

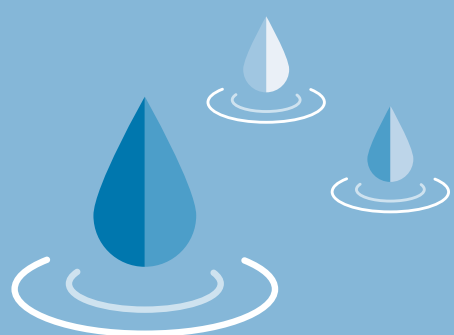
LATVIA AND ITS NATURAL RESOURCES



There are **MORE THAN 700 MILLION TREES** IN LATVIA.

Approximately **45% of Latvia's TERRITORY IS COVERED BY FORESTS.**

The total length of Latvia's flowing rivers is **38,400 km.**
For comparison – the circumference of the earth at the equator is 40,075 km.



Latvia ranks **4TH IN THE EU FOR FRESHWATER RESOURCES.** Latvia has **20,000 m³ OF FRESH WATER PER PERSON.**



95% of the world's **LESSER SPOTTED EAGLES** nest in Europe – **ABOUT 20% OF THEM IN LATVIA!**



5% OF THE WORLD'S BLACK STORK POPULATION LIVES IN LATVIA.



MORICSALA NATURE RESERVE IS ONE OF THE OLDEST PROTECTED AREA IN THE EU founded over 100 years ago.



Latvia has fascinating Devonian red sandstone formations, **THE ONLY ONES FOUND ALONG THE BALTIC SEA...** They are known as: Veczemju, Zivtiņa, Ēzurgas and Tūjas atsegumi (rocks).



THE WIDEST NATURAL WATERFALL IN EUROPE (249 meters wide), called Ventas rumba, is in the lovely city of Kuldīga.



The Sabile Wine Hill above the Abava River is **THE WORLD'S NORTHERNMOST OPEN-AIR VINEYARD***
* as stated in the Guinness World Record Book.



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