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Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
**REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
Cotabato City

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**RLA BILL 10**

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
(Fourth Regular Session)

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and ninety nine.

**[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT 93]**

**AN ACT CREATING A LAKE LANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Regional Legislative Assembly in session assembled.

**SECTION 1.** Title - This Act shall be known and cited as the "Lake Lanao Development Act of 1999."

**SEC. 2.** Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao:

- (a) to protect, preserve and develop its natural resources and improve the conditions therein so that man and nature can thrive productively and harmoniously;
- (b) to fulfill its social, economic and political obligations to the present and future generations of Filipinos through the institution of effective mechanism for the protection, preservation and development of its natural environment;





- (c) to provide technical, administrative and other forms of assistance to programs, projects and activities for the protection, preservation and development of the natural resources within its territorial jurisdiction such as lakes, rivers, forests and the like; and
- (d) to ensure the attainment of a high quality of environment conducive to a life of dignity and well-being.

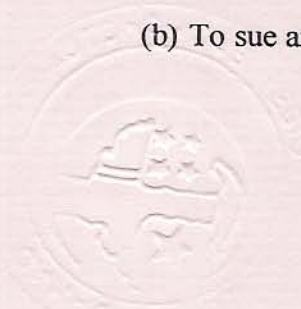
**SEC. 3. Definition of Terms -** When used in this Act:

- (a) Lake Lanao - refers to the water reservoir located in the province of Lanao del Sur where the water from the five river systems and tributaries are collected.
- (b) Authority - refers to the Lake Lanao Development Authority.
- (c) Council – refers to the Lake Lanao Development Council which shall be the policy-making body of the Authority.
- (d) Chairman - refers to the Chairman of the Lake Lanao Development Council.
- (e) Secretariat - refers to the Project Development and Management Office which shall provide technical and administrative assistance to the Authority.

**SEC. 4. Creation -** To implement the above-mentioned policies, there is hereby created a body corporate to be known as Lake Lanao Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, which shall be under the supervision of the Regional Governor.

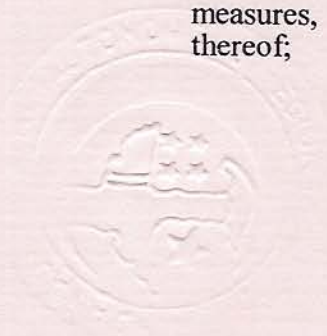
**SEC. 5. Powers and Functions –** the Authority shall have the following powers and functions:

- (a) To succeed in its corporate name, with the power of succession;
- (b) To sue and be sued;



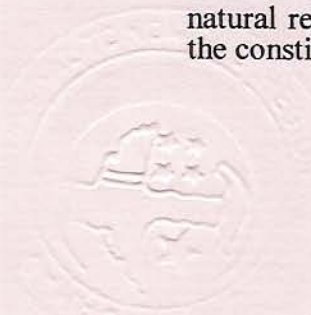


- (c) To adopt, alter and use a corporate seal;
- (d) To implement the policies, programs and projects as envisioned in this Act;
- (e) To exercise regulatory power and control in the preservation, protection, development and utilization of the Lake Lanao area and its natural resources;
- (f) To prepare and recommend to the Regional Governor the adoption of policies, guidelines, plans and programs for the conservation, protection and development of the Lake Lanao watershed and flood control areas;
- (g) To coordinate, supervise and implement development projects and programs funded by government agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations which are directly or indirectly related to the protection, preservation, development, utilization and management of Lake Lanao;
- (h) To conduct a comprehensive survey of the physical resources and potentialities of Lake Lanao particularly its social and economic conditions, hydrologic characteristics, power potential, scenic or tourist spots, conservation of water resources, and such other concerns of the area;
- (i) To undertake research and development on fisheries and aquatic and other natural resources of Lake Lanao for policy formulation and program implementation;
- (j) To undertake studies on the improvement and maintenance of the desirable water quality of Lake Lanao and, pursuant thereto, prepare a water quality management program on a continuing basis, which the Authority shall carry out with the assistance and support of the national, regional and local governments;
- (k) To conduct comprehensive study on the extent and effect of siltation, sedimentation and soil erosion and provide for immediate remedial measures, such as dredging to check the adverse consequences thereof;





- (l) To establish data bank on rainfall, water inflows from river tributaries, natural outflows, draw-down for power generation and other essential components needed for sound policy formulation;
- (m) To enter into contract of any kind to enable it to carry out its purposes and objectives with the consent of the Regional Legislative Assembly;
- (n) To acquire, lease, own and use personal and real properties and accept grants, donations, gifts, bequests in whatever form from private or public domestic and foreign sources;
- (o) To conduct risk management studies in collaboration and close coordination with concerned agencies such as PHIVOCS, PAGASA and National Disaster and Coordinating Council;
- (p) To upgrade the capacity of Lake Lanao as reservoir in order to maximize the generation of hydroelectric power;
- (q) To encourage people's involvement in entrepreneurial activities and livelihood projects through cooperative; that will expand micro-enterprises in the area;
- (r) To build, operate and maintain, if necessary, power plants or lighting systems and to generate, sell or distribute electricity to rural or urban communities, public or private institutions, electric cooperatives, franchise holders, subdivision developers, and homeowners: Provided, That this shall be with the consent of the local cooperative officials of the franchise holder therein; and provided, further, that the electrical service fee does not go beyond the rates fixed by the ERB;
- (s) To build, operate and transfer projects involving the construction of abattoirs, dams, reservoirs, roads, wharves, telephones, transmission lines, transportation systems, water supply, flood control, sewage work and such other infrastructure projects as are necessary subject to the approval of the Regional Governor;
- (t) To review and approve the development plans and other related projects initiated by LGU's and other agencies and to regulate or issue licenses and franchises for the utilization and development of the natural resources of the area subject to regional and national laws or the constitution.





