

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 3: THE ENVIRONMENT

§ 3603. Purpose of the Bank.

The bank will consist of designated public lands owned by the Commonwealth government that will be preserved in perpetuity for wildlife conservation and managed to enhance habitat functions for targeted endangered and threatened species.

The bank shall initially consist of the following existing conservation sites, which shall be designated "Protected Areas:"

(a) *Bird Island Wildlife Preserve*. Lot No. 044 A 01, as originally shown on DLS Check No. 044 A 00, recorded as File No. 89-1651 on May 26, 1989, as amended, containing an area approximately 1,182,600 square meters, more or less, subject to survey, and moreover, subject to that certain public land lease entered into between the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Bird Island Development, Inc. on March 1, 1997, approved by the Commonwealth Legislature on June 27, 1997 by Joint Session Resolution No. 10-7, and amended on September 25, 1997, which amendment is recorded as File No. 97-2339.

(b) *Kagman Wildlife Conservation Area*. Lot No. 019 G 01, as originally shown on DLS Check No. 019 G 00, dated November 13, 1991, recorded as File No. 91-5488 on November 21, 1991, containing an area of approximately 1,791,587 square meters.

(c) *Marpi Commonwealth Forest*. The metes and bounds of the area known as the Marpi Commonwealth Forest are set forth in Attachment A to Public Law No. 10-84, which is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

(d) *Additional Lands*. The Commonwealth may designate and grant additional lands to be included in the protected areas in the future.

Source: PL 10-84, § 3 (603).

Commission Comment: Attachment A to PL 10-84 reads as follows:

MARPI COMMONWEALTH FOREST CORE
LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR MITIGATION BANK PUBLIC LANDS

Substantially all of the Marpi Commonwealth Forest, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, more particularly described as:

Commencing at Saipan Coordinates N60, 847.004, E61, 144.23, the point of beginning; thence S65°21'34"W 563.86 meters; thence N37°40'21"W 518.05 meters; thence S45°01'09" E 399.70 meters to N59, 919.33, E60, 597.84; thence S37°32'52"W 538.97 meters; thence 74°06'47"W 285.56 meters; thence S47°38'04"W 819.63 meters; thence S30°35'20"W 239.24 meters; thence S63°47'50"W 226.14 meters; thence S40°14'50"W 106.29 meters; thence S88°36'12"W 166.23 meters; thence N18°54'27"W 218.71 meters; thence S47°38'04" 565.00 meters; thence N12°13'13"W 665.00 meters; thence N46°12'35"E 945 meters, more or less; thence N12°13'13"W 90 meters more or less; thence N68°50'46"E 427.22 meters; thence N46°12'35"E 466.09 meters; thence N23°12'23"W 259.54 meters; thence N12°17'34"E 320.23 meters; thence N04°38'14"E 345.00 meters; thence N46°15'83"E 201.62 meters; thence N59°48'41"E 437.42 meters; thence N35°13'40"E 193.42 meters; thence S63°56'25"E 479.53 meters; thence S47°38'14"W 239.07 meters; thence S61°54'41"E 414.52 meters; thence N62°46'25"E 237.00 meters and thence S41°11'48"E 197.62 meters to the point of beginning; consisting of 330 hectares more or less, but excluding herefrom the areas within to be determined by survey of a Department of Public Safety facility and a home-stead and necessary access roads.