

Strengthening Biodiversity Conservation in Plantations

Wilmar and USM Sign Memorandum on Biodiversity Conservation

Wilmar International (Wilmar) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) to collaborate on biodiversity conservation research projects, and the management of conservation areas in plantation landscapes.

“Collaboration between academia and industry for biodiversity conservation should be the way forward in advancing the knowledge of life sciences and sustainable management of natural resources in plantation landscapes”, said Dean of USM’s School of Biological Science (SBS), Prof Dr Amirul Al-Ashraf Abdullah.

Perpetua George, General Manager of Group Sustainability for Wilmar, said, “Conservation areas outside of protected areas have become sanctuaries for many threatened and endangered species. Recognizing that landscape of mixed land-use types plays a crucial role in landscape conservation, Wilmar invests in ensuring that our conservation areas are well documented, managed and protected.



From left: Chin Sing Yun (Wilmar Conservation Lead) and Perpetua from Wilmar together with Prof Dr Amirul, Dr Zarul Hazrin Hashim (Senior Lecturer) and Dr Rosazlina Rusly (Senior Lecturer) from USM’s School of Biological Science

“Close collaboration with academia such as USM is part of the multi-stakeholder effort to identify and develop pragmatic, actual and lasting solutions and change on the ground for biodiversity conservation in Wilmar operations”, she continued.

The partnership optimizes on the strengths and expertise in life sciences by USM, which further fortifies Wilmar’s commitment to promote and implement best practices in environmental sustainability.



Tree planting by Wilmar in the Sabahmas estate’s riparian area