

### **Declaration of Heritage Site:**

As per Biological Diversity Act 2002 the areas of Biological importance that are unique ecologically fragile ecosystems-terrestrial, freshwater or marine having rich biodiversity comprising of any one or more of the components such as; species richness, high endemism, presence of rare, endemic and threatened species, keystone species, species of evolutionary significance, wild ancestors of domestic/cultivated species or land races or their varieties, past pre-eminence of biological components represented by fossil beds and having cultural or aesthetic values can be declared as Biodiversity Heritage Site.

As per Biological Diversity Act 2005, "Biodiversity Heritage Sites", mean natural areas, sites or features consisting of physical, physiographical, biological or geological or groups of such formations constituting the habitat of threatened species of plants and animals of outstanding universal value from the point of view of science or conservation.

### **Heritage Site Declared:**

The Karnataka Biodiversity Board has declared the following sites as Heritage Sites of Karnataka.

- Tamarind Groves in Nallur Village of Devanahalli taluk, Bangalore (Rural) District
- Hogrekhan in Kadur taluk, Chickmagalore District
- Ghandi Krushi Vignana Kendra (GKVK) Campus, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (urban).