It, is a [Town Municipal Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Town_Municipal_Council) and a [taluka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taluka" \o "Taluka) in [Uttara Kannada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttara_Kannada" \o "Uttara Kannada) district of [Karnataka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karnataka) state, [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India)).The name of the place is derived from a forest shrub Ankola grown on the coastal hill side and worshiped by the [Halakki Vokkaligas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halakki_Vokkaliga" \o "Halakki Vokkaliga) as a [totem](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Totem). Ankola is a small town surrounded by temples, schools, paddy fields and mango groves. It is located on the coast of the [Arabian sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabian_sea) and has natural beaches. Ankola is famous for its native breed of [Mango](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mango" \o "Mango)called *Ishaad* as wells as its bountiful [cashews](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cashew).