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## MEMORANDUM

TO : **The Regional Executive Director**  
DENR Region VI

**The Directors**  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Land Management Bureau  
Policy and Planning Service  
Legal Affairs Service

FROM : The Assistant Secretary  
Field Operations- Mindanao and Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT : **INVITATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM**

DATE : 20 MAY 2021

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This pertains to the letter dated 20 May 2021 from Senator **MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**, Chairperson, Committee on Tourism, inviting DENR to a pure online **Technical Working Group meeting** to be held on **Monday, May 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** to deliberate on **SBN 1328 and HBN 7689** (*Declaring the Northern Antique Protected Landscape and Seascape an Ecotourism Zone*).

Kindly inform this Office of your attendance before the scheduled date of the meeting and submit presentation, comments and/or position paper in hard and soft copy at the Legislative Liaison Office at telephone number 8920-1761 and e-mail address [denrlegislative@yahoo.com](mailto:denrlegislative@yahoo.com), for our reference. For further query may be coursed through [committee.tourism@house.gov.ph](mailto:committee.tourism@house.gov.ph) or to Mr. Vincent Samonte at 09053034828.

  
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**Invitation from the Senate Committee on Tourism**

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Thu, May 20, 2021 at 3:22 PM

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**HON. ROY A. CIMATU***Secretary*

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Visayas Avenue, Quezon City

Dear **Secretary Cimatu**:

Please find attached the invitation from the Senate Committee on Tourism to a pure online **Technical Working Group meeting** to be held on **Monday, May 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** to deliberate on **SBN 1328 and HBN 7689** (*Declaring the Northern Antique Protected Landscape and Seascape an Ecotourism Zone*).

Kindly acknowledge receipt. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**FOR THE CHAIRPERSON:****SEN. MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY***by:***Maria Clarinda R. Mendoza***Committee Secretary*

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*Aut Viam Inveniam Aut Faciam*

(I shall either find way or make my own)

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**4 attachments** **Invitation for DENR Secretary Cimatu.pdf**  
707K **Matrix on SBN 1328 and HBN 7689 (Northern Antique PLS an ecotourism zone).docx**  
42K **SBN 1328 - Northern Antique PLS ecotourism zone.pdf**  
7082K **HBN 7689 - Northern Antique PLS ecotourism zone.pdf**  
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**MATRIX ON SBN 1328 AND HBN 7689**  
**(Declaring the Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape an Ecotourism Zone)**

<b>SBN 1328</b> (Introduced by Senator Zubiri)	<b>HBN 7689</b> (Introduced by Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda)	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>AN ACT DECLARING THE NORTHERN ANTIQUE PROTECTED SEASCAPE AND LANDSCAPE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LIBERTAD, PANDAN, SEBASTE, CULASI AND TIBIAO IN THE PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE TO ENCOURAGE THE RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE USE AS WELL AS FOR THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES FOUND THEREIN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES</b>	<b>AN ACT DECLARING THE NORTHERN ANTIQUE PROTECTED SEASCAPE AND LANDSCAPE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LIBERTAD, PANDAN, SEBASTE, CULASI AND TIBIAO IN THE PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE TO ENCOURAGE THE RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE USE, AND THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION, OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES THEREIN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR</b>	
<b>SECTION 1. Short Title.</b> – This Act shall be known as the “Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Act of 2020.”	<b>SECTION 1. Short Title.</b> – This Act shall be known as the “ <i>Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Act.</i> ”	
<b>SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.</b> – The State is mandated to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable, and equitable for the local community.  Towards this end, the Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape (NAPSL) is hereby declared as a special ecotourism zone, where the responsible and sustainable	<b>SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.</b> – The State is mandated to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable, and equitable for the local community. Towards this end, the Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape (NAPSL) located in the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao in the Province of Antique, is hereby declared as an ecotourism zone,	

