

Provincial board backs Lingayen ecotourism park bill

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LINGAYEN, Pangasinan, Philippines – The provincial board has endorsed the passage of a House bill providing for the establishment of the Lingayen Gulf Marine Eco-Tourism Park here.

A resolution authored by Vice Gov. Jose Ferdinand Calimlim Jr. and approved on Jan. 30 supported House Bill No. 1020 of Pangasinan Rep. Leopoldo Bataoil (2nd district) that aims to protect the Lingayen Gulf, maintain its ecological balance and preserve the waters surrounding the area.

It said that the measure, when implemented, will complement the provincial government's efforts in safeguarding the beauty of Lingayen Gulf for present and future generations, and ensure the survival of its rich marine life in order to sustain coastal livelihoods.

The establishment of the Lingayen Gulf Marine Eco-Tourism Park is also expected to boost sustainable tourism, employment and business in Pangasinan.

Under HB 1020, Bataoil said, "It is deemed crucial that we protect and regenerate Lingayen Gulf to ensure that our children and the generations to come will inherit the beauty of our bountiful marine life."

The bill further envisions "the marine and eco-tourism park to be "an ideal destination for students for their educational tours."

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