

**TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 5: ANIMALS, PLANTS AND FOOD**

**§ 5901. Designation.**

The Department of Public Lands shall designate Susupe Lake and its surrounding wetland as the “Susupe Lake Wildlife Park.” The Department of Public Lands shall be responsible for surveying the area to show its actual land area and boundaries.

**Source:** PL 20-91 § 3(101) (Feb. 18, 2019), modified.

**Commission Comment:** In addition to severability and savings clauses, PL 20-91, included the following Short Title and Findings and Purpose sections:

**Section 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as “Susupe Lake Wildlife Park” Act of 2017.

**Section 2. Findings and Purposes.** The Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature (Legislature) finds that Susupe Lake and its surrounding wetland have been sanctuary for different wildlife species on Saipan, including other bird species from other countries that frequent the place yearly due to climate change in the country of their origin.

The Legislature further finds that Susupe Lake and its surrounding wetland are being destroyed by erosion and water runoff from the nearby hill sides, and by polluters, threatening the endangered wildlife species and their natural habitats. The Legislature believes that these can be prevented by creating programs that are adaptable to such environment, which would provide protection to the endangered wildlife species and their habitats; saving Susupe Lake and its surrounding wetland. And, to meet and accomplish such purposes, Susupe Lake and its surrounding wetland shall be designated for the establishment of “Susupe Lake Wildlife Park”, which shall be under the management of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation.

Small business concessions that are appropriate in such environment and other attractive public amenities for the enjoyment of the local people and their families, visitors, and tourist alike will be an addition of the Susupe Lake Wildlife Park; thus, promoting tourism and the island economy.

In codifying PL 20-91, the Commission numbered the chapter and the sections pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(a). The Commission changed “Department of Public Land” to “Department of Public Lands” and moved the period inside the quotations marks pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(g\)](#).