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<p>use of the natural resources therein is encouraged and will be strictly implemented.</p>	<p>where the responsible and sustainable use of the natural resources therein shall be encouraged and strictly implemented.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 3. Objectives.</b> – Pursuant to the above declaration of policy, the State shall endeavor to accomplish the following:</p>	<p><b>SEC. 3. Objectives.</b> – Pursuant to the above declaration of policy, the State shall endeavor to accomplish the following:</p>	
<p>(a) Develop and promote responsible, community-based ecological tourism as the core management strategy in the development of the NAPSL;</p>	<p>(a) Develop and promote responsible, community-based ecological tourism as the core management strategy in the development of the NAPSL;</p>	
<p>(b) Ensure the conservation of the biodiversity and the preservation of the said ecotourism site;</p>	<p>(b) Ensure the conservation of the biodiversity and the preservation of the said ecotourism site;</p>	
<p>(c) Develop ecotourism products and programs that will generate employment and livelihood for the local residents concerned, consistent with the preservation and maintenance of the natural resources;</p>	<p>(c) Develop ecotourism products and programs that will generate employment and livelihood for the local residents concerned, consistent with the preservation and maintenance of the natural resources;</p>	
<p>(d) Guarantee that the financial and economic benefits of the tourism industry are equitably shared by, and distributed among the local residents concerned by giving preference and support to community and home-based tourism enterprises, such as, <b>but not limited to</b>, resorts and homestays, micro and small businesses including restaurants, food and fruit stands,</p>	<p>(d) Guarantee that the financial and economic benefits of the tourism industry are equitably shared by and distributed among the local residents concerned by giving preferential attention and support to community- and home-based tourism enterprises, such as resorts and home stays, micro and small businesses including restaurants, food and fruit stands, and other</p>	

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<p>and other similar tourism-oriented industries and businesses;</p>	<p>similar tourism-oriented industries and businesses;</p>	
<p>(e) Ensure that the quality of local ecotourism programs and activities are educational and enriching for tourists and visitors through the provision of orientation, educational and tour programs by local tour operators, non-government organizations (NGOs), the concerned Local Government Units (LGUs), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Department of Tourism (DOT); and,</p>	<p>(e) Ensure the proper and adequate training of local tour operators and tour guides, non-government organizations (NGOs), concerned local government units (LGUs), and the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), which shall be responsible for providing tourists and visitors with educational and enriching activities, tour programs and experiences; and</p>	
<p>(f) Guarantee that in the development and promotion of the local tourism industry, the concerned <b>Local Government Units (LGUs)</b> shall ensure that the needs of the local residents for adequate water supply, food, energy, transportation and local construction materials are first secured and met.</p>	<p>(f) Guarantee that in the development and promotion of the local tourism industry, the concerned LGUs shall ensure that the needs of local residents for adequate water supply, food, energy, transportation and local construction materials are first secured and met.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 4. Definition of Terms.</b> – As used in this Act:</p> <p>(a) Buffer Zone refers to an identified area outside the boundaries of and immediately adjacent to the NAPSL that need special development control in order to</p>	<p><b>SEC. 4. Definition of Terms.</b> – As used in this Act:</p> <p>(a) <i>Buffer Zone</i> refers to an identified area outside the boundaries of and immediately adjacent to the NAPSL that need special development control in order to</p>	

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<p>avoid or minimize any threat or harm to the NAPSL;</p>	<p>avoid or minimize any threat or harm to the NAPSL;</p>	
<p>(b) Community-Based Ecotourism refers to a form of tourism where the local community and its residents have substantial control and involvement in the development and management of the local tourism industry and a greater portion of the economic gains remain within the community;</p>	<p>(b) <i>Community-Based Ecotourism</i> refers to a form of tourism where the local community and its residents have substantial control and involvement in the development and management of the local tourism industry and a greater portion of the economic gains remain within the community;</p>	
<p>(c) Ecotourism refers to a form of sustainable tourism within a natural area where community participation, protection and management of natural resources, cultural and indigenous knowledge and practices, environmental education and ethics, as well as economic benefits are fostered and pursued for the enrichment of host communities and the satisfaction of the visitors; and,</p>	<p>(c) <i>Ecotourism</i> refers to a form of sustainable tourism within a natural area where community participation, protection and management of natural resources, cultural and indigenous knowledge and practices, environmental education and ethics, as well as economic benefits are fostered and pursued for the enrichment of host communities and the satisfaction of the visitors; and,</p>	
<p>(d) Responsible Ecotourism refers to a form of sustainable tourism in which both the tourism sector and the tourists take responsibility in the protection, respect, and conservation of the natural environment and the local culture and ways of life, and where community participation as well as benefits are fostered and pursued for the well-being of the local people and visitors.</p>	<p>(d) <i>Responsible Ecotourism</i> refers to a form of sustainable tourism in which both the tourism sector and the tourists take responsibility in the protection, respect, and conservation of the natural environment and the local culture and ways of life, and where community participation as well as economic benefits are fostered and pursued for the well-being of the local people and visitors.</p>	

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<p><b>SEC. 5. Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape.</b> – The Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape (<b>NAPSL</b>) located in the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi, and Tibiao in the Province of Antique is hereby declared as a responsible, community-based ecotourism zone. It shall be accorded priority development by the DOT, DENR, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones provided in the national ecotourism strategy jointly issued by the DENR and DOT.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 5. Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape.</b> – The Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape located in the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi, and Tibiao in the Province of Antique is hereby declared a responsible, community-based ecotourism zone. It shall be accorded priority development by the DOT, DENR, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones as provided in the national ecotourism strategy jointly adopted and implemented by the DENR and DOT.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 6. Scope and Coverage.</b> – The NAPSL, which shall cover an area of 364,453.5395 hectares, shall be composed of the following:</p> <p>a) The wetland area located in Brgy. Mag-aba, Pandan, Antique composed of mangrove forest and estuarine river ecosystem with an area of 21,095 hectares, located in Brgy. Mag-aba, Pandan, Antique;</p>	<p><b>SEC. 6. Scope and Coverage.</b> – The NAPSL, which shall cover an area of 364,453.5395 hectares, shall be composed of the following:</p> <p>a) The wetland area located in Brgy. Mag-aba, Pandan, Antique composed of mangrove forest and estuarine river ecosystem with an area of 21,095 hectares, located in Brgy. Mag-aba, Pandan Antique;</p>	
<p>b) The seas, islet and sandbar ecosystem covering the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi, and</p>	<p>b) The seas, islet and sandbar ecosystem covering the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi, and</p>	

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<p>Tibiao with an area of 213,556.26 hectares; and,</p>	<p>Tibiao with an area of 213,556.26 hectares; and,</p>	
<p>c) The Pandan Bay with an area of 150,876.25 hectares.</p>	<p>c) The Pandan Bay with an area of 150,876.25 hectares.</p>	
<p>The corresponding boundaries shall be as follows:</p> <p>A. The wetland area</p> <p>Beginning at point marked TP-1, being N 81° 21' W, 27,787.09 meters from reference BLLM 1, PLS 1107, Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape;</p> <p>thence S 75° 30' E 3,242.00 meters to corner 2;  thence N 81° 34' E 3,723.95 meters to corner 3;  thence S 88° 11' E 4,292.00 meters to corner 4;  thence S 70° 26' E 7,759.31 meters to corner 5;  thence S 83° 19' E 3,489.57 meters to corner 6;  thence N 78° 36' E 2,873.78 meters to corner 7;  thence S 40° 19' E 4,925.65 meters to corner 8;  thence S 05° 55' W 14,342.35 meters to corner 9;  thence S 12° 57' W 4,208.77 meters to corner 10;  thence S 20° 40' W 8,176.30 meters to corner 11;  thence S 26° 28' E 2,100.83 meters to corner 12;  thence S 15° 07' W 3,828.16 meters to corner 13;  thence S 14° 11' E 4,552.10 meters to corner 14;  thence S 07° 49' W 2,472.18 meters to corner 15;  thence N 89° 51' W 17,369.06 meters to corner 16;  thence S 19° 13' W 3,169.16 meters to corner 17;</p>	<p>The corresponding boundaries shall be as follows:</p> <p>A. The wetland area</p> <p>The wetland area pertains to the are beginning at point marked TP-1, being N 81° 21' W, 27,787.09 meters from reference BLLM 1, PLS 1107, Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape,</p> <p>thence S 75° 30' E 3,242.00 meters to corner 2;  thence N 81° 34' E 3,723.95 meters to corner 3  thence S 88° 11' E 4,292.00 meters to corner 4  thence S 70° 26' E 7,759.31 meters to corner 5  thence S 83° 19' E 3,489.57 meters to corner 6  thence N 78° 36' E 2,873.78 meters to corner 7  thence S 40° 19' E 4,925.65 meters to corner 8  thence S 05° 55' W 14,342.35 meters to corner 9  thence S 12° 57' W 4,208.77 meters to corner 10  thence S 20° 40' W 8,176.30 meters to corner 11  thence S 26° 28' E 2,100.83 meters to corner 12  thence S 15° 07' W 3,828.16 meters to corner 13  thence S 14° 11' E 4,552.10 meters to corner 14  thence S 07° 49' W 2,472.18 meters to corner 15  thence N 89° 51' W 17,369.06 meters to corner 16  thence S 19° 13' W 3,169.16 meters to corner 17</p>	

