the wise utilization of soil and water at the earliest possible time in order to safeguard the usefulness of those two vital resources and thereby insure stable farm production which is basic to our economy and the general well-being of our people.

SEC. 3. *Objectives.*—The program contemplated in this Act shall accomplish the following objectives in five years:

(a) Undertake a nation-wide soil survey, and by scientific analysis, gather data on the types of soil in all municipalities, including their barrios and sitios, in the various agricultural regions of the country with a view to making such information available with maps in any municipality as a guide for determining suitable crops to be grown, the amount and kind of fertilizer, lime and other soil amendments to apply if needed, and the required soil management practices to be adopted for optimum yield of crops.

(b) Further augment and accelerate the soil and water conservation program of the Bureau of Soils along the major activities of erosion control operations and other necessary conservation practices to insure sustained production.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Agencies.*—The program shall be planned and executed by the Bureau of Soils. The Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources shall, if necessary, require the assistance of any agency under him to help in implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Target areas of the project.*—The extent of operation under the provisions of this Act shall include agricultural lands actually under cultivation and all other agricultural lands intended to be under cultivation throughout the Philippines.

SEC. 6. *Operations.*—The implementation aspects of this program shall fall under three specific activities, to wit: