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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill, which was previously filed in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress and approved by the House of Representatives on third reading, seeks establish the Agoo-Damortis Landscape and Seascape, located in the Municipalities of Agoo, Sto. Tomas, and Rosario in the Province of La Union as a protected area, providing for its management and for other purposes. In conformity with the 1987 Constitution which sought to "protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature," the declaration of the Agoo-Damortis Landscape and Seascape as a protected area would ensure the implementation of the appropriate protection and conservation activities in the national park which would further enhance among others the tourism industry in the Province of La Union.

The shores and territorial waters of La Union from Agoo to Damortis, which covers 10,629.22 hectares, was first established as a national park by virtue of Republic Act No. 4570 dated June 19, 1965 and later affirmed as Agoo-Damortis Protected Seascape and Landscape by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 277 dated April 23, 2000 as an initial component under Republic Act 7586 otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas System.

The Agoo-Damortis Protected Seascape and Landscape, situated within the Lingayen Gulf, has been identified to have unique and abundant biological, geological and hydrological features. The area has also been identified as a migratory site of at least more than fifteen (15) species of birds and certain species of reptiles and fish. More importantly, major rivers are located within the protected area which includes the Agoo river, Cupang River and Bani River.

Notwithstanding its importance, the Agoo-Damortis Protected Seascape and Landscape has been completely neglected over the years and is thus facing serious threats to its biodiversity. Aside from the continued erosion occurring in some areas of the park, there is also the alarming depletion of marine resources as well as an escalating decrease in fish haul and destruction of corals over the years. Thus, the immediate need to arrest this indiscriminate use of natural resources.

Given the various laws and issuances on the area, it is imperative to legislate a law which will harmonize their provisions and to define the parameters, mechanisms and structure of the management of the Agoo-Damortis Protected Seascape and Landscape/ National Park, giving very active role to the public constituency. It is crucial to protect the area from

unashamed exploitation in order to sustain its ecological balance as well as protect its source of water supply.

This Bill, therefore, in seeking to establish the Agoo-Damortis Protected Seascape and Landscape as a protected area, also seeks to provide for a comprehensive and sustained conservation system through an effective and responsive management of the area for the benefit of our children and their future.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING THE AGOO-DAMORTIS PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND**  
**SEASCAPE IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION AS A PROTECTED AREA,**  
**PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1. *Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Agoo-Damortis Protected Landscape and Seascape (ADPLS) Act of 2013.”

**SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to regulate the utilization of terrestrial and marine resources within the Agoo-Damortis landscape and seascape to ensure the continuity of endangered, threatened, and rare species therein, as well as conserve, protect and preserve its scenic, educational, cultural, historical and recreational features, through its establishment as a protected area in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected Area System Act of 1992.”

**SEC. 3. *Land Classification.*** – All lands and waters of the public domain comprising the ADPLS shall fall under the classification of National Park as provided for in the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

**SEC. 4. *Scope.*** – The boundaries of the ADPLS shall be as follows:  
Parcel I - Beginning at Corner “1”, N34°23’45”W, 5,314.48 meters from BLLM # 1, CAD 314-D, Ago, Cadastre (N-1806567.81 and E-218537.90)

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE (meters)
1-2	S. 32° 40' 40" E.	327.20
2-3	S. 07° 55' 14" E.	105.19
3-4	N. 41° 29' 47" E.	31.45
4-5	S. 39° 42' 35" E.	69.48
5-6	S. 48° 10' 47" W.	23.10
6-7	S. 31° 11' 05" E.	80.48
7-8	S. 28° 44' 42" E.	138.46
8-9	S. 24° 20' 27" E.	41.76
9-10	N. 71° 33' 54" E.	20.05
10-11	S. 31° 50' 07" E.	194.08
11-12	N. 58° 20' 55" E.	77.69
12-13	S. 15° 18' 46" E.	78.90
13-14	S. 69° 08' 43" W.	20.36
14-15	S. 04° 36' 59" E.	34.91
15-16	N. 88° 27' 39" W.	17.29
16-17	S. 04° 05' 08" E.	146.23
17-18	N. 67° 16' 54" E.	18.38
18-19	S. 02° 59' 25" E.	121.56
19-20	S. 03° 48' 27" E.	266.03
20-21	S. 06° 33' 48" W.	321.00
21-22	S. 01° 31' 16" E.	392.41
22-23	S. 08° 44' 29" W.	426.22
23-24	S. 09° 01' 05" W.	326.55
24-25	S. 10° 15' 59" W.	424.44
25-26	S. 08° 38' 10" W.	413.27
26-27	S. 30° 58' 40" W.	315.94
27-28	S. 00° 53' 33" W.	319.84
28-29	S. 03° 16' 04" W.	294.01
29-30	S. 04° 57' 41" W.	413.76
30-31	S. 03° 13' 28" W.	64.42
31-32	S. 02° 56' 17" E.	273.96
32-33	S. 07° 20' 07" E.	244.80
33-34	S. 08° 27' 18" E.	135.55
34-35	S. 03° 35' 53" E.	295.92
35-36	S. 01° 23' 40" E.	241.96
36-37	S. 01° 03' 39" W.	48.93