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<p>thence S 47° 56' W 18,926.52 meters to corner 18;  thence S 61° 51' W 6,834.81 meters to corner 19;  thence S 88° 08' W 6,837.37 meters to corner 20;  thence N 65° 37' W 6,817.66 meters to corner 21;  thence N 40° 46' W 6,141.86 meters to corner 22;  thence N 16° 52' W 6,841.57 meters to corner 23;  thence N 09° 23' E 6,833.87 meters to corner 24;  thence N 03° 19' E 32,126.72 meters to corner 25;  thence N 31° 53' E 4,886.87 meters to corner 26;  thence N 50° 38' E 3,792.90 meters to corner 27;  thence N 66° 15' E 6,070.27 meters to corner 28;  thence N 83° 30' E 20,309.49 meters to corner 1.</p> <p>to the point of beginning containing an area of two hundred ninety-nine thousand nine hundred forty-two and 542/100 (299,942.542) hectares, more or less.</p>	<p>thence S 47° 56' W 18,926.52 meters to corner 18  thence S 61° 51' W 6,834.81 meters to corner 19  thence S 88° 08' W 6,837.37 meters to corner 20  thence N 65° 37' W 6,817.66 meters to corner 21  thence N 40° 46' W 6,141.86 meters to corner 22  thence N 16° 52' W 6,841.57 meters to corner 23  thence N 09° 23' E 6,833.87 meters to corner 24  thence N 03° 19' E 32,126.72 meters to corner 25  thence N 31° 53' E 4,886.87 meters to corner 26  thence N 50° 38' E 3,792.90 meters to corner 27  thence N 66° 15' E 6,070.27 meters to corner 28  thence N 83° 30' E 20,309.49 meters to corner 1,</p> <p>comprising an area of two hundred ninety-nine thousand nine hundred forty two and 542/100 (299,942.542) hectares, more or less.</p>	
<p><b>B. Seas, Islets and Sandbar Ecosystem</b></p> <p>Beginning at point marked TP-1, being S 86° 08' W, 33,925.26 reference BLLM 1, PLS 1107, Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape;</p> <p>thence S 44° 36' W 14,735.43 meters to corner 2;  thence S 30° 12' E 1,957.43 meters to corner 3;  thence S 57° 20' E 24,725.84 meters to corner 4;  thence N 81° 25' E 4,111.89 meters to corner 5;  thence S 52° 51' E 11,911.68 meters to corner 6;  thence N 84° 22' E 3,904.27 meters to corner 7;</p>	<p><b>B. Seas, Islets and Sandbar Ecosystem</b></p> <p>The sea, islets and sandbar ecosystem pertains to the area beginning at point marked TP-1, being S 86° 08' W, 33,925.26 meters from reference BLLM 1, PLS 1107, Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape,</p> <p>thence S 44° 36' W 14,735.43 meters to corner 2;  thence S 30° 12' E 1,957.43 meters to corner 3;  thence S 57° 20' E 24,725.84 meters to corner 4;  thence N 81° 25' E 4,111.89 meters to corner 5;  thence S 52° 51' E 11,911.68 meters to corner 6;  thence N 84° 22' E 3,904.27 meters to corner 7;</p>	

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<p><b>C. Pandan Bay</b></p> <p>Beginning at point marked TP-1, being N 81° 21' W, 27,787.09 meters from reference BLLM 1, PLS 1107, Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape;</p> <p>thence S 75° 30' E 3,242.00 meters to corner 2;  thence N 81° 34' E 3,723.95 meters to corner 3;</p>	<p><b>C. Pandan Bay</b></p> <p><b>Pandan Bay pertains to the area beginning at point marked TP-1, being N 81° 21' W, 27,787.09 meters from reference BLLM 1, PLS 1107, Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape,</b></p> <p>thence S 75° 30' E 3,242.00 meters to corner 2;  thence N 81° 34' E 3,723.95 meters to corner 3;</p>	

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<p>The metes and bounds of NAPSL shall be indicated on maps and/or nautical charts. Any modification of the coverage of this Act due to such factors as changing ecological situation, new scientific or archaeological findings, or discovery of traditional boundaries not previously taken into account shall be made through an act of Congress, after consultation with the concerned government agencies.</p>	<p>The metes and bounds of NAPSL shall be indicated on maps and nautical charts. Any modification of the coverage of this Act due to such factors as changing ecological situation, new scientific or archaeological findings, or discovery of traditional boundaries not previously taken into account shall be made through an act of Congress, after consultation with the concerned government agencies.</p>	

