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Green fingers: FRIM forest ranger Amir Sabri Baharom demonstrating the right way to plant a 'meranti temak nipis' sapling at the Bukit Hari experimental site yesterday.

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PETALING JAYA: Some 60 people celebrated Earth Day by planting 200 trees at the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM).

Saplings of the *meranti temak nipis* species were planted at Field 53 of FRIM's Bukit Hari experimental site under the institute's tree planting programme yesterday.

"We planted this species and other selected trees as our contribution to

the maintenance of their population," said FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mohmod.

The participants consisted of employees from KL Convention Centre, representatives of Baker Hughes Drilling System, along with the general public.

The *meranti temak nipis* provides durable timber and can be found in Langkawi, Perlis and parts of Kedah,

but is considered to be an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

FRIM corporate management unit head Norhayati Nordin believed conservation efforts would increase through the programme.

"There is no better way to celebrate Earth Day than to help green the Earth," she said.