- (u) To promulgate rules and regulations for the protection, conservation, development, and utilization of the natural resources of the area, subject to the approval of the Regional Governor;
- (v) To submit a quarterly report of accomplishments to the Office of the Regional Governor and the Regional Legislative Assembly including a summarized list of works to be carried out in the next quarter; and
- (w) To perform such other functions as are necessary in the discharge of its powers and functions.

**SEC. 6. Composition and Tenure** - The powers and functions of the Authority shall be exercised by a Council which shall be composed of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and thirteen (13) members, as follows:

1. Regional Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources or his duly authorized representative;
2. Regional Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries or his duly authorized representative; and
3. Regional Secretary of the Department of Tourism or his duly authorized representatives;
4. Chairman of the National Power Corporation (Mindanao Office) or his duly authorized representative;
5. Regional Director of the Philippine National Police -ARMM or his duly authorized representative;
6. One (1) representative each from duly organized and registered organization of :
  - (a) religious sector
  - (b) fishermen sector
  - (c) environmentalist sector;





7. Provincial Governor of Lanao` del Sur or his duly authorized representative;
8. City Mayor of Marawi or his duly authorized representative;
9. President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) or his duly authorized representative from the Maranaw Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
10. President of the Association of Mindanao Industries (AMI) or his duly authorized representative; and
11. President of Mindanao State University (MSU) or his duly authorized representative.

The Chairman shall be appointed by the Regional Governor from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Regional Legislative Assembly and the Vice – Chairman shall be elected by the members of the Council from among themselves. The Chairman who shall be the presiding officer shall hold office for four (4) years unless sooner removed for cause. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-chairman shall preside over the meeting of the Council. In the absence of both the chairman and the vice-chairman , the members present constituting a quorum shall elect from among themselves a temporary presiding officer.

**SEC. 7. Secretariat** - The Project Development and Management Office, hereinafter referred to as Secretariat, shall serve as the technical and administrative support staff of the Authority. It shall provide professional, technical and administrative services to implement programs and coordinate policies and functions.

The Secretariat shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall be assisted by six (6) directors for: (a) Agricultural and Watershed Development; (b) Engineering and Infrastructure Development; (c) Social, Economic and Tourism Development; (d) Research, Education and Information; and (f) Administrative Service. The Executive Director and the six Directors shall be appointed by the Council.

**SEC. 8. Human Resource Development Center** - To enhance the managerial skill and technical capability as well as livelihood opportunities among the coastal residents, the authority shall establish a Human Resource Development Center to serve as the training arm of the Authority. It shall plan and conduct continuing training programs for farmers, fishermen, craftsmen, out-of-school youth and members of non-governmental organizations.





**SEC. 9. Authority to contract foreign loans** - The Authority is hereby authorized to contract loans, credit or indebtedness in any convertible foreign currency or capital goods from foreign governments or any international financial institutions subject to existing regional and national laws.

The loans credit or indebtedness contracted under this section and the payment of the principal interest; and other charges thereon as well as the importation of machineries, equipment, materials and supplies by the Authority, paid from the proceeds of any loan, credit or indebtedness incurred under this Act shall be exempt from all taxes, fees, imposts, and other charges and restrictions imposed by the Republic of the Philippines or any of its agencies and political subdivisions.

**SEC. 10. Coverage** - The authority shall have operational jurisdiction over the areas and municipalities of the province of Lanao del Sur including the political subdivisions or units within their respective territorial jurisdictions.

**SEC. 11. Principal Office** - The principal office of the Authority shall be in Marawi City or in any other place to be decided by the Council. It may establish such sub-offices in the provinces of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte, Iligan City and other areas it may deem necessary.

**SEC. 12 Compensation** - The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, members of the Council, Executive Director, Directors, and other personnel of the Authority shall receive compensation pursuant to existing Salary Standardization and/or pertinent laws; provided that the honorarium shall not exceed two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) per meeting attended.

**SEC. 13. Funding** - For the initial organization and operation of the Authority, the amount of Thirty Million Pesos (P30,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of any available funds in the Regional Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, its regular budget shall be included in the annual budget of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao; Provided that research and development programs may be funded by proper government agencies or government-owned or controlled corporations.






**SEC. 14. Audit** - The financial accounts of the expenditures and revenues of the Authority shall be subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulation of the Commission on Audit.

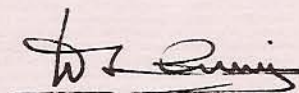
**SEC. 15. Separability Clause** - The provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be separate, and in the event one or more of such provisions are held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and effective.

**SEC. 16. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**APPROVED.**

  
**KABILANG G. SEMA**  
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on October 12, 1999.

  
**WILSON S. ANNI**  
Secretary-General

**APPROVED:**

**PROF. NUR P. MISUARI**  
Regional Governor  
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