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<p><b>SEC. 7. Establishment of a Buffer Zone.</b> – There shall also be established buffer zones surrounding the NAPSL for the purpose of providing extra protection around the area, where restrictions shall apply and communities can assist in repelling threats to the NAPSL. Such buffer zones shall be managed according to the ecotourism and management plan formulated pursuant to this Act.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 7. Establishment of Buffet Zones.</b> – There shall also be established buffer zones surrounding the NAPSL for the purpose of providing extra protection around the area, where restrictions shall apply and communities can assist in repelling threats to the NAPSL. Such buffer zones shall be managed according to the ecotourism and management plan formulated pursuant to this Act.</p>	
<p>Such buffer zone shall be included in the ecotourism development and management plan of the NASPL: <i>Provided</i>, That no build up or reclamation detrimental to the diversity in the NASPL <b>shall be done within the designated buffer zone.</b> The Council shall exercise its authority over the designated buffer zone.</p>	<p>Such buffer zones shall be included in the ecotourism development and management plan of the NASPL: <i>Provided</i>, That no build up in, or reclamation of, <b>any part of the designated buffer zone that is detrimental to the biodiversity in the NASPL shall be made.</b> The Council shall exercise its authority over the designated buffer zone.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 8. Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Ecotourism Development and Management Plan.</b> – The DENR and the DOT, in coordination with the DPWH and TIEZA, shall jointly assist the <b>Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Development Council</b>, herein created, in the formulation of the ecotourism development and management plan for the NAPSL that shall be complemented by a set of guidelines for a responsible, community-based ecotourism. The tourism development</p>	<p><b>SEC. 8. Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Ecotourism Development and Management Plan.</b> – The DENR and the DOT, in coordination with the DPWH and TIEZA, shall jointly assist the <b>Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Protected Area Management Board</b> herein created in the formulation of the ecotourism development and management plan for the NAPSL that shall be complemented by a set of guidelines to <b>promote</b> responsible, community-based</p>	

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<p>and management plan shall ensure the preservation of the seascapes and landscapes and shall include the following components:</p>	<p>ecotourism. The tourism development and management plan shall ensure the preservation of the seascapes and landscapes <b>within the NAPSL</b> and shall include the following components:</p>	
<p>(a) Carrying capacity of the seascapes and landscapes and its endemic and migratory birds species;</p>	<p>(a) Carrying capacity of the seascapes and landscapes and its endemic and migratory birds species;</p>	
<p>(b) Specific site assessment, including terrestrial, underwater (biotic and abiotic), oceanographic and other scientific site assessment;</p>	<p>(b) Specific site assessment, including terrestrial, underwater (biotic and abiotic), oceanographic and other scientific site assessment;</p>	
<p>(c) Identification of strategic priorities;</p>	<p>(c) Identification of strategic priorities;</p>	
<p>(d) Product development for local income generation;</p>	<p>(d) Product development for local income generation;</p>	
<p>(e) Capacity building for the local community to allow residents therein to ably manage economically viable and responsible, community-based ecotourism business enterprises;</p>	<p>(e) Capacity building for the local community to allow residents therein to ably manage economically viable and responsible, community-based ecotourism business enterprises;</p>	
<p>(f) Support for the formulation of local groups and networks, including the marketing and pricing of products;</p>	<p>(f) Support for the formulation of local groups and networks, including the marketing and pricing of products;</p>	

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<p>(g) Marketing strategies that reflect the natural, social and environmental integrity of the NAPSL;</p>	<p>(g) Marketing strategies that reflect the natural, social and environmental integrity of the NAPSL;</p>	
<p>(h) Regular water quality monitoring of the seascapes;</p>	<p>(h) Regular water quality monitoring of the sea water that surround the protected seascape and landscape;</p>	
<p>(i) Management and maintenance of the mangrove areas; and</p>	<p>(i) Management and maintenance of the mangrove areas; and</p>	
<p>(j) Proper solid waste management in accordance with Republic Act No. 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act; and,</p>	<p>(j) Proper solid waste management in accordance with Republic Act No. 9003, or the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act;" and</p>	
<p>(k) Proper use, protection, preservation and revival of water resources and implementation of a proper sewerage system in accordance with Republic Act No. 9275, or the Clean Water Act;</p>	<p>(k) Proper use, protection, preservation and revival of water resources and implementation of a proper sewerage system in accordance with Republic Act No. 9275, or the "Clean Water Act;"</p>	
<p>The process of developing the ecotourism development and management plan for the NAPSL shall be participatory, from the bottom up, with the framework to be provided by the DOT and DENR in consultation with the Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Protected Area Management Board herein created.</p>	<p>The process of developing the ecotourism development and management plan for the NAPSL shall be participatory, from the bottom up, with the framework to be provided by the DOT and DENR in consultation with the Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Protected Area Management Board herein created.</p>	



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<p>In order to protect the mangroves and forest in NAPSL, the foreshore areas shall not be leased to any private entity: <i>Provided, That Special Agreements on Protected Area (SAPA) may be availed upon Protected Area and Management Board (PAMB) Clearance.</i></p>	<p>In order to protect the mangroves and forests in NAPSL, the foreshore areas shall not be leased to any private entity: <i>Provided, That Special Agreements on Protected Area (SAPA) as defined under Republic Act No. 7586, or the National Intonated Protected Areas System Act of 1992, may be availed of, which shall be implemented upon the issuance of a Protected Area and Management Board (PAMB) Clearance.</i></p>	
<p><b>SEC. 9. Formation of the Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Protected Area Management Board. – A multi-sectoral board to be known as the “Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Protected Area Management Board,” hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall be created. It shall be composed of the following members:</b></p>	<p><b>SEC. 9. Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Protected Area Management Board. – There shall be created a multi-sectoral board, to be known as the “Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Protected Area Management Board”, hereinafter referred to as the Board. It shall be composed of the following members:</b></p>	
<p>(a) The Mayors of the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao shall take turns serving as Chairperson;</p>	<p>(a) Mayors of the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao who shall take turns serving as Chairperson;</p>	
<p>(b) The heads of the Municipal Tourism Offices of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao shall take turns serving as Vice-chairpersons;</p>	<p>(b) Heads of the Municipal Tourism Offices of the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao who shall take turns serving as Vice-chairperson;</p>	

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<p>(c) The heads of the Municipal Environmental and Natural Resources Office of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao shall likewise take turns serving as member;</p>	<p>(c) Heads of the Municipal Environmental and Natural Resources Office of the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao who shall take turns serving as member;</p>	
<p>(d) The Association of Barangay Chairmen (ABC) Presidents of the barangays of the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao shall also serve alternately;</p>	<p>(d) Presidents of the Association of Barangay Chairpersons (ABC) of the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao who shall also serve alternately as member;</p>	
<p>(e) The Chairmen of the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Councils of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao shall also serve alternately;</p> <p><i>Provided, That representatives from the LGUs as indicated in sub-sections (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above, coming from the same municipality, shall all together serve for the same time period;</i></p>	<p>(e) Chairpersons of the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Councils of the municipalities of Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi and Tibiao who shall also serve alternately as member;</p>	
<p>(f) The Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Officer of the Province of Antique;</p>	<p>(f) Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) of the Province of Antique;</p>	
<p>(g) The Director of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB);</p>	<p>(g) Director of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB);</p>	

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(h) The Chief Operating Officer of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA);	(h) Chief Operating Officer of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA);	
(i) The Regional Director of DOT-Region 6;	(i) Regional Director of DOT-Region 6;	
(j) The Regional Director of DENR-Region 6;	(j) Regional Director of DENR-Region 6;	
(k) The Regional Director of DPWH-Region 6;	(k) Regional Director of DPWH-Region 6;	
(l) The DENR-Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) of Antique;		
(m) One representative from an academic institution, preferably from a state university or college in the Province of Antique, with proven track record in or related to protected seascapes and landscapes management;	(l) Representative from an academic institution, preferably from a state university or college in the Province of Antique, with proven track record in or related to protected seascapes and landscapes management;	
(n) One representative from the private sector, a resident of the Province of Antique, who is distinguished in a profession or field of interest relevant to protected seascapes and landscapes management; and,	(m) Representative from the private sector, a resident of the Province of Antique, who is distinguished in a profession or field of interest relevant to protected seascapes and landscapes management; and,	
(o) One representative from either a non-government organization (NGO) or	(n) Representative from either a non-government organization (NGO) or People's	

