REPUBLIC ACT No. 9032

AN ACT EXPANDING THE AREA OF JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CULION, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7193

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

SECTION 1. A new section is hereby inserted after Section 1 of Republic Act 7193 entitled, "An Act Creating the Municipality of Culion in the Province of Palawan," designated as Section 1-A, to read as follows:

"SEC. 1-A. The barangays of Balala, Baldat, Binudac, Culango, Galoc, Jardin, Libis, Luac, Malaking Patag, Osmeña and Tiza which have been existing and functioning as regular barangays before the creation of the municipality in 1992 are hereby declared as legally existent upon the creation of the Municipality of Culion. These barangays shall comprise the Municipality of Culion, subject to the provisions of the succeeding paragraphs. The territorial boundaries of these barangays are specified in Annex "A" of this Act.

Subject to the provisions of Section 10, Republic Act No. 7160, Burabod and Halsey in the Municipality of Busuanga, Province of Palawan, are hereby separated from said municipality and are transferred as part of the political jurisdiction of the Municipality of Culion.

A barangay for the indigenous cultural communities to be known as Barangay Carabao is hereby created to be composed of the following sitios, namely: Bacutao, Baracuan, Binabaan, Cabungalen, Corong, De Carabao (Lumber Camp), Igay, Layanglayang, Marily Pula and Pinanganduyan."

- SEC. 2. Upon the effectivity of this Act, the internal revenue allocations already allotted but not released by the Department of Budget and Management to barangays Balala, Baldat, Binudac, Culango, Galoc, Jardin, Libis, Luac, Malaking Patag, Osmeña and Tiza from the time of the existence of the Municipality of Culion in 1995 shall be made available to the above mentioned barangays. Barangays Burabod and Halsey shall continue to receive their respective internal revenue allocation as part of the Municipality of Culion.
- SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall hold the plebiscite required for the transfer of barangays Burabod and Halsey to the Municipality of Culion as well as for the creation of the new barangay, De Carabao, for the indigenous cultural communities. The plebiscite for the transfer of Burabod and Halsey shall be conducted in both municipalities of Culion and Busuanga, including barangays Burabod and Halsey. The plebiscite for the creation of Barangay Carabao shall be conducted in the whole municipality of Culion. The COMELEC may hold both plebiscites simultaneously.
- SEC. 4. The COMELEC shall hold the elections for the officials of the sangguniang barangay and the sangguniang kabataan of the eleven (11) barangays whose legal existence is herein recognized, simultaneous with the 2002 regular elections for barangay officials. If the creation of Barangay Carabao is approved in the plebiscite held for the purpose, the COMELEC shall also hold the elections for the officials of the said barangay simultaneous with the elections for barangay officials whose legal existence is recognized in this Act.
- SEC. 5. The declaration of Culion as a national reservation for lepers by virtue of Executive Order No. 35, Series of 1904 is hereby revoked. Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government of Culion, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Health, the Department of Agrarian Reform, the Representative of the First Congressional District of Palawan, the Province of Palawan, and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development, shall determine the areas which shall remain with

the Department of Health, belong to the public domain, be alienable and disposable, become the property of the Municipality of Culion, and become the property of the Province of Palawan. The aggregate land area that shall become the property of the Municipality of Culion shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the total land area of the Municipality. The aggregate land area that shall become the property of the Province of Palawan shall not be more than one percent (1%) of the total land area of the Municipality. The area to be retained by the Department of Health for its hospital zone shall not include forest land or any portion of land devoted to residential, business or commercial, and institutional purposes as well as tracks of land already developed for agricultural purposes or used as community settlements, or those occupied by members of the indigenous communities, and that no portion of marine waters be made part of the said zone.

SEC. 6. Upon the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Health shall relinquish administrative control to the Municipality of Culion over all lands and waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the said Municipality, except over those parcels of land which shall be retained by the Department for its sanitarium. Thereafter, the Municipality of Culion shall be substituted to the Department of Health in all valid contracts entered into, permits issued, and rights granted by the Department of Health involving lands and water resources within the territorial boundaries of the Municipality, subject to the latter's land and water use policy. All the revenues from these contracts and permits shall henceforth redound to the Municipality of Culion, insofar as allowed under the provisions of Republic Act No. 7160 as well as other pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 7. The expenses for and incidental to the holding of the plebiscites required by this Act shall come from the appropriations of the Municipality of Culion. The expenses to be incurred in the conduct of land classification and cadastral survey in the Municipality of Culion as herein required shall come from the appropriations of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the year of the effectivity of this Act.

- SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, and other issuances or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.
- SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved, March 12, 2001.

ANNEX "A"

BARANGAY BOUNDARIES MUNICIPALITY OF CULION PROVINCE OF PALAWAN

				Coordinates	PR	S 92		
		Latitude		Longitude	Northing	Easting	Remarks	
 1.								
		1	11º 53'46.88"	120º 00'58.07"	1316757	174916	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Culango, foot of left side along shoreline.	
		2	11º 53'41.10"	120º 00'52.11"	1316579	174733	Mons. planted bet. Balala, Culango and Tiza left side of ridge.	
		3	11º 53'31.34"	120º 00'09.28"	1316276	175250	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Tiza left side of ridge.	

			Coordinates	PR	S 92	
Corner	Lat	itude	Longitude	Northing	Easting	Remarks
	4	11º 53'30.89"	120º 01'16.09"	1316260	175456	Mons. planted bet. Balala, Tiza and Libis junction.
	5	11º 53'33.08"	120º 01'15.78"	1316327	175448	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Libis.
	6	11º 53'33.21"	120º 01'16.48"	1316331	175469	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Libis, identified by Kgd. E. Palao.
	7	11º 53'35.40"	120º 01'14.50"	1316399	175410	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Libis, side of coc.
	8	11º 53'35.96"	$120^{\circ}01'15.28"$	1316416	175410	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Libis, top of coc. 2x2x10 in front of former Culion Sanitarium Gate.

	Corner			Coordinates	PR	S 92	Remarks	
	Corner		itude	Longitude	Northing	Easting	Winarks	
2.	Barangay BALDAT the boundaries in the north by coastline, the west by Barangays Luak and Patag, the south by Barangay Patag, the east by Barangay Jardin defined by imaginary line with coordinates:	20	11º 52'48.60"	120º 00'13.20"	1314980	173537	Mons. planted bet. Osmeña Baldat, Patag and Jardin a	
							Ipil.	
		23	11º 53'51.16"	120º 00'16.16"	1613902	173648	Mons. planted bet. Osmeña and Baldat right side of the road Palasan.	
		24	11º 52'31.35"	119º 57'47.66"	1314410	822860	Mons. planted bet. Baldat and Patag.	
		25	11º 53'30.37"	119º 57'19.61"	1316216	821991	Mons. planted bet. Patag and Balanga right side of road 20 m. from Bridge.	

	Corner			Coordinates	PR	S 92	D. I
			itude	Longitude	Northing	Easting	Remarks
3.	Barangay BINUDAC north by Barangay Patag, west coastline, facing South China S including Alava Island with the following coordinates:						
		30	11º 50'41.49"	119º 54'50.78"	1310975	817537	Mons. planted bet. Patag, Botnongan near the shoreline.
		31	11º 50'35.69"	119º 55'06.20"	1310802	820296	Mons. planted bet. Botnongan and Patag near the left side of the road.
		32	11º 45'52.72"	119º 56'18.82"	1302123	820298	Mons. planted bet. Botnongan and Patag near the shoreline.
		21	11º 53'47.86"	120º 00'48.64"	1316790	174630	Mons. planted bet. Jardin and Culangco infront of two houses at the foot of the cliff.

				Coordinates	PRS	5 92		
	Corner		tude	Longitude	Northing	Easting	Remarks	
		22	11º 53'33.63"	120º 00'48.27"	1316353	174614	Mons. planted bet. Jardin, Culango and Tiza at the grassland.	
		23	11º 53'51.16"	120º 00'16.16"	1613902	173648	Mons. planted bet. Jardin and Baldat right side of the road at Palasan.	
4.	Barangay CULANGO north by coastline, west and sout by Barangays Balala and Tiza, defined by imaginary line with the following coordinates:	h						
		1	11º 53'46.88"	120º 00'58.07"	1316757	174916	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Culango, foot of left side along shoreline.	
		21	11º 53'47.86"	120° 00'46.84"	1316790	174630	Mons. planted bet. Jardin and Culango infront of two houses at the foot of the cliff.	

				Coordinates		S 92	
	Corner	Lati	tude	Longitude	Northing	Easting	- Remarks
		22	11º 53'33.63"	120º 00'48.27"	1316353	174614	Mons. planted bet. Jardin, Culango and Tiza at the grassland.
5.	Barangay GALOC north by the coastline, west by the coastline facing South China Sea, east by Barangay Luak defined by imaginary line with the following coordinates includi Galoc and Napulan Islands.						
		26	11º 57'48.50"	119º 53'44.78"	1324085	815401	Mons. planted bet. Detopiak and Canimango at left side of the river.
		27	11º 57'34.53"	119º 54'32.92"	1323671	816864	Mons. planted bet. Detopiak, Buyot and Canimango.
		28	11º 54'47.57"	119º 53'23.44"	1318515	814813	Mons. planted bet. Detopiak, Ugnisan and Canimango.

0			Coordinates	PR	S 92	D. I
Corner	Lat	itude	Longitude	Northing Eas		Remarks
	29	11º 52'07.45"	119º 53'35.67"	1313595	815235	Mons. planted bet. Pichiwan and Patag top of the cliff.
Barangay JARDIN - North by the Coastline - West by Barangay Baldat - East by Barangays Culang and Tiza - South by Barangay Osmer defined by imaginary line with the following coordinates	ía					
	19	11º 53'14.18"	120º 00'56.55"	315752	174859	Mons. planted bet. Tiza, Osmeña and Jardin ridge in the Parang (grassland).
	20	11º 52'48.60	120º 00'13.20"	1314980	173537	Mons. planted bet. Osmeña, Baldat, Patag and Jardin at Ipil.

			Coordinates PRS		S 92	D 1
Corner	Latitude		Longitude	Northing	Easting	Remarks
	21	11º 53'47.86"	120º 00'48.64	1316790	174630	Mons. planted bet. Jardin and Culango infront of two houses at the foot of the cliff.
	22	11º 53'33.63"	120º 00'48.27"	1316353	174614	Mons. planted bet. Jardin, Culango and Tiza at the grassland.
	23	11º 53'51.16"	120º 00'16.16"	1613902	173648	Mons. planted bet. Jardin and Baldat right side of the road at Palasan.

7. Barangay LIBIS

- North by the coastline
- East by the coastline
- West by the Barangays Balala and Tiza
- South by Barangays Tiza and
 Osmeña defined by imaginary line
 with coordinates including
 Chindonan, Bugur, Cuaming, Sand,
 Tending and Naglayon Islands.

G			Coordinates	PRS	S 92	D 1
Corner	Latitude		Longitude	Northing	Easting	Remarks
	4	11º 53'30.89"	120º 01'16.09"	1316260	175456	Mons. planted bet. Balala, Tiza and Libis Junction.
	5	11º 53'33.08"	120º 01'15.78"	1316327	175448	Mons. planted bet. Tiza and Libis.
	6	11º 53'33.21"	120º 01'13.48"	1316331	175469	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Libis.
	7	11º 53'35.40"	120º 01'14.50"	1316399	175410	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Libis side of the coconut tree.
	8	11º 53'35.96"	120° 01'15.28"	1316416	175410	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Libis top of conc. 2x2x10 infront of Culion Sanitarium Gate.
	9	11º 53'29.58"	120º 01'17.37"	1315219	175495	Mons. planted bet. Tiza and Libis side of road, in front of Post Office.
	10	11º 53'31.09"	120º 01'20.40"	1316264	175587	Mons. planted bet. Tiza and Libis, right side.

Corner			- Coordinates	PR	S 92	Remarks
Corner	Latitude		Longitude	Northing	Easting	Remarks
	11	11º 53'32.14"	120º 01'28.61"	1316294	175836	Mons. planted bet. Tiza and Libis, foot of cliff, below Parola.

- 8. Barangay LUAC
 - North by the coastline
 - East by the coastline
 - West by Barangay Galoc
 - South by Barangay Patag defined by imaginary line with the following coordinates, including Pachiri, Laput, Alad, Bacbac, Denanda, Demang, Lakit, Marily, Lajoy, Tampito, Nici, Mona, Lamud, Dicalatan, Diboting Manglet Darab, Lajo and Pass Islands.

 $25 \quad 11^{\circ} \, 53'30.37'' \quad 119^{\circ} \, 57'19.61'' \qquad 1316216 \qquad 821991$

Mons. planted bet. Baldat, Patag and Balanga right side of road 20 m. from bridge.

~			Coordinates	PRS 92		- Remarks	
Corner	Latitude		Longitude	Northing	Easting		
	26	11º 57'48.50"	119º 53'44.78"	1324085	815401	Mons. planted bet. Ditopiac and Canimango at left side of the river of Buyot.	
	27	11º 57'34.53"	119º 54'32.94"	1323671	816864	Mons. planted bet. Ditopiac, Buyot and Canimango top of Igbal hill.	
	28	11º 54'47.57"	119º 53'23.44"	1318515	814813	Mons. planted bet. Ugnisan and Canimango.	
	29	11º 52'07.45"	119º 53'53.67"	1313595	815235	Mons. planted bet. Pichiwan and Patag, top of the cliff.	

