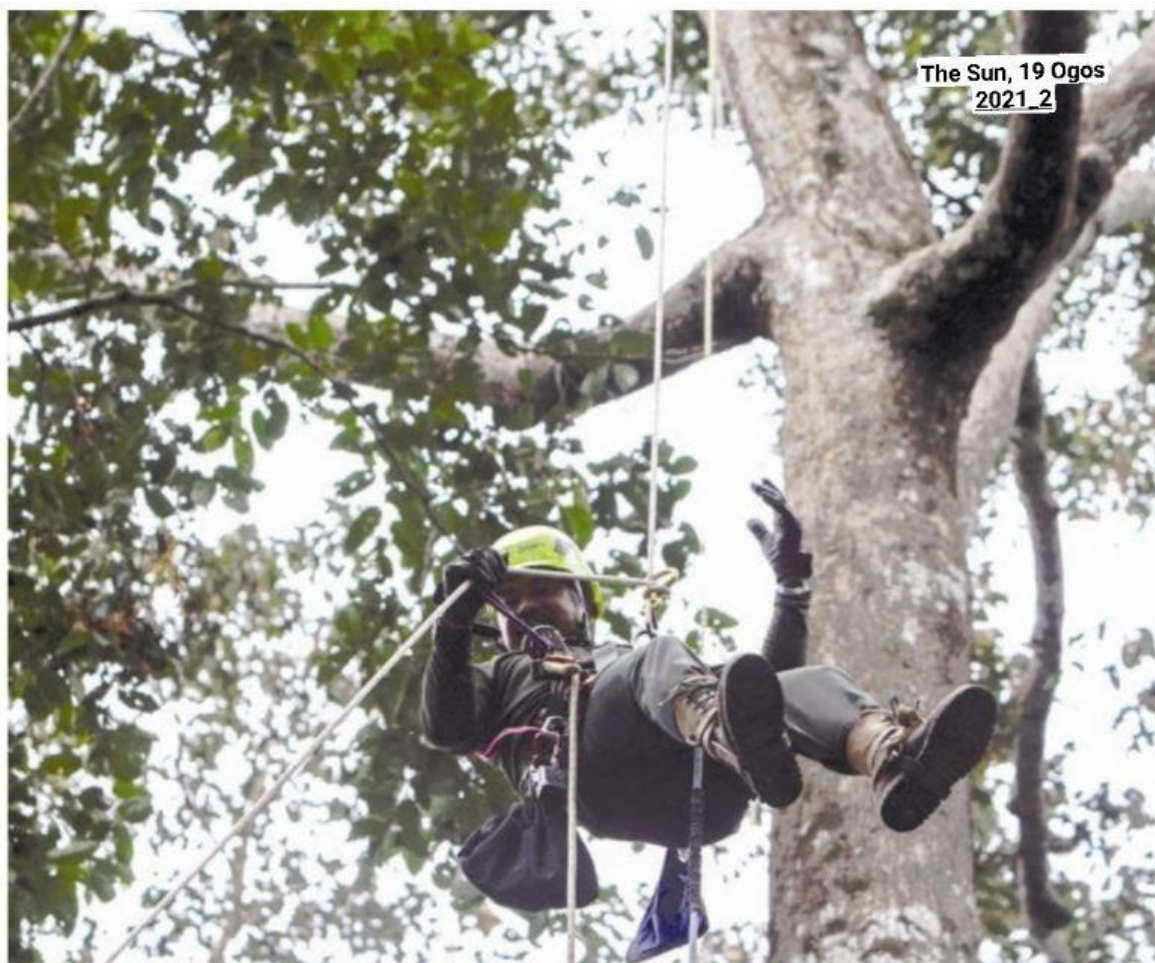




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A Forestry Department employee collecting seeds at the Pantii Forest Reserve yesterday. - BERNAMAPIX

Johor planning to plant four million trees in five years

KOTA TINGGI: The Johor Forestry Department is targeting to plant four million trees in the next five years to make Malaysia's green agenda a success through the 100 Million Tree-Planting Campaign.

Its director Datuk Salim Aman said yesterday that a total of 230,000 trees from 43 species had been planted in the state since the launch of the campaign on Jan 5.

"In Johor, we have set a target to plant four million trees within five years, with an average of 800,000 trees a year. At the national level, 13 million trees from 724 species have been planted by 55 agencies and 3,128 individuals,"

he told Bernama at the Pantii Forest Reserve.

He said the Malaysia Greening campaign is one of the government's commitments at the international level to ensure that at least 50% of the country's land area is covered by trees and forest areas.

Salim said the public can also participate in the campaign by registering through the Malaysia Greening app, where they have the opportunity to receive rewards.

He added that the phenomenon of mass flowering happening in most of the dipterocarp forests in the country can also help the department to produce

more saplings.

"This phenomenon is unique and rare because it usually occurs at intervals of many years. It really helps us and other state forestry departments to collect and sow seeds to produce more seedlings to plant and support this campaign," he said, adding that there are seven nurseries in the state that can accommodate as many as 272,100 trees.

He said the department is also constantly identifying flowering trees in permanent forest reserves, for seed collection activities via e-Forgris (Electronic Forest Genetic Resources Information System).