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<p>People's Organization (PO), duly accredited both by the DENR and the provincial government of Antique. The NGO or PO represented should have been in existence for at least five (5) years with a proven track record in or related to seascapes and landscapes management.</p>	<p>Organization (PO), duly accredited both by the DENR and the provincial government of Antique. The NGO or PO represented should have been in existence for at least five (5) years with a proven track record in or related to seascapes and landscapes management.</p>	
<p>The <i>ex-officio</i> members of the Board by virtue of their elective or appointive government positions as specified in the immediately preceding subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) shall serve for the duration of their respective terms of office <b>in their respective elective or appointive government positions.</b></p>	<p>The <i>ex-officio</i> members of the Board, by virtue of their elective or appointive government positions as specified in the immediately preceding subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) shall serve for the duration of their respective terms of office.</p>	
<p>The members of the Board specified under subsections (m), (n), and (o) of this section shall be elected by the <i>ex-officio</i> members of the Board in a transparent and fair selection process. They shall each serve a term of three (3) years and may be reappointed for another term.</p>	<p>The members of the Board specified under subsections (l), (m), and (n) of this section shall be elected by the <i>ex-officio</i> members of the Board in a transparent and fair manner. They shall each serve a term of three (3) years and may be reappointed for another term.</p>	
<p>The members of the Board shall serve without compensation, <b>except for the actual and necessary travelling and subsistence expenses incurred</b> in the performance of their duties, either in their attendance in meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized through a</p>	<p>The members of the Board shall serve without compensation, <b>but shall be granted actual and necessary travelling and subsistence expenses to be incurred</b> in the performance of their duties, either in their attendance in meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business</p>	

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<p>resolution of the Board, subject to existing rules and regulations. Each member shall have the full capacity and accountability for decisions binding to the member's sector.</p>	<p>authorized through a Resolution of the Board, subject to existing rules and regulations. The members shall represent their respective sectors with utmost fidelity and accountability. The decision of each member shall be binding upon the sector that he or she represents.</p>	
<p>The members of the Board duly elected or appointed prior to the effectivity of this Act shall continue their term until the expiration of their term or appointment. Thereafter, members of the Board shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Act.</p>	<p>The members of the Board duly elected or appointed prior to the effectivity of this Act shall continue to serve until the expiration of their term or appointment. Thereafter, members of the Board shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Act.</p>	
<p>A member of the Board may be removed for any of the following grounds:</p> <p>(a) More than three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings of the Board;</p>	<p>A member of the Board may be removed for any of the following grounds:</p> <p>(a) More than three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings of the Board;</p>	
<p>(b) Commission of acts prejudicial to the development and management of NAPSL as embodied in existing rules and regulations governing NAPSL;</p>	<p>(b) Commission of acts prejudicial to the development and management of NAPSL as embodied in existing rules and regulations governing NAPSL;</p>	
<p>(c) Disassociation from the office or organization being represented;</p>	<p>(c) Disassociation from the office or organization being represented;</p>	

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(d) Termination of relationship with the office or organization being represented; or	(d) Termination of relationship with the office or organization being represented; or	
(e) Conviction by final judgment of any criminal act.	(e) Conviction by final judgment of any criminal act.	
The local government of the Province of Antique shall provide a secretariat for the Board <b>including</b> the funding necessary to cover the expenses for the performance of its official functions and activities.	The local government of the Province of Antique shall provide a secretariat for the Board <b>and</b> the funding necessary to cover the expenses for the performance of its official functions and activities.	
<b>SEC. 10. Functions and Responsibilities of the PAMB Council.</b> – The PAMB Council shall be responsible for the following:	<b>SEC. 10. Functions and Responsibilities of the Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Protected Area Management Board (PAMB).</b> – The PAMB shall be responsible for the following:	
(a) <b>Formulation and the</b> implementation of the ecotourism development and management plan in consultation with the local residents, businesses, and other stakeholders;	(a) Implementation of the ecotourism development and management plan in consultation with the local residents, businesses, and other stakeholders;	
(b) Assessment and evaluation of the potential impact of the <b>development</b> to the environmental <b>safety and well-being</b> of the <b>seascapes and landscapes, communities, and enterprises</b> ;	(b) Assessment and evaluation of the potential impact of the <b>development plan</b> on environmental <b>safety including the biodiversity in the seascapes and landscapes, and the safety and wellbeing</b> of communities and enterprises located within the <b>NAPSL</b> ;	