9. Barangay MALAKING PATAG

- North by Barangays Luac and Baldat
- East by Barangay Osmeña
- West by Barangay Binudac
- South by Halsey Harbor Coast defined by imaginary line with the following coordinates including Bacalon, Rhodes, Balacantao, Alogator, Iguana Bangkelon and Gage Islands.

Corner			Coordinates PRS 92		Remarks		
Corner	Lat	itude	Longitude	Northing Easting			
	20	11º 52'48.60"	120º 00'13.20"	1314980	173537	Mons. planted bet. Osmeña, Baldat, Patag and Jardin at Ipil.	
	24	11º 52'31.35"	119º 57'47.66"	1314410	822860	Mons. planted bet. Baldat and Patag.	
	25	11º 53'30.37"	119º 57'19.61"	1316216	821991	Mons. planted bet. Baldat, Patag and Balanga right side of road 20 m. from bridge.	
	29	11º 52'07.45"	119º 53'35.67"	1313595	815235	Mons. planted bet. Pichiwan and Patag, top o cliff.	
	30	11º 50'41.49"	119º 54'50.78"	1310975	817537	Mons. planted bet. Patag and Botnongan near the shoreline.	
	31	11º 50'35.69"	119º 55'06.20"	1310802	818006	Mons. planted bet. Botnongan and Patag near the left side of the road.	

Corner		Coordinates	PRS 92		Remarks
Corner	Latitude	Longitude	Northing	Easting	Temarks
	32 11º 45'52.72"	119º 56'18.82"	1302123	820298	Mons. planted bet. Botnongan and Patag near the shoreline.
	33 11º 47'56.14"	119º 59'33.29"	1305981	826150	Mons. planted bet. Patag and Halsey left side of Mangrove area.

10. Barangay OSMEÑA

- North Barangays Jardin and Tiza
- East by the coastline facing West Cuyo Pass
- West by Barangay Malaking Patag
- South by the coastline facing
 Linapacan Strait defined by
 imaginary line with the following
 coordinates including Guenlep,
 Dinaydayan, Dipalian, Calupitpit Island.

Corner			Coordinates	PR	S 92	
		tude	Longitude	Northing	Easting	ivellar ks
	13	11º 53'30.16"	$120^{\circ}01'23.57''$	1316235	175683	Mons. planted bet. Tiza and Osmeña left side of CSH.
	14	11º 53'21.98"	120º 01'21.55"	1315953	175618	Mons. planted bet. Mindanao and Pescadores, side of sampaloc tree.
	15	11º 53'25.39"	120º 01'13.14"	1316091	175365	Mons. planted bet. Osmeña and Bucal back of Baptist Church.
	16	11º 53'22.94"	120º 01'06.96"	1316018	175177	Mons. planted bet. Bucal and Osmeña.
	17	11º 53'09.49"	120º 01'07.78"	1315604	175197	Mons. planted bet. Bucal and Osmeña.
	18	11º 53'09.49"	120º 01'07.78"	1315604	175197	Mons. planted bet. Bucal and Osmeña.
	19	11º 53'14.18"	120º 00'13.20"	1315762	174859	Mons. planted bet. Tiza, Osmeña and Jardin the Parang (grassland).

	Corner			Coordinates	PRS 92		Remarks	
			tude	Longitude	Northing	Easting	- Wellarks	
		20	11º 53'14.18"	120º 00'13.20"	1314980	173537	Mons. planted bet. Osmeña, Baldat, Patag and Jardin at Ipil.	
11.	Barangay TIZA - North bounded by Barangays Culango and Balala - East bounded by Barangays Osmeña and Libis - West bounded by Barangay Jare - South bounded by Barangay Osmeña defined by imaginary line with the following coordin							
		2	11º 53'41.10"	120º 00'52.11"	1316579	174733	Mons. planted bet. Balala, Culango and Tiza, left side of ridge.	
		3	11º 53'31.34"	120º 00'09.28"	1316276	175250	Mons. planted bet. Balala and Tiza, left side of ridge.	
		4	11º 53'30.89"	120º 01'16.09"	1316200	175456	Mons. planted bet. Balala, Tiza and Libis Junction.	

