MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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PRESS STATEMENT

INTERNATIONAL MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION DAY 2025

The International Mangrove Ecosystem Conservation Day is celebrated annually on July 26th, it signifies a global commitment to commemorating the significant role of mangrove forests and coastal ecosystems in maintaining ecological balance and human well-being. This particular date was officially declared during the 38th Session of the UNESCO General Conference on November 6th, 2015 in Paris.

This year's theme, **"Mangrove Ecosystems and Communities"**, aligns with the nation's approach which emphasizes a balance between environmental sustainability and the socio-economic well-being of communities. This theme raises awareness about the close relationship between nature protection, particularly mangrove forests and the well-being of communities that depend on these resources for living and livelihoods.

The government, through the **Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES)**, continues to uphold and reinforce efforts in environmental preservation and sustainability. A key initiative involves the implementation of the **National Coastal Mangrove and Suitable Species Planting Program**, which replants **3,820 hectares** of endangered areas with **8.99 million trees.**

These efforts are further reinforced by close collaboration with 13 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and local communities. This collaboration involves initiatives to rehabilitate affected areas, protect coastlines and cultivate a culture of environmental consciousness among the community. This integrated approach is consistent with the nation's efforts to address the challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and coastal erosion threats.

We would like to call upon all government agencies, private sector, NGOs, academia and all Malaysians to jointly uphold the responsibility of preserving

the nation's mangrove forest treasures. This collective commitment is crucial to ensuring the continued availability of these natural resources for present and future generations, aligns with the nation's sustainable development aspirations.

Happy International Mangrove Ecosystem Conservation Day 2025.

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