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KUALA LUMPUR: The Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) yesterday launched Malaysia's first carbon offset conservation programme with the collaboration and sponsorship from Bumi Armada Bhd.

The project involves the conservation of carbon stored at Field 11, a 5.6ha of rich, biologically diverse forest site within FRIM's 544ha campus in Kepong.

Field 11 has the capacity to store

3,938.6 tonnes of carbon equivalent annually and Bumi Armada's contribution of RM107,000 will cover the carbon credits from the conservation of the forest within the project site for a period of five years.

The collaborative agreement was signed by FRIM's director-general Datuk Abd Latif Mohmod on behalf of the Malaysian Forestry Research and Development Board, while Bumi Armada was represented by its chief executive officer Hassan Basma.

According to Abd Latif, carbon offsets enable individual, companies and countries to reduce their carbon emissions by offsetting, reducing or displacing carbon in another place.

"Reduction of carbon is an integral effort in mitigating the potential devastating impact of climate change facing the global community today. As such, it is everybody's responsibility to reduce carbon emissions and address climate change," he said.