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PREAH REACH KRET (ROYAL DECREE) ON THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL AREAS

- Seen the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- Seen the Royal Decree on the Appointment of the First Prime Minister and the Second Prime Minister dated September 24, 1993;
- Seen the Approval of the National Assembly on the Composition of the Royal Government dated October 29, 1993; and
- Responding to the exigent needs

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

Article 1: Responsibility for the protection of natural areas

The Secretariat of Environment shall be responsible for managing and supervising the development and protection of natural areas, including the protection of environment, land, forestry, wetland and coastal areas. The Secretariat of Environment shall have the right to create and chair appropriate committees in order to co-ordinate inter-ministerial activities both at the political and technical level.

The management and supervision of the protected natural areas of the nation shall be the responsibilities of the Secretariat of Environment in co-operation with other competent relevant institutions.

The following areas including all land reserves are:

1. **Natural Parks:** Areas reserved for nature and scenic views to be protected for scientific, educational and entertainment purposes.
2. **Wildlife Preserves:** Natural areas preserved at their natural conditions in order to protect wildlife, vegetation and ecology balance.
3. **Protected scenic view areas:** Areas to be maintained as scenic views for pleasure and tourism.
4. **Multi purposes areas:** Areas necessary for the stability of the water, forestry, wildlife, and fisheries resource, for pleasure, and for the conservation of nature with a view of assuring economic development.

Article 2: Definition and use of the protected natural areas

The ecological specifications for land, forestry, wetland, and coastal areas shall be specified, for management and development purposes, in the attached map and listed as follows:

I. Natural Parks: Surface (h.a), Location

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| 1. KIRIRUM | 35,000 | Kg. Speu and Koh Kong |
| 2. BOKOR | 140,000 | Kampot |
| 3. KEP | 5,000 | Kapot |
| 4. REAM | 150,000 | Sihanouk Ville |
| 5. BOTUM SAKOR | 171,250 | Koh Kong |

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| 6. PHNOM KOULEN | 37,500 | Siem Reap |
| 7. VIRAK CHEY | 332,500 | Stung Treng and Rattanak Kiri. |

II. Wildlife Preserves:

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| 8. PHNOM ORAL | 253,750 | Koh Kong, Pursat, Kg. Chhnang |
| 9. PEAM KRASAUB | 23,750 | Koh Kong |
| 10. PHNOM SAMKOS | 333,750 | Koh Kong |
| 11. RONEAM DONSAM | 178,750 | Battambang |
| 12. KOULEN PRUM TEP | 402,500 | Siem Reap and Preah Vihear |
| 13. BENG PER | 242,500 | Kg. Thom |
| 14. LUMPHAT | 250,000 | Rattanak Kiri and Mundul Kiri. |
| 15. PHNOM PRICH | 222,500 | Mundul Kiri and Kratie |
| 16. PHNOM NAMLEAR | 47,500 | Mundul Kiri |
| 17. SNUOL | 75,000 | Kratie |

III. Protected scenic view areas:

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| 18. ANGKOR | 10,800 | Siem Reap |
| 19. BANTEAY CHHMAR | 81,200 | Banteay Mean Chheay |
| 20. PREAH VIHEAR | 5,000 | Preah Vihear |

IV. Multi purposes areas:

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| 21. DUNG PENG | 27,700 | Koh Kong |
| 22. SAMLOT | 60,000 | Battambang |
| 23. TONLE SAP | 316,250 | Kg. Chhnang, Kg. Thom, Siem Reap, Battambang and Pursat. |

Article 3: amendment

The protected natural areas may be modified or expanded in the future on the basis of scientific information involved in the conservation of ecology and the maintenance of the existing landscape in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Article 4: priority

Any provisions contrary to this Royal Decree shall be annulled.

Article 5:

The First Prime Minister and the Second Prime Minister of the Royal government of Cambodia, the Senior Minister in charge of Land Planning, Urbanization, and Construction, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries and the Secretary of State of Environment shall be responsible for implementing this Royal Decree.

Article 6: application

This Royal Decree shall enter into force from the date of the King's signature.