

# LEGEND ABOUT NERINGA



A long long time ago there was a monster that lived in the Baltic sea. The monster sunk the coast fishermen's boats, ripped the fishing nets and scared off the fish. The fishermen could not catch anything so they came from the sea empty handed. That is why people were harmed by the big monster. All people suffered from the monster for a long time. The Curonians did not know how to defend and defeat the monster.

There was a giant girl who lived in a fishermen village. People called her Neringa. The giant woman was kind-hearted, brave, hard-working and helped everyone in the village. As soon as she got the news about the evils of the sea monster, Neringa became very angry. She decided to help the Curonian people and set out on a journey to the monster.



While walking through the villages, she saw the poor people in need. Until she travelled to the place, where the ocean monster lived, the giant woman came up with an idea on how to defeat the monster. She took some sand, started pouring it into her apron and when she stepped into the Baltic sea, she poured a long and tall sand dyke. This dyke had to separate the giant ocean monster from villagers.

The Curonians were very happy and grateful to the giant girl, so they named the peninsula after her name - Neringa. The lagoon between the peninsula and the coast is called the Curonian Lagoon. In the lagoon, people sail boats, catch fish, bath and remember the smart, giant girl who protected them from the evil monster of the Baltic Sea.