



## Biodiversity Heritage Site

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Well-defined, unique, ecologically fragile ecosystems with high diversity of wild and domesticated species, presence of rare and threatened species, and keystone species and having significant cultural, ethical or aesthetic values.

## Declaring Authority

Under Section 37(1) of 'Biological Diversity Act, 2002', The State Government may, from time to time, in consultation with the local bodies, notify in the Official Gazette, areas of biodiversity importance as BHS.

## Restrictions Imposed

Creation of BHS may not put any restriction on the prevailing practices and usages of the local communities, other than those voluntarily decided by them.

As of November 2022, there are

**35** BHS  
in India.

## First and Latest Additions

**First:** Nallur Tamarind Grove in Bengaluru, Karnataka (January 2007)

**Latest:** Arittapatti in Madurai, Tamil Nadu (November 2022) (India's 35th BHS)

## Last 5 Additions

- Debbari or Chabimura in Tripura (September 2022)
- Betlingshib & its surroundings in Tripura (September 2022)
- Hajong Tortoise Lake in Assam (August 2022)
- Borjuli Wild Rice Site in Assam (August 2022)
- Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh (July 2022)



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