

**Proclamation
No. 1005
May 08, 1997**

SUBJECT : Amending Presidential Proclamation No. 721, Dated August 08, 1934, by Declaring Certain Parcels of Land Covering Mount Kanla-on Situated in the Municipalities of Murcia and La Castellana, and Cities of Bago, La Carlota, Canlaon and San Carlos, All Within the Negros Island as Protected Area Under the Category of Nature Park

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby set aside and declare certain parcel of land covering Mount Kanlaon situated in the municipalities of Murcia and La Castellana, and cities of Bago, La Carlota, Canlaon and San Carlos, all within the Negros Island, subject to prior valid private rights, if any and as herein provided, as Protected Area under the category of Natural Park, subject to ground verification.

The technical descriptions provided hereunder are based on a table survey and therefore subject to ground survey and verification to be conducted by the DENR, for which additional funds are to be requested for the purpose from the Department of Budget and Management.

Beginning at a point 1 on the Map which is marked on 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.

(technical description omitted)

Containing an approximate total land area of 24,557 hectares as Natural Park, subject to the following:

- a) a total of 1,437 hectares more or less shall be allocated and devoted to the exploration, development and utilization of geothermal energy resources. The geothermal block is hereby described as follows: Beginning at a point marked "1" on the map (Annex 1), being S. 49o21"E, 3491.99 meters from MBM No. 30, Bago City;

(technical description omitted)

- b) the geothermal block shall be managed as a buffer, special use or any other management zone as may be determined by the DENR Secretary;
- c) areas of the geothermal block subsequently determined not to be suited to geothermal development shall be classified to other management uses as may be determined by the DENR Secretary; and
- d) a person qualifying for tenured migrant status as of the effectivity of the NIPAS Act shall be eligible to become a steward of a portion of land within the appropriate management zones of the protected area, and from which he may derive subsistence.

The above-mentioned area shall be known as the Mount Kan-laon Natural Park and shall be under the administrative jurisdiction of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to be

administered by the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) as constituted to RA 7586 (NIPAS Act of 1992) and its implementing rules and regulations.

The purpose for the establishment of Mount Kanlaon as Natural Park is to protect and conserve the ecological, biological, scientific and educational features of the area.

Insofar as the rules and regulation over national park are consistent with the provisions of the NIPAS Act, they shall continue to apply until Congress shall otherwise declare. All other applicable laws shall remain in full force and effect.

The Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) appointed by the Secretary shall perform such powers and duties as specified in the NIPAS Act and as delegated to it by the Secretary under such Act. All decisions made pursuant to these rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of acts of a final PAMB under the NIPAS Act.

Presidential Proclamation No. 721, dated August 8, 1934 is hereby amended accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President

By the President

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary