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Arittapatti village in Madurai recently notified as first biodiversity heritage site in Tamil Nadu.



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- Arittapatti village is surrounded by a chain of **seven barren granite hillocks** that act as a **watershed** and **support** close to **72 lakes, 200 natural spring pools** and **three check dams**.
  - The **Anaikondan lake** built during the reign of the **Pandyas** in the **16<sup>th</sup> century** is one among them.
- **Flagship raptor species found in the region:** Laggar Falcon, Shaheen Falcon and Bonelli's Eagle.
- The site also features various **megalithic structures, Tamil Brahmi Inscriptions, Jain Beds** and 2200-year-old rock-cut temples.