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PUTRAJAYA: The pollution-mapping project to identify the sources of river pollution in the country is expected to be completed by the end of this year, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Datuk Seri Douglas Uggah Embas said yesterday.

He said the Department of Environment (DOE) was conducting the pollution-mapping for rivers, especially in the urban areas to identify the major sources of river pollution in the country.

“We are embarking on identifying the sources, especially in the cities, towns, industrial areas and also illegal manufacturing sites.

“Once we know that (sources of river pollution), we will focus on enforcement in the areas concerned, as now, the agencies’ enforcement is spread throughout the country and we are not focusing on a particular area.

“We hope the pollution-mapping will be completed by the year-end. With this, we can identify the most polluted areas and stern action will be taken against the polluters under the Environmental Quality (Amendment) Act 2012,” he told reporters after opening the National River Forum, here, yesterday.

The one-day forum, themed “Sustainable River Management: Living River - Getting Everyone Involved” is an initiative by Guinness Anchor Berhad (GAB) Foundation in collaboration with the Global Environmental Centre (GEC) and Putrajaya Corporation.

Two local and five foreign experts shared best practices on river management from Malaysia, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Japan, Australia and Vietnam with more than 200 participants.

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