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KUALA LUMPUR: The public has been advised to identify the types of trees and location suitability to ensure that the trees can grow well and have a longer life span, thus, ensuring the success of the 100 Million Tree-Planting Campaign 2021-2025.

Head of Floral Biodiversity Programme, Forest Biodiversity Division of the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) Dr Richard Chung said the choice of tree species should be suitable for the planting area, benefit the ecological environment and help in the conservation efforts.

He said for large areas, the planting of just one or two species of trees should be avoided;

instead, a mixture of a variety of tree species would help create a more stable environment.

"The choice of species must meet the purpose of planting and land suitability, including prioritising local tree species, fast-growing trees which require minimum care, deep roots, suitable soil conditions, less leaf, branch or fruit fall and no poisonous fruits.

"Many are interested in planting forest tree species in their garden without realising that these trees will cause maintenance problems like uncontrolled growth or trees that can damage public amenities," he said in a statement. — Bernama