37-38	S. 01° 06' 44" E.	93.33
38-39	S. 00° 05' 51" W.	265.44
39-40	S. 12° 42' 29" E.	455.06
40-41	S. 33° 57' 13" E.	81.91
41-42	S. 40° 09' 56" E.	129.22
42-43	S. 19° 01' 32" E.	166.74
43-44	S. 23° 14' 10" E.	90.70
44-45	S. 20° 29' 50" E.	103.49
45-46	S. 21° 35' 43" E.	257.23
46-47	S. 25° 29' 00" E.	386.38
47-48	S. 25° 03' 09" E.	307.01
48-49	S. 31° 29' 22" E.	533.33
49-50	S. 29° 22' 17" E.	206.88
50-51	S. 22° 49' 27" E.	409.87
51-52	S. 16° 46' 09" E.	354.82
52-53	S. 12° 09' 28" E.	402.20
53-54	S. 09° 57' 23" E.	379.88
54-55	S. 34° 49' 38" E.	310.12
55-56	S. 51° 26' 29" E.	239.82
56-57	S. 26° 56' 39" E.	244.92
57-58	S. 42° 47' 55" E.	508.69
58-59	S. 48° 02' 11" E.	326.53
59-60	S. 35° 55' 01" E.	294.20
60-61	S. 05° 29' 32" E.	189.31
61-62	S. 29° 58' 17" E.	511.40
62-63	N. 61° 58' 55" E.	111.86
63-64	N. 29° 10' 22" E.	489.73
64-65	N. 15° 18' 03" W.	99.56
65-66	N. 46° 18' 22" W.	491.79
66-67	N. 13° 47' 39" W.	416.05
67-68	N. 25° 38' 27" W.	728.56
68-69	N. 57° 54' 29" E.	1081.11
69-70	S. 60° 37' 54" E.	273.40
70-71	S. 04° 51' 23" W.	139.11
71-72	S. 54° 09' 23" E.	2260.34
72-73	S. 24° 54' 08" E.	2164.43
73-74	N. 87° 11' 24" E.	147.85

74-75	S. 09° 45' 08" E.	117.66
75-76	S. 18° 35' 15" E.	268.58
76-77	S. 14° 25' 24" E.	260.05
77-78	S. 22° 50' 17" E.	274.26
78-79	S. 20° 34' 31" E.	314.49
79-80	S. 41° 43' 05" E.	229.39
80-81	S. 29° 24' 56" E.	195.53
81-82	S. 11° 08' 02" E.	86.79
82-83	S. 18° 11' 56" E.	208.85
83-84	S. 16° 01' 15" E.	329.90
84-85	S. 17° 58' 53" E.	162.87
85-86	S. 52° 18' 20" E.	25.19
86-87	S. 07° 46' 46" E.	324.60
87-88	S. 17° 55' 03" E.	285.64
88-89	S. 14° 15' 05" E.	292.57
89-90	S. 25° 49' 52" E.	221.43
90-91	S. 21° 34' 53" E.	219.21
91-92	S. 46° 58' 29" E.	195.18
92-93	S. 88° 57' 53" W.	4914.67
93-94	N. 53° 18' 37" W.	6304.71
94-95	N. 29° 38' 36" W.	4194.52
95-96	N. 22° 01' 26" W.	1601.73
96-97	N. 21° 49' 58" W.	2764.87
97-98	N. 02° 49' 35" E.	5502.18
98-99	N. 84° 05' 21" E.	5217.01
99-100	S. 06° 06' 55" E.	21.05
100-1	S. 17° 41' 25" E.	21.72

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2-3	S. 33° 26' 23" E.	335.04
3-4	S. 06° 37' 57" E.	45.67
4-5	S. 39° 38' 03" E.	135.62
5-6	S. 44° 59' 59" W.	22.38