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<p>(c) Provision of technical and financial assistance to the communities within the seascapes and landscapes;</p>	<p>(c) Provision of technical and financial assistance to the communities within the seascapes and landscapes;</p>	
<p>(d) Implementation of a monitoring plan for the water birds and their habitats to ensure their presence and well-being in NAPSL;</p>	<p>(d) Implementation of a monitoring plan to ensure the well-being of water birds and the preservation of their habitats;</p>	
<p>(e) Formulation of the rules and regulations in relation to the maintenance and security of the ecotourism areas; and</p>	<p>(e) Formulation of rules and regulations in relation to the maintenance and security of the ecotourism areas; and</p>	
<p>(f) Performance of other functions as may be necessary to carry out the objectives of this Act.</p>	<p>(f) Performance of other functions as may be necessary to carry out the objectives of this Act</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 11. Formulation of Guidelines and Standards.</b> – The DENR and DOT shall assist the <b>PAMB Council</b> in the formulation of local ecotourism standards <b>ensuring that environmental protection is integrated</b> in the development and management of the ecotourism plans.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 11. Formulation of Guidelines and Standards.</b> – The DENR and DOT shall assist the <b>PAMB</b> in the formulation of local ecotourism standards <b>that shall integrate environmental protection</b> in the development and management of ecotourism plans.</p>	
<p>The guidelines and standards shall:</p> <p>(a) <b>Raise the capacity of all stakeholders and ensure that best practices are followed;</b></p>	<p>The guidelines and standards shall:</p> <p>(a) <b>Promote the observance of best practices in environmental preservation through capacity-building activities;</b></p>	

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(b) Ensure optimal use of water and energy;	(b) Ensure optimal use of water and energy;	
(c) <b>Reduce waste and pollution</b> through the encouragement of recycling and other environmentally-sound waste management reduction and disposal schemes;	(c) <b>Promote waste and pollution reduction</b> through the encouragement of recycling, and other environmentally-sound waste management reduction and disposal schemes;	
(d) <b>Prevent vandalism in the facilities of the eco-park;</b> and	(d) <b>Include security enforcement measures to prevent crime and vandalism within the eco-park;</b> and	
(e) Encourage the use of local produce and services, and support the employment of local people.	(e) Encourage the use of local produce and services, and support the employment of local people.	
<p><b>SEC. 12. Coordination with National Agencies.</b> – The DENR and the DOT shall closely <b>coordinate with the Council</b>, as well as the relevant regional offices of the DPWH, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Philippine National Police (PNP), Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and other line agencies of the government in the implementation of this Act.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 12. Coordination with National Agencies.</b> – The DENR and the DOT shall closely <b>coordinate with the PAMB</b>, as well as the relevant regional offices of the DPWH, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Philippine National Police (PNP), Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and other line agencies of the government in the implementation of this Act.</p>	

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<p><b>SEC. 13. <i>Implementing Rules and Regulations.</i></b> – Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DENR and the DOT, in consultation with the Council, other concerned government agencies, and stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper and effective implementation of this Act.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 13. <i>Implementing Rules and Regulations.</i></b> – Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DENR and the DOT, in consultation with the PAMB, other concerned government agencies, and stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper and effective implementation of this Act.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 14. <i>Appropriations.</i></b> – The Secretaries of the DENR, DOT, and DPWH and the Chief Operating Officer of TIEZA shall include in their subsidy programs, support for the capital outlay requirements of the NAPSL for the preliminary implementation of this Act and enhancement of the facilities of the ecotourism zone which shall be taken from the budget of their respective agencies for the current fiscal year.</p> <p>The budgetary allocations for the succeeding years shall be included in the General Appropriations Act, subject to government audit.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 14. <i>Appropriations.</i></b> – The Secretaries of the DENR, DOT and DPWH and the Chief Operating Officer of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) shall include in their respective programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 15. <i>Separability Clause.</i></b> – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected</p>	<p><b>SEC. 15. <i>Separability Clause.</i></b> – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected</p>	

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<p>thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.</p>	<p>thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 16. Repealing Clause.</b> – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamation and administrative regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 16. Repealing Clause.</b> – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamation and administrative regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 17. Effectivity Clause.</b> – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.</p> <p>Approved,</p>	<p><b>SEC. 17. Effectivity.</b> – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the <i>Official Gazette</i> or in a newspaper of general circulation.</p> <p>Approved,</p>	