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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**


The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) is home to diverse coastal ecosystems such as mangroves, seagrass beds, and coral reefs, which provide essential ecological, economic, and cultural benefits to the local communities. The coastal environments in BARMM play a crucial role in providing livelihood opportunities to the people. Fisheries and aquaculture are the primary sources of income for many communities, and these rely heavily on the health and productivity of the coastal ecosystems. Coastal areas also serve as critical transportation hubs, connecting communities to other parts of the region and the country.

However, these coastal environments face numerous threats, including overfishing, pollution, and habitat destruction. Climate change also poses a significant risk, with rising sea levels and increasing ocean temperatures affecting the health of these ecosystems. Additionally, conflicts in the region, particularly in coastal areas, can exacerbate these challenges, leading to further degradation of the environment.

To ensure the continued health and productivity of the coastal environments in BARMM, it is crucial to implement measures to protect them. This includes regulating fishing practices, reducing pollution, and conserving habitat areas through the establishment of marine protected areas. Additionally, education and awareness-raising campaigns can help to promote

sustainable practices and encourage communities to take an active role in protecting their local ecosystems. By implementing measures to safeguard these valuable ecosystems, we can ensure that they continue to provide benefits to current and future generations.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**BE IT ENACTED** by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Bangsamoro Integrated Coastal Management Act of 2023.*”

**SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to promote the protection, conservation, and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources, while ensuring the rights of coastal communities to a fair and equitable share of the benefits derived from these resources.

**SEC. 3. Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) Policy.** – ICM and related approaches, such as coastal resource management, shall be the regional management policy framework to promote the sustainable development of the region’s coastal and marine environment and resources in order to achieve food security, sustainable livelihood, poverty alleviation and reduction of vulnerability to natural hazards while preserving ecological integrity.

**SEC. 4. Coastal Zoning and Management.** – The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE) shall provide the guidelines for coastal zoning and

management, including the delineation of coastal areas, identification of land uses, and regulation of activities in the coastal zone.

**SEC. 5. Integrated Coastal Management Council.** – There is hereby created an Integrated Coastal Management Council (ICMC) to be composed of the following:

Chairperson	:	Minister of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy
Members	:	Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform
		Minister of Trade, Investments and Tourism
		Ministry of the Interior and Local Government
		Director-General for Environment and Natural Resources
		Director-General for Fisheries
		Two Representatives from accredited Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
		Representatives from coastal communities in every province

The ICMC shall determine in its first regular meeting the mechanism in selecting the representatives from the accredited CSOs and coastal communities.

**SEC. 6. Functions of the ICMC.** - The ICMC shall have the following functions:

a. Oversee the implementation of the integrated coastal management policy in the Bangsamoro Region;

b. Develop and implement a Coastal Management Plan, which shall provide for the sustainable use and management of coastal and marine resources;

c. Provide measures to protect and conserve coastal and marine ecosystems, such as mangroves, coral reefs, and seagrasses;

d. Coordinate with law enforcement agencies to ensure the enforcement of laws and regulations that prohibit destructive fishing practices, pollution, and other activities that may harm the coastal environment;

e. Coordinate with the Ministry of Trade, Investments and Tourism in the development of programs and projects that promote sustainable economic activities, such as ecotourism, sustainable fishing, and aquaculture.

f. Coordinate with the Ministry of the Interior and Local Government in ensuring the active participation of the local government units and stakeholders, particularly coastal communities, in the integrated coastal management process by facilitating stakeholder consultations, providing capacity-building programs, and promoting awareness of integrated coastal management principles.

**SEC. 7. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the MENRE’s current budget and shall thereafter be included in the annual Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** – In case any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

**SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** - All regional laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 10. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the region.

Approved,

Author/s:

  
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*Member of the Parliament*

Certified correct:

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*Secretary-General*

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*Speaker*