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**§ 28. Land Use Scheme.**

The Land Use Scheme formulated under Section 27 of this Act may include:

- (a) a scientifically adequate land inventory and classification system;
- (b) a determination of present land uses, the extent to which land is utilized, under-utilized or rendered idle or abandoned;
- (c) a comprehensive and accurate determination of the adaptability of land for community development, agriculture, industry or commerce;
- (d) identification of areas having important historic, cultural or aesthetic value where uncontrolled development or exploitation could result in irreparable damage;
- (e) a method for exercising control by the Government of the Marshall Islands over the use of land in areas where environmental control is deemed necessary; and
- (f) a policy for influencing the location of new areas for the resettlement of persons and the methods for assuring appropriate controls over the use of land in and around such areas. [*P.L. 1984-31, § 28.*]

**§ 29. Natural resources.**

The Authority shall, in consultation with the Council and with the assistance of the Ministry of Resources and Development, recommend to the Minister the basic policy on the management and conservation of the country's natural resources in order to obtain the optimum benefits therefrom and to preserve the same for future generations, and the general measure through which such policy may be carried out effectively. [*P.L. 1984-31, § 29.*]

**§ 30. Fisheries.**

(1) The Authority shall, in consultation with the Council and with the assistance of the Ministry in charge of the subject of fisheries, recommend to the Minister a system of rational exploitation of fisheries and of the aquatic resources within the territorial waters of the Republic including its exclusive economic zone, and shall encourage citizen participation therein to maintain and enhance the optimum and continuous productivity of such waters.

(2) Measures for the rational exploitation of fisheries and other aquatic resources may include the regulation of the harvesting and marketing of threatened species of fish or other aquatic life. [*P.L. 1984-31, § 30.*]

**§ 31. Soil conservation.**

The Authority shall, in consultation with the Council and with the assistance of the Ministry of Interior and Outer Islands Affairs, recommend soil conservation programs, including therein encouragement of scientific farming techniques, physical and biological means of soil conservation, and short-term and long-term research and technology for effective soil conservation. [*P.L. 1984-31, § 31.*]

**§ 32. Studies, research, etc.**

The Authority may undertake and promote continuing studies and research programs on environmental management and shall from time to time determine priority areas of environmental research. [*P.L. 1984-31, § 32.*]