

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 under Proposal:

The proposal to declare the following as Heritage Site is in the process:

- Netrani Island in Bhatkal taluk in Uttara Kannada district.
- Ambargudda in Sagar taluk in Shimoga
- Hosagunda Devarakadu, Sagar taluk, Shimoga district
- Some villages of varada river basin near Banavasi as Agro biodiversity Heritage Site.
- Mango farm in Kirugavalu village of malavalli taluk in Mandya district.