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Over One Million Trees Planted In Perak Since 2005

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SITIAWAN, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- The Perak Forestry Department has planted more than 1,122,780 trees for the past 12 years to reduce soil erosion and to provide buffer zones to withstand the waves and strong winds along the coastal areas.

Its deputy director of operations, Ramli Mat said all the trees were planted through a programme of planting mangrove and other suitable species since 2005 until October this year over 320 hectares of land across the state.

"It is aimed at restoring the coastal habitats as the corridor of biodiversity and to enrich the coastal resources as well as to improve the quality of the environment."

He said this to reporters after officiating at a tree planting event under the department's corporate social responsibility programme, in collaboration with the Institute of Foresters Malaysia (IRIM) and [Malaysian Timber Council \(MTC\)](#), at the Lekir Forest Reserve, here, today.

Members of the Pertubuhan Sahabat Hutan Bakau Lekir (Friends of Lekir Mangrove Forest Association) and 50 students from the government-assisted Sekolah Maahad Islahiah Addiniah also participated in the event.

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