Corner			PRS 92		Remarks	
Corner	Latitude		Longitude	Northing	Easting	- Remarks
	9	11º 53'29.58"	120º 01'17.37"	1315219	175495	Mons. planted bet. Tiza and Libis, side of road, in front of Post Office.
	10	11º 53'31.09"	120º 01'20.40"	1316264	175587	Mons. planted bet. Tiza and Libis, right side.
	11	11º 53'32.14"	120º 01'28.61"	1316294	175836	Mons. planted bet. Tiza and Libis, foot of cliff below Parola.
	12	11º 53'30.42"	120º 01'25.33"	1316242	175736	Mons. planted bet. Tiza and Pescadores, junction road and conc. stair, back of CSH.
	13	11º 53'30.16"	120º 01'23.57"	1316235	175683	Mons. planted bet. Tiza and Osmeña, left side of CSH.
	14	11º 53'21.98"	$120^{\circ}01'21.55''$	1315953	175618	Mons. planted bet. Mindanao and Pescadores side of sampaloc tree.

			Coordinates	PR	S 92	
Corner	Latitude		Longitude	Northing	Easting	Remarks
	15	11º 53'25.39"	120º 01'13.14"	1316091	175365	Mons. planted bet. Osmeña and Bucal, back of Baptist Church.
	16	11º 53'22.94"	120º 01'13.14"	1316018	175177	Mons. planted bet. Bucal and Osmeña.
	17	11º 53'17.83"	120º 01'10.18"	1315860	175273	Mons. planted bet. Bucal and Osmeña.
	18	11º 53'09.49"	120º 01'07.78"	1315604	175197	Mons. planted bet. Bucal and Osmeña.
	19	11º 53'14.18"	120º 00'56.55"	1315752	174859	Mons. planted bet. Tiza, Osmeña and Jardin ridge in the Parang (grassland).
	20	11º 53'33.63"	120º 00'48.27"	1316353	174614	Mons. planted bet. Jardin, Culango and Tiza at the grassland.

LINES

12. Barangay HALSEY

North by Barangay Osmeña, East by Barangay Burabod, West by Halsey Harbor, South by Barangay Lumber Camp, defined by imaginary lines with the following points: Based on Map No. GSS 4A000016 covered by PD No. 1626 dated March 11, 1977 $\begin{array}{c} 13\text{-}14,\ 14\text{-}15,\ 15\text{-}16,\ 16\text{-}17,\ 17\text{-}18,\ 18\text{-}19,\ 19\text{-}20,\ 20\text{-}21,\ 21\text{-}22,\ 22\text{-}23,\ 23\text{-}24,\ 24\text{-}25,\ 25\text{-}26,\ 26\text{-}27,\ 27\text{-}28,\ 28\text{-}29,\ 29\text{-}30,\ 30\text{-}31,\ 31\text{-}32,\ 32\text{-}33,\ 33\text{-}34,\ 34\text{-}35,\ 35\text{-}36,\ 36\text{-}37,\ 37\text{-}38,\ 38\text{-}39,\ 39\text{-}40,\ 40\text{-}41,\ 41\text{-}42,\ 42\text{-}43,\ 43\text{-}44,\ 44\text{-}45,\ 45\text{-}46,\ 46\text{-}47,\ 47\text{-}48,\ 48\text{-}49,\ 49\text{-}50,\ 50\text{-}51,\ 51\text{-}52,\ 52\text{-}53,\ 53\text{-}13} \end{array}$

13. Barangay BURABOD

North by Barangay Barrio Osmeña, East by Barangay Lumber Camp, North by Barangay Halsey, South by Barangay Lumber Camp, defined by imaginary lines with the following points: Based on Map No. GSS 4A000016 covered by PD No. 1626 dated March 11, 1977. $53\text{-}54, \, 54\text{-}55, \, 55\text{-}56, \, 56\text{-}57, \, 57\text{-}58, \, 58\text{-}59, \, 59\text{-}60, \, 60\text{-}61, \, 61\text{-}1, \, 1\text{-}2 \\ 2\text{-}3, \, 3\text{-}4, \, 4\text{-}5, \, 5\text{-}6, \, 6\text{-}7, \, 7\text{-}8, \, 8\text{-}9, \, 9\text{-}10, \, 10\text{-}11, \, 11\text{-}12, \, 12\text{-}13, \, 13\text{-}53$

14. Barangay CARABAO

North by Barangays Halsey and Burabod, West by Halsey Harbor and South China Sea, East by coastline, defined by imaginary lines with the following points: Based on Map No. GSS 4A000016 covered by PD No. 1626 dated March 11, 1977. 58-59, 59-60, 60-61, 61-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 6-7, 7-8, 8-9, 9-10, 10-11, 11-12, 12-13, 13-14, 14-15, 15-58