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KUALA LUMPUR: The Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) needs assistance to ensure that the mangroves and other species of trees planted in areas hit by the tsunami in 2004 are not affected by strong waves.

FRIM Director-General Datuk Dr Abdul Latif Mohmod (rpt: Mohmod) said the use of wave breakers was important so that huge waves which posed major problems in critical areas could be broken much earlier so that they would not disturb the trees.

"As federal and state agencies, we need assistance to prevent the waves from entering the coastal areas. Besides as-

sisting the tree growing process, it is also important so that in future we can control the level of land that is inundated," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after the International Symposium on 'Reclamation, Rehabilitation and Restoration Towards a Greener Asia', here yesterday.

Abdul Latif said the tree replanting programme was crucial in controlling any rise in water level due to a change in the climate.

Earlier, in his speech, Abdul Latif said FRIM was prepared to offer its services and work with many parties in-

rehabilitating disturbed forest and idle land across the country in an effort to conserve the environment.

He noted that FRIM had long been involved in efforts to rehabilitate and restore degraded forests, problematic soils and mining areas.

"Part of FRIM's main campus in Kepong was once barren as a result of tin mining activities but through the commitment and concerted efforts of many, FRIM is now a green lung amid rapidly developed surrounding areas and it was declared a National Heritage on May 10, 2012," he added. - Bernama