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GEORGE TOWN: Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) calls for conservation and sustainable management of all existing urban green space in Malaysia in the vision to become a beautiful garden nation by the year 2020.

Its Forestry and Environment division director, Dr Ismail Harun, said various measures need to be taken to enhance the existing urban green space for the protection and well being of

the environment, as well as the population.

He said urban green space was useful for reducing noise and air pollution, and providing benefits for wildlife, as well as for the population, in terms of sociological, physiological and spiritual needs.

“The issue of urban green space is very important to be addressed as the process of urbanisation is going on rapidly in Malaysia, as it is elsewhere,” he said in his welcoming speech at the

Malaysia Urban Green Space and International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administration (Ifpra) Conference here yesterday.

He said Malaysia should protect and conserve all the existing urban green spaces and manage it well in a sustainable manner.

“Whenever possible, we should enhance or add more urban green space to our cities as a well-managed park and greenspace will also serve as attractions to foreign tourists,” he said. — Bernama