

**PROCLAMATION
NO. 284**

**DECLARING THE BESSANG PASS NATIONAL SHRINE
SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CERVANTES,
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, ISLAND OF LUZON AS A
PROTECTED AREA AND ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS AS
BUFFER ZONE, PURSUANT TO R.A. 7586 (NIPAS ACT OF
1992) AND SHALL BE KNOWN AS BESSANG PASS
NATURAL MONUMENT/LANDMARK**

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, and pursuant to the powers vested upon me by law, **I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**, President of the Philippines, do hereby set aside and declare Bessang Pass National Shrine consisting of a parcel of land situated in the Municipality of Cervantes, Province of Ilocos Sur, Island of Luzon as Protected Areas under the category of Natural Monument/Landmark and its peripheral areas as Buffer Zone, subject to private rights and without prejudice to the right of the indigenous people as provided for in R.A. No. 8371, DENR Administrative Order 93-02 and other related rules and regulations, if any, as described in DENR NIPAS Map R1-13.

Beginning at point marked 1 on Parcel 1, being S 66°W, 3300 m. from Cor. 10 Proj. No. 13 Blk. No. 23 of A & D, L.C. Map No. 1276:

Thence N 20°33'16"E	1378.610 m.	to point 2;
Thence N 69°26'3"E	748.684 m.	to point 3;
Thence S 78°25'37"E	1638.908 m.	to point 4;
Thence S 20°56'52"W	3398.480 m.	to point 5;
Thence N 61°42'5"W	948.030 m.	to point 6;
Thence S 70°33'48"W	631.166 m.	to point 7;
Thence N 46°50'14"W	535.089 m.	to point 8;
Thence N 28°01'24"W	292.903 m.	to point 9;
Thence N 64°40'35"W	352.890 m.	to point 10;
Thence N 49°26'06"E	490.845 m.	to point 11;
Thence N 64°25'41"E	659.415 m.	to point 12;

Thence N 38°54'52"W 424.160 m. to point of beginning, containing an area of Six Hundred Ninety-Three and 3166/100 (693.3166) Hectares, as Protected Area.

Parcel II

The Buffer Zone begins at the corner marked "1" on the map identical to corner 1 of Bessang Natural Monument/Landmark.

Thence S 39°25'33"E 423.735 m. to point 2;
Thence S 64°36'26"W 594.361 m. to point 3;
Thence S 49°28'50"W 486.421 m. to point 4;
Thence S 65°9'42"E 353.941 m. to point 5;
Thence S 28°30'53"E 282.047 m. to point 6;
Thence S 47°21'5"E 535.216 m. to point 7;
Thence N 70°20'13"E 636.297 m. to point 8;
Thence S 62°11'41"E 950.432 m. to point 9;
Thence N 21°09'16"E 3426.934 m. to point 10;
Thence S 78°00'50"E 505.805 m. to point 11;
Thence S 19°50'34"W 4012.372 m. to point 12;
Thence N 61°48'02"W 1255.922 m. to point 13;
Thence S 69°39'22"W 623.725 m. to point 14;
Thence N 46°38'29"W 910.980 m. to point 15;
Thence N 27°28'38"W 218.409 m. to point 16;
Thence N 64°50'04"W 355.949 m. to point 17;
Thence N 64°50'04"W 514.149 m. to point 18;
Thence N 50°30'41"E 1178.639 m. to point 19;
Thence N 38°33'59"W 376.642 m. to point 20;
Thence N 21°39'12"E 952.021 m. to point 21;
Thence S 74°03'35"E 505.782 m. to point 22;
Thence S 20°20'38"W 838.323 m. to point of beginning, containing an area of Four Hundred Twenty-Seven and 7917/100 (427.7917) Hectares, as buffer zone.

Parcels 1 and II shall have a total aggregate area of One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One and 1083/100 (1,121.1083) Hectares, subject to actual ground survey.

These areas shall be under the administrative jurisdiction of the DENR and shall be administered in accordance to the provisions of the NIPAS Act of 1992.

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

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand.