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# POIC plans bigger mangrove planting

LAHAD DATU: The Palm Oil Industrial Cluster (POIC), a Sabah government agency, plans to implement bigger mangrove forest planting and rehabilitation programme in future.

Its spokeswoman said the programmes would involve more government agencies, non-governmental organisations, students and the local community.

These programmes were part of the POIC's social responsibility to the community and environment in Lahad Datu, she said at the replanting of mangrove trees here, Tuesday.

Over 100 people took part in planting 1,000 mangrove trees during the programme, jointly organised by the POIC and the Sabah Forestry Department.

At the event attended by Assistant Minister to the Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Datu Nasrun Datu Mansur, the organisers released a box of mangrove crabs into the mangrove swamp as a symbol of their commitment to preserve the ecology of the mangrove forest.