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Press Statement

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2026: PROTECTING WILDLIFE AND NATURE FOR A CLIMATE-RESILIENT FUTURE

As the world marks World Environment Day on Friday, 5 June 2026, the Consumers' Association of Penang (CAP) joins the international community in recognising the urgent need for stronger environmental protection, climate action, and sustainable development. Hosted this year by the Republic of Azerbaijan in Baku, the theme "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future." reflects the growing global commitment to place nature and sustainability at the centre of climate solutions.

The escalating impacts of climate change, biodiversity loss, deforestation, pollution, and ecosystem degradation continue to threaten wildlife, human well-being, and global economic stability. Protecting nature is no longer an option but a necessity. Healthy ecosystems and thriving wildlife populations are essential for maintaining ecological balance, strengthening climate resilience, and safeguarding the future of coming generations.

On this World Environment Day, CAP calls on the government to reaffirm their commitments to strengthening wildlife conservation and habitat protection by intensifying efforts to safeguard endangered species, restore degraded ecosystems, combat illegal wildlife trade, and enhance protected area management. Conserving forests, wetlands, coastal habitats, and biodiversity corridors is essential not only for preserving wildlife but also for maintaining ecological stability and strengthening natural carbon sinks that mitigate climate change.

CAP also calls for stronger collaboration among governments, industries, civil society, and local communities to promote sustainable environmental policies and practices that integrate sustainability into development planning and economic growth. This includes advancing responsible land use, mainstream agroecology, renewable energy adoption, waste reduction and environmentally responsible business practices that reduce ecological footprints while supporting long-term resilience.

At the same time, CAP recognises the importance of supporting climate resilience by protecting and restoring ecosystems that shield communities from climate-related impacts. Restoring mangroves, forests, peatlands, and river systems can help reduce flooding, coastal erosion, drought, and extreme heat while enhancing biodiversity and improving food and water security. Investing in nature-based and community-driven solutions provides cost-effective and sustainable solutions that benefit both people and the planet.

Equally important is the need to encourage public awareness and community participation in the responsible use, management, and protection of the natural environment. Education, advocacy campaigns, volunteerism, and community-driven conservation programmes can foster a stronger sense of shared responsibility and inspire collective action towards a more sustainable and climate-resilient future.

Governments, businesses, organisations and citizens must work together to ensure that climate commitments are supported by practical conservation efforts and sustainable policies that protect both people and biodiversity.

On this World Environment Day, let everyone be inspired by nature to act decisively for climate, wildlife, and our shared future. The actions we take today will determine the health of our planet and the legacy we leave for future generations.

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